

*Clerk  
minutes*  
Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting  
Monthly Meeting for Business  
February 9, 1986

Monthly Meeting for Business opened after Meeting for Worship, with a period of silence, with 24 members and attenders present.

Worship & Ministry: Trudy Hubben reported that a retreat is being planned for April 26.

Overseers: Karen Cromley reported that on January 11 Elizabeth Tiffany was married to Robert Mather at the Meeting House.

Peace & Social Concerns: Charles Philips announced that a proposal for the Meeting's contributions for 1986 would be made at the March Meeting for Business.

William Ludlow urged us to write our Congresspeople opposing renewal of aid to the Contras.

Roberta Kramer reported on the presentation of the Committee for Fairness and Dignity for the Homeless at Quarterly Meeting February 8. She called homelessness "a symptom of the lack of comprehensive medical treatment".

Property, Finance & House: Joan Hagner reported that a sub-committee had decided against the installation of a "runner" to reduce noise when children enter Meeting for Worship. She further asked those who have any suggestions for improvements for the Gathering Room to give them to her.

Roberta Kramer gave her final Treasurer's Report. It was examined, discussed and approved. Alois Gnielka and one other person will serve as auditors. The Meeting expressed its gratitude to Roberta for her conscientious work as treasurer.

Herbert Brown presented the 1986 Operating Budget. After review and discussion, it was approved. Special thanks were given to Elvira Brown for her reliable work as Secretary. George Garrettson was thanked for his clear computerized copy of the proposed budget.

Chestnut Hill Community Association: After representing the Meeting for two years on the Board, the second year also on the Executive Committee, Fritz Kempner's term comes to an end this Spring. Eight so-called Institutional Directors are selected every year by the Board, and it will be some time before the Meeting's turn will come again. Fritz reported on having found his term interesting, instructive and enjoyable.

Forum Committee: Philip Anthony is soliciting suggestions for next year's programs.

The Clerk announced that Susan Howard had applied for membership and Bryce Kemp and Phil Anthony agreed to serve as Committee on Clearness.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting: Elizabeth Naghski and Roberta Kramer volunteered to help serve lunch at Yearly Meeting March 23.

The Clerk reported that Beth David Reform and Beth Israel Congregations in Media had written us letters endorsing Sanctuary.

Pot luck suppers were announced for February 28 at the Naghski's and for March 28 at the Cromley's.

After a period of silence, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick F. Kempner  
Recording Clerk

Karen,  
Clerk,  
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Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting  
Monthly Meeting for Business  
March 9, 1986

Monthly Meeting for Business began with a period of silence after a potluck supper, with 22 members and attenders present. The minutes of the February 9 Meeting for Business were accepted as read.

Worship & Ministry: Marthajane Robinson reported that preparation for the April 26 retreat were continuing.

Overseers: Bryce Kemp reported on his and Philip Anthony's very positive visit to Susan Howard, and recommended her enthusiastically for membership. This was approved. Ruth Dross and Natalie Kempner will welcome her into membership.

Karen Cromley reported that the list of members and attenders has been brought up to date.

Karen then brought up the practice of having the children enter near the end of Meeting for Worship. After a discussion of the pros and cons, it was agreed to continue the present practice until further notice.

April 25th, 6:30 P.M. was set aside for a Birthday Party for Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting. It will take the place of the monthly potluck supper.

Nominating Committee: Mary Lou Hurwitz read the Nominating Committee's proposed list of names for all committees. This was approved. Mary Lou announced that Selden Smith had resigned as Newsletter editor since the last meeting of the Nominating Committee.

Elizabeth Bodine recommended that we no longer be represented with the Germantown Development Council. This was approved.

Peace & Social Concerns: Charles Philips called attention to the performance of A Peasant of El Salvador, the evening of April 13. It was agreed to move Meeting for Business to immediately after Meeting for Worship on that day.

After summarizing Paz' activities for the past month, Charles presented the list of proposed donations for 1986, totaling \$12,500, to be taken from the Yarnall Charitable Trust. (see attached list). He explained the nature of each agency and organization. After discussion, it was agreed that one half of the stipulated amount be paid out by June 1, 1986, with the remainder before the end of the year.

Charles was thanked for doing such a thorough job in preparing this proposal.

Charles then urged us to write Congress-people to oppose Contra Aid and regarding the Action Alert on the Federal Budget.

Property, Finance & House: Herbert Brown reported that 1) smoke detector had been purchased and installed; 2) spraying of oak trees had been agreed upon; 3) Henry McLaughlin graduate of Swarthmore, has been hired as new custodian.

The Meeting took note of Herbert Brown's resignation and thanked him for his conscientious, long-term work as Clerk. His successor as Clerk, Trude Fuchs, announced that there would be a clean-up day April 19, beginning at 9 a.m. Ruth Dross reported that so far she, Stanley Myers and Robert Hoffman had not met about the proposed new signs.

Beth Hudgins reported that the recently activated Teenage Group was planning to meet once or twice monthly. It was suggested and approved that we have a new Meeting Committee for Teenage Concerns.

Marthajane Robinson summarized Representative Meeting, at which a variety of topics had been discussed.

The meeting adjourned after a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frederick F. Kempner,  
Recording Clerk

*Karen*  
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Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting  
Monthly Meeting for Business  
September 14, 1986

Monthly Meeting for Business, held September 14 after a potluck supper of the usual high quality, opened with a period of silence with 20 members and attenders present.

The minutes of the June 8 Meeting for Business were approved as read. It was noted that they had not been read at the close of the preceding Meeting for Worship, as is to be the custom.

Overseers: Karen Cromley thanked Mary Lou Hurwitz and Margaret Myers for filling in for her during her AFSC assignment in Pasadena.

Sign-up sheets for greeters and coffee hour helpers were circulated. Karen reported on the following:

1. Mary Lou Hurwitz' daughter Nancy and David Grey, both non-Quakers, have asked by letter to be married "under the care of the Meeting" on June 6, 1987. Mary Lou has written in enthusiastic support of this request. Peg and Stan Myers will act as Committee of Clearness. After some discussion as to whether it was possible for non-Quakers to be married "under the care of the Meeting", it was agreed that it was, and complete approval was joyfully given.
2. It has been suggested that in view of a fair number of weekly visitors that there be no formal annual Visitors' Day this November. After discussion, it was agreed not to have a formal Visitors' Day this year but to seek ways to acquaint new comers and attenders with the Society of Friends. It was decided we should concern ourselves with making visitors feel welcome. In this connection it was agreed that the role of greeters was very important.
3. Nancy Lewis has applied for membership. Natalie Kempner and Karen Cromley agreed to visit her.

Forum Committee: Philip Anthony, on behalf of the Forum Committee, suggested a 9 am First Day starting time, beginning with the November 16 Forum. This was approved. (Forum on South African divestment: see under Property, Finance.)

The Religious Education Committee has issued a call for additional teaching help. All those interested are asked to get in touch with Cary Nicholas.

Property, Finance & House: Betsy Naghski reported on the Sept. 9 meeting of this committee.

1. The following projects have been taken care of: broken front step; repair of garbage disposal unit (replaced by George Garrettsen); replacement of shutters; cutting of grass.
2. Clean-up Day is to be October 18, 9-12 am. Rain date: Oct. 25.
3. A special meeting to learn about South African divestment is recommended. After discussion, it was agreed that Phil Anthony contact Bob Vitale for a meeting on October 26.
4. The Cerebral Palsy Association Driveway: Ruth Dyoss reported on a meeting with Steve Sheridan, of the CP Association and on subsequent developments. It looks now that work on the driveway contiguous to the Meeting's property would begin near the end of September. A day care center is going to operate out of the

Cerebral Palsy facility. Since a fence is an insurance prerequisite and CP will not put up a fence until the new driveway is finished, nursery parents are planning to put up a temporary fence to satisfy insurance requirements.

Peace and Social Concerns: William Ludlow called attention to forthcoming meetings.

Paz reported the following on her activities:

1. In early July, she was in Los Angeles to help 3 members of her family complete their journey to Sanctuary at Coulter Street Meeting.
2. At the same time, she worked with an organized group of Salvadoran refugees in Los Angeles to coordinate future activities.
3. At the Regional Sanctuary Meeting in Ithaca, N.Y., in August, which she attended, she was chosen Refugee Representative for the Northeast Region.
4. She was instrumental in helping a Salvadoran refugee find refuge with 15th Street Meeting in New York City, after he spent several days with two of our Meeting families.
5. She participated in a meeting on Sanctuary at Shelter Island Meeting, Long Island, N.Y. in August.
6. As a special project, she and several other Salvadoran refugees are proposing to raise the issue of displaced persons within El Salvador.

The Clerk proposed that Paz be given a "Traveling Minute" to facilitate her visits to other Meetings. This was approved.

Newsletter: Ruth Dross asked for a September 25 deadline.

Roberta Kramer proposed that meals preceding Business Meetings in October, November and December be prepared by her committee. This was approved.

After a period of silence, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick P. Kempner  
Recording Clerk

*Karen, Clerk  
Overseers*

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting  
Monthly Meeting for Business  
October 12, 1986

Chestnut Hill Friends Monthly Meeting for Business opened after supper on Sunday, October 12, with 22 members and attenders present. The minutes of the September 12 Meeting for Business were read, amended and accepted.

Shirley Philips reported for Overseers. She gave the latest word on the health of William Fischer, El Hurwitz and Nancy Lewis. Trudi Fuchs called our attention to the Traveling Quaker Seminar, sponsored by PYM. Different possibilities of scheduling were discussed. Trudi will investigate further and report at the next Meeting for Business.

Having visited Nancy Lewis, Karen Crowley and Natalie Kempner recommended her for membership. This was accepted with enthusiasm. She will be welcomed into membership by Trudi Fuchs and Elizabeth Bodine. Ruth Dross and Fritz Kempner visited Thomas Conrad and welcomed him into membership.

A letter of resignation from membership had been received from Robert Yarnall. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter of acknowledgment.

The Clerk read a letter from Steve Gable, requesting membership. He will be visited by Phil Anthony, Ruth Dross and Robert Hoffman.

Property, Finance & House: Trudi Fuchs reported that the Committee is keeping in close touch with Steve Sheridan of the Cerebral Palsy Association. Roberta Kramer was authorized to replace missing cooking pans.

Peace & Social Concerns: Charles Philips reported that Guillermo from El Salvador, after spending some time with Meeting families, is now in temporary sanctuary with 15th Street Meeting in New York City. Charles recommended that the Meeting pay his \$50 monthly health insurance. This was approved. He then gave an update of Paz' activities, which include work with the Santana Chirino Amaya Central American Refugee Committee in NYC, putting out a newsletter and working with other refugees in support of the Repopulation Project currently underway in El Salvador. She is asking for \$500 to help her in this work. This sum was approved to be taken from the Yarnall Trust Fund.

Charles then proposed that the Meeting House be used as a home for occasional transient refugees, prior to their being placed with a congregation for sanctuary. After deliberation, the Meeting reaffirmed its conviction to act as sanctuary for refugees fleeing persecution in Central America. As the need to provide shelter for individual refugees might arise in the near future, it was agreed that such support be provided as needed.

Religious Education: Cary Nicholas reported on First-Day School, where PYM materials are being used. Elizabeth Gable is acting as teacher's aide. Cary urged anyone in the Meeting to consider volunteering their services for First-Day School.

Steve Gable reported that a small, but active Young Peoples Group was meeting monthly for a variety of activities.

Philip Anthony, reporting for the Forum Committee, called attention to the following programs:

Oct. 26, 11:45 a.m. - Robert Vitale, on Divestment in  
South Africa

Nov. 16, 9 a.m. - Basil Burwell, on T. S. Eliot's  
Four Quartets

Northwest Interfaith Movement: It was agreed to order five turkeys for \$60. for NIM Thanksgiving programs for needy families.

Betsy Waghski reported on the federal detention center for refugees in Hopedale, LA. Lilith Quinlan and Hoyt Oliver, of Eaton Rough Friends Meeting, had met with several Meeting members to talk about their work as founders of Common Ground, an ecumenical service community to assist refugees at the detention center.

The Clerk announced that Sam Caldwell, of PYM, has asked that any "Burning Concerns" for next spring's Yearly Meeting be submitted to the Planning Committee by November 17.

Newsletter: Ruth Cross expressed her concern about a replacement for Nancy Burwell.

The Meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick F. Kempner  
Recording Clerk

*Karen  
Clark / Overseers*

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting  
Monthly Meeting for Business  
November 9, 1986

Chestnut Hill Friends Monthly Meeting for Business opened after supper on Sunday, November 9, 1986, with 25 members and attenders present. The minutes of the October 12 Meeting for Business were accepted as read.

The following were agreed upon as Burning Concerns for next Spring's Yearly Meeting:

1. The implementation of the minute directing Friends Fiduciary to set up a separate fund free of companies investing in South Africa.
2. The role of Yearly Meeting.

Worship & Ministry: Trade Fuchs reported that 1) Pendle Hill's "Travelling Seminar" on Quakerism is booked up until after Yearly Meeting. The February Newsletter will carry details, enabling all to decide at that time. 2) A retreat on hymns is being planned for the last Saturday in February or first Saturday in March. 3) Worship & Ministry is recommending that a standing Memorial Committee be formed, to take the place of the ad-hoc arrangements of the past. After discussion, it was agreed that such a committee was desirable.

It was further agreed that a regular announcement for Meeting for worship be placed in the LOCAL.

Overseers: Karen Crowley reported that 1) A farewell for the Burwells is scheduled for the coffee hour on November 16. They will be given a "Traveling Minute". 2) The Christmas Breakfast is scheduled for 9 am December 21, and will be coordinated by Trish Walmsley.

There was some discussion on how best to familiarise newcomers with our Meeting. It was agreed that everything should be done to make them feel welcome without feeling pressured.

Natalie read a letter from Susan Howard requesting that son, Alexander Benjamin, be accepted as a Meeting member. This was approved.

Representative Meeting: Marthajane Robinson reported that 1) a book giving a map and a brief history of every Meeting in the Yearly Meeting area has been published and is selling for \$12.50. A copy is to be ordered for the Meeting. 2) Combined Appeal is behind last year's totals at this time. It is felt by some that a major reason for the decline is a growing preference for centralization.

Property, Finance & House: Trade Fuchs reported that: 1) Twelve came to a successful workday October 19. 2) Karen Crowley and Stanley Myers met with the Nursery School to discuss its status. 3) Stan Myers continues to be in touch with the Cerebral Palsy Association. 4) Keys and locks have been updated by George Garretson. Those in need of keys are asked to see Trade Fuchs.

Property, Finance & House (Cont'd): Stan Myers reviewed the situation surrounding the forthcoming release of the Yarnall Funds (300,000 - \$400,000). There are essentially 3 possibilities of investment:

- a) a money market fund;
- b) investment in the would-be Friends Fiduciary Fund;
- c) other investments.

After discussion, it was agreed to stick with the current plan; i.e., to invest in a money market fund, as a "neutral parking place". The following agreed to serve on an ad-hoc committee to consider long-term investment: Tom Conrad, George Garretson, Roberta Kramer, Stan Myers and Corey Smith.

Nominating Committee: Margaret Myers reported that the Committee recommends the position of assistant clerk, whose responsibilities would be to substitute for the clerk should the need arise. Automatic succession to the clerkship would not be assumed. This recommendation was approved.

Library: Trade Puchs reported enthusiastically on Yearly Meeting Library Day, which she had attended along with Shirley Philips and Betsy Naghski. In the course of a lively discussion various suggestions were made to make our Library more active. The Library committee was asked to take appropriate action.

Peace & Social Concerns: Charles Philips reported that Guillermo has spoken to a group of Oak Lane Neighbors for a Nuclear Free World.

Charles proposed that \$300 be given to Common Ground, an inter-faith group, working at the Oakdale Detention Center for Refugees in Louisiana. This was approved.

In addition, a request is being considered to be made at the next Business Meeting to support the work of a refugee center on the Texas border.

Newsletter: Ruth Bross recommended that a copy of the Newsletter be sent to newcomers for six months initially. There was general satisfaction expressed with the quality of the Newsletter.

Miscellaneous: There was some discussion on how the serving of beverage could be managed best on non-coffee-hour Sundays. It was agreed to consult with Roberta Kramer on this matter.

The First Day School will provide decorations on the mantle for the next few weeks.

Steve Cable was enthusiastically welcomed into membership. He will be visited by Martha Jane Robinson and Fritz Kempner.

The Meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frederick F. Kempner,  
Recording Clerk



Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting  
Monthly Meeting for Business  
December 14, 1986

Chestnut Hill Friends Monthly Meeting for Business opened after supper on Sunday, December 14, 1986, with 15 members and attenders present. The minutes of the November 9 Meeting for Business were read, amended and accepted.

Overseers: Karen Cromley reported the death of Trudy Hubben on December 4. She was buried in the Meeting burial grounds. A memorial service was held at the Meeting House December 7. Karen called attention to the fact that Trudy had left specific instructions regarding her burial with the Meeting, thereby simplifying the Memorial Committee's task considerably. She urged all of us to make sure that appropriate information is on file with the Meeting Secretary.

Karen then reported Overseers' recommendations for an update of a Memorial Committee to deal with the Meeting's action arising out of the death of a member. The Committee is to consist of the Clerks of the Meeting, of Overseers, of Worship & Ministry and of Property, Finance & House, with the latter dealing chiefly with burial procedure, while the others would deal with the memorial service and related matters. There was general agreement with this proposal, with the proviso that all of the above-mentioned Clerks delegate alternates whenever they are out of town.

Finally, Karen announced that Overseers were going to mail out notices drafted particularly for members that had not been heard from in some time.

Nominating Committee: Margaret Myers proposed the following slate, to serve from January 1 to December 31, 1987:

Clerk:	Natalie Kempner	Treasurer:	Stanley Myers
Asst. Clerk:	Karen Cromley	Recorder:	Alois Gnielka
Recording Clerk:	Marthajane Robinson		

This was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Stan Myers reported the following:

- 1) Of the \$16,000 pledged, members had contributed only \$12,400 to date, while attenders had contributed \$4,100, with \$4,000 pledged.
- 2) Provident National Bank had notified the Meeting that the Yarnall Trust Fund was being dissolved and was being distributed in equal parts of \$443,000 each to the following eight institutions: Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting, Pendle Hill, AFSC, Westtown School, Bryn Mawr College, Haverford College, University of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. To avoid costly and time-consuming court procedure, an agreement of waiver of claims is being drafted, to be signed by the eight participants. While not anticipating any complications, Stan recommended that he seek professional review from Dechert, Price & Rhoades. Stan further recommended that the amount be put initially into a savings account with Provident National under three signatures: those of the Clerk, the Treasurer and

the Secretary, two being required for withdrawal. Until the Friends Fiduciary Corporation clarifies its investment options, Stan recommended that the Yarnall Fund be invested in "Commercial Paper" account.

After some discussion, there was full approval of all procedures and recommendations.

3) The Nursery School now has its own insurance. Stan is continuing to be in touch with the school.

4) Stan is maintaining contact with the Cerebral Palsy Association regarding the possibility of acquiring some land from them. He does not, however, expect any action in the near future.

Library Committee: Charles Philips reported that a card file for all Library books is being planned, and that a second bookshelf will be set up.

Peace & Social Concerns: Charles Philips reported on a session with Jim Corbett at Pendle Hill. Jim sees a gradual change in the Sanctuary Movement: away from institutions grating sanctuary to individuals toward supporting work on the border and assisting refugees in transit through the United States. A Pendle Hill pamphlet on the Sanctuary Movement by Jim Corbett is now available.

Newsletter: Ruth Dross recommended the preparation of a "skill file" of members and attenders, compiled through answers to a questionnaire, perhaps administered by Young Friends. There was some discussion, but no action was taken.

Combined Appeal: Margaret Myers reported that of the total of \$305,000 to be raised by 6/30/87, \$77,000 was received by 11/30. This is slightly ahead of last year.

Miscellaneous: It was agreed to have a potluck supper in January, but no date or place was set.

There will be a New Year's Eve Meeting for Worship at 11:15 P.M.

The January Meeting for Business will take place immediately after Meeting for Worship on January 11th.

The Clerk called attention to PYM's project of rewriting Faith and Practice. Monthly Meetings have been asked to make recommendations. This matter will be taken up at a future Business Meeting.

Two members of the Sanctuary Movement, Louise Spiker and Ed Kaminsky have asked to use the Meeting House for their wedding on January 17, at 2 P.M., for a fee. This was approved.

Marjorie King, a recent visitor, has expressed interest in small "House Meeting" discussions on Quakerism and the nature of the Meeting, specifically designed for attenders. Overseers will work on this.

Charles Philips will discuss with Stan Myers guidelines for the Meeting's annual contributions prior to the next Business Meeting.

The Meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick F. Kempner  
Recording Clerk