

Quakerphernalia

The Newsletter of Bucks Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

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Deadline for Quakerphernalia : By the 11th day of the preceding months publication

MAY 2013

- May 1 1pm Chandler Hall Auxiliary Meeting in the Wright Meeting HouseCafe
May 2 7pm The UN and Restorative Justice Penn Hall, Pennswood Village
May 4 9am BQ Budget and Nominating Meets at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
May 9 7pm BQ Oversight Committee Meets at Buckingham Meetinghouse
May 11 7pm Spiritual Journeys Film Series at Fallsington Meetinghouse **"Meetings with Remarkable Men"**
May 14 7pm BQ Outreach Committee Meets at Pennswood Village
May 16 1:30pm Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village
May 18 8am-2pm Wrightstown Friends Meeting Community Yard Sale
May 18 11am-3pm TQS Day - All School Fair

May 19 9am-3pm Quarterly Meeting at Buckingham hosted by our Doylestown Friends

- My 19 7pm Camp Onas Board Meets at Camp Onas
May 20 6pm Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington Meetinghouse
May 21st 9-11am Open House - The Quaker School at Horsham www.quakerschool.org
May 21 7pm Buckingham Meeting Peace and Social Justice Film Series Presents **"The House I Live In"**
May 23 7:30pm Bucks Quarter Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meetinghouse

Looking Ahead

July 24-28 PYM Annual Session at Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA

August 25 Quarterly Meeting at Fallsington Meeting

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

May ~ Newtown June ~ Solebury July ~ Wrightstown

Worship 11:00**Arrive 10:45**

Sunday, May 19 ~ Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship, and Business

Join Friends and Share Your Light

Buckingham Monthly Meeting 9:15 AM – 3:00 PM

**Doylestown Friends have planned what promises to be a full, rich day,
especially if you are there!**

9 - 10:00 ~ Light breakfast, registration and fellowship

10 - 11:00 ~ **Meeting for Worship** (children are present for the first 15 minutes of worship)

10:15 – Noon ~ **Children's Program: Be A Super S.T.A.R. Problem Solver!**

Children will learn how to be a "Super S.T.A.R." problem-solver. They will learn age-appropriate strategies to Stop, Think, Act & Reflect when they are faced with a social problem. Children will learn how to handle their feelings, talk through problems, and come up with win-win solutions! Activities will include a sharing circle, role-play, and crafts related to the S.T.A.R. lesson. The children's program will be facilitated by professional Peace Educator and Safe Schools Specialist, Christa M. Tinari of PeacePraxis Educational Services in Doylestown, PA. www.peacepraxis.com

11:00 – 12:00 ~ **Adult Program:** Ken Brick, the new coordinator at Friends Counseling Service, will lead the adult program. He will discuss ways to help Friends cope with family crises, transitions, and everyday life including mental health issues. He would like to make it an interactive program with the bulk of his time devoted to discussing questions from us.

12:00 – 1:00 ~ Salads, sandwiches and desserts provided by our Doylestown Friends.

1:00 – 3:00 PM ~ **Meeting for Business:** All are welcome! We will hear from Buckingham, Fallsington, Bristol and Lehigh Valley Meetings, the quarter's Oversight Committee, Chandler Hall, United Friends School the coordinator, Budget and Nominating will bring the final draft of the 2013-2014 budget.

Note: All agenda items for Quarterly Meeting must be to the clerk,

Amy Ward Brimmer, one week prior to Quarterly Meeting.

awbrimmer@gmail.com

WRIGHTSTOWN FRIENDS MEETING YARD SALE SATURDAY MAY 18TH 2013 - 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Spring Yard Sale Event - Kitchenware, Small Appliances, Glassware, Lamps, Books, Children's Toys, Garden Tools - to name a few. Come browse for bargains!

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Tuesdays at Southampton 7:30 PM
Wednesdays at Lehigh Valley 5:00 PM
Wednesdays at Makefield 7:00 AM
Wednesdays at Middletown 7:00 PM

CHANDLER HALL AUXILIARY

The Chandler Hall Auxiliary will meet in the Wright Meeting House cafe on May 1st at 1:00pm.

TEACHING OPPORTUNITY

MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIENDS FIRST DAY SCHOOL

Yardley Friends Religious Education Committee is seeking a creative, energetic Friend to fill the teaching position in their Middle School Friends First Day School Program (5th through 8th grade).

-10 month position beginning first Sunday in September, 2013

-Teaching responsibilities run September – June

-Average of 4 hours per week, includes prep and teaching time

-Compensation is \$5000.00 to be paid monthly over the 10 month position

Qualifications:

-Experience with young adolescents

-Developmental knowledge of the age group

-Knowledge of Quaker principles and practices

-FBI and background checks required

See full Job description at:

Yardleyfriendsmeeting.org/religious-education/

SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS FILM SERIES AT FALLSINGTON MEETINGHOUSE

Saturday, May 11th at 7:00 pm

“Meetings With Remarkable Men” As a young man exploring ancient ruins, Gurdjieff discovers scrolls confirming the existence of a hidden brotherhood long thought to be extinct. He begins a search that leads through unforeseeable hazards and finally to a school where he learns to bring together all the principles of an esoteric teaching. The film, by renowned director Peter Brook, was made on location in the forbidding, rarely photographed mountains and deserts of Afghanistan, and has been widely acclaimed for its unique visual beauty. Free of Charge-All are Welcome!

www.fallsingtonmeeting.org

**Fallsington Friends Meetinghouse
9300 New Falls Rd., Fallsington, PA**

PEACE CENTER CELEBRATION

The Peace Center is celebrating 30 years of peace building – locally and globally! Join us on Saturday, May 4th at the Stocking Works, 301 South State Street, Newtown, PA for an evening filled with live music (local talent), hors d’oeuvres, spirits, fabulous prizes, friends – old & new, and most of all fun! Please come out and support our mission. Admission is \$45.00 in advance, or \$50.00 at the door. Register online at

www.thepeacecenter.org or 215-750-7220.

THE UN AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Karen Dickman, Executive Director of IMTD, will provide a discussion of forgiveness vs. justice under the UN Charter, and of interventions to conflicts. The meeting, sponsored by Bucks County Chapter of United Nations Association, Peace Action Coalition, and The Peace Center, will be held at **7:00 on Thursday, May 2, at Penn Hall, Pennswood Village**, 1382 Newtown-Langhorne Road (Route 413 just south of Newtown).

BUCKINGHAM MEETING PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM SERIES

The House I Live In

Saturday, May 11

From the dealer to the narcotics officer, the inmate to the federal judge, a penetrating look inside America's criminal justice system; revealing the profound human rights implications of U.S. drug policy.

Free Admission.... Starting Time: 7:00 p.m.

Refreshments and Discussion After the Film

Buckingham Friends Meeting House

5684 York Road, Lahaska

For more information, go to

www.buckinghamfriendsmeeting.org or call

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Check out the Tinicum CSA ad on the back
page of this newsletter!**

CARETAKER HOUSE FOR RENT AT MAKEFIELD MEETING

Makefield Meeting is seeking a new tenant for its caretaker house. The new tenant also may take on caretaker duties for the Meeting, if they are interested in doing so. The caretaker house is adjacent to the Makefield meetinghouse, at the corner of Mt. Eyre Road and Dolington Road near Washington Crossing. It is a small, historic two-story building with two bedrooms, and its interior was renovated this year. The rental rate for the house will depend on which caretaker duties (if any) the tenant takes on.

For further information, please contact either

info@makefieldfriendsmeeting.org

or Hugh Shaudys at (215) 493-4259.

MERCER STREET FRIENDS

Meetings in the Quarter sponsor campers

Yardley and Solebury Friends each held fund raising events over the past month to sponsor Trenton inner city children to **Mercer Friends Preschool summer program**. Combined, the meetings have raised \$6,780! Newtown Meeting held a fund raiser on April 19th (after printing of this newsletter). If you would like information on how to help support children this summer at Mercer Street Center contact Bill Heinemann at wwh18940@gmail.com.

*This version of the February Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights.
The minutes in full detail will be brought to Quarterly Meeting in May at
Buckingham Monthly Meeting for consideration.*

BUCKS QUARTER RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS MEETING FOR BUSINESS FEBRUARY 17, 2013 HELD AT BUCKINGHAM MEETINGHOUSE

Clerk: Boris Simkovich (Makefield) **Recording Clerk:** David Rose (Lehigh Valley)

Friends gathered around the appointed hour of 1:00 PM and settled into a period of worship

Agenda reviewed, modified and accepted.

Roll Call of Meetings: Bristol:1, Buckingham:7, Doylestown:1, Fallsington: 2, Lehigh Valley: 2, Makefield: 4, Middletown:5, Newtown: 4, Plumstead: 0, Quakertown NJ: 2, Solebury: 3, Southampton: 2, Wrightstown: 2, Yardley: 2.

QM Minutes cont.

Growth and Sharing stories shared

- Lehigh Valley has two reading groups, one on Thomas Kelly and the other on Quaker History.
- Yardley had a speaker from the Islamic Speakers Bureau of New Jersey. Many misconception of Muslims in the popular culture were discussed
- Middletown is hosting a Hindu Sacred Dance group and the Langhorne Council of the Arts, which provided a program on "Hidden in Plain Sight".
- Fallsington members meet with an inter-religions group. Sam Snipes noted that from his experience that Muslims are seeking ways to establish relationships with other religious groups.
- Solebury had been hosting a Boy Scout Troop, but the relationship has come to an end, with the Troop not asking Solebury to host the Troop again. There is evidence that the hosting by the Meeting has had an influence on members of the Troop.

Coordinator's Report given by Holly Olson, Middletown MM. Inreach portion included a listing of the many meeting holiday events that were attended and updates on the various Quarter affinity groups. Outreach included plans for "Quakerism in a Nutshell" and on the Bucks Food for Friends, which now has 20 participating churches

Outreach Report written by Kellie L. Schlusel-Edens, Yardley MM and presented by Holly Olson. Summary of work in 2012 included: Work on the Quarter Website, Quaker Tent at the Grange Fair, "Quaker Table in a Box", updating the Quarter Brochure, and plans for including videos on the website. Report concluded with appeal for increased meeting participation and new ideas for Outreach.

Budget and Nominating Committee Report given by Betsy Bayardi, clerk of B&N and member of Wrightstown MM.

- Nominating is currently not able to find a person for Assistant Treasurer. Friends were urged to inform their meeting. PYM Nominating Committee has an opening for another Bucks Quarter representative. The Quaker School at Horsham is in need of a Quaker on the Board.
- Audit Report raised the issue of Friend's Fiduciary Fund withdrawal authorization.
- **Minute 1:** Withdrawals from Friends Fiduciary, and checks written for over \$10,000, require the signature of two of the three authorized signatories, Clerk, Treasurer, or Assistant Treasurer. **MINUTE 1 APPROVED**

Treasurer's Report provided by Tim Dwyer, Bristol MM Monthly Meeting contributions are on track. Expense side, with the exception noted at last Quarterly Meeting, is in line with the budget. Assets were reviewed. Budget preparation for upcoming year is behind schedule as a number of Meetings have not responded with their contribution.

Growth Dilemma minute was presented by Bethann Morgan. Buckingham MM has passed this meeting and is forwarding to Bucks Quarter for consideration with the intent of then having it forwarded to Interim Meeting and FCNL.

- We, the Friends of BQM, minute our support to work on ways to limit and change our dependence on a growth based economy. We request that FCNL community and educate our legislators to work towards sustainability, rather than growth, in budget matters.

Concerns with the minute were raised by some Friends. The Clerk reflected that the meeting is not ready to approve a minute in support of the Growth Dilemma Project.

Doylestown Annual Report given by Jill Steelman, clerk. The meeting is a vital community with many speaker presentations, retreats, and Quaker Conversations at the rise if meeting.

Quakertown Annual Report given by Doug Meaker. Highlights were provided and included a new member who turned out to be a great asset with property issues, charitable contributions by the Meeting, and damage done by Storm Sandy.

Makefield Annual Report given by Boris Simkovich, clerk. Boris summarized the efforts of the meeting to halt the decline in membership, to strengthen the community and provide for the property.

Friends Home and Village Report presented by Carol Ashton-Hergenhan, Board President. She noted that current vacancies are not sustainable and that Friends Home and Village needs an 85% fill rate. Feedback from residents regarding the service provided is very favorable.

Meeting ended at 3:00 p.m. with a period of closing worship.

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