

## Report of Brooklyn Monthly Meeting

New York Quarterly Meeting, 20<sup>th</sup> day of First Month, 2019

Brooklyn Monthly Meeting continues to hold worship every First day at 9:00 and 11:00 AM as well as Third day at 6:30. Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business was held this past quarter on Fourth day of Eleventh month and Second day of Twelfth month 2018 and Sixth day of First month 2019.

We have welcomed two new members to our meeting this quarter - Mary Ann Baily and David Carter.

Ted Ehrhardt, our clerk of five years completed his term at the December meeting and the monthly meeting approved me to be our new clerk. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our meeting. We thank Ted for his service as clerk and will continue to use his gifts on behalf of our community. At our November meeting, we approved a plan to establish a Young Adult Friends committee. In the past, young adult friends - loosely defined as under 35 - have met informally, but they now feel ready to create a meeting committee and to provide more structure and support for fellowship. A memorial minute for Ina Jaeger was read at our November meeting.

Adult education committee has provided three worship sharing/learning opportunities for the meeting on the third first day of the month along with spiritual reading discussions every second first day of the month. The AE committee also held a discussion on Ben Pink Dandelion's book "Open for Transformation" and hopes to continue offering book group discussions in the coming year. We continue to have hymn singing the first day of the month. First day school is provided every Sunday to a widely ranging age group. The Community dinner for the larger community is held the last Sunday of the month. This quarter, in November and December, the community dinner provided roast turkeys and other delicacies, as holiday fare, thanks to volunteers.

In December, we were selected to become a participant in the NYYM's Vital Meetings Project. We are in the early stages of gathering information from surveys and then we will develop a program to help us become a more welcoming and inclusive community and to aid us in deepening our spiritual ties. We also hope to learn from other NY meetings that have participated in this program during the last two years.

Finally, Brooklyn Monthly meetings's holiday gathering was held December 13<sup>th</sup> at the meeting house.

For Brooklyn Meeting,

Joan Malin, clerk