

POC Quarterly Business and Breakfast Meeting
held at 15th Street Meeting House, April 21, 2024

Present: Linda Shirley, Helen Garay Toppins

1. The Financial Report was read and accepted. As of the end of March, 2024 we have \$3,150.02 in the account. The NY Quarterly Witness Fund has granted us \$2,000. (not yet received) for a Chinese translation of Faith & Practice.
2. Approval of the NYYM Statement, with revisions. (Update: Sent on 4/27/24 to NYYM)
3. Presentation of the proposed internal controls policy, which will be taken under consideration for future review and revisions.
4. Faith and Practice Re-Write: A discussion on the efforts of individual Friends to update Faith & Practice to include a wider diversity of voices revealed the necessity to form the "Inclusive Faith & Practice Working Group". POC will have a Called Meeting to finalize the formation of this group on May 12, 2024 (after the Noguchi visit) at a local diner - place to be announced. Initially an invitation to all Quarterly POC members and attenders will be issued, and eventually all interested POC members and attenders of NYYM will be invited to join the group and discuss in an open, exploratory, sandbox fashion any and all recommendations for updates and improvements to our current version of Faith and Practice. A POC introduction to the Chinese translation was discussed and provisionally approved.
5. A discussion of how POC can support working on building Quaker and other faith based groups capacity to use our economic power for good using non-violent strategies. HGT and Linda to review faith based groups who are already in progress with that effort at the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility. Are there efforts we can support? Are there opportunities to educate ourselves about these efforts? Linda to check back with FCNL if they need another meeting with Grace Meng.
6. We continue to encourage Quakers to contact their representatives every week to promote a ceasefire and peace in Gaza. Links below:

<https://afsc.org/action/call-cease-fire-and-humanitarian-access-gaza-now?ms=WEB24LP001PI>

https://fcnl.quorum.us/campaign/51886/?utm_source=billboard
7. Discussion on how John Choe may best share the Quaker Uprooting Racism 2024 program (QUR) as part of our Each One, Teach One portion of our Quakerism curriculum, when appropriate (workshop participants may be asked not to share until after the workshop is over.) One idea - breakout meeting at NYYM Summer Sessions in July on the day when John is on campus for Trustees meeting. For the Quarter, a Wednesday evening Zoom session to be held.
8. Report from Quakerism for Families curriculum classes.

We have just begun our fourth theme – SPICES – in our Quakerism for Families curriculum. We made Testimony cards and played a game where a dilemma was presented and cards were played that would help with the discernment of that issue. The group attended Brooklyn First Day School's Waffle Day in February and in March studied TRUTH. (Note: POC Quakerism for Families meets every second Sunday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Flushing Meeting House.) POC approved a field trip to the Noguchi Museum as part of our "Community" themed lesson on May 12, 2024. We are also inviting respected members of Quarterly & NYYM to join us in celebration of Mother's Day. (Gloria Thompson and Beverly Archibald).
9. A discussion of the issues facing Flushing Meeting regarding governance and their air rights determined that at this time POC will take no official action but will keep a close watch on the situation and any further developments. Friends to meet privately in accordance with Matthew 18. at this time.

12. Funding for John Choe to go to FGC Anti-Racism Workshop as part of the Each One Teach One curriculum approved.

The Meeting was brought to a close and we made our way to the NY Quarterly Business Meeting held at 15th Street Meeting House.

Future Events To keep in mind:

May 12, 2024 – Noguchi Museum trip 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

May 12, 2024 - Called Meeting of IFP Working Group 2:30 PM (location to be announced)

October 2, 2024 – World Quaker Day (and George Fox's 400th Birthday)

November 15-17, 2024 Quarter-wide retreat planned at Powell House.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Flushing Monthly Meeting lies within the traditional territory of the Matinecock people, who stewarded the land and water of the Northern Shore of Long Island and used its bounty to fulfill their needs, maintaining a natural ecological balance. Contact with Europeans devastated their way of life and we ask Friends to remember the Matinecock's history and their continuing presence in our area as we proceed with the work before us today.

POC FINANCIAL REPORT - January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024

Date	Description	Amount	Category	Receipt	Note
2/26/2024	Walmart	-62.8	Office supplies	Y	Supplies for POC Curriculum
2/14/2024	FRIENDS GENERAL CONF	-1250	Professional development	N	John Choe - FGC Conference Fee
2/4/2024	John Choe	-90	Transportation	Y	Reimbursement for roundtrip taxicab fare (and tip) to transport POC Worship Group to First Day School at Brooklyn Meeting on 2/4/24
2/4/2024	John Choe	-71	Transportation	Y	Reimbursement for roundtrip transportation costs for Quaker Coalition to Uproot Racism (QCUR) January 2024 Retreat at Pendle Hill, Pennsylvania - Each One Teach One
1/31/2024	eBay O*11-11124-36268	-9.76	Professional development	Y	Book for POC Curriculum library and as a gift to Taehoon Kim and Family as part of the POC Curriculum program. "A Life Like Mine"
1/28/2024	NWS STAPLES 0841 001664	-145.53	Office supplies	Y	Art supplies etc. for POC Curriculum.
1/7/2024	MTA*NYCT PAYGO	-2.9	Transportation	Y	Additional MTA trip for the Rubin Art Museum. See notes.
1/7/2024	AT *RUBIN MUSEUM OF AR	-14	Professional development	Y	Additional tickets for the Rubin Trip. See notes
1/7/2024	MTA*METROCARD MACHINE	-30	Transportation	Y	This is subway transportation for the Rubin Museum trip. See notes.
1/7/2024	MTA*LIRR ETIX TICKET	-10	Transportation	N	This was transportation by LIRR and subway to the Rubin Museum. See receipts.
1/7/2024	MTA*LIRR ETIX TICKET	-50	Transportation	Y	This was transportation by LIRR and subway to the Rubin Museum. See receipts.
1/1/2024	MTA*LIRR ETIX TICKET	-5	Transportation	N	Linda accidentally bought a ticket experimenting with the MTA app. She is paying it back by not taking \$5.00 in reimbursements.
TOTAL EXPENSES		-1740.99			
TOTAL INCOME		0			
ENDING BALANCE 3/31/24		\$3,150.02			