



BROOKLYN MEETING NEWS

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June Meeting for Business: Reports from Three Active Committees

Welcoming Committee Has a Busy Year

Every First Day, Friends from the Welcoming Committee greet members and newcomers at the door of the Meetinghouse and provide information when needed. The Committee also organized two social events to bring Friends together: a Contra Dance and a Game Night. Over 40 adults and children participated.

This year the Committee sent out postcards to Friends and Attenders who had not been to Meeting for Worship for a period of time.

The Welcoming Committee reported that average attendance at Meeting for Worship for the year was 114 adults and 15 children.

Community Dinner, Active and Loving Outreach

After Meeting for Worship on the last First Day of each month, Friends and volunteers from other groups begin setting up for a 3 P.M. dinner open to all in the neighborhood who need a meal and fellowship (approximately 55 to 80 guests). Outside volunteers from organizations such as Brooklyn Friends School,

Brooklyn Cares and the Park Slope Jewish Center join Meeting members and guests in the sociability of a shared meal. Live music and decorated placemats have been contributed by Meeting First Day School classes. A movie made by one class about the Community Dinner, called "The Last Sunday of the Month," was submitted to the Brooklyn Bridge Film Series this past year.



First Day School Completes a Challenging Year

The Meeting First Day School, which meets at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday morning during the school year, is divided by age into three classes. Childcare is provided for infants and very young children by a separate committee. A Teen group was

added on June 1 of this year.

The program opened in September with a pancake breakfast for all and sharing of information about the program. High spots of the year included planting, Bible stories, a Christmas Creche, an Easter Egg Tree and the creation of a film. Classes explored the topics of Yoga, Quaker History and Values, Earth care, and shared their own personal experiences and ethical concerns.

Concerns of the Committee include developing a more structured curriculum and bringing in and supporting more volunteer teachers and assistants.

Meeting Agrees to Support and Host Native American Campaign

Tom Rothschild brought to Brooklyn Meeting a concern of New York Yearly Meeting for the "Two Row Wampum Renewal Campaign Caravan" sponsored by the Onondaga Nation Council of Chiefs.

This campaign seeks to build support for renewing the original treaty between the tribe and the governments of the U.S. and Canada, with the goal of friendly relations and mutual respect in sharing Federal land as well as the Hudson River. Brooklyn Meeting agreed to become a sponsor and to contribute \$200 from the Socially Responsible Projects Fund. The Campaign will be making a symbolic trip down the Hudson River, and the Meeting will

provide hospitality to the group overnight on August 8 and 9. Friends can volunteer to help by contacting Tom Rothschild.

October 17-19, 2013.

-Molly Rusnak

For the real difference between happiness and joy is that one is grounded in this world, the other in eternity. Happiness cannot encompass suffering and evil. Joy can. Happiness depends on the present. Joy leaps into the future and triumphantly creates a new present out of it.

~ Elise Boulding, 1920-2010

Meeting Retreat Scheduled

Brooklyn Meeting has scheduled its annual Retreat at Powell House for

Submission Guidelines

The Communications Committee welcomes Brooklyn Meeting News contributions from all Meeting members and attenders. Our newsletter includes a variety of content which may be of interest to our community, including but not limited to:

- Recaps of recent Meeting events
- Previews of upcoming events
- Issues pertaining to our

Quaker faith and history

The newsletter is published on the first Sunday of each month, and we request that submissions for the next issue be submitted at least two weeks in advance. General Guidelines:

- Please send an email to newsletter@brooklynmeeting.org so that we may briefly discuss your contribution, as regards its timeliness, appropriateness, and length.
- Contributions should

- generally be brief, between 150-450 words in length.
- Please send your newsletter submission as an attached Word document.
- Keep in mind that contributions will be copy edited, and may not appear in the newsletter in exactly the same form as how they were submitted.

Thank you for your interest - we look forward to your input!

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Meetings for Worship

9:00–9:50 AM and
11:00 AM–NOON on Sundays,
in the meeting room
6:30 PM Tuesdays,
in the meeting room

Childcare

Sundays during 11:00 AM worship, for
children of 3 months to 3 years, in the care
of an early childhood teacher and dedicated
volunteers

First Day School

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM, Sundays, September
to June. Three classes, roughly related to
age: Bodies (4-6), Minds (7-9) and Spirits
(10-12).

Social Hour

12:00 PM Sundays,
Ground-level dining room

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

1:00 PM, first Sundays, in the meeting
room

Hymn Singing around the Piano

10:00 AM, first Sundays, in the meeting
room

Readings of Spiritual Texts

10:00 AM, second Sundays, in the
meeting room

Worship Sharing

10:00 AM, third Sundays, on the third
floor

Community Dinner

1:00 PM–3:00 PM SET-UP
3:00 PM–4:00 PM MEAL/SERVING
4:00 PM– 5:00 PM CLEAN-UP, COME FOR
SOME OR ALL!

Last Sunday of every month, ground-
level dining room; volunteers appreciated
for this monthly dinner for anyone who
wishes a free hot meal. Children
encouraged to volunteer.

Contact: Andres Colapinto,
acolabus@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

*Ongoing additions to upcoming Meeting events are regularly added to the Meeting website at
<http://www.brooklynmeeting.org/calendar>.*

To submit an event, email calendar@brooklynmeeting.org.

*Member Kate Rapoport also maintains an
email event announcement list; send a request to brooklyn.kittens@gmail.com to join.*

July 2013

Sunday, July 21- Saturday, July 27:
NYYM Summer Sessions
At Silver Bay, on the beautiful Lake George.

Sunday, July 21:
Young Adult Friends Potluck
Location TBD, visit YAF Facebook page for
updates,
[http://www.facebook.com/pages/Brooklyn-
Monthly-Meeting-Young-Adult-
Friends/282463258438585](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Brooklyn-Monthly-Meeting-Young-Adult-Friends/282463258438585)

Friday, July 26- Sunday, July 28:
Embracing Summer's Abundance: A
Courage & Renewal Retreat
At Powell House.

Visit www.courageandrenewalny.com to
register.

August 2013

Thursday, August 8- Friday, August 9:
Peace and Social Action Committee First
Nation Group
Fifty representatives of the Two Row
Wampum Renewal Campaign, will be
canoing from Albany to NYC and staying
at Brooklyn Meeting. If you are able to assist
with coordination, hosting, and food, please
contact Mitch at mcewen@gmail.com

Friday, August 9- Sunday, August 11:
The Midway Point, a weekend for Friends
35 years old and older.

Visit www.powellhouse.org to register.

Sunday, August 18:
Young Adult Friends Potluck
Location TBD, visit YAF Facebook page for
updates,
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Send inquiries or suggestions about the newsletter to newsletter@brooklynmeeting.org.
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