

17-36: Opening Worship: Friends gathered in worship at Castleton University, in a mood of anticipation and grateful for the hard work of many Friends to prepare for the gathering of Friends at Annual Sessions. PB Clerk Sarah Gant thanked Friends for their labors during the previous year. Knowing that PB has weighed issues throughout the year that some Friends may be seeing for the first time at Sessions, she urged PB Friends to make themselves open during Sessions to answering questions, explaining context, and sharing the ministry that has come to PB during the year since Sessions 2016.

17-37: Roll Call: Present: Sarah Gant, Clerk; Becky Steele, Recording Clerk; Kimberly Allen, Travis Belcher, Susan Davies, Jeremiah Dickinson, Hannah Zwirner Forsythe, Christopher Gant, Ben Guaraldi, Ian Harrington, Rebecca Leuchak, Christopher McCandless, Carole Rein, Karen Sanchez-Eppler, Suzanna Schell, Sara Smith, Philip Stone, Bill Walkauskas, Donn Weinholtz, Rosemary Zimmerman, Mary Zwirner

Regrets: Holly Baldwin, Deana Chase, Justice Erikson, Leana Kantt, Jean McCandless, Anna Radocchia

Absent: Galen Hamann, Tom Jackson, Elizabeth Szatkowski

Ex Officio: Noah Merrill (YM Secretary), Elizabeth Reuthe (Supervisor, YM Secretary) Elias Sanchez-Eppler (Clerk, Finance Committee), Shearman Taber (Treasurer), Fritz Weiss (Presiding Clerk)

Visitors: Darcy Drayton (Skowhegan Preparative), Edward Baker (Westerly)), John Reuthe (Vassalboro), Emily Provence (Fifteenth Street, New York), Holly Weidner (Vassalboro)

17-38 Minutes of the May 13, 2017 PB meeting were **approved**, with minor revisions.

17-39 Presiding Clerk Report: Referring Friends to his written report (attached), Presiding Clerk Fritz Weiss shared words from Thomas Kelly's *Eternal Promise* that had come to him during opening worship: "hasten to God and hasten to the World." He noted that during the upcoming Sessions, Friends will be addressing many weighty concerns -- climate change, white supremacy, money, sanctuary, among others. We must "hasten to God" so that an otherwise heavy burden is light. The root of our concern is love for this world and creation, and a desire to be a people who will act from that love to save the world.

17-40 YM Secretary Report: YM Secretary Noah Merrill welcomed Friends to Sessions.

- As of last night, there were 611 registrations for Sessions, quite a few higher than last year. Over 10% of us will be first-time attenders (some of whom signed up for Sessions after going to one of the Living Faith gatherings). We are excited to welcome those who are here for the first time, and to look for ways to help them feel welcome and up to

speed on what's happening. The Secretary also shared his joy that there will be 14 children in the child care program, and more children and Friends under the age of 18 than in the past five years -- a sign of life bubbling up in the Meeting. Thanking all the Friends who make Sessions happen, the Secretary noted in particular the abundant service of Durham Friends.

- SquashBusters/Moses Brown update: SquashBusters is considering a sizeable investment to build a new squash facility on the grounds of the Moses Brown School (MBS). The school leases its grounds from NEYM, which owns the land. In light of the squash facility's possible effect on the ground lease, the YM Secretary consulted with Moses Brown and NEYM's counsel to draft language that supports MBS while clarifying that NEYM has no direct relationship with SquashBusters and no implied relationship with SquashBusters. The clerk of PB is authorized to sign a Letter Agreement to that effect. Any change to the existing lease structure would require discernment at Sessions, prior to approval.

17-41 Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Shearman Taber referred Friends to his written report in the Sessions Advance Docs.

1. Friends **approved** the resolutions on the corporate account certification (attached) authorizing Shearman Taber to engage with Scottrade to handle stock transactions on behalf of the YM:
2. The Treasurer informed Friends about ongoing work to determine and allocate Permanent Fund gains properly. In the past, income from the Permanent Funds has been made available for operating funds, but gains were not captured. Much has been done, and there is some more to do, to make sure the gains are properly allocated to operating accounts for both restricted funds and non-restricted funds. Friends appreciated the hard work of the Treasurer, the Finance Committee, and staff.

17-42: Development Committee: Rising Clerk Christopher Gant presented the Development Committee report:

1. The Committee has committed to raising, before the end of the fiscal year, not just its budgeted fundraising goal, but also an additional \$40,000 to cover the increased payroll costs of voluntarily complying with proposed federal overtime regulations. A group of generous donors has given \$50,000, \$20,000 of which will serve as seed money for a challenge grant matching new or increased gifts to the YM before the end of the fiscal year on September 30, 2017. To hit this goal, the Development Committee plans to approach five groups in particular:
 - PB -- reminding PB Friends of their November 2016 pledge to increase their giving by 5%
 - People who are involved in NEYM (whether on committees or in other ways), but not yet donors
 - Reliable givers -- asking if they could slightly increase giving and convert to sustained monthly giving

- Young Adult Friends involved with NEYM
- Major prospects -- asking leadership donors to give toward the FY 17 fundraising goal and also tackle the YM's deficits.

2. Future work the Committee contemplates:

- Developing a planned giving program to encourage Friends to consider NEYM when making their estate plans.
- Monthly meetings -- the Development Committee has agreed to manage relationships with monthly meetings (formerly on the Finance Committee's very full plate)

17-43: Internal Nominating: Friends **approved** the following nominations:

- Becky Steele to serve an additional year as PB Recording Clerk
- Margaret Marshall -- YM nominating at large
- Kathy Zager -- Friends Camp Nominating Committee
- Rachel Walker Cogbill -- Faith and Practice Revision Committee

The committee is still seeking a Friend to serve as YM Nominating Clerk (and therefore, on the Coordinating and Advisory Committee)

17-44: Friends Camp Nominating Committee: Friends **approved** naming Natalie Bornstein and Karin Wagner to the Friends Camp Nominating Committee.

17-45: Clerk's Nominating Committee: Friends **approved** forwarding to Sessions the following nominations for the Clerk's table:

- Fritz Weiss as Presiding Clerk
- Jim Grace and Rosemary Zimmerman as Recording Clerks
- Katherine Fisher and Jeremiah Dickinson as Reading Clerks

17-46: Memorial Minutes: Friends heard, with appreciation, memorial minutes for Friends Fritz Bell, Betty Jones, and Joyce Rawitscher.

17-47: Closing Worship: Friends closed in worship, anticipating the joys, work, fellowship, and worship for the week to come at Sessions.

*Presiding Clerk Report to Permanent Board and Ministry and Council
August 2017*

Dear Friends,

“You either walk towards love or away from it with every breath you draw”*

Since we met in May the Coordinating and Advisory Committee has met three times. Elizabeth Reuthe has joined the committee as she steps into the role of Supervisor of the YM Secretary. Much of the business before C&A has been shaped by the revised committee purposes, which came to Permanent Board in May, and which will come to Annual sessions this week. C&A also recognized that there had been no formal performance evaluation of the Secretary this year although feedback on Noah’s performance had been gathered as a part of the Harvard Leadership program. We plan on conducting the evaluation and goal setting in September/October to align with developing work plans for the year.

I hosted another call with clerks and leadership from the quarters in June. There will be a gathering at lunch on Tuesday focusing on beginning a yearlong conversation on the function and form for the quarters. This is work I hope to help facilitate. I am looking for support and participation from Ministry and Council and Permanent Board.

I attended the Triennial of Friends United Meeting (FUM) two weeks ago. This is the first triennial I have attended. There will be a report to NEYM on Sunday evening. I would love to talk more about the meeting, the worship, the keynotes and the business. It was truly a deep and rich time with Friends from around the world. Friends across the world are engaging deeply with the question of how Friends will be faithful in a distraught world. It also reminded me that NEYM has unfinished business in regards to financial support of FUM. In 2014 we minuted our intention to follow the temporary policy permitting conscientious withholding of funds until 2019 and to continue to labor over our the concerns which resulted in this policy with annual reports to sessions. We have not made these annual reports.

Most of my focus since May has been on preparing for this week. In June the clerks of the Yearly Meeting spent a weekend retreat considering the agenda that has come to us. The agenda is full. I believe it is well prepared and that there is clarity on what we are being asked. You may have noticed that the advance documents are 60 pages long. At our retreat the Yearly Meeting clerks shared a deep and shared sense that God is at work with us: that there is openness to the light and life of the spirit in NEYM and that the agenda reflects this.

My prayer for this week is that we walk towards love in our worship, in our business and with each breath we take.

Love

Fritz Weiss
Presiding clerk

* Brian Doyle

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Neither the Articles of Incorporation, as amended, nor the by-laws of said Corporation purport to qualify or limit the power of the Corporation to acquire and dispose of shares or other interests in, or obligations of other domestic or foreign corporations, associations, or partnerships, or to qualify or limit the authority of the Board of Directors to adopt the resolutions hereinafter referred to.

Listed below is a true copy of certain resolutions duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said Corporation at a meeting duly called and held in accordance with law and the by-laws of the Corporation, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting throughout. Said resolutions have in no way been amended or repealed and remain in full force and effect.

The following persons are the duly elected, qualified and acting officers of the Corporation as indicated after his or her respective name:

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BE IT RESOLVED:

- That any one of the above designated officers, for and on behalf of the Corporation, is authorized to enter into a cash and margin account agreement and open a brokerage account in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation with Scottrade, Inc. who is herein referred to as Scottrade, and for and on behalf of the Corporation, to direct the purchase, sale, transfer of, and otherwise deal in, through Scottrade, acting as broker or acting for its own account, stocks, bonds, put and call option contracts, and other securities;
- That any one of the above designated officers, or any other officer or agent of the Corporation authorized to draw upon or pay out the Corporation's funds, is authorized to make payment out of Corporation funds for any items which may be payable in connection with any such purchase or sale or the exercise of the authority conferred by this resolution;
- That any one of the above designated officers, or any other officer or agent of the Corporation entrusted with the care or custody of any stocks, bonds and other securities sold or to be sold pursuant hereto, is authorized to deliver the same to Scottrade and to make any endorsement necessary to effect transfer or change of title;
- That any one of the above designated officers, for and on behalf of the Corporation, is authorized: (i) to receive from Scottrade demands, notices, confirmations, reports, statements of account and communications of every kind relating to the moneys, securities or properties from time to time held or acquired by Scottrade pursuant hereto, and (ii) on behalf of the Corporation to receive and give acquittances for money, securities and property of any kind at any time held by Scottrade pursuant hereto;
- That any one of the above designated officers is authorized, for and on behalf of the Corporation: (i) to make agreements and give releases and acquittances related to any of the foregoing matters, and (ii) to direct Scottrade to hold any of such stocks, bonds, put and call option contracts and other securities for the account of the corporation, and (iii) to direct Scottrade to cause any of such stocks, bonds and other securities to be issued or registered in the name of the Corporation, or in the name of Scottrade, or in such other name as such officer may direct;
- That the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Corporation is directed: (i) to deliver to Scottrade a copy of this resolution, duly certified under the seal of this Corporation, and (ii) to certify, with or without the seal of this Corporation, from time to time that neither the Articles of Incorporation, as amended, nor the by-laws of the Corporation purport to qualify or limit the power of the Corporation to acquire or dispose of shares or other interests in or obligations of other domestic or foreign corporations, associations, or partnerships, or to qualify or limit the authority of the Board of Directors to adopt this resolution, and (iii) to certify a list of the names and signatures of the persons hereby empowered to act hereunder, and that Scottrade shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon such certifications and upon this resolution and to assume conclusively that such authority, and this resolution, continue in effect without modification until receipt by it at its St. Louis, Mo. headquarters of a written notice to the contrary, and that Scottrade shall be and is hereby indemnified and saved harmless from any loss suffered or liability incurred by it in reliance hereon or on the authority delegated hereby or on such certificates; and
- That this resolution shall supersede any and all previous resolutions of similar import.

By signing below, the undersigned officer hereby affirms this resolution.



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 Non-trading or Sole Officer's Signature

 Date

Frederick (Fritz) D. Bell
August 16, 1932–April 3, 2015

Fritz Bell was born into a family with strong Quaker traditions, spanning several generations before and after him. When he was bullied at the prestigious secondary boarding school to which his parents had sent him, he told them he would not go back for the sophomore year. Where, they asked, did he propose to go? He immediately said Westtown, the excellent Quaker boarding school outside Philadelphia. There's no question that his three years there were key to the development of the man we all came to know and love. He kept in contact with classmates and teachers from Westtown for the rest of his life. His husband, William Fregosi, accompanied him to his class's 50th reunion, and assisted him to host a major gathering of classmates here in New Hampshire several years later. The couple also visited a number of his former teachers several times in their various retirement facilities.

During his years at Earlham College, Fritz spent two of his summers near the Arctic Circle at a Quaker work project in Finland, building schools and roads to those schools for children in Lapland. Education and the arts became his career, teaching drama and directing plays, first at schools in Las Vegas and southern California, finally in Glassboro, New Jersey. When he heard that Westtown was going to build a new theater, he volunteered his services in the planning, becoming a major influence on the excellent seating plan, sight lines, and technical installation of the new facility.

Fritz arrived on the scene here in New Hampshire in 1972, having left conventional academia with its politics and what he experienced as endless, largely unproductive meetings. He found in Raymond the kind of property he had been seeking to convert into an educational conference and retreat center focused on the arts in education. At Walnut Hill he offered a wide variety of workshops on effective teaching, multiple intelligences, and brain-based education, receiving the Gordon Lawrence Award for the constructive use of psychological type based on the Meyers-Briggs Personality Type Indicator. In the early 1980s he brought Lesley University's Masters of Creative Arts in Learning degree to Walnut Hill as an off-campus site for the University, an association that continues to this day.

Throughout his life, he mentored innumerable teachers, friends, relatives and anyone who sought his advice. And he founded the New Hampshire Coalition of Lesbians and Gay Men to support the emerging Gay Liberation movement. He began attending West Epping Preparative Meeting and in 1973 became the meeting clerk, an office he filled until his death in April 2015. After he met his husband in 1997, the West Epping meetinghouse was one of the first locations special to him in the area to which he brought him. William began to join him here on the first and third Sundays of the month. It didn't take me long to appreciate his immense kindness, genius as a teacher, and his generosity: even though he never had great amounts of money, he contributed toward Westtown tuition for a nephew and later for a great niece whose parents needed

help to send them there. He became a valued mentor to a small army of students, relatives, teachers, friends—to anyone who sought his advice or assistance.

In 2016, the exquisitely simple mid-19th century West Epping meetinghouse was superbly restored in Fritz's honor by Brad Birkenfeld, son of Fritz's Westtown classmate, Ron Birkenfeld. Fritz had assisted Brad extensively during extraordinary circumstances following his performing a service to the nation.

The dedicatory plaque to Fritz says it well, concluding with, "His life shone with the most enduring legacy, Love."

West Epping Preparative Meeting
Dover Quarterly Meeting

Elizabeth Letitia Jones
July 25, 1916 – May 6, 2015

Betty Jones, much loved, and always present member of Worcester Friends Meeting, peacefully passed in the company of friends and family at the Briarwood Retirement Community in Worcester Massachusetts on May 6, 2015. Betty was born on July 25, 1916 in Somerville, Massachusetts to Walter Bailey Jones and Letitia Mary Day Jones, who married at Durham Monthly Meeting. The family has deep Quaker roots that extend well past Quaker scholar and activist Rufus Jones, to Mayflower pilgrim Isaac Allerton. When they settled in Worcester, the family included Betty and her older brothers Elliot Day Jones and Frank Kenwood Jones and they became very active members of Worcester Monthly Meeting, a pastoral meeting belonging to the Gurneyite Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England. Betty joined at age 9 and fondly remembered learning about the Silence and the Small Still Voice from her First Day School teacher.

An accomplished musician, Betty graduated with highest honors from the Eastman School of Music, in Rochester, New York. She then taught music and English at Casenovia College, where she also conducted two choirs and an orchestra, and served as the school's Dean of Women. Because of the Great Depression and impending war she returned to Worcester where she began a career at the Norton Company as an executive secretary; her last position there was executive secretary to the president. She directed the Norton Caroleers each Christmas and later edited the retiree newsletter.

A love of music permeated Betty's life. Although she loved organ music, she left a position as organist for the Chestnut Street Congregational Church in Worcester when a Worcester Friend asked her to play for Worcester Monthly Meeting (on Oxford Street). For many years, Betty played the piano before meeting for worship at Worcester-Pleasant Street Meeting. She was an active member of the Worcester Chorus for seventy-three years, and sang with them in tours to fifteen countries. She served on the board of Music Worcester and was a life member of the Worcester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. She was also active in several other Worcester organizations, including the Business and Professional Women, Forbush Bird Club, and the Outdoor Sports Club.

Being an active member of the Quarter, first Smithfield Quarter and then Rhode-Island-Smithfield was important to Betty. She was an active member of the Quarter when Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and the Smithfield Quarterly Meetings were combined into a single Quarterly Meeting in 1945. It was difficult for Betty to curtail her attendance at the Quarterly Meetings due to her advancing age. She was also a mainstay for New England Yearly Meeting, attending annual sessions until her last years when she was unable to walk the distances between buildings. Betty served on many NEYM committees: Permanent Board, Executive Council, Nominating Committee, Equalization Fund, and Peace and Social Concerns, which she clerked.

Betty served as clerk of Worcester Meeting from 1967-1977. This was a tumultuous period for the Meeting, during which the meeting moved from Oxford Street to Pleasant Street and from programmed to unprogrammed worship. Throughout her life, Betty Jones contributed

her insights to the Ministry and Counsel committee at Worcester Friends Meeting, and she often served on the Peace & Social Concerns and the Practical committees.

Betty Jones rarely missed meeting for worship and the monthly meetings for business, Newsletter for several decades and she served the meeting well as a reliable historian. We could count on her presence at all Worcester Friends' events. She quietly welcomed us with a sparkling smile and a twinkle in her eyes. Although Betty never married, her delight in children was palpable; she enjoyed knowing about their activities and accomplishments. The First Day School children took pride in speaking loudly enough for Betty to hear them when they spoke their names at the rise of meeting.

During her declining years, several Worcester Friends worshiped once a week with her at the Briarwood Retirement Community. Visiting Betty Jones at Briarwood was rather like spending time with a favorite aunt. She always maintained her dignity, taking pride in her appearance. Betty dressed fashionably, and often wore a charm bracelet that reflected her love of Maine, where she vacationed for 73 years at the Linekin Bay Resort in Boothbay Harbor and enjoyed sailing into her eighties. A lover of the natural world, she enjoyed the small garden outside her Briarwood apartment. Betty took delight in animals. She was often accompanied by three small furry toy kittens with shiny black button eyes that resided in the basket of her Rollator walker. Betty's apartment was comfortably cluttered with newspapers and Quaker reading materials.

On the few occasions when Betty Jones was missing at worship on First Day, there was a mighty absence. She once spoke of seeing angels gathered around the ceiling of the meeting room. Her vision of those angels and her spirit continue to bless the Worcester Friends Meeting.

Daron Barnard, Clerk
Worcester Friends Meeting
June 18, 2017

Joyce Rawitscher was a much-loved and cherished member of Storrs Friends Meeting, serving as Clerk of Peace and Social Concerns Committee and its later incarnation Witness Support Committee for many years. She is remembered for her deep and sincere commitment to peace and social justice causes and her thoughtfulness toward others within the Meeting, within our local community, and in the larger groups with which she was associated.

Joyce was born on January 8, 1940 in Orleans, NY. She attended Syracuse University as an undergraduate, received her Master's degree from the School of Social Work at the University of Chicago, and her Ph.D. in Social Welfare from Fordham University. As a professional clinical social worker for many years, Joyce brought her natural gifts of listening and kindness to the clients whom she served.

In addition to her professional and family responsibilities, Joyce had a strong and enduring commitment to social action. She often told the story of how her sense of injustice was triggered when, as a young student, she learned about the Holocaust in Nazi Germany. She was appalled that such a thing could happen and began asking the adults around her how they could let such a situation arise. In her heart, she vowed that she would do all she could to prevent such a thing from happening again. She wanted to be able to answer her own children's question – What did you do to stop injustice, Mom? – by being a model of effective activism.

As a young wife and mother, Joyce participated in many social actions related to the Vietnam War and other causes that were at the forefront of the news during the 60's and 70's. At that time, she was married to a Congregational minister, and she was very involved in the life of the parish and the activist work being undertaken there. She also cared for her 2 children, David and Annie, and modeled for them a sense of adventure and a caring for others.

After divorcing her first husband, Joyce came to Storrs Friends Meeting in the early 1990's. She soon became active in the Connecticut Program of the American Friends Service Committee, serving on the board for many years. In 2008, when she left the AFSC, she was honored by the group at their annual event for her dedication, diligence and leadership.

In 2002, she experienced a leading to travel to Israel and Palestine. During this visit, she became acutely aware of the dire plight of the Palestinian people and the role of the U.S. government in their suffering. She continued to carry a deep and heart-felt concern for the Middle East, and in 2009, she founded the Israel/Palestine Peace, Education and Action Group of Eastern Connecticut. For the past 7 years, she was instrumental in helping this group bring together people of differing points of view regarding Middle East issues for dialogue and education. Joyce brought her concern for the Middle East to New England Yearly Meeting sessions for several years by offering workshops and interest groups along with other Friends around New England. She also sold Palestinian olive oil and soap wherever she went to help raise money for Ramallah Friends School.

In 2009, Joyce married George Rawitscher with whom she shared many of her social justice concerns. Together, they brought an abiding commitment for peace and helped Friends at Storrs Friends Meeting remain informed about a variety of issues. Joyce participated in numerous workshops, marches, vigils and actions related to the causes she cared about, including climate change and rights of LGBTQ persons. She was a constant presence at Willimantic's Third Thursdays, tabling for AFSC, Israel/Palestine issues, and more. Most recently, Joyce was named

as one of the two representatives from New England to the board of directors of the United Nations Association of the USA .

Joyce was extremely well-read and well-informed about so many topics. Her bookshelves were filled with books on the history of the Israel-Palestine conflict, on the role the Quakers in Europe played to prevent the ascent of Nazism, on the persecution of Muslims in America, on the psychological trauma that wars and destruction inflicted on people. Still, she continued to nurture her immediate family, her step-children from her 2nd and 3rd marriages, and especially her many grandchildren. In short, her big heart was of unlimited size.

Joyce will be remembered for her unflagging work and strong passion for a better, more peaceful world. She continues to be a role model for many of us, even after her death, as she never gave in to despair or hopelessness. Her thoughtfulness to individuals as well as her dedication to the global community were virtues to emulate.

Joyce died on November 7, 2016 from pancreatic cancer.

Storrs Friends Meeting
Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting