

Chestnut Hill Prbends Meeting  
Meeting for Business Minutes  
November 9, 1975

Following Meeting for worship, twenty members attended this regular Monthly Meeting. After a period of silence the clerk opened the meeting. Minutes were read and corrections noted.

Treasurer's Report: In William Fischer's absence, his report was read by Hertha Reinemann: "A Committee was asked to get on with the business of preparation for the Vietnamese. To this end it was decided to request the approval of a transfer of \$500 from the Yarnall Fund. A separate bank account (Provident #2) would be opened in which the signature of either Mary Fuges or William Fischer would be required. Money withdrawn would relate to living expenses and the purchase of any necessary furniture. It was felt that Mary Fuges should receive \$10 per week board to cover her expenses. In this connection the treasurer requests that these expenses should be exempt from our normal bookkeeping procedures.

Since our appeal letter went out at the end of October, about \$400 has been received. Our letter of Oct. 29 contains a greivous omission. The second sentence reads, "Keeping in mind that we have a total budget of \$19,000, our receipts so far this year are \$6,410.26." -- omitted: "against a budgeted expectancy of \$12,000 for contributions."

I do not believe I reported that the office of Treasurer is now bonded for \$30,000.

I believe that our last Newsletter said that is sufficient funds did not come in, we would not be able to pay our bills. Considering the depth and liquidity of our assets, this is hardly the case. We are not a New York City."

Overseers: Hertha Reinemann requested that members give Ann Northrup interesting bits of news about themselves or other members and attenders in order to "fill out the flatness of members." We need to become better acquainted and personable one with another. Items for the Newsletter must be on her desk by Nov. 19th at the latest.

The Board Meeting of the Chestnut Hill Community Council is held on the third Thursday of the month.

The Overseers were glad to join the Committee on Worship and Ministry in their joint meeting on October 19th, a report of which was incorporated in the November Newsletter.

Social Concerns: Trudy Hubben gave a report of progress in sponsoring the Vietnamese. Two young men are now living with Mary Fuges. They will be given \$25 per week for food and personal expenses. They start English lessons on Thursday, would like to borrow a TV, which was volunteered by Robert Hoffman.

Ruth Miner will be unable to sell Unicef cards this year, so Elizabeth Tiffany volunteered to take this over.

The AFSC is sending aid to Vietnam, is taking action by going to Washington on Nov. 10th to meet with legislators. Helping in the rebuilding of Vietnam is being partially financed by the War Resistor's League. There is need for yarn, fishnets, etc.

Nursery School: Dorothy Craig reported that the Nursery School has 17 pupils. The committee is delighted with the two new teachers. Parents are asking for a fifth day, which was approved by members inasmuch as the Meetinghouse is no longer being used on Wednesdays for Monthly Meeting. Dorothy happily turned over \$200 to the Meeting from the Nursery School in appreciation for the use of our building.

Library Committee: Robert Spiller reported that \$13 had been collected from the sale of books and would be reinvested in new books. Leftovers will go to the Chestnut Hill book stall.

Forum Committee: Robert Hoffman announced coming programs which will be incorporated in the Newsletter.

Guests at this meeting were Thomas P. Witt, treasurer of Germantown Homes and George Bosworth, president of Vernon House, Inc. Mr. Witt presented a picture of the plight of adequate low income housing in the northwest area. Plans are underway for the rehabilitation of an apartment building on Wayne Ave., and the construction of 48 new apartment units on Wistar.

There is a crisis in housing since there are many multifamily dwellings in Germantown that are becoming uninhabitable or in receivership. These include Malvern Hall, Felham Arms, the Delvar Morris and Vernon House. The latter at 6445 Greene St. is owned by a New York firm which has defaulted on the mortgage. It has a 100% occupancy with a waiting list of prospective tenants. \$17,000 is needed for major repairs. The Corporation is going to churches and civic-minded groups for investors who can lend money at 10% interest on a 2 year basis.

The Meeting will appoint a committee to take responsibility for looking into the possibility of our participation. The Property and Finance Committee will be involved with Henry Evans asked to call a committee meeting.

There is also concern about the condition of Chestnut Grove. This development has been abandoned before completion, with a \$300,000 deficit. Houses are idle, would be excellent for use of low-income persons were they to be retrieved again, necessitating investment. The contractor of this development built these in defiance of the Chestnut Hill Community Association.

Wistar Wood, as clerk, reminded the Meeting that our annual report is due on January 1st, with Jennifer Tiffany selected to write this report.

There will be a meeting of the Yearly Meeting Advisory and Finance Committee on Dec. 6th for preliminary discussion of Yearly Meeting progress as well as the 1976/77 budget.

(A letter was received from the Northwest Interfaith Movement expressing appreciation for the work of Elizabeth Tiffany and Robert Taber as our representatives.)

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois R. Taber

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting  
Business Meeting Minutes  
December 14, 1975

Following Meeting for Worship, thirty members and attenders gathered for this business meeting. After a period of silence, the clerk, M. Wistar Wood, called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and corrections made.

Treasurer's Report: William Fischer reported on the state of our finances and asked the Meeting's pleasure as to whether or not he should send reminders to members who had not given to the Meeting this year. He was encouraged to do so.

Annual Report: Jennifer Tiffany read the Annual Report which she had written. It was received with high favor for its sensitive rendition of the spirit of our Meeting. A question was raised about the positive statement regarding the participation of members in caring for the needs of the Vietnamese refugees. Mary Fuges, however, commented on the activities of several of our members. Mildred Soast is giving English lessons, the Tiffanys, the Fischers, the Tabers and the Reinemanns have all made contributions in time and effort to make them feel welcome. There is to be a reception at the YMCA for the Vietnamese persons who live in this area. It was suggested that we offer our hospitality at the Meetinghouse for a similar function. Mary told of Thei's interest in playing the guitar and both Thu and Nay enjoy singing both Vietnamese and American songs. Needs for these two young men are for jobs and for warm clothes.

Peace and Social Concerns: Trudy Hubben announced that there would be an ecumenical service on Friday, Jan. 9th, at the Jewish Center in honor of Bruce Thienessen, who will be leaving Northwest Interfaith Movement. His leadership will be sorely missed.

Trudy asked the Meeting's pleasure about what it wished to do for its Christmas collection, outlining three suggestions given to her by the Germantown Appeal. It was decided that the balance of the Committee's yearly budget should be left to the discretion of the Committee as to its use.

Robert Taber asked that he would be pleased to accept contributions from members who would wish to give to the New Horizons Parent Vocational Institute, a school for teen-aged mothers in North Philadelphia, where they bring their babies to the Nursery, attend school on the same premises and are taught skills in child rearing as well as in academic subjects.

Overseers: Hertha Reinemann announced that Dorothy Craig will lead carol singing at our traditional Christmas breakfast on Sunday, December 21st.

Members were asked whether they wished to participate in worship at the Meetinghouse on December 31st, at 11:30. The sense of the Meeting was that this should be held.

Property, Budget and Finance Committee: Henry Evans reported th  
the committee had decided to make a high risk loan of \$2000 from the  
D. Robert Yarnall Fund to Germantown Homes, Inc., a move approved by  
the membership, including the Treasurer.

Mildred Soast expressed appreciation to Anna Ruch for her generous  
gift of much-needed flatware. Appreciation was expressed, also, the  
the retiring Clerk and Recording Clerk for their conscientious service  
to the Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois R. Taber