

YARDLEY FRIENDS MEETING

NEWSLETTER

September 2019

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65 North Main Street, Yardley PA 19067
<http://yardleyfriendsmeeting.org/>

Meeting for Worship 10:00–11:00
First Day School 10:15–11:00

Linda Jacobs Snyder, Clerk
Ed Snyder, Newsletter Editor

This month at YFM

Sep 7

Flea Market! Unless you have been hiding under a rock, you've heard about this...please come and help, or come and shop, or both. Tell your friends! There is still room for vendors, although spaces are filling up fast; contact Doreen Gage or visit the website for more info on vendor spaces.

Sep 8

Business Meeting following rise of Meeting

Sep 15

Women's Group meets at 8:30

Men's Group meets at 8:30

Around the Quarter/PYM

Sep 21

Peace Fair, Buckingham Meeting

Your Francis and Betty Irwin calendar inspiration for the month

It isn't where you come from: It's where you are
going that counts.

Ella Fitzgerald

Annual Financial Report - summary

The following "talking points" are a summary of the financial report for the year ending 6/30/19, prepared by our Treasurer, Ted Taylor

INCOME

1. Exceeded our budget goal for member/attender giving - \$27,896
2. Missed our budget goal for the Fall Market last year. Silent Auction saved the day.
3. Also missed our rental income budget
4. Other gifts include employers matching gift and support for "Memorial for the Lost"

EXPENSES

1. Sewer & Water over budget due to bathroom leak
2. Held supplies expenses to 44% of budget
3. Much of Religious Education expenses: childcare
4. Educators: under budget due to Mark leaving earlier last year

NET LOSS of \$4,180 (anticipated loss of \$2,600)
– due to lower revenue (Fall Market)

Major expenses paid from the Property Improvement Fund included oil tank removal, tree removal / treatments, driveway gate repair.

Full report is available upon request.

Newsletters can be found on our website at <http://yardleyfriendsmeeting.org/news/> Email articles, pictures, book reviews, events to ed@mrplansinc.com.

Bliss and Delight

Life isn't perfect! Most people have problems or are troubled by problems in the world. Some times are worse than others. There is much in the world today that is troubling. In some of our own lives there are health concerns or family concerns or money concerns or something.

A while ago I listened to Speaking of Faith on NPR. A man was interviewed who had kept a daily journal about delight. The talk started "How can we find delight in a time like this?" The reply was "How can we not find delight in times like this?"

When things aren't quite right it takes seeking and looking further. It's in the bad times that we most need to keep afloat. Looking for delight or bliss can change your feelings about the day. Take a look around you. What gives you delight and bliss?

I walk out in the summer and see flowers surrounding me. The birds chirp. Blue covers the sky. It's beautiful! I think how lucky I am.

Maybe it's a good conversation with a friend. Realizing how lucky we are to have the people we have in our life. A wonderful meal. A dish of chocolate ice cream. The great feeling after exercise or yoga. A good book. Butterflies landing on milkweed.

Make a note of the things that bring bliss and delight to you. In the good times it will be all part of your day. In bad times, it will make your day brighter. As you note all the bliss and delight, your bad days might fall away.

Query 9. Grounding for Transformed Lives: Equality and Justice

How does our meeting benefit from established patterns of prejudice, exploitation and economic convenience? What are we doing to change this?

How and how often does our meeting engage in a self-examination of its attitudes and actions regarding race, ability, gender, sexual orientation or class?

What steps are we taking as a meeting to inform ourselves about social injustice and ecological violence embedded in our political and economic systems?

What steps are we taking as a meeting to assure that our meeting and the committees and institutions under our care are respectful of the earth and its people?

Do I regularly examine myself for attitudes and behavior that indicate any hidden prejudice regarding race, gender, sexual orientation, disability or class?

How do my lifestyle choices affect—positively or negatively—the causes of justice and peace in our nation, the community of nations and the whole of creation?

How do I demonstrate in my way of living, and in what I teach my children, that love of God entails acknowledging "that of God in every person"?