



The Monthly Silence
The Monthly Newsletter for Hopewell Centre Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends
First Month, January 2021

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**If possible, The Monthly Silence will be published on or soon after the 20th of each month.
Please send items you want included in the newsletter by the 17th of the month.*

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Pastoral Care

Margaret Trueblood is now at home continuing her recovery with the help of daily care from a live-in aide and her beloved John. We celebrate this good news and hold them in the Light of Healing Love.

Janet Harrison awaits more tests in a few months to determine what will be next. We send the Healing Light of Love to her and husband Andy Mossholder. Good friend Kristin Zimet stays in contact with her.

Hilde Matheson has recovered with treatment from the bursitis. She tells us she walks every day possible and feels how much it helps.

Pastoral Care would like to expand “In the Light” to include news of “Celebrating the Light” and “Gifts of Love and Light” received and given. Let us know of any service you do that gives back to you. Recognizing how the gifts of our members are used lifts our spirits.

**Meeting for Worship for Business
Hopewell Centre Monthly Meeting, December 13, 2020
Collectively but Separately from our Homes and Hopewell
Clerk Dick Bell, Presiding**

CQE: The Clerk referred to a list of characteristics of white supremacy culture that are generally accepted as norms from BYM’s publication of “Dismantling Racism: A Workbook for Social Change Groups.” Today’s category was “Quantity over Quality.” Dick read the characteristics and then asked for volunteers to read some of the antidotes to these characteristics. A brief discussion followed.

Thanksgivings and Concerns: Kristen Zimet gave thanks for the very happy engagement of her son. Betty McCormick gave thanks that all of us have escaped contracting the virus so far. Ellie Haun gave thanks for the Asheville, N.C. Friends Meeting who have taken her son “under their wings” since he moved across the street from their Meeting House. Donna Knight gave thanks to the Meeting for allowing the opening of Hopewell for Sunday Meeting attendance. Martha Hanley gave thanks for the recent re-attendance of Amber Fager as one of our in-person attenders at Hopewell. Jim Riley gave thanks to Donna Knight for her excellent work in ensuring the technology is in place for successful Zooming from Hopewell, especially the ability to hear the attenders clearly.

Treasurer: Jim Riley presented the treasurer’s report for November. Major items included:
Contributions:

Individual and Family:	\$ 1,780
Use of Centre:	150 (from the Metropolitan Church)

Expenses:

Our contributions to other groups	2,000
WATTS	197 (food purchase)
BYM apportionment payment	818
Insurance	914
Checking account balance:	7,855
Sarah Zane Fund balance:	3,271
Rogers Fund	app. 20,000

The full report is attached to the original minutes.

Jim also presented the 2021 Hopewell Centre budget. It included a line item comparison of our budget from 2020 with the budget for 2021. It is attached to these minutes and was also sent via email to the Meeting.

Ministry and Counsel: Richard Cooper reported that the committee met on December 7 via Zoom. He presented the following report:

We reviewed the live meetings at Hopewell and discerned that attendees have been observing all reasonable safety protocols. Donna Knight has done a great job leading this effort. We have decided not to reopen Centre for live worship at this time due to the rise in Covid infections in our area. Richard Cooper suggested that we use area hospital capacity and medical personnel exhaustion as the criteria to determine the suspension of live worship at Hopewell. The committee agreed. We shall monitor the situation and make the appropriate call should the situation worsen.

We began the process for discerning the Spiritual state of the meeting for 2020. Margie Riley will head up the effort. Three queries supplied by BYM – and modified where appropriate – will guide our effort. The meeting will discuss the queries in second hour settings with one session devoted to each query. The final report will be due to BYM in early spring.

We scheduled RE's for December and January:

December 20 – First spiritual state query

December 27 – Christmas sharing

January 3 – Second spiritual state query

January 17 – Continuation of Joanna Macy's work, led by Julia Storberg-Walker

January 24 – Third spiritual state query

January 31 – Washington Friends Conference on Religion and Psychology, led by Dick Bell

We noted that Karie Firoozmand, BYM nominating committee liaison, will present during business meeting in January.

We will schedule a joint Zoom meeting with Pastoral Care to finish initial discernment of Faith and Practice's Guide to Quaker Marriage. We need to report back to BYM by January 27, 2021.

Building and Grounds: Jim Riley reported that a light fixture at Hopewell was repaired. Also at Hopewell: the Committee has been working to solve the problem of a space heater in the partitioned area next to the kitchen not turning off properly. Apparently the on/off knob is slipping. A fix is on the way, thanks to Pam Hambach.

Pastoral Care: Karen Nelson reported that the committee is sending cards to those we are holding in the Light. They committee is discussing the possible implementation of a "Buddy System" for those who might want to participate. The details for this were recently sent to the Meeting via email. Karen also asked to please let her, John Guiser, or Martha Hanley know of anyone you would like to be considered for pastoral care.

Peace and Social Concerns: Dick Bell reported that the committee is meeting monthly. Discussion is centered around the current state of affairs both locally and nationally.

Shed: Jim Riley reported that he has been in touch with David Logan, who suggested we contact an architect to firm up the drawings for the pavilion and storage facility. Jim talked with Ken Livingston, an architect with Mainstreet Architecture in Berryville. The committee will meet with him in January. We may also consider contacting Matthew Grove who we have already worked with in some early planning.

End of Year: The committee is working tirelessly to make sure that 2020 ends as soon as possible.

Announcements: Quaker Oats will meet Saturday, December 19 at 10:00 a.m.

In Attendance: Clerk Dick Bell, Dan Riley, Donna Knight, Margie Riley, Jim Riley, Anne Bacon, Richard Cooper, Martha Hanley, Judy McCarthy, Maureen O'Mara, Ellie Haun, Betty McCormick, Becky Ebert, Paul Britner, Karen Nelson, Kristin Zimet, Ken Kudart, Rebecca Bacon, and Amber Fager.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Riley, Recording Clerk

Announcements: Karie Firoozmand, our new BYM liaison, asks that we respond to the queries in the document attached to this newsletter titled "From the BYM Liaison." Karie met us this year in person, and she plans to join us for worship and business meeting in January so she can reintroduce herself.

Also attached: Please see the thoughtful, spiritual contemplations and poems by some of our Meeting members. They are attached to this newsletter email.

Happy January Birthday!

January 17 Mike Hambach
January 23 Karen Host Nelson
January 26 Laura Nell Obaugh



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