

## Doylestown Friends

## April 2018 Newsletter

**4/1/18 – Easter Breakfast  
8:30 AM**

**4/8/18 – DFM  
Meeting for Business**

**5/20/18 – BQM at  
Camp Onas**

### Refreshments Schedule

April 1st: none needed, potluck Easter celebration and leftovers following the Rise of meeting.

April 8th: Hanna Howe

April 15th: Rick and Jody Howe

April 22nd: Monica Jacobe

April 29th: Jenny Isaac

**Personal Integrity and Right Action  
Query:**

Do we keep to simplicity and moderation in speech, manner of living, and vocation? Do we make time in our day for silence, solitude, spiritual reflection, and the growth of our inner

life? Do we remind ourselves each day of our connections with people, other creatures, and all that sustains life? Are we ready to live in the Spirit that heals estrangements that may arise from resentment, nagging fears, and alienation from others?

### Painting with a Twist

Love to paint? Want to learn? No previous experience necessary! Come enjoy a relaxing afternoon with friends, family, and members of the Chandler Hall Auxiliary on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at Painting with a Twist in Richboro. Participants will be supplied with a canvas, paints, and instructions for painting a beautiful floral arrangement. The cost to attend is \$35 per person with 50% of all proceeds benefitting the Auxiliary's activities at Chandler Hall, a Quaker senior living and nursing facility in Newtown. Come by yourself or bring a friend or two and enjoy a social event for a good cause. If you are interested in participating, contact Bonnie Saunders at [saunders2311@aol.com](mailto:saunders2311@aol.com).

### Doylestown Friends Meeting

Minutes of Meeting for Worship for Business March 11, 2018

Co-Clerk Bill Thode opened the meeting with a period of worship.

**February Minutes** were approved.  
The monthly query was read Gwen Walton

### Committee Reports:

**Pastoral Concerns:** Stu Bush, Liz Fritsch - No report at this time

**Worship & Ministry:** Barbara Lewis

On 3/18 Christie Duncan-Tessmer, the General Secretary of our Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, will give a talk and slide show about her recent visit to the Middle East. As the representative from PYM, Christie joined the National Council of Churches for meetings in Beirut, Cairo, Ramallah, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and Hebron. She will discuss the conversations, conflicts, religious issues and the Council's work to improve religious tolerance in the region. She talked with people about religious extremism, threats to Christianity, the toll of living in a divided Palestine, and participated in a politically charged meeting with President Abdul Fattah al-Sisi in Egypt. (excerpted from B. Lewis email)

Gwen reported that the Quarterly Meeting will be invited as well and was requesting two volunteers for nursery care during the presentation. Judy T. volunteered for child care. Wendy recommended sending an email reminder for presentation next week.

Our annual family retreat will be at Camp Onas on May 5th. It will be a one-day event with the same schedule as last year. Gwen will be organizing the event with the assistance of her friend Anthony.

**Peace & Social Concerns:** Jenny Isaacs

Jenny represented Doylestown MM at the March 3 FCNL/PYM Legislative Policy Collaborative event in Philadelphia. Also, there from Bucks were Mary Starrs, the Peace & Social Concerns clerk of our neighbors @ Buckingham Friends, and Jerry Taylor of Makefield Meeting.

There were about 25 folks in attendance and it was a wonderful experience, in keeping with the slogan I heard there: "This work works best when done in relationship."

Our terrific presenters included present & former FCNL staff plus members of the PYM Legislative Policy Collaborative. One of them was Mary Lou Hatcher of Lehigh Valley MM; the three of us attending from Bucks thought it would be wonderful if our Quarter would invite her to speak at an upcoming quarterly meeting!

We will be working towards that end as a way to deepen & connect the relationship of Friends throughout the quarter with the Legislative Policy Collaborative as a "gateway" connection to FCNL and important source of expertise & support.

Our last Peace & Social Concerns committee meeting was focused on creating a list of legislative priorities to transmit to FCNL. 13 Meeting members/attenders contributed & it was a very thoughtful discussion. A visual summary will be posted to the Meeting mailing list shortly.

Mark your calendars now for our next gathering on Mar 25, when at the rise of Meeting we will welcome Tom Wells of Fallsington Meeting & Citizens' Climate Lobby to share the interesting 40-minute-long documentary [\*The Burden\*](#). Join us to learn why fossil fuel dependence is a long-term national security threat, and how the U.S. military is leading the transition to clean energy -- plus more about the work of the Citizens' Climate Lobby at the grassroots level to effect change.

As a legislative advocacy + climate/sustainability aside, PennEnvironment has recently had a bipartisan bill successfully introduced into the State Legislature calling for PA to transition to 100% renewable energy by 2050. The original Republican co-sponsor of this bill will be our retiring Senator Chuck McIlhinney (for those of you in the Doylestown area) so be sure to reach out and thank him for that support! You can [email him here](#) or call his Doylestown office at [215-489-5000](tel:215-489-5000)

Wendy added that on 3/25 the oversight committee for Quarterly meeting will be attending as well.

On 3/31- 12-2pm Drone vigil will resume. Please attend and lets end the drone wars which have been ongoing for 16 years. There will be an Easter service for peace at that vigil as well.

### **First Day School:** Gail Linenberg

Our March FDS program comprises stewardship activities, including organizing the cubbies downstairs (Mar 4), cooking for Friends in need of comfort (Mar 11), a Doylestown trash pick-up (March 18) and discussion about giving \$ to support causes you love (such as Friends Meeting and Pennies for Pearl). We will count the money in the Pennies for Pearl jar at the end of the month and donate it to the Pearl S Buck Foundation to support children in Asia in the PSB orphanage program. We may have a visit from the Executive Director to collect the donation!

If we collect \$300 we will get a brick at Pearl Bucks!

### **Treasurer:**Bob Kupsch

Income: February 2018 donations totaled \$2,868.00 for the month. The previous years donations for February were \$1,153.39. With 66.7% or one-third of the year now completed there is \$3,686.00 or 9% of the Budget still to raise for the remainder of the year. This trend is well above last year's results. As suspected that in the first months of the new calendar year donations fell to lower levels.

Expenses: Only one expense for utilities was posted during the month. Despite the Utility bills being more than the previous year the line item is still below budget for the year.

New Business: The 2017 Year end contribution accounting was sent out early in the month by the Assistant Treasurer.

Note: The spreadsheet attached to this report is different than the report distributed at the Meeting for Business as the distributed sheet had a formula error that showed erroneous balances on the Restricted Funds portion of the report. That formula error was corrected in the attached report. (see below)

**Finance Committee:** Betsy Eschallier - No report

**Hospitality:** Cori Serayadarian

The Easter breakfast will be on Easter! 4/1 at 8:30 am.

**Property:** Ted Dempsey

Since we have not decided on a cleaning service Bill discussed the need to have volunteers sign up to clean the meeting house.

Ted reported on the snow removal of the meeting house during the recent storms. He also reported that he is still working with Cookie on ideas for back steps/roof. Ted talked to Tom Geresnky(?) on the feasibility of using the existing walls. However, we will need to draw up new plans and take to the county. Ted stated he already has a few contractor bids with the existing plans written up.

Jenny Issacs discussed checking the thermostat for programming to ensure it will be warm for groups using the meetinghouse. Bob K. discussed that the recommended donation of \$25 is enough to cover our utility costs. A recommendation was made to have the treasurer keep track of payments by groups using the Meetinghouse. Meeting approved.

**Nominating:** Wally Evans -No report

**Librarian:** Diana Morris-Bauer - No report

**Newsletter:** Rick Howe - No report

**Other DFM Business:**

Wendy would like approval for Woody Carter to use the Meeting house on Saturday morning for his art class from 10am-12pm. Not sure if the class is every Saturday. However, the 3/31 date is not available. Wendy will contact Woody regarding this date. Meeting approved this request.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Kupsch

Doylestown Monthly Meeting – February 2018

GENERAL FUND activity					66.7% of the year	
	February	February YTD	Budget	Variance to bring in	%	
<b>INFLOWS - General fund – FY18</b>						
<i>previous year</i>	1,153.39	21,809.79	38,470.00	16,660.21	57%	
<b>Contributions - General</b>	2,868.00	36,784.00	40,470.00	3,686.00	91%	
Fundraisers – General – anon		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Other Income – General		0.00	0.00	0.00		
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS – General</b>	<b>2,868.00</b>	<b>36,784.00</b>	<b>40,470.00</b>	<b>3,686.00</b>	<b>91%</b>	
<b>OUTFLOWS - General Fund – FY17</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>February YTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>% Budget</b>	
Capital Maintenance Fund	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0%	
Doylestown Borough	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0%	
Education	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0%	
Finance (formerly Stewardship)	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0%	
FISH	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0%	
First Day School	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0%	
Hospitality	0.00	93.40	125.00	31.60	75%	
Insurance	0.00	-83.89	1,625.00	1,708.89	-5%	
Library	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0%	
Maintenance	0.00	1,613.87	2,250.00	636.13	72%	
Ministry & Outr. + Worship & Rel. Ed	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0%	
Misc	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0%	
Newsletter	0.00	59.00	300.00	241.00	20%	
Pastoral Concerns	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	0%	
Peace and Social Concerns	0.00	106.02	100.00	-6.02	106%	
Quarterly and Yearly Mtgs	0.00	0.00	19,270.00	19,270.00	0%	
Utilities	246.19	1,443.94	3,500.00	2,056.06	41%	
Reserve ***	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	0%	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>246.19</b>	<b>4,232.34</b>	<b>40,470.00</b>	<b>36,237.66</b>	<b>10%</b>	
Reserve Fund = \$3000 to BQM, \$100 each to BFS, UFS and Quaker School at Horsham, \$500 to the Education Fund						
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,621.81</b>	<b>32,551.66</b>	<b>0.00</b>	and \$700 to the Capital Maintenance fund		
Any surplus over the budget goes to the Endowment Fund						

Activity on all funds - December 2017

Restricted Funds	1/31/2018	Bal end Feb	Bal +/- YTD	+/- Feb
Assistance Fund (for individuals)	2,405.23	2,405.23	0.00	0.00
Atkinson Fund (helps retreats)	4,437.15	4,437.15	0.00	0.00
Endowment Fund	34,520.59	34,520.59	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL MAINT. FUND	22,932.34	22,932.34	0.00	0.00
Educational Assistance Fund	5,234.24	5,234.24	-3,800.00	0.00
Extracurricular Quaker Ed. Fund	350.30	350.30	0.00	0.00
Interest /Dividends/Stock value chan	2.36	2.36	32.22	0.00
Larry Miller Memorial Fund	1,898.32	1,898.32	0.00	0.00
Library Fund	543.68	543.68	0.00	0.00
<b>Growth Fund</b>	<b>66,565.04</b>	<b>66,565.04</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
PEACE & SOC CONCERNS	457.48	457.48	0.00	0.00
TEMP APPEALS FUND (\$ to 3rd partie:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL Restricted Funds</b>	<b>139,346.73</b>	<b>139,346.73</b>	<b>-3,767.78</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>46,061.19</b>	<b>41,293.45</b>	<b>-4,767.74</b>	<b>2,621.81</b>
<b>Funds TOTAL</b>	<b>185,407.92</b>	<b>180,640.18</b>	<b>-4,767.74</b>	<b>2,621.81</b>
Checking Account	34,766.45	29,998.71	-4,767.74	2,621.59
Friends Fiduciary Consolidated Fund	100,778.04	100,778.04	0.00	0.00
Friends Fiduciary Endowment Fund	34,520.59	34,520.59	0.00	0.00
Business Performance Money Market	12,842.84	12,842.84	0.00	2.36
FMHF (stays \$2500; income goes to inte	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00
<b>ACCOUNTS TOTAL</b>	<b>185,407.92</b>	<b>180,640.18</b>	<b>-4,767.74</b>	<b>2,623.95</b>

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**DOYLESTOWN FRIENDS MEETING**

