
Doylestown Friends Meeting

January 2010

Sunday, January 24th, Potluck

Meeting for Business

Jan 10, Rise of Meeting

Ongoing Activities:

2nd Sunday, Rise of Meeting,
Meeting for Business

3rd Sunday, Rise of Meeting,
Family Sabbath

3rd Tuesday, 7:15 pm. Nonviolent
Peaceforce, Meetinghouse

Tuesdays, 6-7 pm Peace Vigil,
Main and State Streets, D'town

Chanting at 9:30 before Meeting
with Lisa Wildman

Meditation Group

The Meditation Group will be suspended during the holidays. There will not be any meetings during December. If you are interested in attending in January, please e-mail bobnwoody@att.net or jderichmond@gmail.com.

Refreshments

Barba/Chalich	1/03/10
Bailey	1/10/10
Baker	1/17/10
Potluck	1/24/10
Bauer/Morris-Bauer	1/31/10

DFM to Host BQM on Feb 21, 2010

Mark your calendars! In less than two months (Sunday, 2/21/2010) Doylestown Friends will host Bucks Quarterly Meeting. Because of limitations in parking and space, we have decided to hold the program at Buckingham Friends School and Buckingham Friends Meeting. We have already selected an exciting adult program (9th grade and older) involving a lively participatory reading and discussion of the "Trial of William Penn" led by our own David Hall. Please plan to help us make it a great day for our fellow meetings in Bucks Quarterly. For more information, see Stu Bush.

Max Guydon, Doylestown Friend since 1958

Max Guydon was born April 16, 1926 in Clarendon, Arkansas, about half way between Little Rock and Memphis. His mother, Willie Hunt Guydon, was from Sheffield, Alabama. "Some people called my mother 'Willie May,' and I still don't think of 'Willie' as a man's name," Max said. His father, John Henry Guydon, was born in Greenville, South Carolina, and grew up in Hollis Springs, Mississippi. Max's grandfather, Leeander Guydon, "Grampa Lee," got to Arkansas from South Carolina, via Mississippi, by moving every five years. With the help of 7 sons and 2 daughters, he cleared the land he lived on, and in exchange got use of the land rent-free for 5 years.

In Clarendon Max and 9 siblings worked with their dad, a share cropper. John Henry Guydon “was a 3rd and 4th man,” Max said. “He had his own stock - mules and other animals – and he kept a 3rd of the cotton and a 4th of the corn.” There was a public school, all Black, in Clarendon that Max and siblings attended through 8th grade. Getting 10 kids to the private high school for Blacks, 20 miles away in Fargo, was out of the question for a share cropper.

John Henry Guydon died when Max was 14, and Max left share cropping. He went to work in a cooperage making oak staves for whiskey barrels. “The factory was all Black except three Whites. They were in command.” His first day in the plant, after a few hours handling green wood, Max saw he needed gloves. When he asked the boss to advance him 35 cents to buy them, the boss said, “See Wilson Goggins. Get your glove money offa him. He’s your color.” Wilson Goggins was a family friend. “He had a dray service. He’d haul anything.”

On January 29, 1945, Max was inducted into the US Navy. “Most Blacks in the Navy worked in logistic support: loading and unloading ships. I was a stevedore.” He spent his time on Guam in the Mariana Islands. After discharge from the Navy on April 1, 1946, although he knew he was not going to stay, he returned to Arkansas.

Max and his brother, Earl, built a house for their mother while Max went back to work at the cooperage. During this year he also worked for a time for Mr. Goggins’ dray service. \$7.50 a week.

In 1947 Max and Earl moved to Philadelphia to join two sisters and a brother already there. For three years Max labored for a brick-laying contractor. He’d wanted to become an apprentice brick-layer, but discovered only ‘cement-finisher’, the most physically demanding of the skilled jobs, was open to Blacks.

Max married Mildred Winters, who grew up in Media, May 5, 1949. At the time Mildred worked at AFSC with Larry Miller. Larry was the founding member of Doylestown Monthly Meeting from 1948 until his death in 2007. Max said he found no racism among Friends. “Larry Miller was the first white man that ever shook my hand!”

When he was eight years old, Max began to wonder how whites were going to suddenly learn to tolerate black people in heaven? “All my life,” Max said, “I was taught Heaven and Hell, as afraid to walk into a white church as I was afraid to walk into a white bar.”

Mildred worked for Larry until her first child, Linda, was born on October 30, 1950. Then, she and Max bought a small grocery store in Germantown. They lived above it. “She didn’t want somebody else raising her kids,” Max said. Mildred took Linda with her to the grocery store when need be.

From 1950 to 1952 Max was a hod carrier for a plastering contractor. “Hardest work I’ve ever done in my life.” In September 1952 he went to work for the Budd Company as a welder. He stayed with Budd until retirement in 1982. Budd made parts for every American car company, and they built trolleys and Amtrak trains.

On August 21, 1954 Max and Mildred’s second child, Max, Jr., was born. Both children went to Buckingham Friends School. From there Linda went to Abington Friends School and Penn State to study journalism. Linda W. Taylor worked for The Pittsburg Post Gazette until she retired. Max, Jr. chose Central Bucks High School, and went to West Texas State to play football. Max, Jr. is a welder now. He lives in Norristown with his wife and 3 daughters.

In 1955 Max and Mildred bought an acre of land in Chalfont. After selling their grocery store, they built a house on the land in 1957. Max began driving to Philadelphia to work.

He started attending Doylestown Meeting in 1958, becoming a member in 2006.

Max had always had a small garden. After retirement he and Mildred bought an adjoining acre, and Max increased the size of his garden. He says that while the local turnip is good, you just can't believe how much sweeter a turnip grown in the Mississippi Delta is. He and his siblings used to pick them up out of the fields they walked by, after the harvesting was done, and a few turnips remained atop the turned up earth. They'd eat them uncooked, they were so sweet.

Max's garden was so productive he was able to sell produce on trips to Philadelphia. There were three spots in Germantown where residents would save a place for him to park when he arrived with his overflowing pickup truck. Often he only got to two spots, after which the fruits and vegetables would be all gone.

After talking with Max about how he got from Clarendon to Chalfont, I recalled a meeting we had some years ago. Jody, my wife, and I met Max on State Street, and he had a dog in the back of his pickup. When we asked if he was a hunting dog, Max said, "Oh, yeah. No freeloaders at my house. Everybody works."

- Rick Howe

Deadline Approaching for 2010-2011 Tuition Aid Applications

Tuition aid is available through Doylestown Friends' Education & Conference Fund and through Philadelphia Yearly Meeting for children attending grades K-12 at Friends schools.

For Education & Conference to consider your application in time for you to then get it to PYM by *its* deadline, we must have your application **by February 1**. Families should have received the forms from your

children's schools; many of you are familiar with the process and may have already completed your forms. You can send the form to DFM, Attn: E&C, 95 East Oakland, Doylestown PA 18901...or drop it off at the meetinghouse if you fear the mail won't get it there by the first of February. (A third option: call one of us on E&C.)

Once E&C has met and determined the grants, you will be notified and your application returned to you so you can send it on to PYM.

While PYM grants are available only to children of members, DFM grants can go to children of active attenders as well as to members' children. The application form is available from your school's tuition aid office or you can download the PYM aid timeline and application form at <http://www.friendseducationfund.org/aid/>

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the E&C committee: Anna Shantz, 215.348.5299 language@voicenet.com; Hanna Elliot, 215.348.8735 Hanna@solebury.com. (NOTE: Betsy Eschallier, 215.348.8434 Betsy.Eschallier@gmail.com)

Film "Rethink Afghanistan"

The January film of Buckingham Friends Film Series is "Rethink Afghanistan." It will be shown at 7.30 pm on Wednesday January 13. Admission is free and there will be discussion and refreshments afterwards.

Change in Crosman family email addresses

Our new emails are:
David is decrosman@cavtel.net
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DOYLESTOWN FRIENDS MEETING

Minutes

Meeting for Worship for Business, December 13, 2009

Clerk Stu Bush opened the meeting with a moment of silent workshop and the following reading:

“The silence we value is not the mere outward silence of the lips. It is a deep quietness of heart and mind, in laying aside of the preoccupation with passing things – yes, even with the workings of our own minds, a resolute fixing of the heart upon that which is unchangeable and eternal. This “silence of all flesh” appears to be the essential preparation for any act of true worship. It is also, we believe, the essential condition of all time of inward illumination.” Caroline Stephen (1834-1909)

There were fourteen Friends in attendance. Woody Carter read the twelfth query. MfWfB approved the November 2009 minutes.

Treasurer’s report

Wally Evans reported that at 42% through the budget year, we are below budget in both income and expenses. Contributions are greater than last year (2008-9) but still below 2007-8. We have only taken in 60% of our projected income, so we are hoping that December is a good month. On the expense side, utilities are somewhat lower than this time last year. By the end of month, however, we will need to make our second payment to quarterly and yearly meeting so cash flow will be impacted in January. All of the money from the money market fund has been transferred into a savings account in order to double our interest. Will continue to monitor long and short term investment opportunities and explore changes (CD, other vehicles, etc.) to maximize interest income.

Pastoral Concerns

Alan Stifelman reported that we received a letter from Abington Friends requesting the transfer of membership of David Crossman to Doylestown. The meeting approved this transfer. In the interest of community building PCC is looking for permission to establish a listserve or e-group of members of Doylestown meeting. The purpose would be to provide more up to date communications between members including reminders to members and attenders regarding hospitality responsibilities, events, etc. There would be a moderator to monitor appropriate usage. Participation will be voluntary. The meeting approved moving forward with the listserve.

Nominating

Jody Howe sought the Meeting’s approval for the following positions:

	Position	Term
Betsy Eschallier	Clerk	1 year 2010
Rosemary McQuate	First Day School Assistant Coordinator	April 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010
Laney Mitchell	First Day School Assistant Coordinator	April 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010
Rosemary McQuate	Committee of Oversight for Bucks Quarter Coordinator	3 years 2010-2012
Anna Shantz	Finance Committee	1 year 2010
Peter Schiano	Stewardship	2 years 2010-2011

Dale Mantel	Friends Camp Association	3 years 2010-2012
Kari Williams Tyksinski.	Property Committee	2 years 2010-2011

All nominations were approved. Nominating committee requested a change in the make-up of the Stewardship Committee. Currently, the committee has a representative from the Education and Conference Committee. Nominating thinks that it makes more sense for this member to be from Pastoral Concerns Committee and is looking to make this change prior to the re-writing of Opportunities for Service. A member of PCC was concerned that there had been no discussion of this with members of PCC. The Clerk suggested that Nominating and PCC discuss it and report back at the next MfWfB.

BQM and PYM Business

The clerk reported that Doylestown Meeting would be hosting BQM on February 21, 2010. We are looking to have full participation from DFM. The location is being determined. The core of the adult program is already in place and will involve a presentation of the "Trial of William Penn." Worship and Ministry and First Day School are working to get things planned. This is a great opportunity to build more community within DFM and between DFM and other BQM meetings.

The clerk reported that he is anticipating that we will proceed with the budget as we did last year, lessening our BQM/PYM covenant upfront and then contributing a greater amount if inflows necessary to cover them are forthcoming. If anyone has any concerns about this approach, they should speak with Betsy Eschallier or Peter Schiano.

Other Business

The Doylestown Meeting Spring Retreat is scheduled for April 16-19 at Camp Onas.

A memorial minute about Elizabeth Todd needs to be prepared to share with Meeting and Friends Journal. The clerk asked for suggestions of anyone else that would have some deep insights into the life of Betty and would be willing to write the minute. A friend suggested asking Maris Langford to write this minute as she had a long-standing relationship with Elizabeth Todd.

Property Committee met last week. They are trying to form a plan of action on the recommendations from the energy audit. They asked for approval to approach the firm who did our energy audit to see if they would be willing to manage the project. Meeting approved Property Committee approaching the firm to see whether they would be interested in overseeing the work and what they would charge to do this. It was felt that the responsibility for securing vendors to do the work would probably fall back to Property Committee. Property Committee wondered if they needed to come back to MfWfB with each item on the list. The sense of the meeting was that they should get an estimate on all of the individual pieces of the project and bring them for approval at one time rather than bringing items piecemeal.

Jody Howe requested a minute of appreciation for the exciting and thorough job Stu Bush has done as Clerk for the last two years. Meeting approved.

The clerk closed the meeting with a few moments of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Tafoya, Recording Clerk

The meeting has approved the following positions and committees for 2010. Please contact the Nominating Committee if you are interested in serving in any of the remaining unfilled positions.

Doylestown Friends Meeting - 2010 Committee/Office Roster - 12/17/2009
Please report any corrections to Nominating Committee.

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