

Albuquerque Monthly Meeting | Meeting for Worship for Business | 2 April 2017 | Agenda

Please note:

1. If you have been trained about what to do if ICE shows up, please let me or Marian know if you are willing to help watch the door during Meeting for Worship and Meeting for Business.
2. We will do a trial run with another sound system today.

11:00 am Call to Meeting for Worship for Business & Reading of Last MFB Minutes –*Clerk & Recording Clerk*
 Review of Practices in MfB & brief overview of agenda –*Clerk*

- Childrens' Program update
- Personal Reflections on the Period of Rejuvenation : *monthly opportunity to share*
- Exploring Whiteness: Question for Discussion:
How can we understand our current witness on Sanctuary in the broader context of Structural Racism and the work we have been doing to Denormalize Whiteness? (please see p.2)

BREAK for lunch: 15 minutes

- Follow-up on Sanctuary :
 Report from the Temporary Task Force
 Draft job description of the Task Force
 Nomination of Ad-Hoc Sanctuary Task Force & (*separately*) Sanctuary Advisory Group: *Nominating*
 Time for Discussion: *questions? concerns? other feedback?*
- Review of Minute 2017.2.4 *Regarding Role of the Clerk in Responding to events outside AMM (see p.2)*
- Reports & other business
 Nominating Committee : *nominations for seasoning; approval of seasoned nominations*
 Building & Grounds Committee : *Shirley*
 Report on Quakers and Money workshop : *Clyde*
 Membership request (*new and pending, 3 in all*) : *Clerk*
 Threshing Session #2 on Participation in Meeting : *schedule?*

(for information only)

Announcements pertinent to MfB & Scheduling

- Compassionate Listening: *practice meetings 2nd Friday each month, 5-6:30pm MH*
- Garden Work day: *April 8, 9am to 1 pm; come & go as you need; potluck lunch afterward*
- Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship* book group starting April 9, rise of meeting
- April 21-23: *NM Regional Meeting, Durango, CO*
- IMYM Registrations due April 30
- Trans 201 workshop at Rise of Meeting April 30

Ongoing Concerns

- Please hold Mary Darling and her son Deavon in the Light*
- Former member Dyck Vermilye passed away March 25; please hold him & wife Avis in the Light*
- Watch our website for news and updates! <http://abq.imym.org/cms/>

Final close with silence

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Please see next page for materials for discussion of two agenda items

- Notes for Whiteness Discussion:

In the video on Structural Racism (see link on our website), John Powell states:
“We use structures to marginalize people.”

In her work on *White Fragility*, Robin DiAngelo states:

“While individual whites may be against racism, they still benefit from the distribution of resources controlled by their group. Yes, an individual person of color can sit at the tables of power, but the overwhelming majority of decision-makers will be white. Yes, white people can have problems and face barriers, but systematic racism won’t be one of them. *This distinction— between individual prejudice and a system of unequal institutionalized racial power—is fundamental. One cannot understand how racism functions in the U.S. today if one ignores group power relations. [emphasis mine]*

This systemic and institutional control allows those of us who are white in North America to live in a social environment that protects and insulates us from race-based stress.”

In the work we have been studying, Racism is defined as **Privilege + Institutional Power = Racism** (as opposed to individual bias or prejudice).

Please use the framework of these ideas to address the question above.

Here is the link again: <http://abq.imym.org/cms/examining-whiteness/>

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- Minute from February re: Role of Clerk

(2017.2.4) AMM asks the Clerk to respond on it's behalf to opportunities to join with other caring people and faith communities. This may include signing letters, petitions, statements, appearing on behalf of AMM at events, writing letters, including electronic letters, and related activities, consistent with Quaker faith and practice, and the core values of Albuquerque Monthly Meeting as expressed in our Minutes. The Clerk will inform Meeting about any actions taken on behalf of AMM. We call upon ourselves to act on our leadings, consistent with Quaker faith and practice and to support each other.

Worship & Ministry Committee shall work with the Clerk to establish a mechanism for guidance and support to the Clerk. AMM will review this minute after 2 months and 6 months.