

Salem Quarterly Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held October 28, 2012
Friends Meeting at Cambridge, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Sarah Spencer, clerk – Emily Taber, recording clerk

12.10.1 Friends of Salem Quarter gathered in Worship. Seventeen Friends were in attendance. The clerk read from *The Mind of Christ, Bill Taber on Meeting for Business* (Pendle Hill Pamphlet #406)

12.10.2 Friends reviewed and accepted the minutes from our April meeting.

12.10.3 Beacon Hill Friends Meeting sent a letter and minute regarding FUM personnel policy and donations to FUM, explaining that they have experienced a year of discernment and as a result, they have released their withheld funds to FUM and that they will be continuing to engage with issues of sexuality in the wider world of Friends. This letter was shared with all monthly and quarterly meetings in New England for information purposes. Friends asked questions and were answered by members of the Beacon Hill committee that wrote the minute and its new engagement committee. Friends also expressed gratitude for the work that Beacon Hill has done in engaging with these issues. The clerk encouraged Friends present to bring this minute forward to meetings who may not have discussed it earlier.

12.10.4 The clerk presented the Nominating committee report on behalf of Nominating Committee. The nominations were:

- Treasurer: Ralph Gentile (Lawrence) until 4th mo. 2014 (Ralph has served as interim Treasurer since April 2012)
 - Ministry & Counsel at-large: Nancy Ruggiero (FMaC) until 4th mo. 2014
- Friends **approved** these nominations and offered their gratitude for the work of the Nominating Committee.

12.10.5 Ralph Gentile, Treasurer presented the financial results for the first half of FY '13 (1 April 2012-30 Sept 2012). The Treasurer wanted Friends to be aware of the decrease in income from the NEYM Pooled Funds. Friends accepted this report.

12.10.6 Holly Lapp (FMaC) from the Funds committee presented the list of funding requests and grant recommendations. The list of funding recommendations was as follows:

- Minga Claggett-Borne - \$600 (\$500 from Moses Paige, \$100 from SQM Fund)
- Beth Collea - \$630 (\$630 from Moses Paige)
- Ian Harrington - \$500 (\$500 from Moses Paige)
- Virginia Swain - \$500 (\$500 from SQM Fund)
- Kathleen Wooten - \$370 (\$170 from Buffum Breed Boyce, \$200 from Moses Paige)

Holly noted that Minga Claggett-Borne has withdrawn her request as she received full funding from another source. The funds committee recommends putting the \$600 from Minga's request back into the fund accounts from which they came. Friends **approved** the recommendations of the Funds Committee.

12.10.7 Holly Lapp also responded to the minute from the April meeting (12.4.8) requesting a clarifying minute on acceptable uses for the Moses Paige Fund and SQM Fund. The Funds Committee will be working with Ralph to create such a minute to present at a future quarterly meeting.

12.10.8 Ralph Gentile presented the financial projections for the second half of FY '13 (1 Oct 2012-31 March 2013), with an adjustment reflecting the money that will not be granted to Minga Claggett-Borne (see 12.10.6). Friends accepted this report.

12.10.9 The clerk read the travel minute for Brian Drayton (Weare) that speaks to his leading to meet with Friends in each Quarterly Meeting of New England Yearly Meeting who are interested in vocal ministry. Brian has asked if it would be possible for him to organize a meeting of Friends in the Quarter. Some Friends expressed concern about the wording in the travel minute about Friends' vocal ministry having to be "validated" by their meeting, as it might create a barrier to people's participation. A suggestion that the invitation could go through meetings' Ministry & Counsel committees, who could then approach individuals as a way to address the issue of "validation" was met with enthusiasm. Friends agreed that we were comfortable with Brian arranging these meetings.

12.10.10 Friends accepted the minutes of the action items from this meeting.

12.10.11 Nancy Ruggiero presented a request for reaffirmation of Minute of Denominational Endorsement for Galen McNemar on behalf of Friends Meeting at Cambridge Ministry and Counsel. On July 11, 2010, SQM approved having the Clerk sign a Minute of Denominational Endorsement for Galen McNemar Hamann (FmaC) as she prepared to become a chaplain. Nancy asked the meeting to entrust Sarah Spencer as clerk of SQM with signing a document continuing Denominational Endorsement for Galen as she completes her studies and receives certification. That minute will be forwarded to the clerk of Friends Meeting at Cambridge for signing. Friends are comfortable with this action.

12.10.12 In response to a concern that there may be other documents related to Galen's chaplaincy that would need to be signed before we next gather for quarterly business, Friends **approved** authorizing the SQM clerk to sign documents approved by Friends Meeting at Cambridge and their Ministry and Counsel for Galen McNemar Hamann's certification to become a chaplain (through March 2013).

12.10.13 The clerk announced that our next program will take place at Framingham Friends Meeting on the last first day of first month, 2013 with the theme of "Time & Money" (this time with an emphasis on personal experience, rather than as a meeting).

12.10.14 Judy Goldberger (BHFm) and Jeff Hipp (Amesbury) have been coordinating Salem QM's participation in Boston's annual Pride Parade. They are looking for volunteer(s) for this work, which involves being an email contact for Pride, making sure

that the QM Treasurer is informed when the fee has to be paid, filling in the information to get us signed up and encouraging participation from all our monthly meetings. Interested Friends should contact Judy Goldberger.

12.10.15 Friends closed in grateful worship.

Friends in Attendance: Ken Haase, Margaret Benefiel, Doug Armstrong, Ann Armstrong, Katherine Fisher, Beth Collea, Minga Claggett-Borne, Holly Lapp, Emily Taber, Sarah Spencer, Shearman Taber, Cynthia Ganung, Ralph Gentile, Nancy Ruggiero, Frederick Martin, David Anick, Kim West, Ian Harrington