

## MINUTES OF HAVERFORD QUARTERLY MEETING

January 26, 2002

Friends gathered at the appointed time and settled into worship in preparation for the work ahead. Steven Loughin clerked the Meeting in the absence of a permanent clerk. Thirty-two Friends were present.

**Minute #1 Minute of Thanks** Friends approved a minute thanking Merion Meeting for hosting this quarterly meeting.

**Minute #2 The Program of the Day** The clerk reviewed the program for the day: 10, Meeting for Worship for Business; 11, Meeting for Worship; 12, lunch; 1, Prof. Michael Sells of Haverford College speaking on Islam.

**Minute #3 Roll Call of Meetings** The following Friends were present from our Meetings:

Haverford - 9	Radnor - 6
Merion - 12	Valley - 4
Newtown Square - 0	Willistown - 0
Old Haverford - 1	

**Minute #4 The Minutes of October 28, 2002** These minutes were approved as read.

**Minute #5 The Treasurer's Report** William Roth, Treasurer, reported an ending balance of \$75,016.46, of which \$37,634 represents our covenant to PYM. \$10,000 will be sent to Friends Fiduciary. The major expense to date this year has been the payments to Friends Schools as scholarship money for our youth of \$3000. A letter of thanks has been received from Friends Central. Friends were asked to make sure our Monthly Meeting considers the Yearly Meeting budget for 2003-4 which has been distributed to clerks.

### **Minute #6 Minutes Received**

Haverford Quarter approved the minute received from Haverford Meeting:

*We as Friends are deeply troubled by the recent initiatives to curb civil liberties for non-citizens and citizens, and by the executive order to try in military tribunals those accused of crimes against the nation. We urge Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to communicate this to our President and US Senators, and ask Monthly Meetings to forward the minute to our representatives in Congress and to the local newspapers.*

The Quarter thanked Haverford Meeting for this minute and asked our clerk to send this to our Representatives, to FCNL and to the PA Council of Churches through our representative, Alice Hoffman. Friends noted that this action places US citizens in foreign countries in danger. Susan Smolens who writes for Main Line Life should be contacted.

The Quarter also approved a second minute from Haverford Meeting:

*We of Haverford Quarter unite with 90 other Meetings across the United States to endorse the Campaign of Conscience for the Iraqi people, a faith-based nationwide campaign seeking to lift the non-military sanctions against Iraq/ A modern-day siege, these sanctions have had a devastating impact on public health, education and the economy. A member of our Quarter, Susan Schaefer Davis, has had the opportunity to visit Iraq and observe these consequences first hand.*

*We feel called to relieve the suffering of Iraqi civilians by contributing financially to the American Friends Service Committee program to repair Iraq's civilian infrastructure, such as water treatment and*

*distribution systems and power generation for schools, hospitals and residential areas. We urge the U.S. Government to grant export licenses for this strictly humanitarian aid. We are well aware that, if this aid is sent without an export license, the U.S. government might interpret this as a violation of U.S. law with potential penalties. That humanitarian aid could be construed to be illegal is an indication of how deeply flawed this law is. That we, conscientiously law-abiding citizens, unite as a Quarter in opposition to this law is a testimony to our deeply-held commitment to honor "that of God in everyone."*

*In addition to urging others to join with us in providing immediate humanitarian relief, we full-heartedly support efforts to change both the law and the U.S. Government's policy toward Iraq.*

Friends asked that this minute be sent also to the Departments of the Treasury, State and Commerce as well as to our two Senators and Interim Meeting.

**Minute #7 A Concern** Jane Kronick raised her concern that we contact Rep. Weldon about the draft bill #3598 which has been introduced by him in the House of Representatives. This bill would introduce compulsory military training of one year for all young men. Conscientious Objectors would receive non-combatant military training. This would not be acceptable to many of our CO's. Therefore it seems incumbent upon us, since he is our Representative, to try to meet with him and express our concern and try to educate him regarding our pacifism. Friends approved taking this back to our Monthly Meetings and asking them to send a representative who lives in Delaware County to accompany the clerk to such a meeting. Clerks of Chester Quarter Meetings would also be asked to join with us in this.

The Meeting closed with silent worship at 11:05 to move into Meeting for Worship with Merion Meeting.

Jane Kronick, Temporary Recording Clerk