

Midlothian Friends Meeting

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, held 11th day, 9th month, 2011 – APPROVED

Present were: Tracey Cain, Clerk, Howard Brod, Robyn Johnson, Jan Rappe, Chuck Grove, recording clerk.

Meeting opened in silence.

Treasurer's Report: Tracey Cain reviewed the monthly treasurer's report. It was noted that the end of month balance was down slightly but there were no major changes

The Treasurer's report for the 8th Month 2011 and is attached.

Due to concerns regarding committees expressed during the eighth month Meeting for Business, today's meeting was a Worship Sharing based upon three queries from the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practices.

Query 1: Do I regularly attend committee meetings and in a spirit of love and unity? If unable to attend, how do I attend to my responsibility?

The sense of the meeting was that there seems to be a lack of energy within committees and Meeting in general and that the Meeting does not feel like it is thriving

Query 2: Are we careful to keep in the spirit of worship each of the concerns that emerge, whether of nurture, of spirit, of social concern, of property or finance?

The sense of the meeting was that, yes, generally we do, but it could be deeper.

Query 3: Are committee decisions directed by prayerful consideration of all aspects of an issued and are difficult problems considered with a patient search for truth, unhurried by pressures of time?

Due to time constraints the third query was deferred until the 10th month Meeting for Business.

Building and Grounds Committee: Howard Brod reported that a neighbor to the Meeting house offered to cut up and remove the trees that were downed during tropical storm Irene for the firewood. The neighbor also offered to cut down the dead poplar tree.

Meeting adjourned in silence