



PRISM

The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

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Information
Sharing
Monthly*

FEBRUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson Home's 7:30pm Peace and Social Action Committee @ Buxenbaum's	2 7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting @ Lockhart's	3	4	5	6 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
7 10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller	8	9 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'	10	11 7:00pm Mid- week Worship @ Sammond's	12 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	13
14 Valentine's Day 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Dave Eckhart 11:00am Coffee Hour	15 Presidents' Day	16 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'	17 7:30pm Quaker Worship in Spanish	18	19 7:30pm Movie Night - "What a way to go, Life at the end of the Empire." @ Buxenbaum's	20 9:00am Genoa Food Pantry 7:00pm Merrifield Concert - Miche Fambro
21 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Barbara Blom 11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business	22	23 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	24 Deadline for PRISM submissions Outreach Meeting	25 7:00pm Mid- week Worship @ Berggren- Thomas'	26 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	27
28 10:00am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	29					

Birthdays: 8th Mary Ann Nobben, Karen Brennan; 9th Miranda Cady Hallett, Deanna Nance; 10th Steff McGonagle; 12th Nick Dosch Rozard; 13th Thea Grube; 17th Janet Shea; 20th David Eckhardt, Bruce Culver; 26th Sarah Mandolang Rozar

For more information about calendar events, check the PRISM or contact pr.prism@gmail.com

POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES FOR JANUARY 17, 2016

The Monthly Meeting opened with a period of worship about 11:30 a.m.; the minutes from the December meeting were read.

Attending: Karen Brennan, Larry Buffam, David Connelly, Kathleen Connelly, Anne Dalton, Jim Frisch, Melinda Grube, Dill Otis, Sally Otis, Hannah Richter, Andrew Simkin, Jane Simkin, Linda Simkin, Paul Simkin, and Andy Simkin.

The Clerk reported that Friends Committee on National Legislation is seeking input on priorities by April. Peace and Social Action has taken on this task in the past, and it was proposed the committee take it up again and bring it to Monthly Meeting in February. It may be on the agenda.

Sally Otis reporting for Ministry and Counsel Committee:

- The ministry speaker schedule has been updated. It will be in PRISM. The committee welcomes suggestions about ministry speakers.
- The Friends General Conference “*White Privilege Conference in Philadelphia, “Let Freedom Ring — Re-Imagining Equity and Justice in the United States,”* is April 14 through 17. [Its website with information about the conference, including how to register, is at <http://www.whiteprivilegeconference.com>.]
- Noted are various Yearly Meeting workshops highlighted in the January PRISM. Sally particularly highlighted the workshop Creating Spiritual Community at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday March 12 at the Brooklyn Monthly Meeting. There is no charge for it. If the Youth Committee identifies someone to go to the workshop, the Monthly Meeting will support transportation expenses.

Larry Buffam and Paul Simkin reported for the Building Committee.

- A carbon monoxide monitor is now in the furnace room and also beside the pamphlets in the meeting room.
- The furnaces were inspected in December: the liners in the fireboxes have cracks, allowing the flames to escape and damage other parts of the furnaces. The units themselves are rusted. We

probably do not have a fire hazard. We agreed to replace the chimney liner. We have begun to gather information about whether to fix or replace the furnace, or whether to replace the whole system with electric, solar, heat pumps or other system. We burn about \$5,000 of fuel oil a year.

Reporting for the Youth Committee, Kathleen Connelly said our Monthly Meeting is in charge of childcare and youth programming for Spring Gathering held at Watson Homestead, near Painted Post, on May 13 to 15. The theme is “*White Privilege: What It Means to Us as Faithful Members of the Society of Friends.*” The committee welcomes guidance and needs volunteers to help with the children and youths. [Contact Kathleen (<mailto:connellyarchitect@gmail.com>) or Julie Lockhart (<mailto:gem6183@gmail.com>) for information and to help.] We will not know how many children will attend the Gathering until late April.

Jane Simkin reported that we need volunteers to sign up to clean the Meetinghouse for March, April, May, July, August and the rest of the year. It takes one person two to three hours a week.

We approved holding our annual meeting on April 10 this year, a week earlier than our usual third Sunday in April. We agreed to have our coffee hour for that month on April 3.

We approved the proposed \$35,949 operating budget for 2016 with minor changes. The budget is attached.

Karen Brennan reported that the Clearness Committee considering the proposed marriage of Heidi Richter and Drew Schlichtmann agrees the couple is clear to marry. Monthly Meeting approved that Heidi and Drew may be married under the care of the meeting. Monthly Meeting also approved the couple’s request to use the Meetinghouse to marry on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016. The couple will be invited to suggest the two men and two women that the Monthly Meeting needs to appoint to oversee the wedding.

We closed with a period of silence at 2:14 p.m.

Submitted by the Recording Clerk David Connelly.

MOVIE NIGHT

The Peace and Social Action Committee will be showing the movie "What a way to go, Life at the end of the Empire" at the Buxenbaum's home at 7:30pm Feb 19th. All are welcome to attend the movie and following discussion. For more information contact Eric Devin (end@cbord.com).

"Tim Bennett, middle-class white guy, started waking up to the global environmental nightmare in the mid-1980s. ... He reviews his Midwestern roots, ruthlessly examines the stories he was raised with, and then details the grim realities humans now face: escalating climate change, resource shortages, degraded ecosystems, an exploding global population and teetering global economies.

Bennett identifies and calls into question the fundamental assumption that has led to this unprecedented crisis in human history: that humans were destined to dominate the rest of the community of life with the Culture of Empire. ...On Walkabout, Bennett ends with an invitation to join him with courage and consciousness on the unexplored shores of a future not yet written."
--<http://www.whatawaytogomovie.com/>

NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS



The Meetinghouse needs your help!
A person or family is needed each month to help with housekeeping.

Sign up with Jane Simkin 315-364-8422.
January, February and June are covered.

FRIENDLY SUPPERS

Friendly Supper lists will be out in early February. You should be contacted by your Host Family to set up a date and time for your dinner. Please contact Hannah Richter or Ann Burch if you have questions or need assistance.

MERRIFIELD CONCERT

The next hosted concert at Merrifield is Saturday, February 20th at 7pm with the fantastic guitarist/vocalist Miche Fambro, www.michefambro.com. Philly soul meets urbane folk in this spectacular artist. All are invited and encouraged to bring friends and family. Merrifield is at 2345 Center Road in Scipio Center, on the corner of Center and Black, and there is plenty of parking along Black Street. Enjoy the music together and then take a long intermission to visit with guest and with the artist over coffee and tea. Then we gather for another round of music and community. Miche is a real treasure in our area and A.T. and Craig are delighted to have him playing in their home this month! Contact A.T. (atmiller@cornell.edu) or Craig (craigkukuk@gmail.com) with any questions. \$15 is collected at the door to support the artist.

WHITE PRIVILEGE

Save the dates of May 13, 14, and 15, 2016 for Farmington-Scipio Spring Gathering: *White Privilege: What it means to us as faithful members of the Society of Friends*.

It will be held at Watson Homestead near Painted Post. It is a retreat of Quakers from central to western New York.

Our Meeting will be in charge of programming and childcare for the children. Volunteers will be needed. Stay tuned for more information as the Youth Committee works on the details.

SOUP AND SHARING MARCH 6TH

The Peace and Social Action committee would like to invite you to a discussion of the fascinating book, [The 6th Extinction](#), by Elizabeth Kolbert. Ms. Kolbert visits many parts of the globe to report on the work of research scientists. The book is lively, not a difficult read and has won many awards. For discussion on March 6th, please read chapters 1, 2 and 8. I think you will enjoy this informative book. The book is available through the public library system.

Pastoral needs or questions:
Call Craig Kukuk at 734-717-7719.

YACC

The Young Adult Concerns Committee (YACC) is a committee of NYYM. This committee is one way that YAF can find voice in the yearly meeting. YACC is also interested in the spiritual nurture and care of Friends between 18-35ish.

YACC is interested in hearing from you and welcomes ideas and participation from all YAF. We are looking to connect with other long lost YAFs in the area. If you know someone or are looking to connect with other YAFs feel free to contact YACC. (The current clerk is Glenn Josey his e-mail is: <mailto:gjosey95@gmail.com>. He would love to hear from you!)

You can also request to receive the monthly YAF newsletter by contacting [Glenn](#).



DELEGATION TO SAN PEDRO EL SALVADOR

Cayuga-San Pedro Sister Community Project
Hello Friends!

This year our annual trip to El Salvador will be the week of May 14-21, 2016

This is a wonderful opportunity to experience El Salvador and to meet and accompany the people of San Pedro.

The program will be based on the needs and wishes of the participants.

We normally spend a few days in the capital, San Salvador. This part of the trip usually includes visits to historical/cultural sites, educational & orientation sessions, and visits to an artisan markets.

The other part of the trip is spent in the community of San Pedro, in the rural area of Morazan, about 4 hours drive from the capital. There you will participate in daily life as guests of the community, meet with scholarship students, the women's group, and farmers to hear about how community projects are going. It also may include side trip to local sites of interest.

The approximate cost is \$100.00/day per person, plus airfare.

This includes all lodging, meals, transportation within the country, and translation, all of which is provided by Fundahmer, the Salvadoran NGO which facilitates our Sister Community relationship.

This is a very rich experience. We encourage anyone interested to consider joining with this delegation.

Please contact Larry Buffam (larrybuffam@gmail.com, tel: 315-730-2498) if you are interested.

Note: The deadline is March 15, (to allow time for purchasing plane tickets, arranging the itinerary, getting immunizations and securing passports).

But if you are interested at all, please let us know NOW. You will still have plenty of time to think about it and decide if you want to make the final commitment.

SAN PEDRO BENEFIT DINNER ~ 2016



Dionysia's cooking for a crowd!

YOU'RE INVITED!

CELEBRATE our ongoing relationship with this wonderful sister community, and help us support them through a persistent drought, as well as supporting the increasing numbers of youth who express an interest in attending High School and University.

The San Pedro Sister Community hopes that you, your family, and friends can join us for our fifth annual San Pedro benefit dinner.

Saturday, March 12 - 6 PM
Wells College Sommer Center - Aurora, NY

Please call or email to reserve your seat by Saturday, March 5!
Contact Cathy Mullarney -- 315-730-9039 or bcmull@hughes.net

Recommended Donation: \$25 per person

Wells students and children 6-12 -- \$10; children 5 & under free.
Pay at the door

Menu (Wells Dining by Inns of Aurora)

Appetizer: Sopa de Platanos (Plantain Soup)

Dinner Buffet: Salvadoran Roast Turkey Breast
 Abondigas (Salvadoran meatballs with Chayote)
 Gallo Pinto (rice & beans)
 Jicama Curtido Salad (Cabbage Salad)
 Quesadilla (Salvadoran Cornbread)

Dessert: Atol de Elote (traditional hot corn beverage with cinnamon)



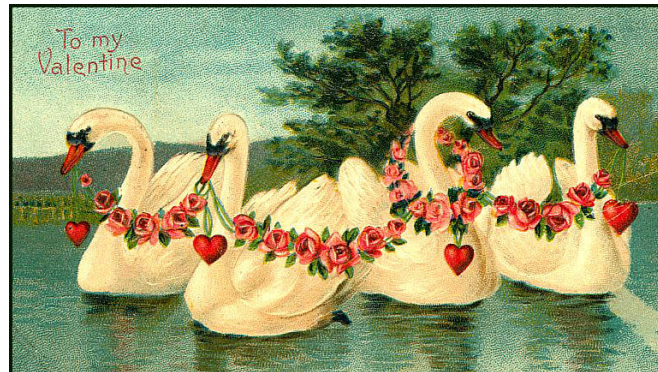
2016 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET

Category	Budget for 2015	PD YTD 12/31/15	Budget for 2016	comments for 2016
Pastoral expenses	\$3,000.00	\$1,741.66	\$3,000.00	
Pastoral Care Compensation	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	
Speaker Honorarium	\$2,400.00	\$3,900.00	\$4,100.00	includes 1/2 of guest speakers accepting \$
Building Maintenance	\$300.00	\$855.60	\$500.00	includes paint for Meeting House
Fuel Oil	\$4500.00	\$2105.69	\$4,500.00	
Electric	\$600.00	\$452.78	\$600.00	
Insurance	\$1016.00	\$1030.00	\$1,030.00	
Snow Plowing	\$300.00	\$240.00	\$300.00	
Conferences	\$250.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	
Library		\$70.00		if needed take from misc.
Ministry & Counsel				if needed take from misc.
Misc.	\$425.00	\$584.37	\$425.00	
Motto Calendars	\$145.00	\$119.00	\$145.00	
Music				if needed take from misc.
Outreach	\$125.00		\$125.00	
Peace & Social Action				if needed take from misc.
Postage				if needed take from misc.
Prism	\$300.00	\$228.76	\$300.00	
Religious Edu.	\$100.00		\$100.00	
Scholarships				If needed take from Talcott
Social/Housekeeping	\$100.00	\$55.00	\$100.00	
NYYM	\$6225.00	\$6225.00	\$6,458.00	Includes 3.75% raise
Regional Meeting	\$516.00	\$516.00	\$516.00	
Human Services Cayuga	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	

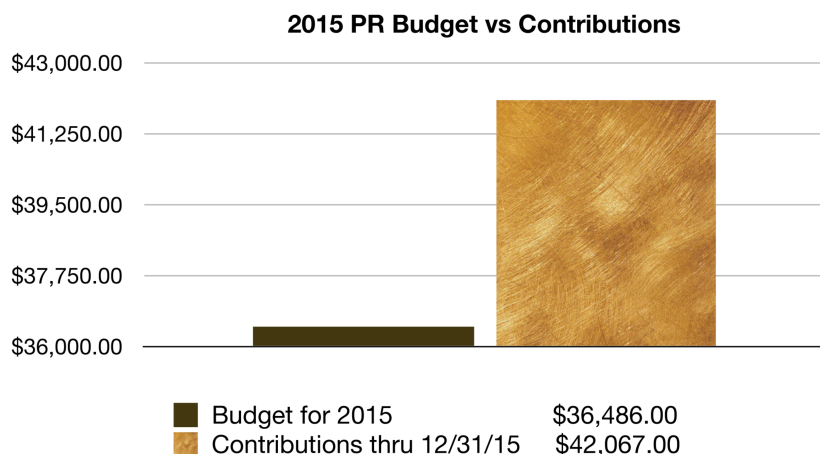


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Am. Friends Service	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
AVP	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Bolivian Quaker Edu.	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Camp Gregory	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	
Camp Gregory camper's CCAIM	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	If needed take from Youth Fund
Center on Conscience	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Christian Peacemakers FCNL	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
FGC	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Friends World Com.	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Non-Violent Peace Force	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
NYS Council of Ch's.	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
The Sharing Fund	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
San Pedro	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
UNICEF	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	
Vive, Inc.	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Wider Parish	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	
Balance on Roof	\$2684.00	\$2684.00	\$0.00	roof is paid for
Total	\$36,486.00	\$34,457.86	\$35,949.00	



Budget for 2015	\$36,486.00	
Contributions for 2015	\$42,067.00	115.30%
Budget surplus for 2015	-\$5,581.00	



POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

Clerk – Anne Dalton	Pastoral Care - Craig Kukuk (734-717-7719)
Assistant Clerk – Andy Simkin	Recording Clerk – David Connelly
Treasurer – Jeff Layton	Ministry & Counsel Clerk – Sally Otis
Musicians – Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney	

Poplar Ridge Friends meet every Sunday at 10 am for worship. The fourth Sunday of the month is an unprogrammed meeting. The fifth Sunday is a youth centered service. Nursery is available during meeting. The meetinghouse is located at 1868 Poplar Ridge Road, Poplar Ridge, NY 13139.

See <http://www.quaker.org/poplar/> for more information, updated calendar or copies of previous newsletters or 1st day messages. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/poplarridgefriendsny>.

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