



PRISM

The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

*Poplar
Ridge
Information
Sharing
Monthly*

NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
5 Daylight Saving Time ends 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Christopher Sammond	6 7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's	7 7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting @ Lockhart's 7:00pm Peace & Social Action @ Buxenbaum's	8	9	10 Veterans Day observed 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	11 Veterans Day
12 10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller 11:00am Coffee Hour	13	14 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'	15	16 7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond/Rhudy's	17 7:30pm Movie Night - Bowling for Columbine	18 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
19 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Jack Charles, Query #1 11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business	20	21 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'	22 Deadline for PRISM submissions	23 Thanksgiving	24 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	25
26 10:00am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	27	28 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	29 7:00pm Mid- week Worship @ Berggren- Thomas's	30		

Birthdays: 7th Hannah Richter; 11th Zehan Henry Lama Nelson , Ted Rejman; 12th Sara Charles Seifert; 17th Kathleen Connelly; 18th Ella Pearl Gunderson, Patsy Myers; 19th Kevin Sullivan; 20th Larkin Aela Green; 22nd Scott Heinekamp; 29th Gopini Lama Nelson

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

POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 15, 2017

The Monthly Meeting opened with a period of worship about 11:45 a.m.; the minutes from the September 17 meeting were read.

Attending were David Connelly, Anne Dalton, Jim Frisch, Barry Kahn, Craig Kukuk, Suzanne O'Hara, Hannah Richter, Andy Simkin, Jane Simkin, Linda Simkin, and Paul Simkin.

Hannah introduced the Outreach Committee's proposal for us to consider a program inspired by Quaker Quest, which was started by London Monthly Meeting, intended for Monthly Meetings to share their Light with their communities. Chad Dell of Manasquan has developed the new program and would like to introduce us to it. We will invite him to talk to us doing a Soup and Sharing followed by his introductory presentation. We will pursue January 7 as the date.

The Building Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Meetinghouse and is inviting members and attenders to offer thoughts about work done and other needs.

Hannah reported that Ministry & Counsel Committee finds that the current query Sunday experiment seems to be working. The committee will move ahead with it and continue to evaluate it.

Hannah said Friends Committee on National Legislation is recommending letters be written to Congress supporting the Iran agreement now challenged by President Trump's Administration.

We approved the use of the Meetinghouse for Shepherd's Play rehearsals beginning in November for the annual play on Dec. 16.

We ended with a period of silence at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by David Connelly, Recording Clerk

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

QUERY SUNDAY

November 19th will be Query Sunday. Jack Charles will read the 1st query in NYYM Faith and Practice (2014).

"Are meetings for worship and business held in expectant waiting for divine guidance? Are we regular and punctual in attendance? Are we willing and faithful in the service of our meeting and in financial support of its activities?"

The current issue of Faith and Practice is online at <http://www.nyym.org/sites/default/files/NYYMFaithandPractice-2016Edition.pdf>. We have run out of book copies in the Meetinghouse library, but expect a delivery of more soon.



MOVIE NIGHT

The Peace and Social Action Committee is sponsoring the movie Bowling for Columbine (<http://www.rogerebert.com/reviews/bowling-for-columbine-2002>) by Michael Moore. It will be shown on November 17th at 7:30pm in the Meetinghouse. A discussion will follow. All are welcome to participate.

"The film explores ... causes for the Columbine High School massacre ... and other acts of violence with guns. Moore focuses on the background and environment in which the massacre took place and some common public opinions and assumptions about related issues. The film also looks into the nature of violence in the United States."

-- wikipedia.org

**NOMINATIONS FOR 2017
POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS
COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**
(convener designated by *)

Clerk -Andy Simkin

Assistant Clerk – Hannah Richter

Recording Clerk - David Connelly

Treasurer - Jeff Layton (2018)

Musicians - Claire Howard, Jeffrey Layton, Cathy Mullarney

Building and Grounds

*Larry Buffam

Kathleen Connelly

Dave Eckhardt

Jody Gunderson

Stef McGonagle (as needed/heavy equipment)

Dill Otis

Paul Simkin

Bill Tyler

Scott Lockhart-consultant

Gardens Committee

Ruth Bradley

Anne Dalton

Peter Dalton

Claire Howard

Craig Kukuk

*Leigh McGonagle

Linda McGonagle

Heidi Richter

Rebecca Schillenback

Bulletin Boards

*Stephanie Nelson

Anne Dalton

Sally Otis

Facebook Contact

Julie Lockhart

Finance

*Andy Simkin

Larry Buffam

Jeff Layton

Suzanne O'Hara

Paul Simkin

Historical Materials

*Jane Simkin

Anne Dalton

Librarians

Connie Mather

Stephanie Nelson

Ministry & Counsel

*Bess Simkin ('18)

Jim Frisch ('19)

Charlie Weld ('20)

Dill Otis ('21)

Suzanne O'Hara (22)

Andy Simkin (*ex officio* as MM Clerk)

Hannah Richter (*ex officio* as MM Asst.Clerk)

Craig Kukuk (*ex officio* as pastoral care provider)

Music

Rebecca Damiani

Claire Howard

Barry Kahn

*Jeff Layton

Sigrid Mortensen

Cathy Mullarney

Nominating

*Ruth Bradley (2018)

Rebecca Schillenback (2019)

Anne Dalton (2020)

Craig Kukuk (2020)



Outreach

Mary Lou Charles

*Anne Dalton

Mary Jo Granger

Christopher Sammond

Bess Simkin

Paul Simkin

Peace & Social Action

Karen Brennan Dil Otis
Larry Buffam Janet Reohr
Trudy Buxenbaum Bill Tyler
Barry Kahn Andy Simkin
Mary Jo Granger Jane Simkin
A.T. Miller Suzanne O'Hara

PRISM

*Mary Lou Charles
Laura Buffam
Scott Heinekamp
Suzanne O'Hara
Jane Simkin

Prison Worship Group Contacts

Jim Frisch (Auburn CF)
Dill Otis (Cayuga CF)

Religious Education/Youth

Kathleen Connelly
Rebecca Damiani
Alyssa Gunderson
*Julie Lockhart
Scott Lockhart
Sally Otis
Charlie Weld



Remembrances

Linda Simkin
Nance Simkin

Social

Laura Buffam
Ann Burch
Kay Burkett

Trudy Buxenbaum
Jim Frisch
Craig Kukuk
Cathy Mullarney
*Hannah Richter
Heidi Richter
Janet Shea

Statisticians

*Karen Simkin
Ann Burch

Telephone Tree/Directory

Laura Buffam
David Connelly
*Sally Otis
Jane Simkin

Trustees

Larry Buffam
Dill Otis
Linda Simkin

Webmaster

Suzanne O'Hara

Wider Parish Representatives

Sally Otis
Jane Simkin

Meetings for Discernment Reps

TBA

TBA

Yearly meeting Representatives

TBA

TBA

Funds Committee

- ☐ Clerk or designee of M&C
- ☐ Clerk or designee of RE/ Youth
- ☐ Clerk or designee of Finance
- ☐ Clerk or designee of Peace & SA

Approved for appointments 23 April 2017

Please notify Nance Simkin
(Donald.simkin@yahoo.com) to send a special
note of remembrance from the meeting.
Donations of cards are welcome.



For help with transportation contact
Joanne Rogers at 315-673-7345, 607-345-8468
(cell) or fron10ac@gmail.com

THOUGHTS ABOUT WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS

Excerpts taken from the NYYM Faith and Practice:

Our attempt to treat all other persons with respect, integrity, and love informs our practice and concerns in all our lives, from close interpersonal relationships to the conduct of meetings for business, to the search for international peace. It may be that we shall find unity in Jesus's simple admonition to "Love one another as I have loved you"

— [REDACTED]

Friends' business meetings are meetings for worship with a concern for business. When there seems to be disagreement, a free expression of all opinions should be encouraged. Those who speak in meetings for business are advised not to be unduly persistent in advocacy or opposition, but, after having fully expressed their views, to recognize the generally expressed sense of the meeting. A deep and seeking silence can help to reconcile seemingly opposing points of view. Meetings should be conducted in the spirit of wisdom, forbearance, and love.



OUR MEDITATION GARDEN: A PLACE OF REFLECTION, REMEMBRANCE, REPOSE

Having been a member of Poplar Ridge since 1989, it was, literally, for decades that I would walk out the back door of our meetinghouse, look at the end of the parking lot and see a beautiful garden – in my imagination! In reality, there was a tangle of brush and weeds.

Finally, in 2011, with permission from the community, a small group of us began working toward this vision, clearing out what was hidden there: rusted wheels and lots of old tires, broken cement and disintegrating bricks, old barrels - even a dismantled metal swing set!

The next year, we chipped the larger limbs and when the ground was clear we laid out a portion of a path, spread out the chips for mulch, and one sole tree was planted. Let us say, it was a slow start!

Things really got going in December 2015 when Leigh McGonagle, with her new Cornell degree in landscape architecture, responded to the call and offered her expertise. The wedding of Heidi Richter and Drew Schlichtmann in September 2016 became our focus and sustained work began.

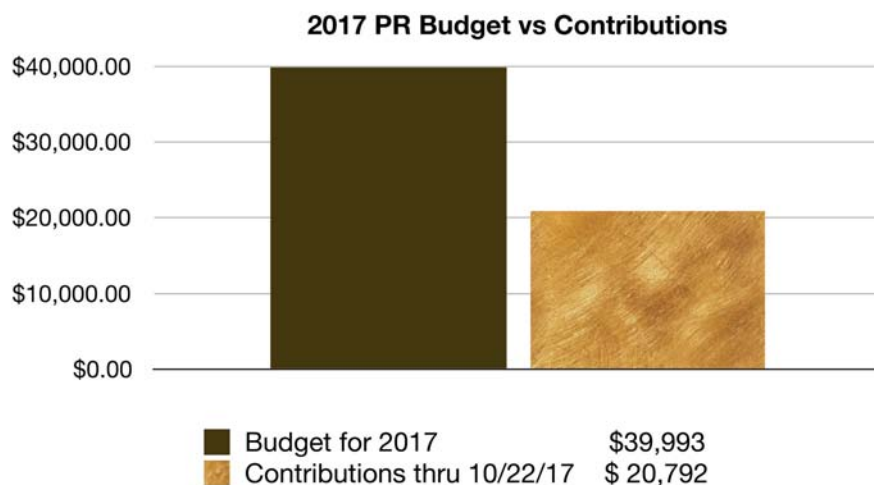
In addition to a walking path and seating areas, the vision had expanded to include a labyrinth, and this was formed lovingly from stones from Andreas Richter's memorable stone collection.

Essential to the project were the heavy equipment brought by the McGonagles, Leigh and Heidi's expertise and enthusiasm, and many helping hands, tools and trucks.

Thanks to all of you my vision became a reality far more beautiful than I ever imagined. Together we created a gift for ourselves and for future generations. Now, when I walk out the back door of our meetinghouse, I smile.

-- Ruth Bradley

Budget for 2017	\$39,993.00	
Contributions for 2017	\$20,792.00	51.99%
Budget deficit for 2017	\$19,201.00	



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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>.

To change or correct a mailing label please contact Mary Lou Charles at 364-7391 or Scott Heinekamp at 246-7151. You can request PRISM electronically and save the Meeting the expense of postage by emailing pr.prism@gmail.com.

To contribute items for PRISM contact us at pr.prism@gmail.com or
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