Life in the Light

Pima Monthly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

January 2017 Newsletter

931 North 5th Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85705-7723
http://pima.quaker.org

Meetings for Worship: First Day (Sunday) - 8:00 and 10:30 AM
First Day School: 10:30 AM

Adult Spiritual Enrichment Classes:
1st and 3rd First Day (Sunday) 9:20 AM
Queries

“When you really listen to another person from their point of view, and reflect back to them that understanding, it’s like giving them emotional oxygen.” — Stephen Covey

_Listening to the Light, listening to each other_  
_All need attending and spiritual dedication and clear focus._

Do I listen and make sure I truly understand what is being said?  
How do I calm my mind and clear a space to hear another’s concerns?  
Am I sure to check my assumptions before responding?  
Do I respond with Love and clarity?  
Do I pause before interpreting intentions – and then responding with prejudice, assuming I know what was intended without justification except in my own mind?  
Without clarity we confuse our conversations with intentions not meant by others, and respond in ways not grounded by the Light of integrity and Love.  
How to I make sure my own history is minimally involved in today’s conversations?  
Do I ask for Spirit to be involved in my communications with others?

A Way To Go On

Plain brown bird  
sings his two-note song  
piercing and repetitive  
one note low one note high

Though the future’s uncertain  
he’s not mournful  
or disheartened  
he sings his two-note song  
one note low one note high

Though the future’s uncertain  
he shows me a way to go on  
just sing my two-note song  
one note low one note high

_Sylvia Simpson_
As people of faith and people of conscience, we pledge to resist the newly elected administration’s policy proposals to target and deport millions of undocumented immigrants and discriminate against marginalized communities. We will open up our congregations and communities as sanctuary spaces for those targeted by hate, and work alongside our friends, families, and neighbors to ensure the dignity and human rights of all people.

Sanctuary as a Tactic Will Change

There are over four hundred congregations that have been supportive of the Sanctuary Movement by joining an organized movement of faith to stop deportations. Since May 2014, we have been able to stop fifteen deportation orders through public cases wherein an undocumented person has lived in a church until they were able to win a stay of removal or other deportation relief. In addition, the Sanctuary Movement has helped stop dozens of deportations of cases before physical Sanctuary became necessary.

Nobody knows exactly what the Trump Administration will do on immigration, but the President-elect has said they will deport at least 2 million undocumented people. They will also revoke President Obama’s Executive Actions on immigration prosecutorial discretion guidelines, which means it will be more difficult to win a stay of removal for public cases.

The new era will require the work of sanctuary to adapt. We must do more than establish congregations that are willing to physically house someone – although this aspect of sanctuary will continue to be important. As communities of faith we must work alongside those most directly affected by unjust and immoral policies and practices knowing that the only safe spaces that we will find will be the ones we create.

Understanding that sanctuary is not just an act of a congregation but is the work of a community, the faith community should heed these principles:

- Respect the leadership of directly affected folks.
- Be steadfast in our adherence to our own faith traditions
- Be relentlessly imaginative and brave
- Pledge our highest allegiance to the mandates of our faith and not to the laws of the land.
Discerning God’s Call for your Congregation

- **Make the Ground Fertile for the Work**
  - Preach about justice issues
  - Engage in prayer as individuals, in small groups and as a congregation

- **Plant the Seeds for the Work**
  - Engage in congregational education on the issues. See contact below for resources

- **Grow the Work!**
  - Take the Sanctuary Pledge (or develop your own congregational statement for what faith in action means to you in the new context)
  - Engage in sanctuary work and join the coalition!

**Broadening the Scope of Sanctuary in a Trump Era: Ways to Engage**

Open our houses of worship as safe spaces for community meetings and organizing work
Use the resources of congregations to support immigrant led organizing i.e. through financial support and donations of things like copier usage.
Participate in the Childcare Collective by engaging your children’s ministry staff and volunteers to provide childcare at community meetings.
Develop a team of volunteers that are engaged in the work of local organizations
Establish a Protection Network in your congregation for those who might be targeted for deportation
Organize local prayer vigils
Be part of Sanctuary on the Streets (Rapid Raid Response)
Open your home to those needing sanctuary
Open your congregation to those needing sanctuary
Hold Know Your Rights Trainings
Engage in Bond Support for individuals in detention
Visit and Write to those in Detention
Engage in community Organizing to make our communities safer for those who are undocumented, refugees, Muslims, LGBTQ, and others who might come under attack
Sign on to the Sanctuary Pledge
Join the Southern Arizona Sanctuary Coalition

The list of ideas goes on – the point is to discern how God might be calling you and your congregation of live out your faith in this moment. When each of us engages in this work in the unique ways in which we are called, we will find that pew by pew, block by block, neighborhood by neighborhood we are creating space that upholds the rights, dignity, and worth of each and every one of us – in short we are declaring sanctuary everywhere.

*Submitted by John Heid*

Find more information at [sanctuarynotdeportation.org](https://sanctuarynotdeportation.org)
Local contacts: Amy Beth Willis: sanctuarynymt@gmail.com
Alison Harrington: alsisonharrington@yahoo.com
**House Committee Report**

We have been making improvements to the Guest Room and to the Meeting House. We are raising the price of the Guest Room to reflect these improvements. The Guest Room provides accommodation for Friends and it also provides needed income for our Meeting.

From **January 1 2017** we will be charging $40/night for the Guest Room (up from $35/night). We continue to charge $15/night for organized groups by prior arrangement.

We are also advertising our accommodation through the Quaker network, particularly Quaker educational institutions. (See information below)

We welcome comments or ideas for improving our accommodation and our Quaker advertising.

*Your House Committee*

**Guest Accommodation**

**Available in Sunny Tucson**

**Pima Friends Meeting House**

931 N 5th Ave, Tucson, AZ 85705

Centrally located Meeting house built in 1910
Quiet historic neighborhood
Close to trolley and bus lines
University, downtown and 4th Avenue entertainment area nearby
$15/person per night for groups
$40/night guest room includes small refrigerator and microwave

Reservations/Inquiries
520-884-1776
PimaFriendsMeeting@qwestoffice.net

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**The Christian Church in America: A Retrospective**

_by Vera Lander_

*This article was prepared by Vera Lander on behalf of Church Women United for the World Day of Prayer, which this year, November 2016, was held in concert with the Congregation of Anshei Israel.*

**PART I**

I want to peel back to layers of thought and practice that have covered the pure message that Jesus brought by starting with the state of the Church that is substituting so many variations today and contributing to the divisions and chaos that we are currently experiencing.
The denominations and their fragments number well over 400 different experiences of worship. The largest denominations today are Baptists (John and Paul), Methodists (Wesley), Lutheran (Luther), Presbyterian (Calvin), Mennonites, Congregational (United Church of Christ) includes Christian (Disciples and United Church of Christ), Catholics (Peter), Pentecostal, Episcopal, Anglican, Friends (Quakers, Fox), and Evangelical.

In addition, there are the Churches of God (Seventh Day and Adventists), Baha’i, Brethren, Orthodox and Oriental, (Pietist), Holiness, Latter Day Saints (LDS), Fundamentalist Bible, Reformed, and the Salvation Army. Judaism (Reform Judaism of American Hebrew Congregations), Islam, and Jehovah’s Witness are also listed as “Christian” Denominations.

This is only a rough early breakdown of the denominations as described in the 11th edition of Frank Mead and Samuel Hill’s *Handbook of Denominations in the United States* (2010 edition revised by Craig D. Atwood). There is still further fragmentation within and across systems of Belief, too many to treat in this brief opportunity.

Early fragmentation came about as a result of strongly-held beliefs about Bible inerrancy, salvation, baptism, communion, circumcision, Sabbath Day, form of Ministry. Now add prohibitions about how to dress, who to marry (race and gender), birth control, and the ordination of women. Finally, there are institutional matters of building, finance, governance, polity, creeds. This list of causes is incomplete. Each of you can probably name those omitted here.

In the *Handbook of Denominations*, the authors remind us that: “...we must be aware that until modern times—indeed, until the rise of the United States—it was assumed that civic harmony depended on religious conformity. There should be ‘one king, one faith, one law,’ is the famous phrase of Louis XIV. Religion was seen as the warp of the social fabric, the glue that held different estates together and balanced conflicting interests. Religious diversity was equated with civic unrest and upheaval. The idea that a nation could tolerate not only different Christian churches but also radically different religions was considered lunacy up until the Enlightenment. Modern Americans who have always lived under the Bill of Rights and its guarantee of freedom of worship have difficulty realizing what a truly radical experiment the First Amendment was when proposed by Madison and Jefferson.”

“Christianity,” as it has devolved into secular and social Orders through the centuries, is the result of Paul’s experience with the Christ Spirit on the Damascus Road. His passion resulting from that encounter fueled a relentless work of travel, money raising, and imprisonment on behalf of the Church with his encouragement to new and growing churches. That is still the predominant force guiding Christian churches today. Any reading of the New Testament is evidence of that influence.

[In Part II of this article, which will appear in next month’s newsletter, Vera Lander looks at the development of the early teachings of Jesus.]
Pima Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Announces a special weekend workshop opportunity

Friends’ Decision-Making and Clerking:
Serving the Community with Joy and Confidence


This is a special opportunity for Friends and attenders to meet and think together about our special decision-making process and the role of clerking. Each person will leave the weekend with new energy and enthusiasm for participating in the Friends’ decision-making process, feeling well grounded in both the theoretical and the practical. There will be handouts, exercises, and opportunities to share experiences, with most work being done in a whole group setting.

Arthur Larrabee is a lifelong Friend and member of Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting. He has led many workshops on clerking, including annually at Pendle Hill. He has served as clerk of his Meeting, the Committee in Charge of Westtown School, and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, which he also served as General Secretary for seven years.

Cost: $40 per person. Scholarships for members and attenders at Pima Monthly Meeting may be available. (Contact Ministry and Oversight Committee for scholarship information.)

Schedule:
Friday, February 24, 2017, 7 – 9 p.m.
Saturday, February 25, 2017, 9 – 4:30 p.m., includes lunch
Sunday, February 26, 2017, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m., includes lunch prior to 12:30 p.m. start

Please note that it is important that attendees attend the entire three-day, 10-hour workshop if at all possible. Much of the work is done in a group setting, and builds on earlier days, so full participation is important.

Location: Pima Monthly Meeting House, 931 N. 5th Ave., Tucson, AZ.

Registration: Registration is now open for all IMYM members and attenders. Maximum capacity is 45 people. Send your payment to the PMM Treasurer at the above address, or drop it in the donation box in the Meeting Room.

Contact Cheryl Diamond at 520-490-9497 or at cbsdiamond@aol.com with any questions or to arrange to make your registration payment. PMM now accepts credit cards.

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**Shining A Light on Privilege and Prejudice**

We are introducing an initiative which has been under consideration this past year. Many factors have led our committee, Ministry and Oversight, to resolve to examine these matters, including recent concern over a political climate which seems to encourage hate crimes and racial division. Personal incidents within our Meeting’s community have also pointed towards a need for greater sensitivity about matters of privilege and prejudice.

The primary focus of this work is meant to be an examination of our hearts and a look at our assumptions about race prejudice, and especially, white privilege. We need to learn how to become effective agents of change if that is where we are led. This is meant to be an ongoing project for Pima Meeting. We are beginning by partnering with Adult Spiritual Development Committee to hold a series of classes beginning in January. The first, on Jan. 15th, in our Meeting Room at 9:20 am, will be a presentation from our local chapter of SURJ - “Showing Up for Racial Justice.”

A collaborative team has been formed to shepherd this major endeavor, and any who feel so led are invited to join us. We hope to engage our beloved community in a multifaceted approach. We have much to share and much to learn from each other. Your ideas are welcomed.

Please contact Terry Howland at [520] 327-2253 or turtledance@outlook.com to participate.

**Practicing Quaker Values in an Uncertain Time**

The Adult Spiritual Development Committee would like to have a place for members and attenders to try to make sense of and figure out how to respond to the new administration and social climate, as it is emerging and will come into play with the inauguration on January 20. We have a "20 pt guide to defending democracy under a Trump presidency" written by a Yale history professor and we would like to use this guide as a jumping off point for people to connect their concerns with news occurrences as they arise. We are hoping that through mindful conversation, we can better determine how to respond as individuals.

We will use a small group discussion format. We will meet four times, January 22, February 5, February 19, and March 5 and assess whether people want to meet further. Each of these days is a Sunday; we will meet after the rise of the second meeting for worship at about 12:15 or 1:00 when there is a potluck. The group will be facilitated by Judith Peterson.

You may obtain a copy of the guide by contacting Judith at flowersinfebruary@yahoo.com. The first 5 points are included below as a sample.
Sample from “A 20 point guide to defending democracy under a Trump Presidency”
by Timothy Snyder, professor of history, Yale University

Americans are no wiser than the Europeans who saw democracy yield to Fascism, Nazism, or Communism. Our one advantage is that we might learn from their experience. Now is a good time to do so. Here are twenty lessons from the twentieth century, adapted to the circumstances of today:

1. **Do not obey in advance.**
   Much of the power of authoritarianism is freely given. In times like these, individuals think ahead about what a more repressive government will want, and then start to do it without being asked. You’ve already done this, haven’t you? Stop. Anticipatory obedience teaches authorities what is possible and accelerates unfreedom.

2. **Defend an institution**
   Defend an institution. Follow the courts or the media, or a court or a newspaper. Do not speak of “our institutions” unless you are making them yours by acting on their behalf. Institutions don’t protect themselves. They go down like dominoes unless each is defended from the beginning.

3. **Recall professional ethics.**
   When the leaders of state set a negative example, professional commitments to just practice become much more important. It is hard to break a rule-of-law state without lawyers, and it is hard to have show trials without judges.

4. **When listening to politicians, distinguish certain words.**
   Look out for the expansive use of “terrorism” and “extremism”. Be alive to the fatal notions of “exception” and “emergency”. Be angry about the treacherous use of patriotic vocabulary.

5. **Be calm when the unthinkable arrives.**
   When the terrorist attack comes, remember that all authoritarians at all times either await or plan such events in order to consolidate power. Think of the Reichstag fire. The sudden disaster that requires the end of the balance of power, the end of opposition parties, and so on, is the oldest trick in the Hitlerian book. Don’t fall for it.

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**Upcoming Adult Spiritual Development classes and descriptions**

**January 15**  **Learning from SURJ—Showing up for Racial Justice, Part 1:** This will be our first class looking at White privilege. Kathy French will present an interactive workshop used by SURJ that was used at Casa Mariposa. (SURJ, which stands for “Showing Up for Racial Justice”, is an organization designed to help White people combat racism.)

**February 5**  **Learning from SURJ—Part 2:** This will be a follow up to the January 15th class. We will use an inquiry technique done in pairs to examine questions arising from the SURJ workshop.
**February 19**  **Joe Taylor Speaks on Prison Visitation**: Joe Taylor will talk about his practice of visiting people in prisons.

**March 5  Learning from Black Lives Matter, Part 1**: Our third class on the theme of racial justice, we will have a speaker from Black Lives Matter.

**March 19**  **Learning from Black Lives Matter, Part 2**: We will follow up the March 5 class using inquiry techniques.

**April 2**: Open

**April 16 (Easter)**: Open

**May 7 Old Testament Myths as Descriptions of Spiritual Truths: Part 1**: Eleanor Alden will help us gain insight into Old Testament myths.

**May 21  Old Testament Myths as Descriptions of Spiritual Truths Part 2**

*Looking for class leaders*

While our schedule for the class is filling up for the winter and spring, we will need to have more people offering to lead class sessions if the class is going to continue. While we always welcome people who are willing to share their own areas of expertise, you do not need to be an expert to lead a class. It is valuable to others simply to know and talk about what others find interesting. We are part of a community and we need to know what each other is thinking about.

If you are unsure of how to lead a session, all you really need to have are your own questions. Three to five queries on a topic with a worship sharing format can be very meaningful for all involved. A short reading which you have found valuable might also be a great jumping off point for a meaningful worship sharing or discussion. (We have guides for worship sharing and discussion if you are interested.) If you have read a Pendle Hill Pamphlet that has gotten you thinking and you would like to talk about it with others, you could lead one or two sessions on that. We have some money available to help those who might attend a class pay for a pamphlet. We are available to help you develop your ideas.

Contact Susan Calhoun or Judith Petersen if you want to talk.

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“When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the Light, for your life, for your strength. Give thanks for your food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason to give thanks, the fault lies in yourself.”

*Tecumseh*
Report from Arizona Half Yearly Meeting

Over the last few years our Arizona Quaker community has wrestled with AHYM and how to structure our regional gathering so that we nurture, support and sustain (rather than strain) the long-term vitality of Arizona Friends.

The AHYM Nominating Committee role brings a unique perspective to this area of concern. We have been impacted by the strains experienced by monthly meetings. We are a committee of 2, intended to be 4. The AHYM Nominating Committee contributes to the yearly meeting’s service by raising up the gifts and names of Friends in our region for service among the wider family of Friends, such as FWCC, FCNL, AFSC and etc.

At the Fall AHYM, the AHYM Nominating Committee brought forward a letter and draft proposal. It is our intention to initiate a conversation within and between the monthly meetings in Arizona, raising up concerns as well as a possible way forward through visitation with Monthly Meetings and at Spring AHYM at the Pima meeting.

Your AHYM Continuing Committee member, Betty Fridena, will have copies of the letter and draft proposal for your review. We have a new member of the AHYM Nominating Committee joining us, Mary Melcher. We look forward to visiting with you on January 15 after the rise of meeting.

In Peace,

Pam Garcia
Gretchen Puente-Rhinehardt
Mary Melcher

PIMA MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
ELEVENTH MONTH MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS
13th day, Eleventh Month, 2016

2016.11.13.1 Clerk’s Report
The clerk read the following definitions to the Meeting:

Consensus – A secular term used to describe an agreement that is reached by a group without a vote and based on considering an issue together.

Unity – A common understanding of the will of the Spirit dependent on the willingness of all to seek the truth in each others’ utterances, to be open to persuasion, and to recognize and accept the sense of the meeting.

Sense of the meeting – a true unity of a meeting within the Spirit, a sense in the rightness of the point reached and a commitment of all to carry the decision forward. “Sense of the meeting” includes a spiritual recognition of Truth in the agreement of the meeting that a right course of action has been found. By contrast,
“consensus” is a state of agreement that is the product of an intellectual process, often confused with “sense of the meeting.” *IMYM Faith and Practice*

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business then began with unprogrammed worship.

The clerk then presented the draft agenda and read the following to the Meeting:

Each of us has a particular experience of God, and each must find the way to be true to it. When another’s words are strange or disturbing to you, seek to understand where they come from. Listen patiently and seek the truth that other people’s thoughts may contain for you. Avoid hurtful criticism and provocative language. Be careful not to be too firm in your position; allow for the possibility that you may be mistaken.  

*IMYM Faith and Practice*

**2016.11.13.2 Approval of Consent Agenda**

The Nominating Committee report was removed from the consent agenda. Meeting then accepted or approved as applicable the following reports and proposals as part of the consent agenda:

**2016.11.13.2a Ministry and Oversight Committee Report**

Meeting accepted the Ministry and Oversight Committee Report.

**2016.11.13.2b Communications Committee Report**

Meeting accepted the Communications Committee report.

**2016.11.13.2c Caretaker Job Description**

Meeting approved the Caretaker job description.

**2016.11.13.2d Minutes from Tenth Month MWCB**

Meeting accepted and approved the minutes from Tenth Month MWCB with corrections.

**2016.11.13.3 Nominating Committee Report**

Meeting accepted the Nominating Committee report.

Nominating Committee nominated Judy Ray for Communications Committee and Shari Fradenburgh to fill the vacancy left by Jaimie Mudd’s resignation from Ministry and Oversight (M&O). Those two nominations were held over for a month for seasoning.

Nominating Committee itself still has vacancies, which it has been working with Naming to fill. Nominating Committee is also working to fill the two vacancies on M&O that will be occurring in June.

Richard Nylund is stepping down as webmaster and listserv moderator, and asked to be relieved of service as of December 1st. Joe Taylor announced that he was currently serving as Richard Nylund’s backup and would be serving as webmaster and listserv moderator if no replacement for Richard Nylund was found by December. It was clarified that filling this role is the responsibility of Nominating Committee.

A Friend proposed a minute to thank Richard Nylund for his over thirty years of service to the Meeting. Meeting held over the minute to December. Bea Quiroga offered to write a draft of it.
2016.11.13.4 Black Lives Matter Proposal
Due to exigency, Julie Brozio recorded this portion of MWCB for David R. Wolf.

Senior Young Friends presented a report requesting that a sign supporting Black Lives Matter (BLM) be placed in front of the Meetinghouse. Meeting accepted the report with the addition of Michael Cameron's name as a Friendly Adult Presence.

Concerns were expressed that the Caretaker's opinion had not yet been consulted. Other concerns were expressed about the neighborhood association rules regarding the placement of signs, and whether doing this would violate our agreement with neighbors when we originally moved into the neighborhood to refrain from displaying signs.

Ensuing discussion revealed that the original agreement with the neighbors involved retaining the residential nature of the neighborhood by refraining from posting large banners, and that neither that nor neighborhood association rules would be violated by posting yard signs.

As Pima Meeting supports BLM, it was decided to move forward with posting the yard sign. Official neighborhood association rules will be checked, and, as a matter of courtesy, the Caretaker will be consulted. If disagreement arises from any source, MWCB will welcome the opportunity for discussion.

The following minute was approved:

As Meeting supports the Black Lives Matter movement, we approve of posting the Black Lives Matter sign in the Meetinghouse front yard. A Friend will check the neighborhood association rules to ensure there are no issues. SYF will connect with the Caretaker and ask if this will cause concerns. If the Caretaker brings concerns to Meeting or if there are other issues, we will address them as they arise.

David R. Wolf resumed recording for MWCB after the minute was approved.

2016.11.13.5 Kitchen Committee Report
Kitchen Committee presented three proposals.

The first proposal would keep food provisions largely as they are. Kitchen Committee would provide food every week except potluck; provide a large meal on Second First Day, and on Fifth First Day if there is a special meeting; and try to cater to various dietary needs. The first proposal would cost $15-20 per First Day and $1,400 to $1,530 for 2017.

According to the second proposal, Kitchen Committee would provide food every week except MWCB and potluck, would not provide a large meal for special meetings on Fifth First Day; and would try to cater to various dietary needs. The second proposal would cost $870 to $1,010 for 2017.

Per the third, alternate proposal, Kitchen Committee would provide food every week except MWCB and potluck and would not try to cater to specific dietary needs. The third proposal would cost $10 per First Day and $730 for 2017.

Kitchen Committee essentially recommended the second proposal, but wanted the input of the Meeting.

Meeting accepted the Kitchen Committee report.

Friends noted that the size of the overall Meeting budget was a concern and that Kitchen Committee had requested an increase. It was noted that Kitchen Committee had not spent nearly this much before. In the past, members of Kitchen Committee frequently donated in kind rather
than turning in their receipts. In the past, Kitchen Committee did not attempt to cater to as many
dietary needs.

Friends noted that Kitchen Committee could not and should not be expected to meet
everyone’s dietary needs, but that Friends needed consistency in the schedule. People tended not
to stay for fellowship if there wasn’t at least coffee, and a large meal was necessary before
MWCB.

Friends discussed a possible capacity issue on Kitchen Committee. It was noted that the
meal for Second First Day before MWCB was a larger job than putting out some snacks.
Individuals on Kitchen Committee were willing to do it in the past. They might be willing to do
it in the future, but with much less fervor. Suggestions included having more people on Kitchen
Committee and having individuals outside Kitchen Committee sign up to provide the Second
First Day meal.

Meeting reached unity on holding a potluck-style gathered meal on Second Sunday as
well as a potluck on Fourth Sunday. Meeting approved the second Kitchen Committee proposal
after 1) specifying that the lower-bound estimates would be used for the Kitchen Committee line
item of the budget and 2) deleting the language regarding catering to various dietary needs. The
approved proposal was:

a. Kitchen Committee provides food every week except MWCB and potluck.
b. A potluck-style gathered meal is held on Second First Day before MWCB.
c. Large meals are not provided for special meetings on Fifth First Day.
   i. 24 1st and 3rd First Days x 15 = $360
   ii. 24 2nd + 4th First Days x $0 (potlucks) = $0
   iii. 4 5th First Days x $15 = $60
   iv. supplies = $250
   v.  coffee = $200

   TOTAL $870

The Kitchen Committee clerk noted that it was not known whether the composting
service Kitchen Committee was considering was available to us. She agreed to call the compost
service to see whether it be available to us. The matter of the compost service was held over,
and the allocation for the compost service was not included in the Kitchen Committee budget.

2016.11.13.6 Pima Monthly Meeting 2017 Budget
The Kitchen Committee budget was revised down to $870 per the previous agenda item.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the use of credit cards for donations, the Good Works
Fund, and past and proposed capital expenses.

Meeting approved the 2017 budget with the change to the line item for Kitchen
Committee, with the understanding that it was not set in stone.

2016.11.13.7 Revision to the Book of Services Regarding Junior Membership

Membership and Marriage Committee (M&M) presented a proposal for removing junior
membership from the Book of Services. M&M would reach out to individuals currently listed as
junior members who are over 21 years old, inform them that Meeting was removing their
designation, welcome any correspondence, and ask if they would still like to be listed in the
directory. Children currently listed as junior members would keep that designation, and when
they became teenagers in the Meeting, members of M&M would reach out about membership.
Should these children not pursue full membership by age 21, their junior membership status would be removed.

The proposed language in the Book of Services would be:

While some Meetings in IMYM have a “junior membership” designation for children of the meeting (given at the written or oral request of the child’s parents), Pima Meeting does not have such a designation. We invite each of our children to apply for full membership as he or she is ready. There is no established age for this.

Moving forward, all children would be under the care of the Meeting. Members of the Membership and Marriage Committee would reach out to youth in our meeting between the ages of 14-17, both through individual conversations and through participation in youth group education on two First Days each year, to discuss the process of becoming a member.

Friends discussed the proposal with the Membership and Marriage Committee. M&M noted that they had had parents of children in Meeting review the proposal, but not the young people who would be affected. Many of the former children of the Meeting were difficult to contact because they had gone far and wide already.

M&M noted that they intended to start talking to youth about membership at age 14, since by 16 and 17, they were already making their plans, and by 18, they were gone. M&M felt that, if they started talking to young people in the Meeting about what it means to be a member, they would not lose young people when they left.

M&M felt that junior membership had created two classes of children: junior members—who were children of members—and children of attenders. M&M noted that they had struggled with the issue for two years before presenting this proposal.

A Friend noted that the process proposed by M&M would go on for 20 years, because the youngest junior member is nearly two years old. For that reason, everything that M&M is proposing, not just the removal of junior membership, should be put in the Book of Services to prevent loss of institutional memory.

Meeting held over the proposal for seasoning.

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business closed with unprogrammed worship.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shawna Thompson    David R. Wolf       Julie Brozio
Clerk              Recording Clerk      Recording Clerk pro tem
Sections 1-3 and 5-7  Section 4

In attendance: Eleanor Alden, Julie Brozio, Susan Calhoun, Cheryl Diamond, Melissa Fellure, Shari Fradenburgh, Lisa Grenier, Rafael Grenier, Gwen Harvey, John Heid, Deb Holdaway, Jane Kroezen, Vera Lander, Meredith Little, Priscilla Magrath, George Mairs, Judith Peterson, Bill Pier, Bea Quiroga, German Quiroga, Judy Ray, Judith Salzman, Carol Schaedler, Jan Smedley, Ellie Soler, Linda Spencer, Joe Taylor, Shawna Thompson, David R. Wolf, Anna Wyeth
Calendar

January 8: Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
January 15: Adult Spiritual Enrichment Class: 9:20 - 10:10: Showing up for Racial Justice
January 15: AHYM Presentation after fellowship
January 22: Potluck after rise of Meeting for Worship
January 22: “Defending democracy under a Trump Presidency”: 1 pm Discussion
January 29: Annual State of the Meeting Sharing Session

February 5: Adult Spiritual Enrichment Class: 9:20 – 10:10: Learning from SURJ II
February 5: “Defending democracy under a Trump Presidency”: 12:15 Discussion
February 12: Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
February 19: “Defending democracy under a Trump Presidency”: 12:15 Discussion
February 26: Potluck after the rise of Meeting for Worship

March 31 - April 2 - AHYM hosted by PMM

Wednesday evenings –Midweek Meeting for Community Worship: 6:00 PM
at Casa Mariposa, 127 North Palomas, Tucson

Deadline for February Newsletter is January 29

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