

—SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING—
Minutes of the meeting held October 23, 2011
Wellesley Friends Meeting, Wellesley, Massachusetts
Sarah Spencer, clerk — Jeff Hipp, recording clerk

11.10.1 Friends of Salem Quarter gathered in worship. Some 17 Friends were in attendance. The clerk read the query on social responsibility from New England Yearly Meeting's *Faith and Practice*:

Do you respect the worth of every human being as a child of God? Do you uphold the right of all persons to justice and human dignity? Do you endeavor to create political, social, and economic institutions, which will sustain and enrich the life of all? Do you fulfill all civic obligations, which are not contrary to divine leadings? Do you give spiritual and material support to those who suffer for conscience's sake?

11.10.2 Judy Goldberger, co-clerk of the committee, offered a report from Salem Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel: It is the role of Ministry & Counsel to strengthen the spiritual life of the quarter, both at quarter gatherings and throughout the year. For the past two years, M&C has experimented with programmatic themes for quarterly gatherings.

The committee plans the program for January quarterly meetings. (The programs for October and April quarterly meetings are planned by the host monthly meeting.) This year our programs will explore the theme of prayer. SQM M&C asks 1) for suggestions for particular topics or presenters (on the theme of prayer) that speak to your condition or that of your meeting 2) Friends called to serve with the co-clerks on an ad-hoc planning committee. This Quarterly Meeting will be January 22, 2012 at North Shore Meeting. In response, the subject of children and prayer arose. Beth Collea came forward to help develop program.

11.10.3 We listened to a memorial minute from Friends Meeting at Cambridge for Emily Sander. Ministry and Counsel recommended this minute be sent on to NEYM's Permanent Board. Giving thanks for the ministry of Emily's life, **we approved.**

11.10.4 Sarah Spencer presented the treasurer's report (attached) on behalf of the treasurer, Susan Thomford.

11.10.5 One \$1,000 grant approved in April 2011 was withdrawn upon request of the recipient. However, whether fortuitously or by Divine design, a miscommunication between clerk and treasurer led to the grants for at-large attenders to the FWCC World Gathering in 2012 being \$500 more than initially approved. Friends retroactively **approved** increasing this grant to \$1,000.

11.10.6 Sarah Spencer presented the funds committee report. The committee recommends awarding six grants (attached) in response to requests made by individual Friends. **We approved.**

11.10.7 We listened to a memorial minute from Friends Meeting at Cambridge for Al Starr. We thanked Cambridge Friends for sharing with the Quarter the life and ministry of this Friend. We accepted the recommendation of Ministry and Counsel not to forward this minute to Yearly Meeting.

11.10.8 Judy Goldberger, co-clerk of Ministry & Counsel, offered a proposal on behalf of M&C for a regularly scheduled summer social. In recent years, SQM has organized an ad-hoc summer picnic. Friends have responded enthusiastically. The planning required to find a date and a host meeting every year has become burdensome. SQM M&C proposes that a summer social become the fourth meeting of the QM, to be held annually on the 3rd Sunday in July (or an agreeable date within the week before or after that Sunday). This summer social will be included in the rotation of host meetings for Quarterly Meeting. **We approved.**

11.10.9 Ken Glover (NSho) read a memorial minute from North Shore Friends Meeting for Gabriele Vawter. We gave thanks for the ministry of Gabrielle's life, and thank North Shore Meeting for sharing it with Salem Quarter Friends. We accepted the recommendation of Ministry and Counsel not to forward this minute to Yearly Meeting.

11.10.10 Janice Sifferlen, clerk of Lawrence Friends Meeting, read a travel minute from Lawrence Meeting (attached) for member Kathleen Wooten. Lawrence Meeting asked that this travel minute be endorsed by the Quarter. **We approved.** A Friend whose meeting was visited by Kathleen expressed joy for the ministry of presence she had offered.

11.10.11 Neil Blanchard (Fram) of Nominating Committee joyfully brought forward the following nominations to the Nominating Committee: Emily Neumann (FPon) and Edward Mair (Ames). **We approved** with equal joy.

11.10.12 Nancy Ruggiero (FMaC) read a memorial minute from Friends Meeting at Cambridge for Arthur Pennell. Ministry and Counsel recommended this minute be sent on to NEYM's Permanent Board. Giving thanks for the ministry of Arthur's life, **we approved.**

11.10.13 Katherine Fischer offered a report for the Quaker Studies Committee. (attached) The committee was led to raise the fees for the online courses, in order to be more equitable in pay to online and offline course facilitators. One participant spoke to the benefit he received from an online course, which encouraged him to participate at a greater level than conventional workshops.

11.10.14 Friends closed in worship. We will meet again, God willing, on January 22, 2012 at North Shore Meeting.

Friends in attendance: *Neil Blanchard (Fram), Janice Sifferlen (Lawr), Beth Collea (Well), Ann Armstrong (Act), Doug Armstrong (Act), Tim Parish (Ames),*

*Nancy Ruggiero (Camb), Roland Stearn (Well), Kathleen Wooten (Lawr),
Maille Wooten (Lawr), Shearman Taber (BHill), Cynthia Ganung (Well),
Katherine Fischer (BHill), Judy Goldberger (BHill), Ken Glover (NSho)*

Quaker Studies Committee

Annual Report for the 2010 - 2011 program year

In 2010/2011 Quaker Studies offered a 3 program speaker series on Quaker Centered Economics, 2 evening courses and 4 workshops in the Boston area, 5 online courses and 1 hybrid course (a retreat and an online course of study) which was offered in cooperation with Woolman Hill. 140 students enrolled, altogether. 29 of these students received financial aid. Total revenue was \$5015.00. Expenses totaled \$5005.67.

After due discernment, the committee decided to raise fees for online courses (which had been calculated at \$5 per student per week) to a sliding scale of \$7.50 to \$12.50 per student per week. This allows higher pay for courses with content which includes original work by the instructor and it generally recognizes the amount of work involved in supporting an online class. The new fees begin 9/1/11.

This was a very successful year, with good response to Quaker Studies offerings. The committee is grateful to Salem Quarter for its continued support, which allows us to bring in teachers from a distance and provides ample funding for scholarships.

Presented by Katherine Fisher, co-clerk, Quaker Studies Committee
The Quaker Studies Committee oversees the Quaker Studies program. Its members are named by Salem Quarterly Meeting and Beacon Hill Friends House.

Salem Quarter Proposed Funds Distribution

	Amount Requested	Recommended Grant	Buffum Breed Boyce Income	Moses Paige Income	Salem Quarter Fund Income	
Account Balances 9/30			\$770.08	\$1,726.45	\$1,034.64	\$3,531.17
Quaker Studies (budget)	\$500.00				-\$500.00	
Clerks Expenses (budget)	\$150.00				-\$150.00	
Quarter Program (budget)	\$450.00		-\$400.00		-\$50.00	
Proposed grants						
FWCC World Gathering	\$500.00	\$500.00		-\$500.00		
FWCC WG (travel R. Stern)	\$500.00	\$350.00		-\$350.00		
FWCC WG (travel R. Miller)	\$500.00	\$350.00		-\$350.00		
Program (FWCC) Being Salt & Light (2)	\$500.00	\$500.00		-\$300.00		
B.Phipps (travel in teaching ministry)	\$900.00	\$450.00	-\$188.91	-\$25.39	-\$235.70	
New Story Group – showing of Journey of the Universe (1)	\$1,400.00	\$300.00		-\$201.06	-\$98.94	
S. Bruyn (musical performance)	\$2,000.00	\$0.00				
Balance in funds			\$181.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	

(1) Provided budget but did not specify amount requested

(2) \$200 will come from Quarter Program line item

Treasurer's Report 10.23.11

	BBB	MP	SQM	
Balance 3/31/11	\$642.18	\$2,736.55	\$1,998.05	
Disbursed				
Quaker Studies (April)			\$500.00	
Program (April)	\$150.00			
Grant/H. Weaver		\$1,000.00		
Grant/AVP			\$1,000.00	
Grant/Prison Fellowship Cmte		\$850.00		
Grant/FWCC			\$500.00	
Grant/travel for FWCC	\$116.40	\$883.60		
Grant/R. Perez		\$0.00		
Balance after disbursements	\$375.78	\$2.95	\$498.05	
Income	\$2,537.98			
% to each acct	0.125	0.547	0.328	
\$ to each acct	\$317.25	\$1,388.28	\$832.46	
Account balances 10/1	\$693.03	\$1,391.23	\$1,330.51	\$3,414.76

BBB – Buffum/Breed/Boyce fund (religious purposes and support for Friends in need)

MP – Moses Paige Fund (primarily seed money for Friends' new initiatives)

SQM – Salem Quarter Fund – to support Friends' leadings and the health of the Quarter

Travel Minute

Lawrence Monthly Meeting

Tenth Month 16, 2011

Salem Quarterly Meeting

New England Yearly Meeting

To Friends Everywhere,

Kathleen Wooten is a member of the Lawrence (Massachusetts) Monthly Meeting of the New England Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. Kathleen carries a concern for encouraging intervisitation among Friends meetings, especially those within the New England Yearly Meeting. Kathleen continues to be guided in these visits on a journey of learning both from and with our wider community of Friends.

Kathleen currently serves as co-clerk of the Ministry and Counsel committee of the Salem (MA) Quarterly Meeting. She is also a member of the intervisitation sub-committee of NEYM's Ministry and Counsel. In that role she has visited a score of meetings within the New England Yearly Meeting within the past two years. Most recently she has also felt led to visit in worship and fellowship with Friends within Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative), Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative), the Friends General Conference Gathering of 2011, and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

We commend Kathleen to your Christian care and Friendship.

Signed at the direction of and on behalf of Lawrence Monthly Meeting,

Janice Sifferlen, clerk

Lawrence MM

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Signed at the direction of and on behalf of Salem Quarterly Meeting, New England Yearly Meeting,

Sarah Spencer, clerk