Dear Friends

June, 6th Month, 2016

Wilton Monthly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends, Quakers
317 New Canaan Road (Route 106), Wilton, CT 06897
www.fgcquaker.org/cloud/wilton-monthly-meeting

Meeting for Worship 10:00 a.m. each First Day (Sunday)
Children attend for the first 15 minutes, followed by First Day
School
Meeting for Business at rise of meeting on second First Days

We are so looking forward to hosting our 75th anniversary party!
Friends are working hard planning and painting to make our
meeting house look fresh on July 15. There will be music and
dancing and food to share.
We hope that all of you will join us and bring at least one friend.

If anyone knows what they wish to bring for pot luck at the anniversary party, just let me know and I will keep track
Or just bring what you are inspired to on the day. Or just bring yourself. We will have plenty to share

Peace and Love,
Alex
203-3285-4812 alexpmcg@yahoo.com
Bob Fatherly and Albert Hsu removing the loft.

Jade and Charlotte walked together at their Westown graduation.
Renda McCaughan came across this item in the Fifth Month 2010 Newsletter while doing research on Wilton Meeting history. She thinks it very thought-provoking and relevant for today.

**The Fifth Meeting for Discernment, Feb. 20, 2010, held at Purchase Meeting, NY**

Over 90 Friends from more than 40 meeting and worship groups met on that day. They were reminded to hold each other as they listed, to listen deeply, and when the sharing was done, to listen more. They were asked to speak to these queries (in bold):

Twelve threads were drawn from the messages given.

**What do you cherish in your meeting as a faith community:**

1) Friends spoke of cherishing time together in deep, communal worship, listening for the still small voice within, of cherishing worship seeded by messages that speak to our condition.
2) Friends spoke of cherishing loving, supportive communities of friends and families; of cherishing opportunities to work together with others, to share our personal and corporate experiences, to connect with and learn from people of different ages and backgrounds.
3) Friends spoke of cherishing our meetinghouses and the spaces they provide us in which to gather; of undertaking renovations/expansions to welcome children and to be more accessible; our historic buildings connect us to our Quaker roots.

**What do you yearn for in your meeting as a faith community?**

4) Friends spoke of their yearning to become more loving, more truthful and more spirit-filled communities; of yearning for more powerful personal and corporate experiences of the Spirit, and for more vocal ministry.
5) Friends spoke of yearning to support one another in acts of justice, mercy and humility; of yearning to connect better with others in the wider world.
6) Friends spoke of yearning for new visionary leadership—individuals with the ability to envision, organize and inspire others to action; for authentic vocal ministry; and for a renewed corporate commitment to radical love.

**What is required from us in order for us to reach wholeness and vitality as a faith community? What discipline? What action?**

7) Friends spoke of the need to cultivate an individual relationship with Spirit, of the need to spend time in reflective silence and other spiritual practices during the week—this deepens our meetings for worship and the quality of the vocal ministry that arises.
8) Friends spoke of being engaged with questions about class and race, about generosity and privilege, about who we include and who we leave out of our meeting communities.
9) Friends spoke about the power of words, about how words can hurt and what to do about that; Friends spoke of needing to make safe occasions to talk honestly about our diverse experiences of the Spirit; about what it means to love our neighbors as ourselves; and about the transformative power of loving those with whom we are angry.
10) Friends spoke of needing to work through times of struggle and disagreement; Friends spoke of spirit-filled occasions that came from looking at “problems” from new angles; of being stretched and finding joy from integrating new members; and of creative approaches to midweek worship.
11) Friends spoke of the palpable love engendered by supporting members who are facing health and economic challenges; of the need to take time for mourning and reflection in times of loss; of the need to learn how to offer and ask for help better; some Friends asked that their meetings be held in the Light.
12) Friends spoke from the creative tension of living in paradox: acting justly, loving mercy and walking humbly are intertwined; we are perfect and we are not where we need to be; abundance and scarcity co-exist; Friends have much to teach the world about silence and words are vitally necessary.
WMM Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

June 11, 2017

Present: Virginia Auster, Timothy Connolly, Missy Conrad, Bob Fatherley, Ty Griese, Sean Higgins, Albert Hsu, Doris Munger, Renda McCaughan (Recording Clerk), Pete McCaughan (Clerk) (10 people)

Meeting commenced at 12:00 Noon with a period of worship.

Clerk read the agenda.

Recording Clerk: Minutes from May 21, 2017, were approved with one correction: In the First Day School report, change the third sentence from a question to a declarative sentence: We will be asking input from parents about attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Finances as of 6/10/2017

Year-to-date income as of 6/10/2017 is $122,227.87. Year-to-date expenses as of 6/10/2017 are $121,110.37. We currently have a surplus of $1,117.50.

Copies of any reports are available from the treasurer at treasurer@wiltonfriends.org.

Fund Balances as of 6/10/2017 are:

- General Operating Fund: $54,457.67
- Working Capital Fund: $76,820.90
- Discretionary Fund: $2,540.00
- Special Leadings Fund: $2,122.20

Financial Statements Review

We have surpassed the income target for our budget by a modest amount. Significant improvement in individual contributions was realized.

We are awaiting the final Connecticut Friends School revenue share payment, which should further contribute to our income and lead to us to a modest surplus which is in keeping with most prior years. We are blessed to have generous members, attenders, and CFS to help support meeting.

Expenses are coming in under budget, a very positive development. We have been judicious in the management of our expenses and will continue to manage our assets with prudence.

The best guess estimate at this point in our fiscal year may result in a modest surplus which is in keeping with past fiscal years, except for last fiscal year, 2016-17, which was an anomaly due to the CFS transition.

Albert went over the financials in some detail. Some questions about tick control were raised. We are going to tick-dusting at $350 per spraying, rather than “traps,” which are much more expensive. Preschool children are more confined to the playgrounds, rather than running all over the grounds. We will keep an eye out for ticks.

Will $40/one day a week keep the Meetinghouse clean enough? An answer is to keep an eye out for how the service is doing.

There was a question about Advancement & Outreach not using its generous advertising budget. It has been lowered for next year.
Albert reviewed what has been done with 30 shares of Crown Castle Inc. stock gifted to us many years ago. They have been sold at its recent high price of over $100/share. Now, the question is, how to re-invest the money? Albert and the Finance Committee have been doing research but are not ready to do anything yet. There was a suggestion to look at Friends Fiduciary as an alternative to the socially responsible investments that Albert mentioned.

**Finance:**

Albert introduced the Budget for fiscal year 2017/18 for its second reading.

The budget has no change in its income expectations from this year: $82,000.

Based on feedback and consultation with committees, adjustments were made: Physical Stewardship including tick control, tree control, janitorial, and grass/snow; A&O; Ministry & Oversight; Peace &Service: Solitary Confinement; Stop Hunger Now; and Refugee Support.

Expenses are down from last year to provide a balanced budget for 2017-18.

**Minute 2017-06-01:** Finance Committee presented a budget for fiscal year 2017-18. The budget will be published in the newsletter. Meeting approved.

**Nominating:**

Virginia Auster presented the slate of officers, committees and representative, effective July 1, 2017 – This was the second reading. The slot for representative to New Canaan Interfaith Council is still vacant. If anyone is curious about it, speak to Veronica Foster.

Nancy Sarno has volunteered to be on the CFS board of directors. She will be added to the slate as a member whose term expires 2020.

**Minute 2017-06-02:** Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers, committees and representatives, effective July 1, 2017. Meeting approved. The slate will be published in the newsletter.

**Ministry and Oversight:**

The Meeting’s 75th anniversary: —Because the clerk of M&O could not be present, clerk presented the report. He urged people to look at the list of duties, sorted by committees, to find where you can be most helpful. Some surprise was expressed at how a fun party morphed into a complicated gala, even to inviting the mayor, fire chief, etc. There was even a suggestion to postpone the date so that all the work could be properly performed. People were again urged to look at the duty list and let Laura and Renda know how you can help. Potluck food could be assigned. Let’s keep the fun in our party.

Partnership Project: The Facebook ad has done amazingly well. Hundreds of views have been posted. Wilton’s ads have been running for 23 days. Another 25 days are remaining. So far, 15,444 people in your area have seen ads for the meeting, and most of those people have seen somewhere between 2 and 3 ads. 38 people have performed some type of action relating to those ads - either liking them, commenting on them, or clicking through to the meeting website. The total money spent thus far is $108.79, which will be covered by the partner project grant, of course. (Emily Provence).

**Long Range Planning Committee:**

Meetinghouse Renovation, Phase 1 – Choosing colors and flooring. Let’s try to finish before Albert and Caroline’s marriage in August! Clerk would like to bestow upon Long Range Planning and Physical Stewardship committees the decision of what color the walls will be and what the flooring material will be. The point was made that these committees are open to those who really want to contribute to the decision. The dimension of trust that we all bring to Meeting was brought up.
Minute 2017-06-03: Long Range Planning and Physical Stewardship committees offered to choose the color that we paint the inside of the Meetinghouse and which floor material we will use, provided we stay within our budget. Since LRP and PS are open committees, we invite those who wish to contribute to this decision to make their opinions known. Meeting approved.

Recorder:
Renda McCaughan reported on membership statistics, due every year to New York Yearly Meeting. Wilton Monthly Meeting has 83 adult members and 6 associate members (under 18 years of age) for a total of 89.

Meeting closed at 1:20 p.m. with a few moments of worship.
### Wilton Monthly Meeting - Slate 2017 - 2018

- **Clerk (1 yr):** Peta McCaughan (860-799-7860)
- **Asst Clerk (1 yr):** Bob Fatherley (203-454-3653)
- **Recording Clerk (1 yr):** Laura Higgins (203-981-5267)
- **Recorder (1 yr):** Renda McCaughan (860-799-7860)
- **Treasurer (1 yr):** Albert Hsu (203-286-8103)
- **P&S - VACANT**
- **NYYM positions (1yr):**
  - Rep - Martha Gurvich: 203-833-3433
  - Rep - Jerry Laughart: 203-838-4589
  - Youth Cte - Martha Gurvich: 203-833-3433
- **Wilton Interfaith:** Madeleine Wilken: 203-834-0352
- **Westport-Weston Interfaith:** Virginia Auster: 203-845-9288
- **New Canaan Interfaith:** **VACANT**
- **Norwalk Clergy Association:** Maribeth Becker: 203-853-0764
- **CT Friends School (3 yr term):**
  - Bob Fatherley (15): 203-454-3653
  - Sean Higgins (19): 203-869-0311
  - Ann Honecker (15): 203-731-1838
  - Nancy Sarno (20): 203-554-1131
- **Advancement and Outreach (3 yrs):**
  - Diane Keefe *(20)*: 917-312-6461
  - Becky Burnell *(18)*: 203-762-2815
  - Aaron Austlender *(18)*: 917-675-7675
  - Alotho Fatherley *(19)*: 917-584-6431
- **Newsletter:**
  - Michel Loth *(18)* Print & Dist.: 203-642-3354
  - Martha Gurvich *(18)* - Editor: 203-838-3433
- **Webmaster:**
  - Albert Hsu: 203-286-8103
  - Peta McCaughan: 860-799-7860
- **Ministry and Oversight (3 yrs):**
  - Virginia Auster *(18)*: 203-846-9288
  - Martha Gurvich *(18)*: 203-838-3433
  - Gina Smith *(19)*: 203-434-1159
  - Doris Mungur *(19)*: 203-966-1710
  - Peter Murchison *(20)*: 203-779-9099
  - Renda McCaughan *(20)*: 860-799-7860
- **House and Grounds:**
  - Physical Stewardship (4 yrs):
    - Sean Higgins *(20)*: 203-849-0012
    - Christopher Fatherley *(18)*: 917-584-6435
    - Doris Mungur *(19)*: 203-966-1710
    - George LeBoeuf *(20)*: 203-642-4401
    - Aaron Austlender *(20)*: 917-675-7675
  - Hospitality
    - Alex McGregor: 203-323-4817
    - Missy Conrad: 203-354-2933
  - Library
    - Laura Ferrera: 203-847-4354
    - Renda McCaughan: 860-799-7860
    - Doris Mungur: 203-966-1710
- **Hospitality**
- **Finance (3 yrs):**
  - Jeff Monoher *(18)*: 203-394-1799
  - Becky Burnell *(18)*: 203-762-2815
  - Doris Mungur *(20)*: 203-966-1710
  - Kate Shire *(20)*: 203-600-8370
  - Albert Hsu *(20)*: 203-286-8103
- **Property Coordinator**
  - Diane Keefe: 917-312-4601
  - Convener
  - Clerk of Committee
- **Committee Meeting Schedule TBD**

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## Wilton Monthly Meeting (Quakers)

### Annual Budget FY 2017-18 - Approved 6/11/2017

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**Total Income**: 82,000.00

#### Expense

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**Total 6700: Library**: 200.00

**Total Income**: 82,000.00

**Total Expense**: 82,000.00

**Net Income**: 0.00
Melinda Wenner Bradley speaking with friends about the Partnership Project during her visit to Wilton Meeting
Anna Roberts Painting was featured in Animal Literary Magazine this month! For those of you who don’t know her, Anna is an attender at Wilton Meeting. Check out her etsy shop listed below to see more of her work.

“Connected” by Anna Roberts; for more information, visit http://www.etsy.com/shop/annarobertsart (press ctr and click to follow the link)

Quetzal’s Mourning Song

by Caelan Tree

Why animals sit with our dead for hours after bodies go cold—and why, when the man died, I pressed my pulsing chest into his opened chest, spread wings from tip to tip across his ribs, felt his heart beat against mine, blood warm under me, blood seeping into my feathers. The sky was red and stank of flesh, dead horses, dead men. There was a reason, a wanting: hold tight, keep heat in him.

He was a warrior; I’m only a bird—

I know what silence can do.

I didn’t know his red would congeal into my down, that I would carry him with me, clumps and smell of bodies and metal. When I did it—dipped my breast into the pooling blood—I learned stillness. But then he was cold, last breath dispersed in air.

Once, I knew how to be held, freely gave pieces of my green. Today I pluck feathers, wonder if the blood brought by self-injury is also the warrior’s blood. Now my green belongs to the earth. And my red belongs to history.

Caelan Tree is an emerging poet and translator living in Staten Island, New York. She holds an MFA in Poetry and Poetry in Translation from Drew University, and is the author of the chapbook “Quiet in the Body,” published in 2013 by Unthinkable Creatures Chapbook Press.
First Class Mail

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