

# MEETING NEWS

June/July 2007

Is the Meeting concerned that human interaction with nature be responsible, guided by a reverence for life and a sense of the splendor of God's continuing creation? Are the decisions of the Meeting and its committees relating to the uses of property, goods, services, and energy made with sensitivity toward the environmental impact of those choices? How does our Meeting learn about environmental concerns and then act in the community on its concerns?

## Meeting for Worship and First-Day School

**Middletown Preparative Meeting**, 10:30 A.M. meeting for worship on Sunday and Thursday

	<b>Media Meeting</b>	<b>Providence Meeting</b>
<b>Singing First-Day School for Adults</b>	Summer break in July and August	Summer break in July and August
<b>First-Day School for Children (up to age 12)</b>	For info. about the schedule for July and August, please contact: Nancy DeMis (610-892-9829) or ncd@gsscd.com	11:20 A.M. (Children and teachers will leave meeting for worship quietly to go to their classes.)
<b>First-Day School for Teens (ages 13-19)</b>	See "Note" below.**	See "Note" below.**
<b>Meeting for Worship (childcare provided)</b>	In July and August, 10:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.

Please note that business meeting is not held at either Media or Providence in July or August.

\*\*Note: Young Friends (ages 13-19) from both Media and Providence Meetings have a joint meeting monthly, often on Saturday afternoons, to plan group activities. Info: Joyce Malamut (610.891.1294) joyceandrick18@msn.com

## Turning Quaker Gray into Quaker Green

by Ken Wilson

Pat McBee thinks it would be wonderful if Friends became as well known for their "green" environmental testimony as they are for their testimony of "gray" simplicity. Pat is a member of Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting who has volunteered to visit the monthly meetings that comprise PYM to explain the initiatives underway to make Friends Center in Philadelphia a showcase for environmental sustainability.

Friends Center, located at 15th and Cherry Streets, requires a comprehensive rehabilitation of its office building and meetinghouse in order to preserve its historic campus for future generations. Although there has been a Quaker presence at this site since 1856, it was not until the 1960s that Friends decided to construct a facility dedicated to housing, on one campus, its

own service organizations as well as non-profit organizations with a mission compatible with that of Friends. The Center was completed and dedicated in 1974.

It was decided that the Center should directly confront its impact on the environment and become a model of sustainability. The Center's busy location in a big city guarantees that this project will be highly visible. As Pat McBee explains, what began as the need to replace worn out mechanical equipment has evolved into a vision to make Friends Center a living witness to Friends' testimonies of living with integrity, in peace and simplicity, and with a concern for equality for all.

The planned renovations seek to make Friends Center fossil fuel free, a goal that requires several integrated strategies including

# Media-Providence Friends Meetings

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## Newsletter Submissions Due the 11th

**Our next news deadline is July 11.**

**Media News:**

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**Providence News:**

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## Check the complete Online Calendars at

Check the complete Providence Meeting calendar at:

[www.calendar.yahoo.com/providencemeeting](http://www.calendar.yahoo.com/providencemeeting)

Check the complete Media Meeting calendar at:

[www.mediafriendsmeeting.org](http://www.mediafriendsmeeting.org)

Check PYM's calendar of events at:

[www.pym.org/pm/cal.php](http://www.pym.org/pm/cal.php)

## Also check out the PeaceWay Website

Providence Meeting's PeaceWay: [www.peaceway.net](http://www.peaceway.net)

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### **Media Monthly Meeting**

125 West Third Street  
Media, PA 19063-2468  
610.566.5657  
[www.mediafriendsmeeting.org](http://www.mediafriendsmeeting.org)

### **Middletown Preparative Meeting**

c/o Jared Darlington  
643 Darlington Road  
Media, PA 19063-5605  
610.558.4348

### **Providence Monthly Meeting**

105 North Providence Road  
Media, PA 19063-3595  
610.566.1308  
[www.providencemeeting.org](http://www.providencemeeting.org)



the use of solar power and purchased wind power; a vegetated roof; geothermal heating and cooling; and, various other energy efficient measures such as added insulation, an open design with windows, and a pledge to use equipment and practices that reduce power consumption.

A new “Energy Star” roof, designed not only to keep the building dry but also to insulate against both heat and cold, is part of the plan. The Center is also installing solar panels on the roof in order to generate a portion of Friends Center’s electricity. The vegetated roof will help conserve energy used for heating and cooling and will help retain storm water as well. The Center will use geothermal energy to help heat and cool the building. Geothermal heat exchange relies primarily on the earth’s natural thermal energy, a clean and renewable resource. The open design, planned to allow natural light to flood the interior of the building, will cut down on the amount of energy required for artificial light and reduce cooling costs. New windows made from spectrally selective glass will let in light for illumination, but keep out most of the heat. Providing natural light for working, educational, or living environments is not only environmentally sound, but has also been shown to have significant health benefits.

### Helping to Raise the Other Required “Green”

To date Friends have raised just over \$2 million toward the \$3 million goal. Please consider making a contribution to this effort, either through a cash donation, gifts of other assets or a bequest, or by volunteering your time to advance the project. Contact Joe Elliott at 610-891-0778 or Robin Harper at 610-565-6332 for further information.

### We Remember Friends

**Jean Wolff Dole** died on May 15 at the age of 76. Born in Media, she grew up in Sunny Brae Orchards and attended the Westtown School, Philadelphia Musical Academy and the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1970. She studied Identity Process Therapy at the Casriel Institute in 1974, and earned a master’s degree in psychology at the Goddard Graduate Program in 1979.

Jean studied conflict resolution, completing both the instructors and trainers courses in effectiveness training and mediation training through Community Dispute Settlement of Delaware County. She was a psychotherapist in private practice until her death, offering individual, marital and family therapy, and regularly taught parent effectiveness training courses.

During the 1980s and 1990s, she was an adjunct instructor at The Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology at Widener University, taught at the Department of Graduate Clinical

Psychology at Hahnemann University, and in Delaware County Community College’s Evening School. In the 1970s Jean consulted for the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Upper Dublin School District. She also worked for the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. In earlier years she was executive director of the Philadelphia Committee for a SANE Nuclear Policy, worked with emotionally disturbed children, and was a field organizer for the United World Federalists. For more than 40 years, she was an active volunteer organizer who served in leadership positions in civic, community, political and religious organizations.

Jean developed original theories on conflict resolution and wrote a number of papers that are included in the curriculum of several college courses. She authored pamphlets for the Delaware County Council to Prevent Child Abuse and monthly articles published in Family Values magazine. She recently completed the draft of a book which will be published posthumously, titled Attack the Problem (Not Each Other): Resolving Conflicts from the Personal to the World Level.

Jean is survived by her children Daniel, Miriam and Randy Dole, her brother and sister Kenneth Wolff and Ann Newbold, eight grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, and nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held for Jean on June 16 at Providence Friends Meeting. Contributions in Jean’s honor may be made to Citizens for Global Security (formerly the United World Federalists) at [www.globalsolutions.org](http://www.globalsolutions.org), or the charity of the donor’s choice.

**Robert James Kerr**, 80, died June 6. He was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania to Margaret and Oscar W. Kerr II. Bob graduated from Swarthmore High School on “D-Day,” June 6, 1944. He served in the U.S. Navy as an electronics technician from November 1944 until August 1946.

In 1952, he graduated with a degree in chemistry from The College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio. After college, he was employed by the DuPont Company retiring in 1984 after 32 years of service. While at DuPont, he was a member of the research and development team that developed Crolyn chromium dioxide video and audio tape.

Bob had many areas of expertise. Besides his work as an electronics engineer, he was a chemist, writer, actor, director, producer, lecturer, narrator, photographer, cameraman, video editor, cabinet maker, machinist and computer graphics specialist. He began community theater activities in 1936 at the Players Club of Swarthmore and appeared in over 50 theatrical productions. He produced and directed 20 plays and musicals for community and dinner theater. He appeared in a community production of 1776 as Ben Franklin and toured the country appearing as Franklin for DuPont at trade shows, in an insurance company promotion tape, and recently in a National Park Service tape. In 1993 he was recognized by the Players Club

were discussed, not just as activities under the auspices. Both Meetings have strong support for intergenerational activities. Providence Meeting has experienced its not-unknown spring “drop off” in attendance. **This clarification and re-wording approved.**

The Finance Committee has received no changes to the budget from members. **Friends approved the budget as presented in May.** Questions about the budget should be directed to Parker Snowe and John Shaw. The budget will be sent to everyone via e-mail, it will be placed on the bulletin board, and will be available in hard copy at meeting for worship. The tax-exempt status of Providence Meeting expires this summer; this item will be sent to Trustees for action.

Two Peace and Social Action events took place this weekend. Congressman Joe Sestak spoke to a large crowd on Friday night, clearly demonstrating deep concerns among citizens. He stayed well beyond his scheduled time because he felt that the conversation was so important. This was a useful interchange between our congressman and the citizens of his district. The PeaceWay event on Saturday was meaningful if small. The carnations donated by a relative of one of the fallen were used by those who walked among the boots to allow us to recognize fully those whom we have lost. In addition, there were shoes from Iraqi citizens represented. One of the founders of the Gold Star Mothers Against the War spoke after finding the boots of her son. The results of the penny poll will be posted on the bulletin board. The labyrinth experience was enjoyed by many. The Peace and Social Action Committee would like to minute their thanks to all those who helped with the weekend’s events. **This minute was approved.** It was noted that the Fox Ten-O’clock News featured this day and the congressman’s visit was on the front page of the Delaware County Daily Times.

The Property Committee has received proposals for the back section of the roof. We do not have the money in the capital fund to fully renovate the entire roof. The Committee recommends and will proceed with another “patch up” for now, instead of a full renovation. The Committee will review the status and needs for the entire roof.

The Quarter will meet at Providence Meeting on July 21. The clerk will meet with Joan Broadfield, currently representing the Quarter, at a June 17 planning meeting. The clerk recommended that this item be moved to the care of the Program and Outreach Committee. In addition Media-Providence Young Friends will work with the Quarter on a teen program. The addition of a Young Friends program provides us with an opportunity to create an adult program on an issue of the day. Friends expressed a concern that events should be planned for younger children to support this as a family event. Anyone with ideas for this day should see Parker Snowe.

The Nominating Committee requests a special called business meeting in order to present a full slate of committee members

for Meeting approval. **This request was approved.** To date the position of assistant clerk is not yet ready for recommendation.

The PYM Budget Working Group report was given by Parker Snowe. This is a follow up to our letter of concern about the PYM budget and our covenant contribution. The working group has been active by attending several meetings related to this issue. The Yearly Meeting has sent information on both the budget development and the work of the Financial Stewardship Committee. The Clerk requests guidance as to the next steps. PYM has invited members to attend a budget process discussion on June 23, 2007. This conflicts with our Leadership Workshop event. Friends agreed to ask for a meeting specifically to address our particular concerns. Our concern is not the money alone, but also about the mission of the PYM and how that mission is developed and examined. This would mean that we should meet with the General Secretary of PYM. A suggestion was expressed that this discussion should include Media Meeting. What is the role and function of the Yearly Meeting? What is our relationship as a Monthly Meeting to the Yearly Meeting? After discussion of the above points, **we approved inviting the General Secretary and the Clerk of the Financial Stewardship Committee to discuss these questions at the Quarterly Meeting pending Quarterly Meetings’ approval.** If this is not possible we will arrange a called meeting, inviting members of Media Monthly Meeting. A concern was stated that we watch our own language and move from “them and us” to a conversation about “we the Friends” as we engage in this dialogue.

**We approved a minute of thanks to Robin Harper and Medard Gabel for their work making the PeaceWay and the PeaceWay Events possible. We approved a minute of thanks to Priscilla Taylor-Williams for her service as recording clerk.** She will step down from this position effective today. Maggie Juliano has agreed to serve as recording clerk starting with September’s business meeting.

## PeaceWay June 2nd, 2007

*Photos by Zoe and Mary Gabel*



of Swarthmore as Governor Emeritus, and in 1999 as Member Laureate, for his many years of service.

In 1963 Bob was the co-recipient of the 1963 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Senior Award for contributions to the field of audio. He received the 1980 Technical Service Industry, Special Educational Award for his writings in the field of video cassette care and usage. He authored numerous articles and books on video recording and editing. He was also involved in writing, narrating, and/or producing several videos. In 1979, Bob taped and produced a documentary on the shrine at Loreto, Italy, during the visit by Pope John Paul II.

After retiring from DuPont, Bob began "R. J. Kerr Audio/Video Services" which specialized in video editing and duplicating. He was known for his ability to recover images from damaged video tapes.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Marjorie H. Kerr, his sons, Robert A. Kerr and his wife Jo-Ann of Wilmington, DE, and David A. Kerr and his wife Marcy of Cherry Hill, NJ, and four grandchildren, Christina, Garrett, Danielle, and Jeremy of Cherry Hill. He is also survived by his brothers, Terrance W. Kerr and his wife, Judy, of Vass, NC, and Michael E. Kerr, and his wife, Kathy, of Bethesda, MD. He was predeceased by his brother, Oscar William Kerr, III, and his granddaughter, Alexandra of Wilmington, DE.

A memorial service on Saturday, June 30, at Media Friends Meeting. Contributions may be made.

## Notices

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- **June 23, 2007:** Leadership Development Workshop at Providence from 9:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M. All welcome! Info.: Tom Martin (610.566.2760) [mediamartins4@aol.com](mailto:mediamartins4@aol.com)
- **June 30, 2007:** Memorial service for Robert J. Kerr at Media at 2:00 P.M.
- **July 1, 2007:** Threshing session on same-gender marriage at Media at 11:30 A.M. Info: Janet Nicholson (610.891.1573) [macnic7@aol.com](mailto:macnic7@aol.com)
- **July 21, 2007:** Quarterly Meeting at Providence Info: Parker Snowe (610.565-4542) [bike2work2000@yahoo.com](mailto:bike2work2000@yahoo.com)
- **July 26-20, 2007:** Yearly Meeting Residential Sessions at Rowan University (Glassboro, NJ). Info: [www.pym.org](http://www.pym.org)

# Business Meeting Highlights

## Media Meeting May 2007

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Bob Williamson reported for the Property Committee that MPFS is obtaining bids from heating contractors to install a new heating system. When there are four or five bids, the Meeting and School Property Committees will meet again jointly to consider them. We also need to get PECO's permission to make the switch from oil to gas heat.

Bob also reported for the Outreach Committee on the "Pizza and Friendly Games" Night held on April 20th. Over 100 people attended, mostly MPFS children and parents, and Bob gave credit to Marcelle Banks-Blair who had originated the idea. The committee would like to do it again, possibly before the end of the school year, and try to get more Meeting members to attend.

Bob Williamson asked that Friends continue to give thought to possible nominees for the various positions and committees and to pass along their ideas to members of the Nominating Committee.

Jeff Busa reported for the Oversight Committee. He brought before the Meeting the names of three people as a last step before sending them letters of release from membership. Two were people who had not responded at all to efforts to contact them about their membership; Friends suggested contacting a parent and a F/friend who should be asked about the individuals before a final step is taken. The third person had told Jeff that he wanted to continue as a member but had no intention of coming to meeting. In this case, we had a lengthy exchange of views, but could not come to unity. The matter of the individual's membership thus reverts back to the Oversight Committee.

Karen Reichardt reported for the Religious Education Committee. A joint meeting of the Media and Providence R.E. Committees was held on April 23rd, with members of the two Meetings invited to attend. In all, nine people from each Meeting were present. Each of the two Meetings reported on how First-Day school has proceeded since we began holding First-Day school separately. Providence is pleased with the program and some increased participation. Media has some regrets, including the fact that we don't have so many children (especially boys). However, even where there are only one or two children in an age group, we want to do a good job for them. There was discussion at the meeting about future plans. Interest was expressed about doing other things together from time to time. Following Karen's report, a couple of parents expressed their appreciation for the First-Day school program, including

sharing. On May 20 there will be a bake sale to help fund this excursion. The teen group activities were not in our original budget. **The Meeting approved the idea that private donations to cover their activities this year be allowed until we move to the next fiscal year and their program can be included as a budget item.** The evening of May 19 will also be the date of another sleepover for the teen group. Ken asked for help with planning and hosting Quarterly Meeting on July 21. Volunteers should contact Parker Snowe. The teen group will hold their next meeting during Quarterly Meeting. Bill Belanger's letter to the Rotary Club thanking them for their help with the Sandy Bank Cemetery clean-up was sent. The Leadership Workshop has been moved to June 23, 2007. Members and attenders from Providence and Media Meetings are welcome to attend. There will be a joint meeting for worship with Media Meeting on May 20 at Providence Meeting.

John Shaw presented the Finance Committee report. The fiscal year is 85% complete while contributions from members and attenders have reached 71% of the total budgeted. This means we need \$14,000 by June 30. Parker Snowe and John Shaw have sent a letter to the Meeting community explaining the current financial situation. We have sent our financial aid contribution to Media-Providence Friends School for this fiscal year. The Finance Committee will be considering changes to our endowment, which will be included in next year's budget proposal. John Shaw presented the budget proposal for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and we discussed areas that need to be adjusted. Friends should see John if they have additional changes. Clerks should be sure to review their committee budgets. The proposed budget will be sent directly to clerks of committees.

Lisa Davis gave the Peace and Social Action Committee report. The plans for the PeaceWay events on the weekend of June 1- 2 were explained and there was a discussion of the volunteer needs.

Meg Barney presented the Religious Education Committee report. On April 23, nine members of each Meeting (18 total) met to discuss how this "experiment" has gone. Each Meeting has found a way to run a parallel program that meets the needs of their own Meeting. There was a discussion of additional ways to have joint Meeting events beyond the activities held under the auspices of Religious Education. Both Meetings have strong support for intergenerational activities. Providence Meeting has experienced its not-unknown spring "drop off" in attendance. Providence Meeting is still organizing how they will manage the program for the summer.

The Members and Attenders Care Committee report was given by Lynne Elliot. The Committee received Ruth Parker's application for membership, which has the support of the Clearness Committee that met with her. Lynne read Ruth's letter to those gathered. **Friends approved.** A welcoming

committee of Lynne Oberfield (convener), Meg Barney and Deb Will will meet with Ruth.

Lynn Oberfield shared with us some of the highlights of the MPFS school year. The school has 156 students, 19 board members, 23 full-time faculty and five part-time faculty. The pre-school area, Middle School and the science lab have been renovated. The faculty is engaged in curriculum mapping to create a unified scope and sequence of curriculum so skills and content areas are managed coherently. The Pennsylvania Association for Independent Schools accreditation process began this February with a year-long self study process that will be followed by an on-site visit. Lynn reviewed the many changes made as a result of the capital campaign. The school conducted a global simulation with students from William Penn Charter School. During the winter and spring, monthly worship sharing is conducted with mixed ages; this month's question was, "When do I know I have enough?" Lynn explained the school's goals in terms of staff and faculty salaries and benefits, financial aid, class size, etc. The next major goal for the school is to raise the endowment. A major challenge for the school community this year has been the illness of community members. PYM, through the Committee on Friends Education, had a program to help build connections between Meetings and the schools associated with them - MPFS, Media Meeting and Providence Meeting all participated in this important event.

Joe Elliott's Property Committee report noted that there are some leaks in the roof, which will require replacement of the old copper roof. Joe is collecting bids from roofers who work with copper and slate in order to write a grant. If anyone knows someone who can help provide estimates please contact him.

## Providence Meeting June 2007

Clerk Parker Snowe brought greetings from Hong Kong Friends Meeting.

PYM's Center for Deepening and Strengthening Our Meetings has asked us to conduct a survey of the number of people who attend meeting for worship in June. Clerks are asked to let Parker know when they are meeting over the summer so these dates can be placed on the Meeting calendar.

There was a clarification and re-wording of the May 2007 minutes in respect to Meg Barney's Religious Education Committee report: Meg Barney presented the Religion Education Committee Report. On April 23, nine members of each Meeting (18 total) met to discuss how the parallel First-Day school experiment has gone and to decide if we should continue with separate First day schools. **This was approved by the joint committee.** Each Meeting has found a way to run a program that meets the needs of their own Meeting. Providence Meeting is organizing how they will manage the program for the summer. More ways to work together on joint Meeting events

the parent of a young teenager who makes a considerable effort to try to be here for her small but meaningful class. Candace Davis reported on the teen group that meets at Providence on Saturdays and welcomes both Media and Providence young people. The group is planning a trip to New York in June.

Following up on the topic of same-gender marriage, which came up last month, the Worship and Ministry Committee proposes holding a couple of threshing sessions prior to Residential Yearly Meeting in late July. Janet Nicholson, speaking for the Committee, emphasized that they want all concerned voices to be heard, whatever their views. A date was set for a threshing session to be held on July 1st at 11:30 A.M., following the rise of meeting. While encouraging everyone interested to attend, Janet also invited those who cannot attend to send their views to the Worship and Ministry Committee prior to the session.

Garrett Forsythe, Treasurer, announced that a former member of our Meeting, Nancy (Adams) Hollister, had left us a gift of \$5,000. We have also received a number of smaller gifts in memory of members who have passed away recently. Garrett recommends that we apply all of these gifts to our building fund. We will take up his recommendation when we discuss the budget next month. Garrett also noted that we have a small ad in Friends Journal, which is due to be paid for another year at the cost of \$60.

Charles Randall reported that Art Larrabee, the new General Secretary, shared with Interim Meeting his three-part vision for PYM: working together to strengthen our Yearly Meeting community; growing our community, i.e., the membership, possibly including advertising; and considering how best to use our financial and human resources. Art is conducting thorough interviews with every PYM staff person to get to know them better and hear their views. During the period between permanent General Secretaries, a Transition Project Group worked on the General Secretary's job description. Their report also recommended that Interim Meeting should review and take decisive steps as to the size and composition of Interim Meeting. Now a new committee has been established to follow up with specific recommendations on governance. An Arch Street Project Group has also been formed to study and make recommendations regarding the Arch Street meetinghouse. Finally, the PYM budget continues to loom large. Monthly meetings will hold threshing sessions to provide information about budget proposals to the general membership of PYM and to provide the members an opportunity to discuss the proposals before they are discussed at Residential Yearly Meeting. Nancy DeMis urged attendance at the threshing session for all who would like to speak their minds regarding PYM budgetary priorities.

Mather and Peg Lippincott reported on Quarterly Meeting, held on April 29th at Darby Meeting. Of the 30 people in attendance, only three were from Media Meeting. Mather

encouraged others from Media Meeting to attend Quarterly Meetings in the future. The Quarterly Meeting Treasurer, Lyle Jenks, announced that the treasury is in good shape. Most of the discussion concerned PYM's financial situation and how a significant portion of PYM's money is tied up in restricted funds. Peg provided several copies of a PYM document, "Where Does General Fund Money Go?" which explains everything that is funded at the Yearly Meeting level. The clerk said he would make copies available. Peg added that she is encouraged that the budgetary questions can be worked out. The next Quarterly Meeting will be organized by Providence Meeting on Saturday, July 21.

Janet Nicholson requested prayers for David Hart, the father of one of her daughter Jo's classmates; he is going through a health crisis. Karen Reichardt reported that a number of our members had Henry Passmore's memorial service at Kennett Square Meeting.

## Media Meeting June 2007

Lynn Oberfield, head of Media-Providence Friends School, gave an end-of-year report. Graduation for the 14 eighth-graders will take place in the context of a meeting for worship on Wednesday, June 6th. About one-third of the students will attend Friends schools for high school, one-third other independent schools, and one-third public schools. The school year opened with about 153 students, and a couple more were added during the year; there are about two dozen faculty members and about twenty trustees. Lynn reported on repairs and renovations done last summer and those anticipated for the coming summer. She reported on the faculty's curriculum mapping project, which will ensure that throughout MPFS there is a developmentally appropriate and coordinated scope and sequence of curriculum. Next year, the school will undergo the re-accreditation process by a team from the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools, something which comes up every ten years. The Board of Trustees is looking at ways to increase the school's endowment, and to increase income for the ever-growing cost of financial aid and faculty salaries. One idea under consideration, which might help raise funds without raising tuition, is to consider how we might use the school's facilities for after-school activities and lessons, such as tutoring, yoga, music and dance classes. Lynn spoke about a global simulation, in which middle schoolers from MPFS and William Penn Charter School came together here for three hours in an experiment in "running the world." The exercise had the students thinking and speaking in response to the query: "When do I know that I have enough?" Challenges the school faces continue to be balancing the budget, maintaining enrollment, and maintaining diversity - economic and racial. There has been a lot of illness this year, including especially Doug Schwartz's absence since December,

## Media-Providence Friends School (MPFS)

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Please see the minutes from both Media and Providence Meetings for a year-end update on MPFS.

and the deaths of three teachers' mothers since January. It has been something of a struggle to find good substitutes for the numerous faculty absences. One more reason for hope is an initiative of the PYM Committee on Education to work on relationships between Friends meetings and the Friends schools with which they are associated. In March, a meeting was held to which the triads (Meeting clerk, school board clerk, and head of school) were invited for discussion of the issues that arise between meetings and schools. Susan Garrison, Marc Harrison, Harry Shreckengast, Ken Park and Lynn all went. They found that other schools and meetings struggle with the same issues we do – especially how to share the available space! It was a good beginning and offers hope for our shared mission. Friends thanked Lynn for her good report.

Charles Randall reported from Interim Meeting. Meetings are asked to continue to write memorial minutes to be submitted to PYM. The debate continues about the Arch Street meetinghouse being open and welcoming, while locking out the homeless. Interim Meeting approved going ahead with the Friends Center project (Plan H). PYM is one of the three entities (the others being the AFSC and Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting) involved and the other two had already approved the plan. This will mean more up-front costs for construction, but savings in the long run. Moreover, it represents a commitment to the natural environment. Charles reminded Friends that any new or increased donations to PYM made by June 30 will qualify for matching grant funds.

Ellie White reported for the Finance Committee, presenting budget figures for the year ending 6/30/2007 and a proposed budget for the coming year (FY 2008). The Finance Committee proposes to use income from bequests to fund certain items, some of which were previously budgeted to be paid for out of regular income. Specifically, the bequest from Nancy Hollister would be included in regular income but applied specifically to building renovations; the income generated by the Vail Fund would pay for our annual MPFS scholarship grants (now and in the future); and income generated by the Francis Nicholson bequest would go towards our Quaker Study Aid. **Friends approved these designations.** Ellie also noted that our contributions this year are at the lowest point that they have been in many years. She will soon be sending out a letter soliciting contributions. Turning to the proposed budget for FY 2008, Ellie noted that it does not increase our contribution to PYM. She pointed out that the Finance Committee has budgeted \$6,000 to be added

to our reserves, with the intention of continuing that practice in the future. Friends should note that the proposed budget calls for contributions from members and attenders in the amount of almost \$56,000. **Friends approved the proposed budget and thanked Ellie for her report.**

Susan Garrison reported that to date we have received \$100,000 in pledges for our capital campaign. We will be applying for a grant during the summer.

Karen Reichardt gave the annual report for the Religious Education Committee. During the course of this year, there has been a major change, from a joint Religious Education Committee and First-Day school program to two separate committees and programs. Currently, Media holds First-Day school classes on the same timetable as previously, and also has classes during meeting for worship on the first Sunday of the month. The theme for First-Day school classes this year has been “community.”

Rich McEntee reported for the Nominating Committee. He began by noting that he heard recently from three committees – Fellowship Activities, Oversight, and Religious Education – that they would like to have more members. The Nominating Committee will work on that over the summer. Questions were raised about a few of the names on various committees; some people need to be contacted to check on the status of their service. Although the Nominating Committee report was not finalized as to committees, the Meeting accepted the names of the incoming officers. A couple of people present also volunteered or were recruited to take on some positions. The Committee will continue its work over the next few weeks.

Margaret Camp read aloud the minutes of our May business meeting and a short discussion ensued regarding the outcome of the membership matter that was before the Meeting in May. The issue has since been resolved.

Under the heading of questions and concerns, Janet Nicholson asked about the status of the matter of seeking space in the building for the use of the Meeting. As that matter is not yet resolved, Janet proposed that discussions with MPFS on this subject take place during the summer, in hopes of reaching a resolution before the busy school year begins. **Friends agreed.**

### Providence Meeting May 2007

Ken Park, assistant clerk, announced that the teen group will be going to NYC on June 16 for sightseeing and worship

# Media & Providence Friends Meetings • Middletown Preparative Meeting Calendar of Events

July 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1 PM</b> 11:00 am-12:00 pm Meeting for Worship                      8:00 pm-9:00 pm Pendle Hill: Meeting for Healing Pendle Hill/Quaker Study Center, Wallingford, PA</p> <p><b>MM</b> 10:00-11:00 am Meeting for Worship                      11:30 am Threshing Session on Same Sex Marriages</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>FGC: Annual Gathering of Friends Univ. of Wisconsin-River Falls July 1-7</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
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