



# Flushing Monthly Meeting

Religious Society of Friends

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Presiding Co-Clerks

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Meeting for M&W Clerk

Treasurer

John Choe, Ninon Rogers

Cheshire Frager

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Caroline Lane

## JULY-AUGUST 2017

Meeting for Worship	11:00 every First Day (Sunday)
Meeting for Ministry and Worship	12:30 July 30
Interfaith Breakfast	8:30 a.m. August 6
Peace & Social Action Committee	12:30 p.m. 6August
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business	12:30 August 13
NY Quarterly Meeting	11:00 a.m July 15 at Prospect Park Cemetery
10th Anniversary Celebration John and CJ	12:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m July 16
All Age Worship	11:00 July 30
First Day School	11:00 August 6 and 13
Adult Study Group	10:00a.m. every First Day (Sunday)

### Advices

13. It is recommended that Friends take the opportunity, on occasions when special statements of oaths are required, to advance the cause of truth by simple affirmation, thus emphasizing that their statement is only a part of their usual integrity of speech.

### Queries

16. Are we engaged in nurturing and deepening our relationship with all creation? Do we make time to open to the Spirit through contact with nature? Do we strive to live in harmony with the Earth? How can we transform our lives in witness to our right relationship with the

Earth, and join with others in active stewardship, realizing that we share one planet, now and in the future?

## **Flushing Monthly Meeting- Business Meeting 9 July 2017**

**Present:** Wendy Burns, John Choe (co-clerk), Liz DiGiorgio, Cheshire Frager, Jeffrey Guyton, Caroline Lane, Ninon Rogers (co-clerk), Steven Sumerkan, Dan Truman, Bob Wilber; Jerry Rotondi, guest

**2017/7-1.** After a brief period of silent centering, co-clerk Ninon Rogers read a cheerful quote from George Fox and presented the proposed agenda, which was approved with the deletion of the clerks' report.

**2017/7-2.** Caroline Lane distributed the financial Statement of Activity with Previous Quarter Comparison for 2017 second quarter. It is attached. She pointed out that the semi-annual distribution from Friends' Fiduciary Fund is included in this report. A Friend suggested that the meeting consider modest reinvestment in the Fund according to a set standard of available finances. The co-clerks will reach out to Friends' Fiduciary about a visit to the meeting from a representative to discuss this and other questions, ideas and possibilities.

**2017/7-3.** John Choe reported for Peace & Social Action committee. Justine Eisenberg and her community has requested the use of the meetinghouse for a celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, October 8 from 2-6 PM. The memorial meeting of Mrs. Eisenberg's daughter Didi was held in here. After discussing various logistical matters (it will be on a Business Meeting First Day) Friends approved. Our meeting's standard rental agreement will be presented to them.

**2017/7-4.** As an extension of our weekly open house, P&SAC would like to work with the Flushing Chamber of Commerce to organize a community festival on Friday and Saturday, August 18-19, at the meetinghouse. The Chamber would pay \$500 each day. They would be responsible for organizing the professional participants; the meeting would be hosting. It would be insured. It was suggested that partnering with Town Hall might also be advantageous. Friends raised concerns about crowd control and facilities use in the meetinghouse. The event has been held before, with trained volunteers and attention to crowd control and no smoking. Various suggestions to address these concerns were offered. All concerns having been heard, the meeting approved.

**2017/7-5.** Jeffrey Guyton reported that the building's front has now been linseed oiled. Once that was done 19<sup>th</sup>-Century graffiti became visible. Next the roof above the porch and those windows will be done. There has been some discussion about staining the benches. None of the wood is raw; it was previously stained and urethaned some decades past. Jeffrey is using only water-based stain, plus hand-rubbing. He is going to consult with a professional wood conservationist and then let all know what will be done going forward.

He and Liz diGiorgio are proceeding with the LPC paperwork for repointing the foundation, and the shutters..

Friends expressed their appreciation for the hard work over these past months by Jeffrey and Liz in their care of the building.

**2017/7-6.** Caroline Lane presented several possible dates for a visit from an ARCH speaker. Friends approved Sunday, Oct. 15.

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**2017/7-7.** The Consent Agenda was approved.

**2017/7-8.** The meeting closed with silent worship. We shall meet again for business on First Day, August 13, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheshire Frager,  
Recording Clerk

## **NEWS OF FRIENDS**

From Joan Kindler.

Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore believe that Third Haven Friends Meetinghouse in Easton, Md. is considered the oldest meeting house in continuous use in America....construction started in 1862. I told them our 1694 Meetinghouse was listed as second oldest in google search....but did not specifically give them a query...so will have to contact them again. Most Meeting Records are now housed at Swarthmore. 17th century historic structures are very few still standing. Losing my mobility has put me on computer looking up and finding interesting facts of Early Friends.

Mahayana Lansdowne, Coordinator for New York City, ARCH (Aging Resources Community Help, will join us for worship on October 15 and remain after fellowship to present Quaker Values and End of Life Care and Advance Care Planning. This will be a valuable opportunity to learn and to support one another in the inevitable changes as we age. Please make a commitment to attend. It will be helpful if we have a knowledge of how many expect to attend so that Maya can bring enough printed materials for everyone.

## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe. John Muir

Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud. Maya Angelou

## **INNER PEACE**

If you can always be cheerful,  
Ignoring aches and pains,

If you can eat the same food  
Every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when  
your loved ones are too busy  
to give you any time,

If you can take criticism and  
Blame without resentment,

If you can relax without alcohol,

If you can sleep without the  
Aid of drugs,

Then You Are Probably the Family Dog.