

Cc. Joan Hagner - Overseers

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
Monthly Meeting for Business
January 13, 1980

Monthly Meeting for Business was held on Sunday, January 13, following supper, with 26 members and attenders present. Minutes were accepted as read, with minor corrections.

Annual Membership Statistics, compiled by Gertrud Gnielka, Recorder, were read and are being forwarded to Yearly Meeting.

The Meeting's Annual Report, written by Basil Burwell, to be sent on to Quarterly Meeting, was read and enthusiastically received with grateful appreciation.

A discussion of the status of the Nursery School followed. It was agreed that Ruth Dross and Karen Crowley meet with the parents group representing the Nursery School to review this issue. In view of the bureaucratic complexity involved in becoming independent ("501 c-3" status, in IRS language), it was recommended that the present status of "close affiliation" be continued.

Robert Hoffman presented the report for Worship and Ministry.

1. The next Quarterly Meeting will be held February 9, at Greene Street Meeting, but hosted by Coulter Street Meeting. The question of a paid coordinator will be discussed.

2. On March 2 a joint meeting with Overseers will be held.

3. Taylor Auden has been invited for a meeting on "religion and philosophy" sometime this fall.

4. A recommendation was being made to have a 10:15 a.m. meeting in preparation for Meeting for Worship. Those interested in pursuing this idea are asked to get in touch with the Committee.

Joan Hagner, reporting for Overseers, announced that "Greeters" for February were still needed. She extended thanks to the following for working on such a successful Christmas Breakfast: Charles, Shirley, David, Brian and Ann Phillips, Alice and David Terne', Mig (Margaret) Evans, Robin and Kevin Lohse, Wil and Emily Hagner, and Mary-Jane Flaith. Joan also thanked Natalie and Fritz Kempner for a successful New Year's Eve party.

Trudy Hubben, reporting on the Boat People, gave the names of the two young men the Meeting is co-sponsoring: Hua Quoc So, age 22 and Hua Quoc Sieu, age 16.

George Garrettson announced that the 1980 budget would be presented at the February Meeting for Business, and asked that all requests for funds be turned in to him as soon as possible.

Meeting Representatives at Yearly Meeting, which begins March 29, will be Dona Garrettson and Mildred Soast.

Roberta Kramer announced that the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Friends Neighborhood Guild would take place March 9, at 3 P.M. at the German Society of Pennsylvania, 611 Spring Garden Street. All are cordially invited.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submit
Frederick F. Kempf
Recording Clerk

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
Monthly Meeting for Business
February 10, 1980

Monthly Meeting for Business was held on Sunday, February 10, following supper, with 27 members and attenders present. Minutes for the January meeting were accepted as read, with minor corrections.

David Battis, of Coulter Street Meeting, reported on the two young Vietnamese who are being sponsored jointly by Coulter Street and Chestnut Hill Meetings. Hua Quoc So, age 22, is working at Tel Erhard's restaurant as dishwasher. He hopes to be a mechanic. He and his brother, Hua Quoc Sieu, age 16, are taking courses at the Nationalities Service Center as well as at South Philadelphia High School. They are living, together with a third Vietnamese, at 401 W. School House Lane. Invitations are welcome: prospective hosts should get in touch with Marge Paulmier, VI 4-1751. To date, Coulter Street Meeting has contributed \$900, Chestnut Hill \$500. The Battis family has spent \$750. After answering several questions, David was thanked for his most helpful presentation.

Worship and Ministry: Robert Hoffman announced that the pamphlet Ministry in Silence was to be mailed out shortly. A joint meeting with Overseers will take place March 2nd.

Overseers: Joan Hagner reported the following:

1. Letters of resignation had been received from Margrett Woznicki, who wishes to transfer to Seaville Monthly Meeting, and from John and Dorothy Scheer, who feel that the Meeting no longer has sufficient relevance for them to justify continuation of membership.

These resignations were accepted.

2. Ruth Hoffman was nominated to the Nominating Committee. The nomination was accepted.

3. The following agreed to serve as greeters:
March 2, Mildred Soast; March 9, Anneliese Gutkind Bulling; and
March 16, Steve Gable.

4. Paul Blanshard had written of his father's death at age 87. He had been the author of "American Freedom and Catholic Pov

Quarterly Meeting: Elvira Brown, representing Chestnut Hill Meeting, reported that the question of a paid coordinator was discussed at length. In the end, it was acknowledged that while there was a desire to develop close contact between Monthly Meetings, there was a general unwillingness to involve funds.

Nominating Committee: Karen Cromley announced that Marion Fischer would serve as representative to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Representative Meeting with Kenneth Burnham as alternate. This nomination was approved.

Karen further reported that Sally Meigs had indicated to her the Nursery School's general satisfaction with the present set-up. A meeting to review details was to be held in the near future.

George Hagner presented the Treasurer's Report for 1979. (Copy attached) In the course of discussion, the question was raised of the advisability of investing in money market funds rather than in saving funds. No final decision on this matter was made.

On behalf of the Budget Committee, George Garrettsen presented the Budget for 1980. As presented, prior to allocation of contributions, there was an excess of \$2,206 of income over expenditures. After discussion, the following items were agreed upon:

1. Even though a bill had not yet been received from the contractor, the sum of approximately \$1,500 for curb repair is to be absorbed by the 1979 budget since the work was done in that year.

2. The contribution of \$1,000 to Stapeley Hall is to be taken from the Needy Friends Fund.

3. Contributions are to be as follows:

Friends Committee on National Legislation	-	\$800
Friends Neighborhood Guild	-	500
Northwest Interfaith Movement	-	500
Vietnamese Boat People	-	500
Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors	-	700
Friends General Conference	-	200
Friends World Committee	-	400
Women Organized Against Rape	-	300
City of Philadelphia	-	<u>200</u>
TOTAL	-	\$4100

Appreciation was expressed to George Hagner and to George Garrettsen for doing so much so well.

The Clerk called attention to this year's Friends General Conference: June 28 - July 5, in Ithaca, N. Y.

The meeting adjourned after a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick P. Kempner,
Recording Clerk

Joan Wagner, Overseers

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
Monthly Meeting for Business
March 9, 1980

Monthly Meeting for Business was held on Sunday, March 9, following supper, with 21 members and attenders present. Robert Hoffman presided in the absence of the Clerk, Stanley Myers. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected.

Speaking for the Property and Finance Committee, George Garrettsen encouraged those who are planning to make quarterly contributions to the Meeting to do so now. He called attention to the completed financial reports for 1979, which were discussed at the previous meeting. They are attached to these minutes.

The Forum Committee announced that the first meeting with Steve Stalon on Barclay's Apology is scheduled for March 20, 7:30 P. M. at the home of Trudy Huboen.

Karen Crowley presented the annual report of the Nominating Committee. Due to lack of business, the Scholarship Committee is to be inactive. However, Mary Lou Hurwitz is to act as convener should the need arise. The nominations were approved by the Meeting and the Clerk thanked those who had served. A copy of the report is attached.

An auditor of the Treasurer's Report is yet to be selected.

Kenneth Burnham listed the many topics that had been taken up at the recent Representative Meeting.

Wistar Wood reported that Diana Johnson, in Maine since October, had developed a highly negative attitude toward Quakers in general and Chestnut Hill Meeting in particular. The matter was turned over to Overseers to see what could be done to show the Meeting's concern.

Rosemary Burnham announced that a collection center for items needed for Indochinese refugees had been established at the Lutheran Church at Midvale and McMichael Streets. Those who may wish to contribute something are encouraged to call Pastor Rogers at 951-6894.

Kenneth Burnham informed us that CCCC was in great need of volunteers.

Sally Maclean, undergraduate at Spring Garden College, and visitor, was introduced. She offered herself as liaison between the Meeting and the College.

Steve Gable announced that April 27 was to be a WORK DAY on building and grounds.

Dona Garrettsen suggested that the Newsletter carry brief "vignettes" of members. This was approved enthusiastically.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted,
Frederick F. Kempner
Recording Clerk

As corrected May 11, 1980

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
Monthly Meeting for Business
April 13, 1980

Monthly Meeting for Business was held on Sunday, April 13, following supper, with 22 members, attenders and guests present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

On behalf of Overseers, Joan Hagner reported three acceptances for transfer: Dorothy Craig and Georgina Davis to Germantown Monthly Meeting, and Margretta Woznicki to Seaville Monthly Meeting, N. J.

Joan reported that she had received notice that our member, Joseph Vansant had died 15th March 1980. He was 79 years of age. The funeral was conducted in Jensen Beach, Florida.

A friendly letter of resignation was received from Ann Hagner. The Meeting approved this resignation.

Judith Curcio applied for membership, and will be visited by Nancy Hubby and George Garrettson.

Following Howard Bartram's suggestion, a Visitors' Day is being planned for the fall.

Peace and Social Concerns: William Fischer called attention to the March on Washington, April 26. He expressed guarded optimism on the outcome of the current UN Law of the Seas Conference. The Meeting expressed its appreciation for Bill's effort to keep us both posted and aroused.

Karen Cronley reported on Nursery School plans for financial sharing: The Nursery School is planning to pay the Meeting \$60 a month, plus a sum at the end of the year to help defray expenses incurred through the use of the building by the Nursery School. The Property and Finance Committee will renew (review) the monthly charge each year. Karen will continue to serve as liaison, along with Stephen Gable.

The Clerk was asked to write a letter of appreciation to the Nursery School for their concern to work out a satisfactory financial arrangement.

Speaking on behalf of the Perum Committee, Mary Lou Murwitz said that she and the committee were always ready to receive suggestions for future programs.

The following were appointed as Auditors: Roberta Kramer for one year, and Steve Gable for two, thus insuring an overlap in the future. Herbert Brown agreed to serve as consultant, should the need arise.

Dona Garrettson, Anneliese Gutkind-Bulling and Kenneth Burnham reported on the Annual Meeting of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. All agreed that with many small meetings and only few large meetings there was less of the controversy that had sparked previous Yearly Meetings.

Betty Collins, a visitor and member of London Yearly Meeting, stated that London Yearly Meetings tended to be concerned more with

broader issues.

The Clerk read the Epistle, signed by Thomas S. Brown, Clerk of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

William Fischer raised the question of follow-up to Howard Bartram's suggestions on Outreach made at a talk after Meeting for Worship, April 16. While there was general agreement that certain steps were being taken, e.g. joint studies, updating of mailing lists, planning for a Visitors' Day in the fall; it was also felt that all should keep alert so that a general concern should not be allowed to die.

Dona Garretson made the suggestion of visiting residents of the immediate neighborhood of the Meeting in order to acquaint them with the religious nature of the Meeting House. This was to be done to reduce a recent increase of vandalism at the Meeting House. This matter was to be discussed further at the next Meeting for Business.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick F. Kempner
Recording Clerk

Minutes corrected at Meeting for Business, May 11, 1980

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
Monthly Meeting for Business
May 11, 1980

Monthly Meeting for Business, held on May 11, opened with a period of silence, with 15 members and attenders present. Minutes were approved as amended.

Overseers: Joan Hagner noted that Ladies' Day will be held on July 30th at 10:30 a.m. at Ellen Snodgrass' home.

A letter from Judith Curcio was read, applying for membership. She felt that the Religious Society of Friends met her needs as she has sought for a deeper, more meaningful life and religious experience. The Overseers had discussed her application and found no obstruction to acceptance. George Garrettsen reported on his visit with Nancy Hubby, endorsing this application. The committee and members present who heard her letter, were warmly receptive to welcoming her into our fellowship. Judy Curcio's husband is a member of Upper Dublin Meeting; has asked and received advice as to the procedure for transfer of membership. The Meeting advised acceptance of Judith Curcio into membership to be formalized next Monthly Meeting.

John Landau, from CCCC will be the Forum speaker on Sunday, May 18. Joan advised bringing lunch for an informal time together following his presentation.

A letter of warm appreciation of our interest was received from Margaret Bradley to whom Lois Haber had written on behalf of Overseers.

Peace and Social Concerns: William Fischer urged members to write to senators stating that there is no necessity to have registration at this time. There had been no serious talk of registration of 17-19 year olds until the Afghanistan crisis. It looks like the present proposal is intended to be the first step in re-instituting the draft.

There is to be a vigil of concerned persons in Washington to support Senator Hatfield's filibuster, which will take place around May 7th or May 12th.

Auditors' Report: Stephen Gable reported on behalf of himself and Roberta Kramer that they had audited the Meeting's books, approved the treasurer's report and commended George Hagner on the accuracy of the records.

Property and Finance Committee: Stephen Gable noted that there will be another Work Day on June 1st, followed by a picnic at the Meeting House. Last Work Day was given over primarily to waxing the floors, cleaning the stove and furnace. The vandalized windows were repaired by a Nursery School parent and one of the parents helped wax the floor. A letter of appreciation was sent to the parents.

Ruth Dross inquired about the unfinished portion of the curb; the matter was referred to the Property Committee.

Stanley Myers read a letter from the Yarnall Trust Fund in which Robert Yarnall outlined the extraordinary growth of the Fund. In 1971,

with \$291,000 in stock, each charitable institution received an allotted share of \$978. On March 31, 1979, the market value had increased to \$1,350,000, with \$8,501 being allocated to each recipient. The Fund would appreciate having a report in April of each year on how these allocations were spent. Stanley pointed out that our portion of the fund will be a factor in future budgets. The Fund is a stewardship and thus the Fund's request is appropriate and will be honored. We have used this fund for other than operating expenses. William Fischer suggested that the Peace & Social Concerns Committee can research needs and made a report to the Meeting. This was approved by the membership.

Nominating Committee: A communication from Karen Crowley stated that Trudy Hubben will be unable to represent our Meeting on the NIM Board. Dona Garrettson has accepted this appointment which was approved by the Meeting.

Quarterly Meeting Report: Lois Taber reported on her attendance at the Quarterly Meeting Executive Committee, as alternate to Joan Hagner in her absence. At this meeting there was discussion of the Stapeley Hall Incorporation project, to be continued at a meeting of the Boarding Home Committee.

A proposal has been initiated and will be discussed at the next Quarterly Meeting having to do with the establishment of a Friends Committee on Urban Affairs in Philadelphia. Lois read excerpts from this proposal, and distributed copies to members present. She urged that members be prepared to discuss this proposal when it is presented for approval. The feeling is that this effort will bring an added vitality to the Quarterly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting is to select one representative as part of the membership of this committee.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Chestnut Hill Meeting on Saturday, June 7th. Roberta Kramer and Carla Garrettson will take responsibility for a simple lunch.

Incorporation of Stapeley Hall: Ruth Dross reported that she had met with Ted Rhoads and Roger Scattergood to discuss the proposals made by the Quarterly Meeting Executive Committee. It is expected that the incorporation papers will be fully drawn up and presented to Quarterly Meeting as a "fait accompli".

Representative Meeting of Yearly Meeting: Marion Fischer will attend the next meeting; Kenneth Burnham will be out of the country.

Old Business: It was agreed that the subject of vandalism at the Meeting House be put on a future agenda. Ruth Dross pointed out that we must not confuse visiting neighbors as a part of Outreach with visiting in reference to vandals. ^{They have two different approaches, and we must get separate handles on them.} On a more practical matter of Outreach, there was discussion about having new signs. George Garrettson is working on one out front. When signs at Germantown Ave. and Stenton Ave. were discussed, George Hagner pointed out that we will need to talk to the Chestnut Hill

Development Corporation and then to the city's zoning board.

Other concerns: Elizabeth Tiffany's suggestion that the June Newsletter be the last until September was approved. Dona Garrettson and Karen Cromley were appointed as members of a Newsletter Committee along with Betty Tiffany. There were favorable comments on the Newsletter vignette on Wistar Wood, with plans to do the same about Robert Spiller, Marion Dearden and John and Kitty Arne

Stanley Myers suggested that Monthly Meetings follow Meeting for Worship in June and September, and that none will be held in July and August unless there is urgent business. This was our pattern last year and was approved by the Meeting.

William Fischer brought distressing news of Wistar Wood. When he and Marion had visited, Wistar's condition had worsened and it is doubtful that he will pull through this latest set-back. We were all saddened to hear of this.

Announcements: Stanley Myers read a letter from Francis G. Brown, clerk of Yearly Meeting, concerning the formation of a committee of six representative Friends to visit heads of state. Those who wish to be candidates should get in touch with Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Monthly Meetings were urged to select persons to visit local government officials.

A Minute from the Yearly Meeting, signed by Francis Brown, has been sent to President Carter and the governors of the four states covered by Yearly Meeting to protest the governments increased militaristic stance and urging peaceful solutions in our foreign policy endeavors.

William Fischer commented on his disappointment and sadness on the Pope's directive to Father Dryman to decrease his political activity. Father Dryman has been a force in fighting for minority rights and for improving the lot of the poor. Bill's concern was that we not separate religion and politics. Members agreed wholeheartedly that they are not mutually exclusive.

Don Scott will be leaving the chairmanship of NIM to become Director of the Fellowship Commission.

Carla Garrettson, a board member of Friends Neighborhood Guild, announced that the Guild will hold its annual fair on Saturday, May 17th. She appealed for money or white elephant items to support this fund raising effort.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois R. Faber

Recording Clerk protem

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
Monthly Meeting for Business
June 8, 1980

Monthly Meeting for Business, held on June 8, after Meeting for Worship, opened with a period of silence with 19 members and attenders present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended.

Worship and Ministry: Robert Hoffman announced that a meeting would be called after July 20.

Overseers: Joan Hagner reported that planning for a Visitors' Day should involve a group larger than just Overseers. Members were urged to sign-up, indicating their interest.

Judith Curcio was accepted into membership. She will be welcomed formally by Mildred Soast and Hertha Reinemann, and will receive a subscription to the Friends Journal.

Vietnamese: In accordance with earlier commitments, it was decided to send a check for \$230 to pay for Hua Quoc Sieu's summer school at Penn Charter, care of John Emerson of Coulter Street Meeting.

Property and Finance Committee will meet June 16 at the home of Mildred Soast.

Forum Committee: Mary Lou Hurwitz defined the time of responsibility of the Forum Committee as the period after Meeting for Worship. She urged that plans for meetings or seminars at other times be communicated to her. A series of evening meetings on the Hasidic Tales with Steve Stalonas has been tentatively scheduled for the fall.

Joan Hagner reported on Quarterly Meeting, held June 7 at Chestnut Hill Meeting, with some 45 in attendance.

She recorded thanks to Roberta Kramer and Carla Garrettson for the preparation of lunch, and reported on the following items of business: 1) Articles of incorporation of Stapeley Hall were accepted. 2) It was agreed to form a Friends Committee on Urban Affairs in Philadelphia, in place of a paid coordinator. (See detailed proposal attached.)

3) The budget was approved.

After discussion, it was agreed that Chestnut Hill Meeting's representative to the yet-to-be-formed committee would be selected by the Nominating Committee and presented at a later business meeting for approval.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick F. Kempner,
Recording Clerk