

**Fresh Pond Monthly Meeting**  
**Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**  
**February 4, 2018**

Friends gathered in worship with an attention to business on February 4, 2018. During opening worship, the clerk read an excerpt from Elise Boulding's address at the 1999 "Cultures of Peace" conference:

*I chose to emphasize peace culture as dealing with difference because I think one of the biggest problems we have now — particularly in this country but also in Europe — is that we have gone through a century of what I call "premature universalism." That is, we are all one and there is one set of values and one way to do things. That was colonialism. Even the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is so focused on the individual that it wasn't until we got the second and third round of conventions and declarations that community got involved. So we have a long habit of dealing with people as if we're just one human family and if people do it right, our way, then we'll have a peaceful world. What we're going through right now is a very painful process of learning about the diversity and the difference in the world. So when I think of and talk and write about peace culture, I'm writing about how we deal with difference creatively.*

**Present:** Susan Zeichner, Callid Kefe-Perry, Kristina Keefe- Perry, Mary Hopkinis, Lynn Taber, Beckey Phipps, Nancy Shippen, Brad Barber, Will Taber, Roberet Dove McLellan, Gail Charpentier, Bev Williams, Wally Williams, Kathleen McLoed, Kathleen Wooten, Helen Bassett, Linda Agerbak

Clerking: Philip Veatch

Recording clerk: Bruce Neumann

**Adult Ed request:** Beckey Phipps and Cathryn Oliva-Simmons requested that this month's third Sunday program be allowed to run longer than usual, perhaps 15-30 minutes. They envision this time together as a mini-retreat. Friends approved this request. Cathryn will arrange for childcare for the day including the extended period. Erica Voolich will check with the School that there are no issues with the extra time. Since part of the work will include making collages, Friends are encouraged to bring old calendars and magazines.

**Archives:** We understand that NEYM, after several years of requesting that we not send Archive material, due to the transition from the Rhode Island historical society to UMass Amherst, is now asking that meetings send materials to the new Archives. The clerk requested a few Friends to both research when the last

materials were sent, and explore what the new Archives is looking for both in content and media. Will Taber, Lynn Taber, and Kathleen Wooten (FPMM archivist) volunteered to take on this work. Anyone who has material they think might be relevant should contact Kathleen.

**Facebook page.** Continuing our consideration of whether FPMM is ready to establish a Facebook page, Kathleen Wooten made a presentation on behalf of the Outreach Working Group.

She notes that this is an experiment - we can change our policies and practices over time, or shut it down entirely, and that this means of communication will not replace announcements at the rise of meeting or through the Google list serve - this is an additional medium with great potential for reaching those who are interested in Quakers in general or our meeting in specific. The page will include a link and periodic reference to material on our website. Posts can also represent the interests, commitments, and activities of Fresh Pond Friends

We understand that Friends who don't have a Facebook account will be able to view the page, while anyone who has Facebook will be able to post, although the posts will not be public until approved by an administrator. Outreach is suggesting that the initial administrators be Kathleen Wooten and Mary Hopkins. The co-clerks of the meeting would also have administrative privileges.

Kathleen projected a prototype Facebook page, noting that all the static material on the page can be changed. Regarding photos, we recognize that we should not have pictures of minors without permission of their parents, and that Friends should let the admins know whether they are comfortable having their pictures posted. Those who are comfortable, and are on Facebook, can be tagged, which will distribute to post more widely (outreach).

Regarding comments, there are settings which can control whether anyone can make comments or whether they need to be allowed by the administrators.

We recognize that there will be a learning curve for us all, in considering what gets posted and how that represents our meeting, and Fresh Pond Friends getting used to considering this as a means of communicating to the world.

Friends approved setting up a Facebook page which will be under the oversight of the Outreach committee, with Kathleen Wooten and Mary Hopkins as primary administrators and the co clerks as associate admins. Initial comments setting will allow for public comments. We approve using the social media policy presented today (see attached) as a guide for what gets posted and how the account will be administered. Recognizing that outreach is a working group, we ask the Administration and Stewardship and the Gifts and Leadings committees to consider how oversight of this work will continue longer term.