

—SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING—  
Minutes of the meeting held April 17, 2011  
Action Friends Meeting, West Concord, Massachusetts  
Sarah Spencer, clerk — Jeff Hipp, recording clerk

11.4.1 Friends of Salem Quarter gathered in worship. Sixteen Friends were in attendance. The clerk read the query on stewardship from New England Yearly Meeting (NEYM) *Faith and Practice*:

Do you revere all life and the splendor of God's continuing creation? Do you try to protect the natural environment and its creatures against abuse and harmful exploitation? Do you regard your possessions as given to you in trust, and do you part with them freely to meet the needs of others? Are you frugal in your personal life and committed to the just distribution of the world's resources?

11.4.2 Friends accepted the approved minutes of the October 24, 2010 business meeting of the Quarter.

11.4.3 Jonathan Vogel-Borne (FMaC) read Friends Meeting at Cambridge's **memorial minute for Virginia Townsend**. We gave thanks for the ministry of Virginia's life, and **approved** forwarding this minute to the Permanent Board.

11.4.4 Suzanna Schell (BHFM) on behalf of the **Funds Allocation Committee** presented its report, which includes recommendations for the distribution of funds from the income of the Buffum, Breed and Boyce (BBB), Moses Paige and Salem Quarter funds (attached). The committee received nine requests totaling more than \$11,000. They recommend allocating \$4,850 for six of the requests. While three projects are not recommended for any funding this year, this is not a reflection on the value of their mission, but rather that they don't fit the criteria of the funds as closely as other requests. Friends **approved** these recommendations.

The Quarterly Meeting is in the process of developing an application form for grants, which will provide additional information such as total project budgets.

11.4.5 The clerk proposed the Quarter use its summer gathering to raise funds for Friends Camp, which made one of the three requests not funded by the Quarter Funds. It was discerned that we need to be better informed as to what the needs of Friends Camp are. Kathleen Wooten, co-clerk of the Quarter Ministry & Counsel, will contact the Yearly Meeting Friends Camp Committee to learn how the Quarter might be able to support their fundraising.

11.4.6 The clerk delivered the Quarter **Treasurer's report** (attached) on behalf of treasurer Susan Thomforde (FPond). The meeting accepted the treasurer's report.

11.4.7 The clerk presented the Quarter's **FY 2012 budget** (attached), which Friends **approved**.

11.4.8 Theodora Waring (Well) read Wellesley Friends' **memorial minute for Elise Boulding**.

The following endorsement, prepared by Salem Quarter, was also read.

We remember Elise with fondness and with respect for her many ministries. One that bears noting is the prison ministry she was part of at the Norfolk Recognized Meeting which meets at Norfolk Prison under the care of Wellesley Meeting. Elise was a regular attender at their weekly meeting for worship as long as she was able. The Norfolk Meeting meant a great deal to her. After she could no longer get to it, she always asked about the Meeting and asked that the men in the prison be told how much she missed them.

Friends **approved** forwarding Wellesley's memorial minute, as well as this endorsement, to Permanent Board.

11.4.9 Neil Blanchard, the **nominating committee**, delivered the nominating report. The following Friends' names were brought forward:

Funds Committee - Suzanna Schell (BHFMM) through 2014  
Ministry & Counsel (co-clerk) - Judith Goldberger (BHFMM) through 2013  
Recording Clerk – Jeff Hipp (FPond) through 2012

Friends **approved**. There are currently open spaces on the Nominating Committee, Quaker Studies Committee, Beacon Hill Friends House Corporation and the Mass Council of Churches representative.

11.4.10 David and Nancy Haines (Well) have been named as the co-clerks of the 2012 Friends General Conference Gathering. Wellesley Friends Meeting asked that this minute of support be shared with Friends:

Wellesley Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends strongly supports David and Nancy Haines as they begin their service to Friends General Conference by accepting the position of co-clerks of the 2012 Gathering, to be held at the University of Rhode Island. David and Nancy have each served as Clerks of Wellesley Meeting. In addition, they have served New England Yearly Meeting with dedication in a variety of ways. Their warm demeanor, their deep religious faith, and their capacity for hard work will serve them well as they begin their journey.

*Approved by Wellesley Friends Meeting, 2/13/2011*

11.4.11 Kathleen Wooten & Judy Goldberger, co-clerks of Salem Quarterly Meeting Ministry & Counsel Committee, (SQM M&C) offered the **annual report of Quarter Ministry & Counsel**. The quarter has experimented with having a theme for its three 2010-11 gatherings — discernment. Also, through the varying events, impasses and struggles over the course the year within the Quarter, the practice of listening and finding ways to better know each other in that which is eternal revealed itself as the right way forward.

Over the past few years, participating in the **Boston Pride Parade** has been enlivening to the Quarter community. Volunteers are needed to continue this ministry, both to publicize it among Friends and to serve as parade “marshalls” — liasons between the marching ministry and the Pride organization. Jennifer Burgin volunteered to serve as a parade marshal, while Judy, Kathleen, and Jeffrey Hipp agreed to collaborate on publicity and intervisitation.

11.4.12 Judy submitted Ministry & Counsel’s proposed **State of Society report** for Salem Quarterly Meeting (attached). Friends approved the report with gratitude, entrusting Judy and Sarah to adjust the final sentence and include information about the Quaker Studies program.

11.4.13 Cynthia Ganung (Well) of the New England YM FWCC Committee told us about the possibility of **hosting an event associated with the FWCC Sixth World Conference of Friends** which will be held in 2012 in Kenya, with the theme of “*Being Salt & Light: Friends living the Kingdom of God in a broken world.*” There are traveling Friends workshops hosted by FWCC on this theme. We have the opportunity to do such a workshop this Fall. Valarie Joy, Executive of the Asia and West Pacific Region, and Abel Sibonio, a Burundian pastor now living in Australia might be available to present. There would be a commitment to raise funds through this event to support the World Conference attendance of Friends from other parts of the world, which this Quarter has already done some of. This doesn’t require a new committee — just a decision on whether this is something we are led to co-sponsor and publicize. Friends **approved**.

11.4.13 Friends approved the following **bank resolution**:

That the Salem Quarter treasurer (currently Susan Thomforde) be authorized to open and close bank accounts in the name of Salem Quarterly Meeting as needed, and the Salem Quarter treasurer and the clerk of Salem Quarter (currently Sarah Spencer) be designated as alternate signers, individually, of all bank accounts of Salem Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, for the ensuing year or until a successor is appointed and qualified.

The clerk and recording clerk are authorized to adjust the wording of this minute as required by the bank.

The minutes up to this point were approved during the course of the meeting as is our practice.

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11.4.14 Jeremiah Dickinson and Beth Collea (Well) offer Friends laminated maps of the Yearly Meeting. Donations are welcome to cover costs (around \$10) but certainly not required. They also have laminated copies of the the Minute of Purpose approved by the Permanent Board and a quote by George Fox.

11.4.15 Friends closed in worship. We will meet again, God willing, on October 23, at Wellesley Friends Meeting.

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**Friends in attendance:** *Neil Blanchard, Beth Collea, Jeremiah Dickinson, Suzanna Schell, Mehmet Roma, Edward Mair, Kathleen Wooten, Jonathan Vogel-Borne, Shearman Taber, Judy Goldberger, Cynthia Ganung, Dody Waring, Sybille Barlow, Jennifer Burgin.*

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#### Report of the Funds Committee to Salem Quarterly Meeting 4/17/11

One of Funds Committee's tasks is to determine how a grant fits into the funds criteria.

**Moses Paige grants** – Furthering the ministries of Friends in Salem Quarter, seed-money or funding for distinct projects, no support for the budgets or ongoing expenses of Quaker institutions, committees or individuals. The Funds Committee may plan to recommend that part of a grant be given at one Quarterly Meeting and the balance at a later Quarterly Meeting.

**Salem Quarter grants** – unrestricted, but limited by QM minutes concerning not supporting budgets or ongoing expenses of Quaker institutions, committees or individuals. Priorities in recommending grants:

- furthering the ministries of Salem Quarter Friends
- advancing interrelationship among Friends
- enriching the life of Salem Quarterly Meeting

Money from Salem Quarter grants is used to fund the budget of the quarterly meeting.

**Buffum, Breed and Boyce grants** – income from legacies to Lynn and Salem meetings transferred to QM in the '90's. Income can be used for the support of needy Friends (by decision of the Clerk of QM and the Treasurer of QM, at the request of a meeting's clerk or M&C clerk) or by decision of the funds committee at its regular meetings for 'religious purposes' or support of a needy Friend.

The following requests were received prior to this Quarterly Meeting:

**\$1335 --- Dr. Harold Weaver**, author of the new book *Black Fire: African American Quakers on Spirituality and Human Rights*: and member of Wellesley Meeting. **For travel** to Woodbrooke in England to lead a workshop at and participate in the Quakers Uniting in Publications (QUIP) Conference, April 28 – May 2, 2011.

**\$850 --- Prison Fellowship Committee, Friends Meeting at Cambridge**, to file an application for 501c3 (tax-exempt) status with the Internal Revenue Service for Cambridge Bail and Legal Defense Fund.

**\$1000 --- Alternatives to Violence Project** (Nancy Shippen) – grant to scholarship fund for third-world attenders at October 2011 International Conference. Nancy is clerk of the Scholarship Committee and AVP is part of her ministry. She is a member of Fresh Pond Meeting.

**\$1000 – Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)** 6th World Gathering support for the attendance of Friends from less privileged areas of the world (Jonathan Vogel-Borne)

**\$1000 - FWCC 6th World Gathering** \$500 for each at-large delegate attending from Salem QM (Jonathan Vogel-Borne) \$500 each to support Minga Claggett-Borne (Friends Meeting at Cambridge) and Anne Nash (Wellesley Friends Meeting).

**\$1000 – Raul Perez** (clerk, El Salvador YM) to participate in an African Great Lakes Initiative work camp that will turn a clinic into a hospital in Burundi in June and July. Requested by Ben Guaraldi (Beacon Hill Friends Meeting). 1. Raul (a biomedical engineering technician in El Salvador) feels called to hospital work in Africa. 2. Ben is exploring a call to support that work.

**\$500 – Lisa Forbush- Umholz** (Amesbury Meeting) – leading a group to a work camp in Panama.

**\$1500 - Deborah Colgan** – Scholarship funds for Camp Hawkeye.

**\$3000 – Friends Camp** – toward the expenses of the kitchen renovation.

The committee's recommendations are tabulated on the reverse.

### Funds Committee Recommendations

to Salem Quarterly Meeting at its business meeting - 4/17/2011

Fund distributions at this meeting are based on the balance in the grant accounts on 3/31/11. It is our practice to distribute the income received over the 2 quarters preceding the April quarterly meeting in April and the income received in the 2 quarters preceding the October quarterly meeting in October.

Request	Requested Amount:	Recom mended Grant:	Moses			Comments
			BBB	Paige	SQM	
Balances 4/1/11			\$642.18	\$2,736.55	\$1,998.05	
Dr. Harold Weaver-QUIP travel	\$1,335.10	\$1000		\$1,000.00		A recognized ministry with meeting support
Nancy Shippen, AVP scholarships <sup>1</sup>	\$1,000.00	\$1000			\$1,000.00	Continuing support for a recognized ministry with meeting supporting
Prison Fellowship Cmte, FMC	\$850.00	\$850		\$850.00		A ministry of the meeting
FWCC local Friends (at-large) <sup>2</sup>	\$1,000.00	\$500		\$500.00		Promotes relationships among the branches of Friends.
FWCC International reps <sup>2</sup>	\$1,000.00	\$500			\$500.00	Promotes relationships among branches of Friends
Ben Guaraldi for Raul Perez	\$1,000.00	\$1000	\$116.40	\$386.55	\$498.05	Grant would support both Ben's and Raul's emerging ministries
D. Colgan for Camp Hawkeye <sup>3</sup>	\$1,500.00	\$0				Not directly related to Quakerism
L. Forbush-Umholtz – Panama trip <sup>4</sup>	\$500.00	\$0				Not directly related to a meeting or a Quaker project or organization
Friends Camp-kitchen <sup>5</sup>	\$3000	\$0				This would be repeated support which we had not originally planned
Amount debited from fund:			\$116.40	\$2,736.55	\$1,998.05	
Remaining in fund:			\$525.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	

1. Second installment of \$2000, \$1000 was granted in October 2010.
2. Funds Committee recommends giving \$500 more in October 2011.
3. A worthy project but not Quaker.
4. An individual initiative.
5. SQM gave \$3000 to China Camp last April.

Treasurers report FY 2011

	BBB grants	Moses Paige grants	Salem Q Grants	other	Total Funds
Balance 4/1/10					
Income					
Pooled funds	\$1,036.91	\$4,537.53	\$2,720.86		\$8,295.30
1 <sup>st</sup> half FY 11	12.50%	54.70%	32.80%		
2 <sup>nd</sup> half FY 11	\$570.32	\$2,495.70	\$1,496.51		\$4,562.53
Donations	\$434.95	\$1,903.32	\$1,141.30	\$90.57	\$3,479.56
Funds Available	\$2,042.18	\$8,936.55	\$5,358.67		\$16,337.39
<b>Expenses</b>					
Quaker Studie			-\$1,000.00		-\$1,000.00
New England Friends Home			-\$300.00		-\$300.00
Puente de Amigos			-\$300.00		-\$300.00
Clerk's expenses			-\$34.62		-\$34.62
Speaker January QM			-\$120.00		-\$120.00
Gay pride parade			-\$156.00		-\$156.00
<b>GRANTS</b>					
Friends Camp request			-\$3,000.00		-\$3,000.00
Beacon Hill Friends House Speaker Series			-\$200.00		-\$200.00
Cambridge Support of Kenyan Teacher			-\$1,000.00		-\$1,000.00
Need-based allocation					
Gaza Steadfast project-Skip Schiel	-\$100.00	-\$2,000.00			-\$2,100.00
BHFH speaker series					
AVP - scholarships to Guatemala conf. need based allocation	-\$1,000.00				-\$1,000.00
total expended	\$1,400.00	\$6,200.00	\$3,360.62		-\$10,960.62
Balance 3/31/11	\$642.18	\$2,736.55	\$1,998.05		\$5,376.77

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Salem Quarterly Meeting FY12 Budget

	BBB Grants	Moses Paige Grants	SQM fund Grants	misc. income	Total
Estimated income through 3/31/12					
Total (est.) income FY 12:					
\$7,411 per 100 shares					
per fund (FY 12):	95818 shares				
percent of shares/income	12.50%	54.70%	32.80%		
income credited (est.)	\$886.32	\$3,878.52	\$2,325.69		<b>\$7,090.53</b>
Expenses					
Quaker Studies – April			\$500.00		
Quaker Studies- October			\$500.00		
Program – April	\$150.00				
Program – October	\$450.00				
Gay Pride parade fee – October			\$200.00		
Clerk's expenses			\$150.00		
Total budgeted expenses					<b>\$1,950.00</b>
2012 income remaining (est)	\$286.32	\$3,878.52	\$975.69		<b>\$5,140.53</b>

for approval 4/17/11