Portland Friends Newsletter

First Day schedule

Meeting for Worship
8am and 10:30am Sunday

Religious Education
2nd & 4th Sundays:
adults 9am, singing 10am,
youth 10:45am

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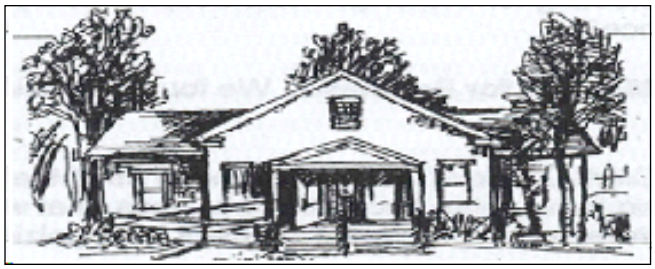

Do you need more knowledge? Is more information going to save the world, or faster computers, more scientific or intellectual analysis? Is it not wisdom that humanity needs most at this time?

But what is wisdom and where is it to be found? Wisdom comes with the ability to be still. Just look and just listen. No more is needed. Being still, looking, and listening activates the nonconceptual intelligence within you. Let stillness direct your words and actions.

—Eckhart Tolle

Query Ten—Stewardship

Do you respect the value of all useful work, whether paid or unpaid, whether physical or intellectual, whether performed in the home or in the larger community? Does your daily work use means and serve goals which are consistent with the teachings of Jesus? Are you honest and trustworthy in all business transactions, prompt and just in payment of debts? By counsel and example, do you encourage young people to enter vocations which will serve society?

Upcoming Events

Oct 9	Religious Ed: Adults 9am, singing 10am, youth 10:45-11:45
Oct 15	United Society of Friends Women-NEYM fall gathering
Oct 15	Friends Committee on Maine Public Policy meeting, Waterville, 10am
Oct 15-16	NEYM Young Adult Friends fall retreat, Framingham, MA
Oct 18	"Books as Bridges" talk, Friends School of Portland, 7pm
Oct 23	Religious Ed: Adults 9am, singing 10am, youth 10:45-11:45
Oct 23	Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, Windham
Oct 28	Preble Street Soup Kitchen, 3:30-7pm; Aaiyn Foster, 766-9762
Oct 29-30	"Being Salt & Light" symposium, Portland Friends Meeting
Nov 12	Youngish Adults Potluck, 5-8pm
Nov 13	Religious Ed: Adults 9am, singing 10am, youth 10:45-11:45
Nov 18-20	NEYM Young Adults Retreat, Portland
Nov 20	**Love Your Meetinghouse Day**, noon

There are members and attenders who need rides to Meeting and other support during times of difficulty. If you need or can provide rides, food, or your silent presence at home meetings for worship, please leave a message for Shannon O'Connor, 774-2578.

Newsletter Contributions

Please mail items to:
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Deadline for receiving newsletter items: Friday after business meeting or sooner!

Minutes of Portland Friends Monthly Meeting
October 2, 2011

Portland Friends Meeting gathered in meeting for worship to conduct business on October 2, 2011 at 9 a.m., with 19 members and attenders present. We began in silent worship, during which Co-Clerk Tom Antonik read the Tenth Query from Faith and Practice concerning Vocations. It begins, "Do you respect the value of all useful work...?"

1. Clerk's Comments Co-Clerk Tom Antonik reflected on how the Junior High Retreat and New England Yearly Meeting Committee Day hosted by the Friends School of Portland yesterday caused him to appreciate once again the comfort of our Quaker communities, monthly, quarterly and yearly. Despite our failings, and sometimes because of them, we can return time and again to the well of which Jesus spoke.

2. We found the minutes of our September meeting to be in good order, with the clarification in paragraph 8 that "18 Friends from New England Yearly Meeting" will attend the World Conference.

3. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Kathy Beach reported that we are nine months, or 75% into the budget year. Income for September was $3,023.33, so that year-to-date income stands at $40,701.97 or 57% of budget. September expenses were $5,237.19 so that year-to-date expenses are $47,568.14, or 67% of budget, resulting in a September shortfall of $-2,213.86 and year-to date shortfall of $-6,866.17. She highlighted that donations are at 54% of budget although we are 75% through the year. She also explained how the different types of expenses are grouped.

Syl Doughty reported that the City of Portland has never charged us for sewer, so that the expenses of line 16 will rise substantially in the near future.

4. Ministry and Counsel Dee Kelsey reported for Ministry and Counsel.

--Kate Potter and Dee Kelsey will be the new co-Clerks of Ministry and Counsel. Dee urges Friends to call her if they have questions or concerns about the Committee's work.

-- Ministry and Counsel is concerned about the length of announcements, and reminds Friends to keep announcements brief, restrict them to the life of the Meeting, and use alternatives such as posters.

--Friends should be aware of the needs of Ernest and Mathilde's family from Burundi and of the continuing work of our community members supporting them. In particular Syl and Jenny Doughty have helped house the family in a safe, clean place until their recent move to public housing in Sagamore Village. Friends thanked Syl and Jenny for their generosity, along with the many others who have spent hours helping this family navigate in their new world.

--Friends should be aware of new members--two were celebrated last week.

--Ministry and Counsel is supporting Dorothy and Andy Grannell in their World Conference work.

5. Nominating Committee. Chris Beach asked the Meeting to approve Sandi Jensen as an interim member of the new Leadings Committee until Jasa Porciello is able to serve in January 2012. Friends approved.

Nominating Committee will be starting their approach to individuals about continuing on in current positions, stepping down, filling new ones. Clerks of committees are requested to report who is continuing and who is stepping down.

6. Buildings and Grounds. Syl Doughty presented a written report about the impact on the Meeting of road work on Forest Avenue in front of the meeting. Topics included the fate of the maple tree, potential expenditures for underground sewer and water facilities, runoff, the walkway, fences, our driveway, and our sign. He emphasized that the issues are ongoing.

In regard to sewage, a public sewer is being put in Forest Avenue for the first time. We will be connecting to it, but do not yet know if we can do so through our existing septic tank or will have to build a bypass. It is also possible our water line is not of sufficient size and may need replacement. If we do not act while the street is open, we cannot act later because of a 5-year moratorium on re-opening the street after construction is finished. Friends should therefore be aware that we may have to authorize spending several thousand dollars on very short notice. It was pointed out that $7,400 is available for such uses from the Barbie Potter fund. The Clerk suggested that we approve in advance such commitments by Buildings and Grounds Committee. Friends approved, with appreciation for the careful and thorough work of the Committee.

7. Released Friends Andy and Dorothy Grannell; Friends World Conference for Consultation. Dorothy Grannell reported on the work she and Andy have been engaged in to prepare for the 2012 World conference. The question being asked by the conference is "What does it mean to be salt and light and to live the kingdom in a broken world?", following the words of the New Testament book of Matthew, Chapter 5, Verses 13-16.

In particular, she asked for help with the October 29-30 weekend event at our Meeting, including overnight hospitality for attenders from away, pre-program publicity, registration, set-up, clean-up, programmed worship leaders, group facilitators, and attenders. Online registration is opening this week at www.fwccamericas.org. While donations are appreciated, they are not mandatory. It is Dorothy and Andy's hope that as many members of this community as possible participate in this weekend.

Dorothy also reported that the Lyman fund has approved their application for money to support the travel costs to the conference and sharing afterward.

8. Quarterly Meeting. The Clerk reported that Windham Meeting will host Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, October 23. We approved Barbara Rose McIntosh, Harold Burnham, Andy Grannell and Marlee Turner as representatives.

We closed in silent worship at 10:25 a.m. with 27 members and attenders present, purposing to meet again at 9 a.m. on November 6, 2011, God willing.

Lyn Ballou, Co-Recording Clerk

	Item	2011 budget	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Y-T-D	Percentage to Budget	
3	**Income**														9 mos=75%		3
4	Donations	58,450	2,525.00	3,405.00	8,345.00	2,962.00	2,677.00	2,600.00	2,420.00	4,351.00	2,190.00				31,475.00	54%	4
5	Rent	3,200	120.00	525.00	75.00	240.00	1,020.00	120.00	195.00	60.00	150.00				2,505.00	78%	5
6	Fund Raising	1,500													0.00	0%	6
7	Endowment Income	7,200	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00				5,400.00	75%	7
8	M.Jones Fund	1,000	83.33	83.33	83.33	83.33	83.33	83.33	83.33	83.33	83.33				749.97	75%	8
9	Retreat														0.00		9
10	Memorial gifts														0.00		10
11	Other							credit to B&G	572.00						572.00		11
12	**Total Income**	**71350**	**3328.33**	**4,613.33**	**9,103.33**	**3,885.33**	**4380.33**	**3,403.33**	**3,870.33**	**5,094.33**	**3,023.33**				**40,701.97**	**57%**	12
13	**Meeting House Expenses**																13
14	Fuel	2,500	240.18	310.46	207.71	204.61	149.57	65.77	31.79	16.39	10.47				1,236.95	49%	14
15	Electricity	1,100	54.18	47.43	50.80	72.23	76.84	45.60	69.92	78.46	78.46				573.92	52%	15
16	Water	200	12.65	10.53	12.65	11.40	12.65	10.69	10.71	10.54	10.71				102.53	51%	16
17	Phone	1,600	126.61	126.61	126.61	126.61	126.51	132.02	132.02	130.46	130.46				1,157.91	72%	17
18	Insurance	1,500													0.00	0%	18
19	Snow Removal	1,800	450.00	375.00	150.00	75.00									1,050.00	58%	19
20	Buildings and Grounds	7,000	123.82			117.00	1,745.38	59.25	123.00		2,436.60				4,605.05	66%	20
21	Custodial Care of Meeting	1,500	160.00	90.00	130.00	105.00	160.00	150.00	100.00	90.00	90.00				1,075.00	72%	21
22	Endowment replenishment	3,000													0.00	0%	22
23	**Subtotal Meeting House Expenses**	**20200**	**1167.44**	**960.03**	**677.77**	**711.85**	**2,270.95**	**463.33**	**467.44**	**325.85**	**2,756.70**				**9,801.36**	**49%**	23
24	**Meeting Community**																24
25	Religious Ed Coordinator	7,500	549.95	549.95	549.95	549.96	549.95	549.95	549.95	549.95	549.95				4,949.56	66%	25
26	Nursery Coordinator	3,400	255.40	255.40	255.40	255.41	255.40	255.40	255.40	255.40	255.40				2,298.61	68%	26
27	FICA/Withholding	1,300	268.28			510.44									778.72	60%	27
28	Workers Compensation	450													0.00	0%	28
29	First Day Program Expenses	1,500	93.43	90.87	144.69	104.35		628.73		43.65	90.94				1,196.66	80%	29
30	Child Care Providers	2,000	204.00	196.00	112.00	188.00	62.00	116.00		28.00	28.00				934.00	47%	30
31	Camperships/Youth Scholarships	5,750		40.00			3,485.00	1,330.00	390.00						5,245.00	91%	31
32	Adult Scholarships for Friends Activities	2,000			508.00		260.00	200.00	1,160.00	150.00					2,278.00	114%	32
33	Adult Religious Education	100													0.00	0%	33
34	Financial Oversight - payroll svc/audit	1,500	20.99	26.35	22.11	41.20	209.64	38.36		52.06	415.69				826.40	21%	34
35	Publications	2,000	158.33	277.05	101.63	337.94	171.03	311.00		127.02					1,484.00	74%	35
36	Peace and Social Concerns	200	100.00			240.00	85.00								425.00	213%	36
37	Library	200	69.61			42.99									112.60	56%	37
38	Ministry and Counsel	100								41.00					41.00	41%	38
39	Earth and Spirit	100													0.00	0%	39
40	Clerk's Enrichment	1,000							300.00	171.00					471.00	47%	40
41	Pastoral Oversight	100													0.00	0%	41
42	Special Needs Fund	5,000				25.00		321.00			360.51				706.51	14%	42
43	Clerks' Fund	100													0.00	0%	43
44	Nominating	25													0.00	0%	44
45	Hospitality	100							11.78						11.78	12%	45
46	FSOP Resources Committee	100															46
47	Miscellaneous	250			22.02										22.02	9%	47
48	**Subtotal Meeting Community**	**34775**	**1719.99**	**1,435.62**	**1,715.80**	**2,295.29**	**5,078.02**	**3,750.44**	**2,667.13**	**1,418.08**	**1,700.49**				**21,780.86**	**63%**	48
49	**Meeting Contributions**																49
50	New England Yearly Meeting	12,000				3000.00		4500.00	4500.00						12000.00	100%	50
51	Equalization Funds	500							500.00						500.00	100%	51
52	Friends School of Portland	1,200				300.00	900.00								1200.00	100%	52
53	Friends of China Camp	300				150.00				150.00					300.00	100%	53
54	AFSC General and Clothing	400				400.00									400.00	100%	54
55	FCNL	400								400.00					400.00	100%	55
56	Falmouth Quarterly Meeting	110								110.00					110.00	100%	56
57	City of Portland - in lieu of taxes	200								200.00					200.00	100%	57
58	Maine Council of Churches	150								150.00					150.00	100%	58
59	Quaker Ridge Building Fund	80								80.00					80.00	100%	59
60	Wayside Soup Kitchen	350									350.00				350.00	100%	60
61	NAACP (formerly MLK Breakfast)	430									430.00				430.00	100%	61
62	College Guild	100				100.00									100.00	100%	62
63	FLGBTQC	155				155.00									155.00	100%	63
64	**Subtotal Meeting Contributions**	**16,375**				**4,105.00**	**900.00**	**4,500.00**	**5,000.00**	**1,090.00**	**780.00**			**0.00**	**16,375.00**	**100%**	64
65	**Total Expenses**	**71350**	**2,887.43**	**2,395.65**	**2,393.57**	**7,112.14**	**8,248.97**	**8,713.77**	**7,753.94**	**2,825.48**	**5,237.19**			**0.00**	**47,568.14**	**67%**	65
66	**Balance (Income-expenses)**	**0**	**440.90**	**2,217.68**	**6,709.76**	**-3,226.81**	**-3,868.64**	**-5,310.44**	**-3,883.61**	**2,268.85**	**-2,213.86**			**0.00**	**-6,866.17**		66

Report on Forest Avenue Construction

Status of Review With MDOT and City

There are several items to be resolved but not all information is available today. The City of Portland and Maine Dept of Transportation (MDOT) have said that there will be a moratorium of five years on opening of the street for any replacement of underground utilities. Even after that, it is quite expensive in fees and construction to open a street. So the status of the sewer and water services should be resolved before street paving is completed. This may possibly require an expenditure by PFM to complete any work required on PFM land. The funds involved are not known at this time but hopefully it will not be a very major amount. The following information was forwarded last week to the MDOT resident engineer and to the city sewer department for review.

In the list below, symbols are used as follows:

***** May likely require PFM funds for part of the work.

MDOT has been asked to fund these, but we are awaiting an answer.

Remaining items should be taken care of by the MDOT and its contractor.

1 * Sewer Service Location. I was at PFM with the city representative and the city's hired plumber on Thursday 29 Sept. It turns out that there is what the plumber believes to be a septic tank or cesspool in front of and to the left of the meetinghouse, possibly partly under the concrete ramp and planting bed. This kept the plumber from snaking the sewer pipe more than about 20 feet from the building. We do not know yet whether there is an outfall pipe leading out of the tank and connected to the Tortilla Flat private sewer in the right-of-way (ROW). The tank has not been pumped out in recent years so it is likely that there is an outfall pipe. The tank obstruction will require another method to locate any pipe - either by dye test or excavation. A dye test is a problem due to dilution in the tank.

PFM could do an exploratory pit at the tank to verify a pipe, which could be fairly deep. This is complicated by the PFM gas service line running there, so digging there would be a last resort. On termination of the TF portion of the private sewer, the line might be accessed near the PFM west property line (P/L) and videoed.

Also, a tee was placed in the new sewer main, but opposite the PFM sign. To avoid having to dig a trench through the front lawn and driveway, I asked, and the city agreed, that the main tee connection could be moved opposite a point between the driveway and the left hand P/L, roughly where I hope the outfall pipe might be.

2 * Water Service. The location, size and condition of the water service line is to be determined. The current building water pressure and/or flow rate is relatively low. This causes, among other things, a slow toilet recharge rate. I will review this with the Portland Water District (PWD) and will ask that they make sure that the street valve is fully open, which is sometimes a cause of low flow. They will check the records for the pipe size for the service as a too small line will certainly affect water flow. It is possible to change a water service line without excavating a full length trench but that will have to be reviewed with the PWD.

3 # Tree Removal. The tree sits on the ROW line. The sidewalk & curb excavation and moving of the utility pole overhead wires five feet toward the tree will both negatively impact it. PFM is concerned that as the tree is further weakened on its already severely pruned side facing the street, it will make it even more unbalanced or may induce die off. While there is no way to predict how long the tree will last after construction is completed, the tree will be further compromised and would likely land on PFM property in a sufficiently high wind, so it should be removed now.

4 # Runoff. Extending the new sidewalk paving at the east driveway entrance on to PFM property about 8 feet by the width of the gravel parking area would help keep gravel erosion off the sidewalk. PFM would armor the gravel behind it with stone to mitigate erosion.

5 Walkway. PFM would like the two walkway granites wrapped to avoid damage, and slid onto PFM property.

6 Sign. PFM will dig around the sign supports to verify the foundation type. Hopefully, since the sign is new, it can be lifted as is and moved back onto PFM property.

7 Post and Pin. PFM would like the one granite post at the east P/L, which forms part of that boundary, wrapped to avoid damage and set a few feet behind the ROW line. The pipe at the east P/L could remain (if it is the property pin) unless it is disturbed and needed resetting.

8 Fences. Both left and right P/L chain link fence termination posts would be reset behind the ROW line and the fences cut back.

9 Storm Drain. If required for a future catch basin off the street, providing a tee, stub pipe & cap to the edge of paving at the east driveway entrance would avoid future pavement cutting.

10 Driveway Apron. PFM would like the current west driveway entrance apron rebuilding moved east about four feet to align with future PFM paving revisions. The design for these revisions is not complete, but they would allow for more parking along the west P/L.

Respectfully submitted by Sylvanus Doughty for Buildings & Grounds Committee, Oct. 2, 2011

Report from Released Friends Andy and Dorothy Grannell

October 2, 2011

The question being asked by Friends World Conference for Consultation is: "What does it mean to BE salt and light and to live the kingdom in a broken world?" It is being asked as the foundation for having the 6th World Conference of Friends, the first World conference since 1991. The theme is taken from Matthew 5:13 - 16.

Salt flavors food, preserves food, cleans and heals wounds. Light allows us to see clearly, to be visible to others, and reflects back. The world conference and the mini Salt & Light events are asking each Friend wherever he or she is located to discern what it means to BE Salt and Light in our meetings, in our faith lives, in our communities and in the world. What will it mean for Friends to take seriously being Salt and Light in dealing with issues of faith, poverty, justice, economics and the environment? What will each of us be called to do to Live the Kingdom and to Heal the Broken World? Can we do it together across the different forms of Quakerism? Will we gain more understanding of each other? Will the Society of Friends be changed and if so, how? We will as Friends internationally find effective ways to heal our broken world wherever we are located? The conference is a call to both discernment and action.

We will have opportunity to consider the questions on October 29 and 30. Abel Sibonio and Valerie Joy of Australia will be staying in local homes for 4 evenings and taking us through their experiences and drawing us in to consider these questions. We will listen, pray, sing, eat and share in much the same way that Andy and I will in Kenya. Our prayer is that as many members and attenders of this meeting as possible will set aside Oct 29th and the morning of Oct 30. We need your help in making this event work. Overnight hospitality on Saturday for guests from afar, pre-program publicity, registrars, set up and clean up for meals, leaders for Sunday programmed worship and small group facilitators for Saturday will ensure the success of the event. Please either sign up online or take one of the paper forms that are hanging by the front door. Failing that, talk to, e-mail or phone Andy or I – we will have a task for you.

Salt and Light Program Registration Open Onine--Volunteers Wanted!

Those planning to attend the Salt and Light event here in Portland Friends Meeting on October 29-30 are urged to go to www.fwccamericas.org . Look at the lead article about the Salt & Light Events going on around the country and then scroll down to the Portland event and register. There are also paper forms in the lobby of the Meetinghouse, or you can call or e-mail Andy or Dorothy Grannell (878-8698) and say you are coming. We need to know so that we can plan for discussion group leaders and for food. Those wanting child care for Saturday the 29th should register by October 20.

Friends from around New England have been invited to attend this mini World Conference event. Assistance is still needed to help with onsite registration, set up and clean up of meals, pot luck contributions for Sunday lunch, and overnight hospitality for visitors from afar. We expect some visitors from our extended community as well including some of our New Mainers. A special thanks who have stepped forward to provide space and services for this event – your efforts will make the event memorable.

Please come – how will you BE Salt & Light in this Meeting and in Southern Maine? (Matthew 5:13 -16)

A donation is requested to help defray the cost of the event and bringing the visitors from Australia. However, please do not let that keep you from attending. The program is appropriate for those 10 and up, the tasks that need doing are also appropriate for those aged 10 and up. The online registration is open at www.fwccamericas.org or again, you can tell Andy or me that you are coming and whether it will be for Saturday or Sunday or both. Sunday morning is open to all because it will be a part of our regular extended worship for a Sunday that includes silent worship at 8, singing at 9, and programmed worship with our speakers at 9:30 and silent worship at 10:30. This will be a rich experience for all of us.

The motto of FWCC Section of the Americas is: "Connecting Friends, Crossing Cultures, Changing Lives". At the event here on Oct.29 & 30 Portland, Friends will have the opportunity to live the motto. The meeting room holds up to 100 people. Our prayer is that it will be full. Please register and invite others you know who would like to participate from around New England.

Andy and I have just recently been blessed to have our applications to the Lyman fund approved. We have received a generous grant to support our travel as released Friends for the conference and to share what we learn after the conference. We still seek a portion of the travel funds and as well as support for the Salt & Light events here in New England so that all that want to may participate.

Andy and Dorothy Grannell

Thank you Lyman Fund

Andy and Dorothy want to express their gratitude to the Lyman Fund. The Fund supports leadings that New England Friends have. Both Andy and Dorothy have received generous gifts from the Lyman Fund to support their traveling with the concerns of the World Conference over the next two years. Support provided by Portland Friends Meeting and its release of Andy and Dorothy to do this work played a huge part in the awarding of this grant as did the support of their clearness/support committee.

Enjoying the Newsletter Online?

Help us cut costs and green our meeting

Friends,

Last month we printed and mailed 319 newsletters. This is becoming a big budget item! However, you can help the Communication Committee to provide you with a newsletter, reduce our expenses and help the environment all at the same time.

If you are part of the e-group, you will have noticed that the newsletter is posted there every month, and that you can read it online and refer back to earlier copies in the archive. And soon PFM will have a new online home for the newsletter: www.PortlandFriendsMeeting.org should be up and running by the time you read this or shortly thereafter!

If you would be satisfied with reading your PFM newsletter online only, please email Tony Scilipoti on tscilipoti@maine.rr.com with the words 'Take me off the mailing list' in the subject line, and he will remove your name from the list of mailing labels. You'll save the paper used, the cost of printing, and the cost of mailing your newsletter. Please do this as soon as possible to enable us to start saving money before we print next month's newsletter.

If you have found it difficult to gain access to the e-group, please contact Mary Beth Walsh on mbwalsh@mainelyaccess.com and she will help you.

If you do not have access to the internet, rest assured that we intend to continue printing and mailing newsletters to all those who are unable to receive it any other way, or who prefer to have a paper copy.

--Jenny Doughty, on behalf of the Communications Committee

Love Your Meetinghouse Day is Sunday, Nov. 20 at noon

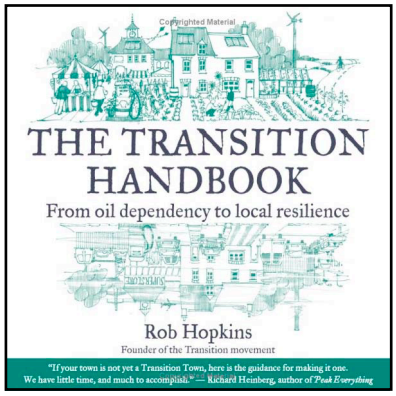
Friends should bring rakes, gloves, gardening tools, etc. Or for those who will clean inside, bring window cleaning and dusting supplies.

Youth Religious Education Update and Reminder

The fall First Day programs for children and youth opened on a beautiful day with a strong showing of 32 children in nursery and First Day. Eighteen families have registered their children and updated information. Thank you! Although the online registration option for families is no longer available, paper forms are available in the nursery and downstairs in the multipurpose room on the FDS bulletin board. Please complete a family form that includes children in nursery through Young Friends. And keep those children coming for the First Day programs on 2nd and 4th Sundays and Zen of Cooking on 3rd Sundays!

Tug-of-Peace at First Day reopening celebration
Photo: Brad Bussiere-Nichols

The focus for PFM's Adult Education discussion on Sunday, Oct. 9 is the Transition community movement. Friends may be interested in this upcoming workshop:



Training for Transition

Oct. 22-23, New Forest Institute, Brooks, ME

with special guest, Scott McKeown--founder of the thriving Transition Sebastopol

… a two day workshop designed to introduce or further your knowledge of a community engagement model for responding to economic instability, lower energy and changing climate. This is a great way to become firmly grounded in the Transition movement, and to connect with other people in your region.

You will leave energized, inspired and motivated, with the organizational tools you need to engage your own community inaddressing the issues facing us!

Cost: $150. Some scholarships available; we want everyone with a sincere interest to be able to attend.

More info and registration:
Transition Initiative Portland, http://www.meetup.com/TI-Portland/
Event host Kim Jacobs, zephyrhill@fairpoint.net, 722-3139

Check the TI-Portland website for more upcoming events, including a Portland Q&A with Scott Oct. 20.

Anna Barnett in new community-based play Oct. 27-30

Anna is acting in a new play at the end of the month with Open Waters Theatre Arts, a group that collaborates with communities in Maine to create original work. Their latest, Farms & Fables, meditates on local farms and food, ghosts and change.

Farms & Fables blog: http://farmsandfables.blogspot.com/

Preview: Thursday, October 27, 7pm

Performances: Friday, October 28, 7pm; Saturday, October 29, 2pm and 7pm; Sunday, October 30, 2 pm

All performances are at Camp Ketcha,
336 Blackpoint Rd., Scarborough, ME 04074

Tickets ($15 or pay-what-you-can):
http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/203840

Arthur Fink begins consulting to non-profits

Arthur writes: Many of you know that in addition to my photography, I've been doing various kinds of technology related consulting (mostly having to do with usability, the user experience, etc.)

Recently I've decided instead to focus my consulting and coaching on non-profit organizations, and particularly on their boards. While this may seem like a new direction, it has strong roots in my experience serving on the boards of such diverse groups at the AFSC (national), Woolman Hill, Pendle Hill, Merriconeag Friends School, and the Creative Portland Corporation, and also on my coaching experience with a number of non-profit executives. Not surprisingly, I'll be looking first to Quaker-related institutions, where my long experience with Friends decision-making process is of particular value.

So ... expect to see the following ad in Friends Journal:

Insight and Clarity for nonprofit boards | Consulting and coaching on mission, focus, structure, vision | Help with board retreats, mission statements, governance, internal conflicts, outreach, social media | ArthurFink.com | 207.615.5722

I'll welcome introductions, suggestions, etc. as I plot my course on this journey.

Arthur Fink

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Pastoral Care is here to help

The Pastoral Care Committee would like to remind everyone that we are here in your time of need. Some of the ways we can help include visiting, bringing food, child and pet care, cleaning, gardening, transportation and making phone calls. If you find that you could use assistance, there are many friends who would be happy to assist. Please call Shannon O'Connor at 774-2578, or David Spector at 518-9723.

Notices

Early Meeting for Worship is being held every Sunday at 8am.

Contact:
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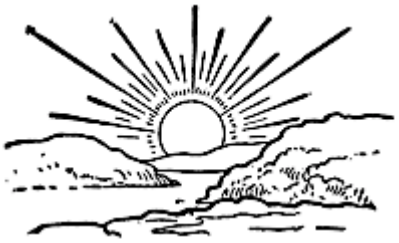
332-1385



Clynk bags

Jane Herbert: Clynk bags are available at the Meetinghouse to help defray expenses for a family in need.