

HAMILTON MONTHLY MEETING  
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#### REFRESHMENTS FOR MEETING FOR WORSHIP

10 January: Helen; 17 January: Glenna & Carol Leigh; 24 January: Jean; 31 January: Ray

7 February: \*\*\*\*; 14 February: Laura; 21 February: \*\*\*\*; 28 February: \*\*\*\*

#### UPCOMING DATES – PLEASE COME!

**22 January:** It's a Party! – Intergenerational Potluck;

**24 January:** Cambridge Worship Group

**19 – 21 February:** Residential retreat at Crieff Hills.

**25 February:** Pizza, DVD on Uranium Issues and Discussion;

**26 March:** Potluck and Robbie M's story of Trout Lake NWT's story;

**30 May:** Potluck and Tour of Ian's farm

#### FGC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AT HMM: HELP NEEDED

Help is needed for the weekend of 17 – 19 September 2010 when HMM hosts the FGC Development Committee. We have a Coordinator for Food and need Coordinators for Billets and Transportation. 20 – 25 people are expected.

#### A WORD FROM THE ARCHIVE COMMITTEE

Finally, Friends, our decades-long collection of unattended chaos (in our papers,

photos, tapes, etc.) is being attended to. Robbie M and Jean are working every Friday at the Meetinghouse, making a good start on the tasks before us. As we proceed, we may ask for volunteers for sorting, scanning or photocopying, filing, and sending a year's worth at a time to the CYM archive.

Watch for the announcement of a spring "field trip" to the archive, where we will meet with Jane Zavitz-Bond, see what's in the collections there, and have a look at HMM's materials. Since it's been 10 or 15 years since anything's been submitted to Jane, we will probably take a long-overdue collection of the items being prepared by Jean and Robbie.

Meantime, we **request...**

(1) that all former clerks and recording clerks, and anyone who has Quaker-related materials at home (photos, tapes, newsletters, etc), bring it to the Meetinghouse. Don't try to sort it out or reduce it – whether in boxes or bags, please place your materials with your name affixed, in the locked cupboard upstairs (not in the "attic" please).

(2) that if you have an orderly collection of minutes and their attachments, and would like to help, please put them in the top drawer of the filing cabinet in the Pendle Hill Room. There are file folders and a pen ready for you to mark the dates of the minutes, which should be filed chronologically from recent (front of drawer) to earlier (back of drawer). If you have duplicates, please put them in anyway, with the ones that are already filed for the same dates. We will choose the best ones to keep. **IMPORTANT:** please, without fail, log your filing in the red binder that serves as a filing log. It is on top of the filing cabinet.

(3) that you never remove materials from the Meetinghouse without letting Jean or Robbie know. Of course, when borrowing books, follow the usual procedures.

(4) that you bring us shoe or boot boxes, or small boxes suitable for 8.5 by 11 inch papers. This is for a vast sorting project which will include odd-shaped item as well as papers.

#### **NEED MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS BUSINESS MEETINGS?**

You can find Minutes from previous Meetings for Worship for Business, as well as other information on things Quaker at the Hamilton Monthly Meeting web site,

<http://www.hwcn.org/link/hmm/>

## **WOULD YOU LIKE A CAT?**

Our daughter, Sarah, thinks she will have to give up one of her cats, Mingus, around February or March. He is a handsome, sandy colored, indoor cat who is eight years old. Mingus is neutered and has all his shots. Parting with Mingus is very sad for Sarah and she'd like to find a good home for him. If you might be interested or know someone who would like a mature cat please contact us for more information. By the way, we would love to take Mingus whom we've known since he was a baby but our son, Simon, is allergic to cats (sigh). Thanks for considering this. Harriet and Don

## **HAMILTON MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS**

### **MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS**

**SUNDAY, 10 JANUARY, 2010**

**Present:** Deborah (guest), Glenna, Jean, Robbie M, Andy (Clerk), Rob, Betty, Dick, Wilf, Beverly, Louise, Carol Leigh (Recording Clerk), Don, Harriet

**Regrets:** Mona C, Chris

1. **Worship:** Meeting began with silent worship at 12:35
2. **Minutes** of the Meeting of 6 December 2009 were approved as read.
3. **Business Arising**
  - 3.1 **Memorial Minute for Denise Barron** will be ready in February.

#### **3.2 Potlucks**

**3.2.1 January 22: Intergenerational evening.** Preparations are underway – games and singing have been proposed. Don will call DARTS to attempt to enable Rex to attend. Children who are connected to Friends but don't necessarily attend Meeting are very welcome – this is a party!

**3.2.2 February 25: DVD on uranium issues** with pizza. Bev will contact CFSC for another copy of the DVD which can't be found at present (if you have it, please return it!).

**3.2.3 March 26: Robbie M** will present the story of a community book developed in the Northwest Territories.

**3.2.4 April:** instead of a potluck at the Meetinghouse, it has been suggested that we take a **field trip to the Canadian Yearly Meeting Archives at Pickering College in Newmarket**, and talk to Jane Zavitz-Bond, CYM archivist. **Robbie M will enquire about suitable dates.**

**3.2.5 May 30: Potluck at Ian's Farm.**

**3.3 Feedback on CYM C n R Implementation Committee.** The reports are being forwarded to the appropriate **committees by the Recording Clerk.**

**3.4 Hosting FGC Development Committee,** September 17-19, 2010. We have committed ourselves to hosting this (see November 09 minute 6.4). About 20-25 people will attend. Coordinators are needed for billeting, food, and transportation. We will also need to coordinate with the FGC Development Committee. Beverly is willing to coordinate food. This will be **announced at Meeting for Worship** and **Glenna will send a notice** to the HMM email list. The Development Committee is willing to do a presentation for us while they are here, on an aspect of FGC's work, which we can choose. **Bev will look at suggested topics and bring them to Meeting. We will discuss these options at a brown-bag lunch in February** – date to be determined, but before the FGC Development Committee's spring meeting.

**3.5 Letter concerning KAIROS funding.** The Clerk wrote the letter from Meeting (see December minutes 4.2 and 5.1) regretting the cutting of CIDA funding to KAIROS, urging its reinstatement, and asking questions. A reply was received from David Sweet, M.P., which, though more than the usual "thanks for writing" still is a scripted letter which does not answer the questions but merely reiterates party policy. **Dick will meet with David Sweet and speak with him more insistently** on this and other topics. Meeting invites Dick to bring another Friend, as recommended by CFSC.

## **4. Reports**

**4.1 Treasurer:** Brian, prior to his departure for his family's sojourn to Viet Nam, was able to make an end-of-year spreadsheet, which indicates that our income in donations is less than budgeted. The spreadsheet is attached. Our expenses are also below budget, which in fact indicates that we are not funding as much as we commit ourselves to. Both Relief of Local Hardship and Outreach are underspent. We are in a good cash position and have considerable reserves. It is proposed that the Relief of Local Hardship funds for 2009 be spent rather than rolled over. **Robbie M, Beverly, and Don, inviting Chris to join them, will meet and look at suitable allocation of the funds.** They will investigate why nothing is noted as an Outreach expense (we supported the Open Doors open house) and

why there has been no Local Hardship support. We ask these Friends to review minutes for decisions on these areas. Harriet reports that the individual for whom we had reserved the 2009 refugee funds is not after all in need of that money. We approved in December (minute 4.2) sending \$1000 to Canadian Yearly Meeting (CYM) to support the two new proposed staff positions, Youth Secretary and Quaker Education Coordinator. What is needed is ongoing support for these positions. Friends are asked to give thought to this concern, so that we may direct the Treasurer as to how to treat this long-term commitment. We request the Treasurer to include a regular budget line for this, and will discuss the amount we are willing to commit. No additional “one-time” donation will be made right now.

#### **4.2 Ministry and Counsel:**

**4.2.1 Post- Meeting procedures:** we have had several weeks of trial of reverting to our former practice of a brief hand-shake at close of Meeting. We have moved then to Afterword, followed by reduced announcements. Ministry and Counsel recommends that we continue with this procedure for close of Meeting, and that announcements be made orally by the Clerk. Friends who want announcements to be made should give them to the Clerk either by email prior to Sunday or as handwritten notes. We will experiment again with using the flip-chart as a vehicle for written announcements. Roberta will set this up. The flip-chart concept will be reviewed in April.

**4.2.2 Spring Retreat, February 19, 20, 21** Twelve Friends have indicated firm interest in the proposed residential retreat at Crieff Hills, with more possible interest. This is sufficient to proceed, and to sign the contract. Instead of offering a communal small subsidy across the board, we agree that those who can pay the full fee should do so, so that larger subsidies can be offered to those who need them. (Friends are asked to privately indicate to M&C their level of need.) Ministry and Counsel will consider the programme for the retreat.

**4.3 Archives Committee:** Robbie reported that she and Jean meet each Friday. Friends who have Quaker-related papers, photographs, or tapes are asked to bring them (without sorting or discarding) and put them in the locked upstairs storage room. Please add old minutes to the appropriate file, even if that means multiple copies. Please log in the binder anything filed. “Attachments” and reports are particularly needed with minutes. Robbie S had been creating CD Archives for HMM. Eventually volunteers will be needed to help organize, copy, and send

to CYM archives, as well as our own. Robbie M, Jean, Andy, and Carol Leigh are asked to consider how best to integrate current record-keeping with HMM archives.

## 5. New Business

**5.1 Replacement of the water heater.** We have discussed tiling the floor of the old washroom, and deferred that until replacement of the old water heater. It is possible that government funds can be obtained for more efficient heating of water. Maintenance Committee will report on this in February.

**6. Correspondence:** laid over, as nothing is urgent.

**7. Next Meeting: Sunday, 7 February 2010** (Agenda items should be forwarded both to Andy and to Carol Leigh, who will prepare the agenda, as Andy will be away until the day before.)

**8. Worship:** Meeting ended at 2:35 with silent worship.

Carol Leigh, Recording Clerk

## FROM FRIENDS' RECIPE FILES ....

### DENISE'S CHEWY BROWNIES

I love this brownie recipe because it doesn't require melting bakers' chocolate, which used to intimidate me – though you can substitute 2 squares for the cocoa powder if you like...

Denise didn't stint on goodies – when she made them, they were the real thing! These are the best brownies I know, but if you need even more chocolate fix, you can add chocolate chips or add a few grains of cayenne pepper. Denise also did something I had never before encountered – she put chocolate chips into meringues! These were invented especially for Sarah P, who had Celiac disease and couldn't eat flour – but missed chocolate chip cookies. Denise Barron taught me many things about life – and a good brownie recipe is an excellent addition!

1/2 cup butter  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 egg

1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

(1 cup walnuts -optional)

1 t. vanilla

1/2 cup flour

pinch salt

Mix in order given. Bake in greased 8x8 inch pan 20 minutes at 350<sup>0</sup>

(Will seem soft and not finished – but don't overcook)

- Submitted by Carol Leigh