

HAMILTON MONTHLY MEETING

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REFRESHMENTS FOR MEETING FOR WORSHIP

1 Feb: Betty; **8 Feb:** Mona C; **15 Feb:** Louise; **22 Feb:** Paul & Nancy;

1 March ____; **8 March:** Ray; **15 March** ____; **22 March** ____; **29 March:** _____

UPCOMING DATES

Potluck 19 February: Friendly Diversity

How does your identity as a Friend fit with the religious roots of Quakerism? What holds our Quaker identity together as the Society of Friends becomes more diverse? Come on 19 February for a potluck, and a presentation by Hamilton Friends and discussion to follow.

NOTES AND MESSAGES FROM FRIENDS

CAMBRIDGE WORSHIP GROUP

The Cambridge Worship Group will meet: 22 February, 15 March, 12 April, 31 May

DEAR FRIENDS,

Thank you for your generous support in helping me attend my workshop on conflict intervention with angry parties. It was a wonderful workshop during which I learned

many valuable life skills as well as tools to take with me on my journey through peace-making in the world. These skills have been fostered by this community of Friends in many ways as well, so I deeply appreciate the support that comes in many forms.

Love, Anna

POWER OF FORGIVENESS

About a dozen people watched this powerful film at the potluck Friday Jan 23. It will be available for lending and part of the library's holdings. For the next few weeks Harriet will manage its comings and goings.

WOMEN OF THE BOOK - INTERFAITH GROUP

Naomi Pfeffer naomi@rachaelscentre.org writes:

"I am currently in the process of creating an interfaith group of female lay leaders. Are there any females involved in faith-based decision making in the Quaker community? If so, could you please provide me with their contact information?"

We will not provide others with contact information, but if you are interested you can contact her at the address above.

HAMILTON MONTHLY MEETING
MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS
SUNDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2009

Present: Mona C, Chris, Jesse, Glenna, Jean, Andy (Clerk), Betty, Dick, Louise, Carol Leigh (Recording Clerk), Don

Regrets: Christina, Beverly, Blair

1 **Worship:** Meeting began with silent worship at 12:25

2 **Minutes of the Meeting of 11 January 2008:** approved as read.

3 **Business Arising**

3.1 **Bullfrog Power:** Action will be taken by the Treasurer

3.2 **Solar Panels:** We had discussed installing solar panels in anticipation of the possibility of feeding back into the grid, which is not possible at this time. The capital cost would be significant. The greening of places of worship has a multifaith group working on this. Chris Cutler will investigate possible more information. Chris and Jesse will discuss further and bring information to Meeting as appropriate.

3.3 **Representative for Hamilton Chapter of Ontario Multifaith**

Council: Chris has agreed to be our representative to the Hamilton Chapter of Ontario Multifaith Council.

3.4 **2008 Refugee Support:** The \$1400 which we agreed to donate to the Hamilton Ecumenical Support Committee for Refugees (January minutes) (for purchase of a computer) was not, but will be sent.

3.5 **February Potluck:** We agree to discuss (as requested by the C & R implementation committee) the language and beliefs of Friends from the Christocentric to universalist extremes. We agree that we will use the Quaker

Quest format as an experimental approach to this topic. Ministry and Counsel will discern three suitable Friends to present.

3.6 Cambridge Worship Group: We received a verbal report after Meeting for Worship last week that the CWG is underway successfully and that Friends are invited to join that group for worship if led. The Clerk has written a letter to KAMM, but is still pursuing how to get the letter to the Clerk.

4 Reports

4.1 Treasurer – Draft Budget 2009: Blair has sent the draft budget for 2009, but regrets that he is unable to attend February or March M4W4B. The Clerk presented the budget on behalf of the treasurer. We discussed changes to the budget from last year, and made a few alterations to the proposed budget, which is approved as amended, with thanks to Blair. The changes are as follows: Archives: raised from \$0 to \$300. Reduce Landscaping from \$900 to \$500, as lawn mowing and snow removal are budgeted under Maintenance. We are reminded that budgeting and management of our finances is made much easier when Friends send post-dated monthly cheques rather than waiting for a year-end single donation, and that this might also be more manageable for individual Friends as well.

Nominating Committee: Nominating Committee brings the name of Mona C to substitute for Roberta while she is away; approved with thanks.

5 New Business

5.1 Yonge Street Half Yearly Meeting advance notice: We in HMM are responsible for publicity and registration for this spring's HYM, which is June 5,6,7 at Camp NeeKauNis. Co-ordinatng Committee for YSHYM meets next Saturday: Christina has already created a template for registration which should be filled at that meeting, so that Hamilton Monthly Meeting may promote the meeting within YSHYM and to Pelham HYM and Spanish speaking Friends in Toronto. Hamilton will host the fall YSHYM. We look

forward to more information next month.

6 Correspondence

6.1 A note was received from **Anna** thanking Meeting for specific and general support; it will be included in the newsletter.

6.2 A note was received from the **Hamilton Out of the Cold Programme** **thanking** us for our support, and including information on the programme.

6.3 Information was received on the **Pendle Hill Resident Programme** for 2009-10. It will be posted.

A letter was received from the **City of Hamilton** addressed to Andy, inviting him (we presume meaning any of us) to join a focus group on February 9 on Access and Equity. Peace and Social Action Committee expects to have a student working with them in the summer; the student is already known to PSAC, and we will ask the City of Hamilton to invite her to this group. PSAC will instruct her as to the values we uphold as Friends.

7 **Next Meeting:** 1 March 2009 following Meeting for Worship.

8 **Worship: meeting ended** at 2:00 with silent worship

<u>Category Description</u>	<u>Budget -</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Budget -</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Donations - General	\$23,000	\$21,000	-\$2,000
Other Inc			\$-
GST Credit	\$146	\$176	\$30
Space Use	\$100	\$100	\$-
Interest	\$1,900	\$1,100	-\$800
TOTAL Other Inc	<u>\$2,146</u>	<u>\$1,376</u>	-\$770
TOTAL INCOME	\$25,146	\$22,376	-\$2,770
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Appropriations			
Long Term Maintenance Approp	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$-
Archives	\$100	\$300	\$200
Arrangements	\$275	\$225	-\$50
Bank Charge			\$-
Cleaning	\$1,050	\$1,300	\$250
Clerk's Discretionary Fund	\$100	\$100	\$-
Donation Exp - Regular			
CYM	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$1,000
FGC	\$100		-\$100
TOTAL Donation Exp -Regular	\$5,100	\$6,000	\$900
Donations Exp -Social Justice			
CFSC	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$-
PSAC	\$250	\$250	\$-
Relief of Local Hardship	\$800	\$800	\$-
TOTAL Donations Exp -Social Justice	\$2,550	\$2,550	\$-

First Day School	\$200	\$200	\$-
GST Exp	\$300	\$300	\$-
Insurance	\$910	\$910	\$-
Library	\$500	\$500	\$-
M&C	\$100	\$100	\$-
Maintenance&Repair			\$-
General Maintenance	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$-
Landscaping, gardens	\$500	\$500	\$-
TOTAL Maintenance & Repair	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$-
Memberships			\$-
YSHY Meeting	\$50	\$50	\$-
TOTAL Memberships	\$50	\$50	\$-
Misc	\$100	\$100	\$-
Newsletter (inc Postage)	\$300	\$225	-\$75
Office	\$200	\$200	\$-
Outreach	\$800	\$800	\$-
Refugee Support	\$2,200	\$2,500	\$300
Subscriptions	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$-
Contingencies		\$600	\$600
Utilities			\$-
Electric	\$2,000	\$1,600	-\$400
Gas & Oil	\$600	\$600	\$-
Telephone	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$200
Water	\$200	\$200	\$-
TOTAL Utilities	<u>\$3,800</u>	<u>\$3,600</u>	-\$200
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	\$23,335	\$24,708	\$1,373
<u>OVERALL TOTAL</u>	\$1,811	-\$2,332	