

—SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING—

Minutes of the meeting held October 24, 2010
Friends Meeting at Cambridge, Cambridge, Mass.
Sarah Spencer, clerk — Jeff Hipp, recording clerk

10.10.1 Friends of Salem Quarter gathered in worship. 18 Friends were in attendance. The clerk read the query on meeting community from NEYM's *Faith and Practice*:

Do you love one another as becomes the followers of Christ? Do you share each other's joys and burdens? When conflicts arise, do you seek in mutual forgiveness and tenderness to resolve them speedily? Are you careful of the reputation of others? Do you seek beyond all differences of opinion and circumstance for unity in the divine life?

10.10.2 On behalf of nominating committee, the clerk presented two names for approval:

Neil Blanchard, Framingham MM, for nominating committee to serve through 2012,

Jeff Hipp, Cambridge MM, for recording clerk to serve through 2011.

Friends approved.

10.10.3 Jeff Hipp joined the clerks' table as recording clerk.

10.10.4 Having made the minutes of the April 25 and July 11 meetings available for review, the clerk asked if Friends had any changes. Friends approved both sets of minutes. Starting at this meeting, minutes were approved as we went along.

10.10.5 Dody Waring of Wellesley MM read Wellesley Friends' memorial minute for Howard Tompkins. We thanked Wellesley Friends for sharing with the Quarter the life and ministry of this Friend. Friends accepted the recommendation of Ministry and Counsel not to forward this minute to Yearly Meeting.

10.10.6 SQM Ministry and Counsel clerk Kathleen Wooten, Amesbury MM, reported on the second year of SQM's participation in the Boston Pride parade. Rain did not chill our spirits, and the strong neighboring presence of Wellesley MM, which has been marching as a meeting for years, warmed our hearts.

10.10.7 Ministry and Counsel proposed moving the date for the January meeting of the Quarter to January 30, at South Shore Preparative Meeting. Friends approved.

10.10.8 Ministry and Counsel recommended the appointment of a called meeting for extended worship. Such a meeting was held last year at Wellesley MM, and throughout all the other Quarters of the Yearly Meeting. Friends approved, entrusting Ministry and Counsel to set an appropriate time, place, and, perhaps a theme.

10.10.9 The clerk delivered the Treasurer's Report (attached), which was accepted by the meeting.

10.10.10 The clerk shared requests for the support of the three funds under the care of the Quarter. The Funds Allocation Committee recommended that all requests be funded: \$2,000 from the Moses Paige fund for *Gaza Steadfast*, a video based on the photography of Skip Schiel, Cambridge MM; \$1,000 from the Salem Quarter Fund for scholarships to the International Alternatives to Violence Project Conference to be held in Guatemala, fall 2011, requested by Nancy Shippen, Alternatives to Violence Program of Mass; and \$450 from the Salem Quarter Fund for speaker stipends for Beacon Hill Friends House "People Centered Economics" speaker series by Katherine Fisher, Beacon Hill Friends House Program Committee clerk and board member.

Friends approved.

10.10.11 The clerk also offered an explanation of the purposes and restrictions for the three funds. The Buffum, Breed, & Boyce fund offers assistance to Friends in a time of need, and for "religious purposes". Money can be disbursed at any time.

The Moses Paige Fund is to be used as seed money for new projects, for one-time short-term requests.

The Salem Quarter Fund has no restrictions upon it at all.

When Friends request funding, they should make the general request, and the funds allocation committee will determine which fund is best suited to support the request (if any).

There are 2 forms of requests to the funds:

For immediate financial need, the clerk of a meeting or the clerk of a meeting's ministry and counsel committee may contact the clerk of the Quarter or the treasurer of the quarter to request funding from the Buffum, Breed and Boyce funds (under \$1000.)

Grants for meetings, institutions or individuals for projects, aid for travel for Quaker purposes, aid to meetings and institutions toward building or equipment needs, and other uses that promote the ministry of Friends especially those in this quarter, can be applied for twice a year. Email or mail grant requests to the clerk by the 25th of March for consideration in April and by the 25th of September for consideration in October. The funds allocation committee evaluates proposals and recommends action to the quarterly meeting for business. The email address

for the clerk is SalemQMclerk@neym.org. The postal address can be found at www.bhfh.org/sqm.

10.10.12 The clerk presented two items of quarter expenses not included in the budget as originally approved:

- \$150 for possible childcare and or youth program at the planned called meeting for extended worship,
- \$300 for travel expenses for a possible facilitator for the January session on discernment, to be held at South Shore Meeting.

It was noted that the funding for the meeting for extended worship might need to be carried over into fiscal year 2012, depending on scheduling. Friends approved.

10.10.13 The Quaker Studies committee reports they are doing just fine. Fall programs have been fully enrolled.

QSP and BHFH are jointly offering a fall series of talks on “People Centered Economics.” Watch for announcement on winter and spring courses, as well as online courses. Visit www.bhfh.org/qsp to learn more.

10.10.14 Shearman Taber made an announcement for the Beacon Hill Friends House. On Friday Nov 5, the annual Weed lecture will be given by Ben Pink Dandelion, Quaker scholar from England. His talk will be titled, “Quakers, Simple and Cosmopolitan.” Friends are encouraged to attend.

10.10.15 Minga Claggett-Borne reported on her travels funded by SQM grants. She recently completed a circuit of visiting all the meetings in the Quarter. How can Friends who have vehement, some times oppositional views, come to sit in the same room, worship together, express themselves, and perhaps even come to unity?

Traveling with a companion, in the traditional manner of Friends has provided her with opportunities for worship, eldership, spiritual companionship, and growth. Minga encouraged us all to get out there and see other meetings.

10.10.16 Mary Hopkins brought up a question from the Cambridge MM Library Committee: If your meeting has a library, how is your library cataloged? Do you use cataloging software? Please contact Mary with your meeting’s practices or your thoughts.

10.10.17 The clerk reported that the YM Committee on Aging has changed its mission statement. A commitment to serve the monthly meetings and the Yearly Meeting has been extended to a commitment to serve the monthly meetings, the quarterly meetings and the yearly meeting. Salem quarter looks forward to greater interaction with this committee.

10.10.18 Friends closed in worship. We will meet again on January 30 at South Shore Meeting, God willing.

Friends in attendance: Cynthia Ganung, Carol Bellin, Mary Hopkins, Katy Cullinan, Ben Warner, Dody Waring, Ginny Wilson, Shearman Taber, Stephanie Mossera; Kim West, David Myers, Kathleen Wooten, Minga Claggett-Borne, Kenneth Glover