

**Multnomah Monthly Meeting of  
Friends Meeting for Business,  
Twelfth Month 2011  
Draft Minutes**

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business began at 12:15 p.m. on December 2011, with silent worship. Ellen Simmons, acting as Assistant Clerk, read a passage from Faith and Practice of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Introductions followed. The meeting began with 26 participants and grew to 30.

**12-11-01:** Minutes of the November business meeting were approved as with a number of small corrections.

**12-11-02:** Clerk's Business

Clerk Rick Seifert read letters from FCNL and FWCC thanking the Meeting for its contribution of \$500 toward the work of each organization.

The Clerk shared the recent newsletter of the Center for Development in Central America, which prominently features the Multnomah Meeting delegation that visited in August 2011.

The Clerk introduced a discussion of format for the newsletter and minutes. The Meeting agreed to the following: (1) The monthly newsletter and the minutes of the monthly meeting for business will be prepared as separate documents. They will be sent via email as separate documents and via regular mail as a single mailing of two items. (2) Full update reports from committees, memorial minutes, and similar documents will be mentioned in the body of the minutes and appended at the end of the minutes (as part of a single electronic or printed document).

A memorial service for Ardelle Dennis, a founding member of Multnomah Meeting who died peacefully on December 5, will be held at the meetinghouse on Friday, January 13, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting for worship will gather at 11:00 AM rather than the normal hour on December 25 and January 1.

Two events relating to Quaker decision-making and leadership will take place in January. On Saturday, January 21, Dorsey Green and Ann Stever from Seattle will lead an all-day workshop. On Sunday, January 29, beginning at noon, there will be a roundtable of former Multnomah Meeting clerks to "demystify" the position and process of clerking.

**12-11-03:** Meeting **approved** making a one-time contribution of \$500 to the Youth Opportunity Fund of North Pacific Yearly Meeting. The YOF has evolved from a bequest made originally to MMM by Mary Edmundson of The Dalles. The YOF makes grants to middle school, high school, and young adult Friend within NPYM. It has customarily disbursed roughly \$2000 per year and has assisted 40 individuals. Our contribution will help it continue its work in a period when the investment returns on its capital are low.

**12-11-04:** Oversight Committee presented memorial minutes for Daisy Cargill, who died November 4, 2011, and Greg Thompson Berleman, who died October 23, 2011. The Meeting **approved** both memorials, which are appended to these business meeting minutes.

**12-11-05:** Meeting **approved** membership for Jeff Lumb. He will be welcomed by a committee of Josh Von Kuster (convener), Avery Welkin, Marian Rhys, Peter Ford, and Marge Abbott.

**12-11-06:** Oversight Committee reports that Glee Lumb has requested membership. A committee consisting of Ron Marson, Jim Perry, and Maye Thompson has met with Glee, and Oversight Committee recommends that Meeting accept Glee as a member. The recommendation will season for a month according to standard operating procedure.

**12-11-07:** Nominating Committee recommends Maye Thompson for membership on Oversight Committee. This nomination will season for a month.

The committee needs to fill several vacancies: AFSC liaison; FCNL liaison; Children's Program Committee member; Nominating Committee member; Database Manager.

**12-11-08:** Peter Ford, the MMM treasurer, presented the monthly financial reports for October (Statement of Financial Activity, Statement of Financial Position, and Fund Accounting). During October the Meeting spent \$860 more than it received in donations. For the year, we have taken in \$1510 more than we have spent, leaving the Meeting in solid financial shape as it approaches the end of its fiscal year on December 31.

The Nicaragua Delegation Fund, which shows a deficit of \$2294 will be zeroed out as a separate fund and folded into the MMM operating budget, thus showing as an extra expense for the year.

**12-11-09:** Carl Thatcher reported that Finance Committee had considerable discussion over the possibility that Occupy Portland might ask MMM to rent space on its behalf at St. Francis Church and provide insurance coverage. Although Occupy Portland has found a different organization to act on its behalf, Carl reported that it was valuable and important that we be aware of the issues involved relating to our tax status and liability should other similar requests be made.

**12-11-10:** Marge Abbott presented as report from the Worship and Ministry Committee.

There will be a gathering for newcomers on Friday evening, January 6, 2012, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the meetinghouse. Oldcomers will bring deserts, and all are welcome to an opportunity for sharing and dialog. Invitations have been extended to everyone who signed the guestbook over the last several months (a total of 40+ with legible addresses or emails).

Camas Friends Church has invited Friends from Bridge City, West Hills, and Multnomah meetings to join them on January 8, 2012, for evening worship from 6 PM to 7:30 PM. This experiment in convergent worship will include scripture reading, silent worship, queries, and worship sharing. This event may be the start of a series. All interested Friends are invited to participate.

**12-11-11:** John Von Kuster reported on activities of the Occupy Portland Support Committee. The OPSC is still working on background for our minute of support. Joe Snyder and Rock Seifert are participating in the Faith/Spirit Spoke of Occupy. OPSC spent much time considering the possibility of satisfying a request to the Meeting to act as a

fiscal agent on behalf of Occupy. OPSC believes that we should approach any such requests in a positive spirit and seeking ways to be of assistance.

**12-11-12:** Jesse Laird presented a report on the wide-ranging activities of Peace and Social Concerns Committee in recent months. The report is appended to these minutes.

After joys and concerns, the meeting concluded at 2:15 p.m.

Rick Seifert, Clerk  
Ellen Simmons, Acting Assistant Clerk  
Carl Abbott, Acting Recording Clerk

## **Appendix to Twelfth Month 2011 Draft Minutes**

Greg Thompson Berleman Memorial Minute  
Daisy Cargill Memorial Minute  
Peace and Social Concerns Update

### **Gregory Thompson (Berleman)** July 17, 1949 – October 23, 2011

Greg Thompson was born to Rosemary Lapham Berleman and Leslie Thompson in Portland Oregon in 1949. After his parents separated Greg spent time in foster care and then when his mother married William Berleman the family moved to Seattle. He has 2 half sisters, Kaija and Mara Berleman who were born when Greg was a teenager. After High School graduation he spent a year in California with his biological father and stepmother, Shirley. He then returned to Seattle, attended U of W and earned a degree in History. He later obtained a Masters in Educational Counseling from Lewis and Clark College.

Greg found Quakers through a friend while in high school. He was active in the Junior Friends Program and the adult meeting. He joined the Mar Loma Monthly Meeting while in California, and then transferred his membership to University Meeting when he returned to Seattle. Later while in Portland he transferred his membership to Multnomah Meeting. Over the years Greg served Friends at both the local and Yearly Meeting levels. As a young adult he was the coordinator for the NPYM Children's program for several years and also worked with the Junior Friends. Shortly after moving to Portland he was the recording clerk for Multnomah Meeting.

In 1973 he married Janet Jump under the joint care of University Meeting and Multnomah Meeting. After a brief time in Seattle the couple moved to Portland. After graduate school Greg worked for Portland Public Schools as a school counselor at the Middle and High School levels. He retired with 30 years of service. Ethan was born in 1982 and Rachel in 1986. As part of his "coming out" and finding himself Janet and Greg were divorced in 1999. He found companionship with Doug Michaels from 2003 to 2010 when he moved to England to be with Mark Jordan. In England he reconnected with Friends and attended a local meeting in Canterbury.

In the spring of 2011 Greg with diagnosed with cancer in his kidney. Surgery in August revealed that it was much more pervasive than expected. He died on October 23, 2011 of liver failure related to his cancer.

Friends memorial services were held in both England and in Portland.

## **Daisy Cargill**

February 18, 1912-November 4, 2011

One of Portland's oldest flappers has danced her last Charleston. Daisy Cargill died November 4, 2011, three months before her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Daisy Knight was born February 18, 1912, in Garfield, Washington. She was the fourth youngest of eleven children and the last to die. Her mother, Ella Williams Knight, died of influenza when Daisy was five. Her father, Walter Knight, raised his large family by himself. When she was 17 years old Daisy moved to Oklahoma to live with her sister. There it was that she witnessed the suffering caused by the Dust Bowl. Thus two epic events changed her life profoundly: the influenza pandemic of 1917 that took her mother's life and direct experience of the dust bowl. Daisy met Ira Cargill at a baseball game and they married in 1941. In 1953 they moved to Portland where Daisy worked as a bookkeeper. After 56 years of marriage, Ira died in 1997. After that, Daisy's only daughter, Linda Cargill, took care of her. Throughout her life, Daisy loved entertaining, arranging flowers, praying, and cooking and eating a good meal.

A life-long Baptist, Daisy followed Linda into the Quaker community and in 1999 became an active participant in the Religious Society of Friends. Linda had been coming to Multnomah Friends Meeting since 1991, when she was marching in protest to the Gulf War. She was inspired by Multnomah member, Winnie Frances, who exemplified Quaker values of speaking truth to power and nonviolent resistance. For twelve years Daisy came to morning Meeting for Worship. She was fortunate to enjoy the friendship of Friend Joe Miller and greatly inspired by his activism to save the Bull Run

watershed. Daisy participated in the Meeting's Peace and Social Concerns committee, working on projects to oppose the Iraq war. In her mid-90's she participated in anti-war protest marches and then sat on the sidelines when age prevented long marches. Committed to saving the environment, Daisy also came to meetings of the Multnomah Meeting Global Coolers. Open hearted, outgoing, and loving, Daisy reached out to people wherever she went. During her last days at the hospital following a stroke, she was surrounded by family, friends, and Multnomah Friends holding her in the Light.

Daisy is survived by her daughter, Linda Cargill of Portland and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and dear friends. Multnomah Meeting held two memorial services for her, at the graveside on November 12, and at the Meetinghouse on December 4, 2011.

## Peace and Social Concerns Committee Update December 2011

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee (PSCC) is alive and well! Join us!

We continue work on our longstanding concerns, such as sustainability, immigration, homelessness, and peace. Some of us are also surfing Occupy Portland's tsunami of activism for economic justice. The Occupy Portland Support Committee (OPSC) that formed under the care of PSCC has been quite friendly toward Occupy Portland. OPSC meets as needed, and several Occupy Portland activists attend.

Here are some highlights of recent peacework by PSCC and by PSCC members. In the last three months, PSCC / PSCC members have:

### Hospitality and Sharing

- Continued to offer weekly free food in the park (a practice now into its 21st year!)
- Fed people at the Occupy Portland encampment and at the Meetinghouse
- Financially supported PSCC related travel and projects
- Donated money to activist organizations and projects

### Education

- Written letters to political leaders, including Jeff Merkely
- Lobbied Earl Blumenauer on student loan debt and social security
- Facilitated workshops on nonviolent communication, and on strategic nonviolence
- Offered lifestyle tips and sustainability education through Global Coolers
- Published opinion editorials and academic articles on nonviolent social movements
- Showed the film "Peace One Day," on occasion of the International Day of Peace
- Made guest presentations to college students on Critical Pedagogy, Occupy Portland, and on the Oregon New Sanctuary Movement

Attended trainings, such as Diane Randall's lobbying workshop at Reedwood Friends Church.

### Spiritual Care

- Offered early morning Quaker worship at the Occupy Portland encampment
- Represented Multnomah Meeting at Marylhurst University's interfaith discussions focused on sustainability, healthcare, and the human right to water.

### Peace Action and Organization Building

- Participated in the Occupy Portland encampment; including camping out, marching, providing basic medical care, and offering conflict mediation.
- Used "Theater of the Oppressed" to explore issues of power in the workplace
- Traveled to make connections in Colorado (at Occupy Denver), in New York (at Occupy Wall Street, as well as at local Quaker Meetings), and to Washington D.C. (to attend the Friends Committee on National Legislation conference and visit Occupy D.C.), and elsewhere.

We've been up to more than is mentioned in this list, but you get the idea. We're doing our best to make a small contribution to the bewildering spectrum of need out there. It's tough to fully wrap your mind around how much work needs to be done, but we help each other.

Our committee is getting bigger, and we're getting better at focusing our rebel energies. Our meetings are concise, respectful, and productive. We get stuff done and make things happen –join us the first Sunday of each month, from 11:45 to 12:45.

Jesse Laird  
Clerk, Peace and Social Concerns Committee