

# Portland Friends Meeting Newsletter

Tenth Month, 2015

**Meeting for Worship:** Sundays, 10:30a  
Wednesdays 5:30p

**Adult Education, First Day School:** 2nd & 4th Sundays



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*“Do you revere all life and the splendor of God's continuing creation?*

*Do you try to protect the natural environment and its creatures against abuse and harmful exploitation?*

*Do you regard your possessions as given to you in trust, and do you part with them freely to meet the needs of others?*

*Are you frugal in your personal life and committed to the just distribution of the world's resources?”*

*New England Yearly Meeting, 1985 Faith & Practice, III: Advices and Queries*

## Calendar

**Saturday, October 17:** Climate Advocacy Training, Portland Friends Meeting

**Wednesday, November 4:** Portland Friends Meeting newsletter deadline

**Saturday, November 7:** Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, Portland Friends School

## Monthly

**Every Sunday:** 10:30a Meeting for Worship

**Every Wednesday:** 5:30p Meeting for Worship

**1st Thursday:** 4-7p Preble Street Soup Kitchen, Aaiyn Foster 766-9762

**1st Sunday:** 9a Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business

**2nd Saturday:** 5-8p Youngish adults potluck

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**2nd & 4th Sundays:** Adult Religious Education and First Day School

## Falmouth Quarterly Meeting

**November 7, 2015 at Friends School of Portland from 9-2.**

9 am – Welcome

9:15 – 11 am Falmouth Quarter Ministry & Counsel

11 am – noon Worship

12 – 12:30 LUNCH – participants bring their own lunches, Portland Friends who attend are asked to bring juice, cider or dessert to share.

12:30 – 1:30 pm Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business

1:30 pm Tour of the Friends School and grounds.

**Minutes of Portland Friends Monthly Meeting  
October 4, 2015**

Portland Friends Meeting gathered in meeting for worship to conduct business on October 4, 2015 at 9 a.m., with 15 members and attenders present. We began in silent worship, during which Co-Clerk Andrew Grannell read from the 1985 New England Yearly Meeting queries, the Query on Stewardship, No. 9, which starts "Do you revere all life and the splendor of God's continuing creation?"

1. **Minutes.** There were no corrections necessary for the September minutes.
2. **Ministry and Counsel.** They are hard at work but have nothing to bring to Meeting for Business today.

3. **Treasurer's Report.** Kathy Beach reported that we are 75% of the way through our budget year, and slowly reducing the deficit in our budget. We finished the month of September with a positive balance of \$873. Expenses for the month were \$3,038, and income was \$3,910. Year-to-date expenses were \$41,688, and income was \$35,299, leaving a year-to-date negative balance of \$6,389.

Year-to-date Income	\$35,299
Percent of Budget	53%
Year-to-date Expenses	\$41,688
Percent of Budget	62%
Balance	(\$6,389)

Kathy pointed out that the raise for the nursery coordinator approved at September Meeting for Business was reflected in line 22 as \$347 (rather than the previous \$283). We contributed to the Ramallah School ahead of schedule upon request (\$500) and will contribute next month to the NAACP and the College Guild (lines 56 and 57).

Fuel costs (line 10) raised questions about the need to look at our furnace situation. Buildings and Grounds Committee will be taking the matter up soon.

The fall in the number of renters was also noted. Dorothy Grannell, our rental supervisor, reported some potential renters have apparently been able to find free space elsewhere. Could we do more to attract renters? Should we reduce the amount budgeted because we don't receive that much? The Clerk urged the appropriate committees to keep considering solutions.

Financial Oversight Committee reminds committee clerks to submit their 2016 budgets by October 19 to Rita Clifford. We approved the Treasurer's report.

4. **Nominating Committee** Chris Beach reported for the committee that they are in the process of reviewing positions for 2016. He added the joyful news that Lea Sutton has agreed to act as Co-Clerk starting in January, which Friends received with enthusiasm.

We expressed thanks to members of the committee for their many years of effective work and innovation. Chris stated his belief that the Meeting is a miracle because of the work of so many different people.

5. **Quarterly Meeting** Dorothy Grannell reported that Falmouth Quarterly Meeting will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Friends School of Portland in Cumberland. Program begins at 9 am with Ministry & Counsel followed by Worship at 11, lunch at noon, business at 12:30 and a tour of the facility at 1:30. All are invited.

Ministry & Counsel will begin discernment on a request for recognition of gifts in ministry and the NEYM report "Faithful Sexuality." This is the major business meeting for the year with approval of the Quarter budget and officers. There is a proposal being presented concerning how planning for the quarter and how the meetings will be clerked and recorded.

Portland Friends who attend are asked to bring a beverage or dessert to share at lunch. The clerk asked for those who want to officially represent Portland Friends. The following people were approved to be our representatives to this meeting: Lea Sutton generally and to Ministry and Counsel, Terry Garrett, Andy Grannell.

6. **Other** The Clerk reminded us of upcoming opportunities. One is the Climate Change advocacy session entitled "Making Your Voice Heard in Augusta and Washington, D.C." to be held here at PFM on Saturday October 17 from 12:30 to 4:30.

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6. Another is the continuing exhibit at the Maine Jewish Museum, 267 Congress Street, Portland, entitled "Welcoming the Stranger." That exhibit is free and open this afternoon, at which time refugees from SMCC will be telling their stories through a program called "The Color of Community." These announcements reminded us of our need for outreach, and perhaps a need to be more proactive.

Lise Wagner reported for the teen group about a template being tried out to consider the impact of worship experiences on your senses. They have started with worship here, and will be attending services at other places of worship. Gracie Griffin has been blogging on her year as a Rotary exchange student in Granada, Spain. Lise will arrange to publicize the link on our list-serve.

Wednesday Meetings for Worship are being held with Al Norton at St. Joseph's Manor, 1133 Washington Avenue, for the foreseeable future. This will be put on our website.

Friends who have seen or talked to Dee Kelsey reported continued recovery of her leg.

We closed with silent worship at 9:45 a.m. with 19 members and attenders present, purposing to meet again on Sunday November 1, 2015 at 9 a.m., God willing.

Lyn Ballou, Co-Recording Clerk



**Suggestions for your monthly bank draft to Portland Friends Meeting**

- \$5.00 = one latte = \$60.00 annually = monthly electric bill
- \$10.00 = one movie = \$120.00 annually = support Portland Friends School
- \$20.00 = one lunch = \$240.00 annually = one campership
- \$50.00 = one dinner = \$600.00 annually = Religious Ed coordinator monthly
- \$75.00 = one concert = \$900.00 annually = monthly winter fuel
- \$100.00 = dinner for two = \$1,200.00 annually = monthly NEYM contribution

**Thank you!**

**More opportunities for Falmouth Quarter mid-week worship:**

Durham Friends Meeting, 532 Quaker Meetinghouse Rd (at corner of Route 125) at 7 PM on Wednesdays

Bowdoin College, 16 Bannister Hall North (north end of Bowdoin Chapel) upstairs at 7 PM on Thursdays during the school year

**Family Open House at Friends School of Portland  
Saturday, October 31st, 10:00am-12 noon**

Tour our new school, meet the teachers, spend time in classrooms, and talk to current parents and students. Learn more about Quaker education and get a feel for our *culture of joyful learning*. Take part in a question and answer session with our Head of School and Director of Studies. This event is for families with children entering preschool through grade 8. Prospective students and their siblings are welcome!

If you would like to attend, please visit <https://friendsschool.wufoo.com/forms/rsvp-form/> to rsvp or email Jen McNally at [jen@friendsschoolofportland.org](mailto:jen@friendsschoolofportland.org).



# MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD IN AUGUSTA AND IN WASHINGTON

## Climate Advocacy Training: Time to Take Our Planet Back!

October 17, 2015  
12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Portland Friends Meetinghouse  
1837 Forest Avenue, Portland, Maine

**Now is the time for crucial action on climate disruption — let's reclaim the lobbying process and press for action! Learn how to make your voice most effectively heard in Maine and in Washington.**

This exciting workshop will give you tools for citizen lobbying at both the federal and state levels. You'll receive training, sample materials for lobbying visits, and hands-on sessions to practice your new skills. We'll also take a snack break for one of the best parts of the workshop — getting to know each other.

The workshop will be led by Friends Committee on National Legislation, a Quaker lobbying organization in Washington, D.C. and by local experts from Citizens Climate Lobby and the Maine Legislature. The skills you'll learn will serve far beyond lobbying on any bill or issue. Even if climate is not your main issue, please feel welcome to attend with your issue or legislation in mind.

All are welcome, but please let us know you are coming so we can prepare.

**RSVP to:** [PortlandFriendsPSOC@gmail.com](mailto:PortlandFriendsPSOC@gmail.com)



To: Portland Friends Meeting  
From: Friends General Conference Development Committee  
September 13, 2015

FGC's Development Committee began landing on your shores the afternoon of Thursday September 10. We came in from a variety of locations, were warmly greeted in your meetinghouse by Friend Cathy Beach. After a number of us had gathered, Friend Anne Payson led us next door to Tortilla Flats for dinner. We had a grand time there catching up with one another and sharing with Friend Anne.

On Friday morning, eight of us gathered to learn about Portland and places special to you here. Friend Judy was our tour guide for the day. We began by going to the Jewish Museum and its exhibition "Welcoming the Stranger". That was a remarkable experience! We appreciated that Friends had helped with the weavings, which were part of the exhibit. The Rabbi there shared stories of Jewish immigration to Maine as well as the history of the Temple and its renovation. He led us to the room where we could add to the weavings and to the blackboard where sayings of welcome were printed. Upstairs the photos of Holocaust survivors and quotations of their stories moved us deeply.

We spontaneously decided to visit Arthur Fink's studio. Each of us responded to the power of his photography. He shared some of his journey's interest in 'touch' by photographing dancers movements and the way bodies move and interact with one another. His photo 'proofs' of Auschwitz touched each of us in profound ways.

We lunched on lobster rolls, clam cakes, and chowder at Gilberts. As we walked back to our cars, two of us waded in the ocean as others sat nearby watching tugboats move a barge away from the harbor. We then headed off to see the new building of Friends School of Portland. We were struck by the efficiency, the depth of community support for a 'passive house', and its integration into the landscape. We particularly enjoyed seeing children enjoy playing on the hill behind the building.

You housed us in your homes, fed us remarkable food for breakfast, lunch and supper! Fresh raspberries, freshly picked mushrooms, and wonderful peaches and blueberries; soups, chowders, cookies, cakes and all kinds of salads were delicious! Friends remarked on the warmth of your welcoming, sighed over your pies, and loved seeing the morning mist on Highland Lake.

We are very grateful for your taking us in, lovingly nurturing us, and allowing us the use of your building for our worship and work, which began Friday night and lasted through Saturday afternoon. There were many of you who helped in our care and feeding whose names we don't remember. Our sincere thanks are extended to each and every one of you who made our time here so rich and fruitful.

In deep gratitude,

The Development Committee of Friends General Conference:

Doug Mertz, Juneau Alaska  
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Martha Roberts, Denver, Colorado

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Lynn Clark, Cleveland, Ohio  
Aaron Fowler, Wichita, Kansas  
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## Our Meetinghouse is Available to Rent!

### Guidelines for Portland Friends Meeting House Rentals

1. The Meeting House will be available for rent to individuals, groups and organizations with similar values/concerns as Friends at published rental fees. When individuals or groups requesting rental are unknown to the Meetinghouse Use Coordinator, other experienced members may be consulted to assist that person to consider such requests for rental.
2. The Meeting House will be available to members and attenders of Portland Friends Meeting as follows:
  - a. for Meeting-related activities at no cost.
  - b. for non-Meeting events at the same rental fee charged the wider community.
  - c. for celebration of life events such as birthdays, marriage or memorial services for a donation.
3. The Meeting House is available for **day use** by other Quaker organizations such as New England Yearly Meeting or Quarterly Meeting if limited to 1 time use per quarter at no cost. More frequent use each quarter will be at our published rental fees.
4. The Meeting House will be available to NEYM for **weekend use** at the small donation offered, if limited to 1 time use per quarter. More frequent use each quarter will be at our published rental fees.
5. The Meeting House will be available to other monthly Meetings at one-half the published rental fee for day or weekend meetings.
6. There will be no discount or waiver of rental fees without authorization by a co-clerk of Portland Monthly Meeting.
7. \*Maximum number of people for overnight retreats held at the meeting house is 60
8. \*Maximum number of people for day use is 100-110 in the Worship Room.
9. \*The Parking Lot accommodates about 35 cars during weekdays, with 20 additional spaces available on Sunday Mornings only. Additional cars would have to find on street parking nearby.



### Fees for Renting Portland Friends Meeting House

<u>Upper Level</u>	<u>2-4 hours</u>	<u>4+ hours</u>
Meeting Room	\$75	\$110
Meeting Room, parlor and library	100	140
Parlor and library	50	60
First floor classroom	40	55
Second Floor Room	40	55
<u>Lower Level</u>		
Multi-purpose area, no kitchen	70	105
Multi-purpose area, & kitchen	115	160
Whole building except kitchen	230	300
Whole building including kitchen	270	360
Basement Children's Room	40	55

A deposit of 25% will be required for large events to cover any damage, additional cleaning, or unauthorized telephone calls. The deposit will be held until the date of the next telephone bill.

(Approved July 27, 2008 at Meeting for Business)

\*Updated 1/12/09

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<http://www.portlandfriendsmeeting.org> — meeting website

Subscribe to the e-group by sending a message to:  
portlandfriendsmeeting-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Join the Facebook "Portland Friends Meeting Salon" page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/121809757890386/>



Portland Friends Meeting attenders on the first day of school at the Friends School of Portland.

**What in the World are Friends Doing – Everywhere?**

Visit Friends from around the world on Facebook at World Quaker Day 2015 or online at [www.worldquakerday.org](http://www.worldquakerday.org)



Photo posted by Norway Yearly Meeting for world Quaker Day

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**Next newsletter deadline:**  
Wednesday, November 4th, 9pm

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