

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
Monthly Meeting for Business
January 9, 1983

Monthly Meeting for Business met after supper with 29 present and with Natalie Kempner as new Clerk. The meeting began with a period of silent worship.

The minutes of the December 12 Business Meeting were read, amended and approved.

Worship & Ministry: Elizabeth Tiffany read the committee's annual report, which has been filed with these minutes. Betty was thanked for the work that had gone into the preparation of this excellent report.

A retreat on the subject of "Prayer" has been scheduled for March 5.

The committee sought guidance in the best possible use of the Queries. After discussion, it was felt that Queries might be presented in the Newsletter, for subsequent discussion at Meetings for Worship. It was also decided to contact the relevant committee at Yearly Meeting for advice.

Overseers: Joan Hagner expressed the thanks of the Meeting to all those who had helped to make Christmas Breakfast a success, especially Trudy Hubben and Rosemary Burnham. Over 100 attended. It was agreed to contribute the surplus of \$100 to Friends Neighborhood Guild.

Some 30 enjoyed themselves at the traditional New Year's Eve gathering at the Kempners. 17 were present at the midnight worship service at the Meeting House.

The Meeting was asked to suggest to Overseers topics suitable for the Family Relations Committee of PYM.

Carla Garrettson and Bruce White have asked to be married at the Meeting House. Stan and Peg Myers have agreed to serve as the Committee on Clearnace.

Annual Report: Bryce Kemp presented the Annual Report of the Meeting. He was thanked for his elaborate and glowing composition, which has been filed with these minutes. Stan Myers condensed the report for submission to Quarterly Meeting, adding some statistical information on membership. A copy is filed with these minutes.

Stapeley Hall: Ruth Dross reported on the progress of the planned expansion, to begin in September 1983 and likely to take 18 months. Jack Kavenaugh, Fund Raiser, has set a goal of \$500,000. PYM lists will be used for mailing appeals.

Finances: Kenneth Burnham reported the contribution totals for 1982:

Members:	\$15,179	(16,500 budgeted)
Attenders:	2,185	
TOTAL	\$17,364	(18,300)

Mildred Soast announced that the Finance Committee would meet January 18 to prepare the new budget.

Nominating Committee: The following nominations, made by Robert Hoffman on behalf of the Nominating Committee, were accepted:

Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee - Robert Hoffman
Alternate - William Fischer

After discussion, the new Nominating Committee was charged with the

Preparation of guidelines for length of service of members of all committees.

New Business: A request by Betty Tiffany that a transportation network be drawn up for those who need rides will be taken up by Overseers.

Ken Burnham and Marthajane Robinson were agreed to be the Meeting's representatives at Yearly Meeting.

The Meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick F. Kempner
Recording Clerk

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
Monthly Meeting for Business
March 6, 1983

Monthly Meeting for Business met after lunch, with 24 present. It was a combination of the February and March meetings, since the former had been cancelled due to adverse weather. The meeting began with a period of silence.

The minutes of the January 9 Business Meeting were read, amended and approved.

Worship & Ministry: Elizabeth Tiffany reported on the highly successful retreat on prayer, which had taken place March 5, led by Janet Shepard of Pendle Hill. After discussion, it was decided to send an honorarium of \$50. to Pendle Hill.

A discussion followed on the ways of treating the Queries. It was decided to discuss this further at a combined meeting of Overseers and the Meeting.

The question of adult education in the form of bible study was turned over to Committee on Worship & Ministry.

Overseers: Joan Hagner reported that David Samuels and his children, Lynn and Ralph, had been accepted into membership. They will be visited by Robert and Ruth Hoffman.

A successful farewell party for Mary Fuges had taken place at the Kempners. Mary Lou Hurwitz was nominated to Overseers.

Yearly Meeting: Marthajane Robinson and Roberta Kramer will represent Chestnut Hill Meeting at Yearly Meeting officially.

Representative Meeting: Roberta Kramer gave an enthusiastic report on the last meeting, encouraging others to attend when they can. The topics for discussion had been tax refusal and Combined Appeal. Roberta explained that donations to the latter could be earmarked for specific purposes.

Finance Committee: Mildred Soast reported that Robert Hoffman will oversee the Burial Ground.

Kenneth Burnham presented the budget for 1983. After detailed discussion, the budget was approved. Postponed to the April Business Meeting was the detailed allocation of the \$9,500 for the Meeting's contributions. Only a grant of \$150 to William Wyatt, of England, who is working with Norris Square Neighborhood Project was made immediately.

Ruth Dross pointed out that the \$500,000 that Stapeley Hall is seeking for its Building Fund must come from donations made in addition to regular annual contributions. She asked the Finance Committee to consider this fact in drawing up its recommendations for the Meeting's contributions.

William Ludlow and Robert Hoffman agreed to serve as auditors.

Combined Appeal: Lois Taber was looking for an additional person to help in the phonathon.

Nominating Committee: Ruth Hoffman presented a slate of nominations for all the Meeting's committees. It was accepted. Mildred Soast is to be the initial convenor of the Property, Budget, Finance and Housekeeping Committee.

The Meeting was closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick F. Kempner
Recording Clerk

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
Meeting for Business
December 11, 1983

Meeting for Business opened with a period of silence after supper on Sunday, December 11, with 25 members and attenders present.

Worship & Ministry: Elizabeth Tiffany reported that an all-day gathering is being planned for April 14. Bryce Kemp, Trudy Hubben and Philip Anthony are working on the details. All members are urged to submit suggestions.

New Year's Eve Meeting for Worship is going planned for 11:15 P.M., following potluck supper at the Kempners.

The Committee's annual report for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting written by Betty Tiffany, was read and heartily approved. (Copy attached). Thanks and appreciation were expressed for the work and care involved.

Overseers: Margaret Myers reported that PYM Family Relations Committee had a good meeting at Chestnut Hill Meeting on the evening of Dec. 5. She read a letter of thanks from John Nicholson.

It was agreed to send the January Newsletter to visitors who had registered on Visitors' Day.

First-Day School: Marthajane Robinson reported that a resume of this year's activities would be given at the January Meeting for Business. It was hoped adults as well as children would become involved in First-Day School, with separate sessions after a joint beginning. It is planned to use PYM materials. First-Day School has prepared name tags for Christmas Breakfast.

Treasurer: Roberta Kramer reported that \$11,375 had been raised in contributions to date. Upon Roberta's recommendations, it was decided to give the remaining half of this year's contributions to the various agencies to whom allocations had been made for 1983.

Nominating Committee: Ruth Dross, on behalf of the Committee, nominated Karen Cromley as Clerk of Overseers. The nomination was approved enthusiastically, with thanks to Karen for being willing to serve.

New Landlords: Mildred Soast reported on attending a meeting of some 24 neighbors with representatives of the Cerebral Palsy Association, the likely new owners of what is now Spring Garden College property. The neighbors were generally receptive to the prospective owners.

Peace & Social Concerns: William Ludlow reported that the Committee recommends that the Meeting as well as individuals support financially the Witness for Peace on the Honduran border in Nicaragua.

The following recommendations to the Program Committee of PYM were made and approved by the Meeting:

- a) a session on World Government Under Law;
- b) a session on outreach.

It was recommended that we keep in touch with Germantown Meeting re Sanctuary for Central American Refugees, with a view to considering our possible involvement.

Representative Meeting: Kenneth Burnham reported on the discussion of providing funds for undergraduates who have become ineligible for federal grants because of their refusal to register for the draft.

Property Committee: It was reported that the new custodian, Leon Barnes, was doing an excellent job, and was receiving \$5 an hour for a two-month probationary period. It was agreed that, upon the conclusion of this period (Dec. 31, 1983), Elvira Brown and Roberta Kramer will consult on a pay increase. Karen Cromley will see Sally Meigs about a possible Nursery School scholarship for Leon Barnes' four-year old daughter.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick F. Kempner
Recording Clerk