

**Fresh Pond Monthly Meeting**  
**Ministry and Worship Committee Meeting**  
3/6/2018

**NOTES**

Present: Beckey Phipps (co-clerk), Melody Brazo (co-clerk), Bev Williams, Bruce Neumann, Callid Keefe-Perry, Cathryn Oliva-Simmons, Helen Bassett, Kathleen Wooten, Lynn Taber, Nancy Shippen, Pat Moyer, Phil Veatch, Susan Zeichner, Will Taber

The committee meeting opened with a period of worship in the home of Lynn and Will Taber.

1. Beckey Phipps presented a third revision of the **Proposal to reconsider the names of clearness and support committees at Fresh Pond Monthly Meeting** which included changes and edits suggested at our last meeting. The revision was read out loud and many key insights and suggestions were made regarding our practices. Friends were clear that this is an important process for outlining our practices and M&W will take the time that is needed to create a serviceable document.

Next steps: The co-clerks will review the revisions and suggestions and will return with the document in April for our continuing review.

2. Cathryn Oliva-Simmons presented the second draft of the **FPM 2017 State of Society Report** written by herself and Andy Foery. Friends reviewed the draft and expressed appreciation for the work of Cathryn and Andy.

Next steps: Friends are asked to submit any additional comment or edits to Cathryn by March 13. A third draft will be submitted to M&W (via the Fresh Pond Meeting google group) for review, in anticipation of bringing the document to Meeting for Business on April 1.

3. Nancy Shippen, as convener of **Kristina Keefe-Perry's support committee, brought a request for support of Kristina's ministry by Fresh Pond Meeting that will include financial assistance.** Nancy outlined the broad scope of Kristina's ministry and the need for funds to help sustain Kristina in her faithful service. Nancy said there are persons within and beyond Fresh Pond Meeting who would like to make a contribution to this ministry. A discussion followed about whether Brad Barber, meeting treasurer, can add a line item for Kristina's ministry. Callid Keefe-Perry reminded us that a line item on our meeting's income/expenses was added in [month, 2017] to reflect the NEYM Legacy Grant, which was awarded to Kristina and Callid for their *On Carrying A Concern* project. Beckey Phipps related that Fresh Pond Meeting approved a minute of religious service that allowed Friends to make tax-deductible contributions to the ministry she was undertaking; these contributions were reflected in the income/expenses of the Fresh Pond financial reports.

Next steps: Consult with Brad Barber about the process of creating a separate line item for Kristina. Kristina's support committee will draft a minute of religious service for Kristina and this will be brought to M&W; Beckey will forward her minute to Nancy as a possible template.

4. **Are we ready to commit to taking corporate action, as a meeting, out of our concern for racial and social justice?** Two possibilities were considered in February: marshal training and bystander training. (see notes from February 2018 for details). Friends are ready to move forward and ask for specific information on when we might be trained and what needs to be in place to make this happen.

Next steps: Beckey Phipps will ask Andy Foery to follow-up with Robert Dove McClellan on marshal training. Pat Moyer will follow-up with Martha Yeager on bystander training.

5. As is our practice, **we held a number of people in prayer around pastoral concerns**, and closed with worship.

**Our next meeting will be April 3** at the home of Bev and Wally Williams.