Las Cruces Friends Meeting Newsletter January 2015

Friendly Words: From Patricia Loring

"*Often we arrive at meeting driven by harassments prior to meeting, the unfinished business of the previous week, our obsessions, and our own willful agendas – and with our eagerness to control the events and outcomes of the coming week driving us onward.*
As we settle into the collected quiet, the knots may loosen, our obsessive tight focus may open and widen to admit space and light around our drivenness. The stillness may gently wash away what clings to us or what we are clinging to. We may not enter into peace beyond understanding; but we may be cleansed or healed of some of the low-grade craziness or our lives.
We may, like the crazed, dirty ragged person in Mark 5:1-20, who was possessed by an unclean spirit named Legion, receive the gift of being returned to ourselves, properly clothed and in our right minds."

p. 18 Listening Spirituality volume II Corporate Spirtual Practice Among Friends

Calendar

Sunday Jan 4th – Meeting for Worship 10 am
Peace Social and Environmental Concerns Committee meets following rise of Meeting – focus: threshing our concerns as a meeting for the coming year

Friday January 9th – Ministry and Oversight will meet at 11 a.m at Lynda Goin and David Richman's house, 304 Calle Florista in Las Cruces.
If you've got something you'd like M & O to take up, please let Al Galves know.

Sunday January 11th - Meeting for Worship 10 am
Potluck following rise of Meeting

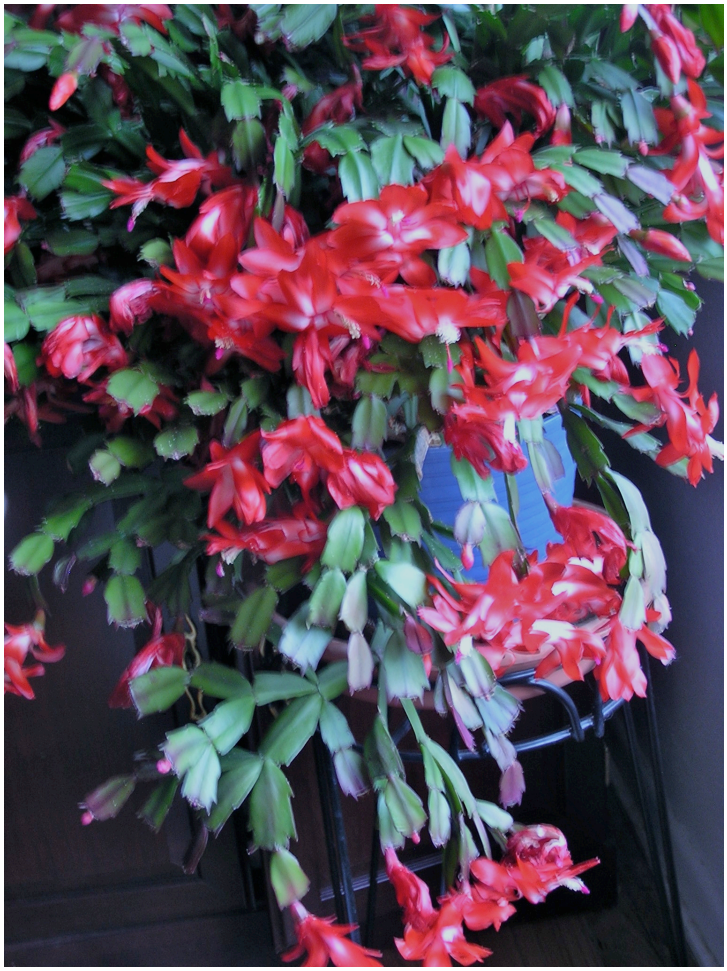
Friday January 16th – Timer Meeting – a chance to share with others at the home of the Browns at 3:30 PM

Sunday January 18th – Meeting for Worship 10 am
Meeting for Worship with attention to business following rise of Meeting.

Sunday January 25th – Meeting for worship 10 am
Spiritual Practice session following rise of meeting (focus to be announced).

Sunday February 1st - Meeting for worship 10 am
Peace Social and Environmental Concerns Committee meets following rise of Meeting (focus on Peace, Tim Reed will facilitate)

Friday February 6th - Timer Meeting – a chance to share with others at the home of the Browns at 3:30 PM



Dorothy Aldrich's Christmas cactus, that was adopted by Nancy Dunkle of Mt. View Meeting. She sent us this picture this winter.

Up Coming Events

IMYM Arrangements Committee January 16-18 in Tempe, AZ

IMYM Representatives Committee February 6-8 in Boulder, CO

NM Regional: April 17 – 19th 2015 in El Paso,TX

IMYM 2015 Gathering June 7 - 14

Action Minutes from December Meeting for Worship with attention to business:

* Budget Committee: the Budget for 2015 was **approved.** With thanks to the committee. (See report below)

* Security: Lockbox was revisited. It was decided that there will be a three month trial using the lockbox. Tim will change the code as he thinks is needed. He will give the code to any member or attender who asks for it with the understanding they will not give it to anyone else. **Approved.**

* M&O: Threshing meeting to be held on the first Sunday in January in place of PSEC. A**pproved.**

Budget Committee Report Las Cruces Friends Meeting December 2014

The committee met on Wednesday Dec 10th. The pledges that had been submitted were totaled. The total was $4,680. This years (2014) income was looked at and it will be $5,680 or more (a few regular contributions are expected this month), this is very close to last years pledges of $5,670.

We began the year with $6,177 in the bank and currently have $5,781.08 in the bank. Out of this we will pay the insurance of $542 and a couple of smaller bills this month. We will have used only about $1,000 of our reserve (some of this was not budgeted; i.e. the website and the rekeying). Taking all these factors into consideration the committee recommends the following budget be adopted for 2015.

	Budget
INCOME	
Pledges	*$5,200.00*
Other	*$0.00*
Total Income	*$5,200.00*
EXPENSES	
OPERATING	
Utilities	*$1,620.00*
Building & Grounds	*$200.00*
Sub-total Operating	*$1,820.00*
ANNUAL	
Insurance	*$542.00*
IMYM assessment	*$750.00*
Misc. recurring *	*$260.00*
Sub-total Annual	*$1,552.00*
DISCRETIONARY	
Giving guide	*$1,200.00*
AFSC and FCNL	*$400.00*
1st. Day school	*$50.00*
Library	*$60.00*
Contingency **	*$118.00*
Sub-tot. discretionary	*$1,828.00*
TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	*$5,200.00*

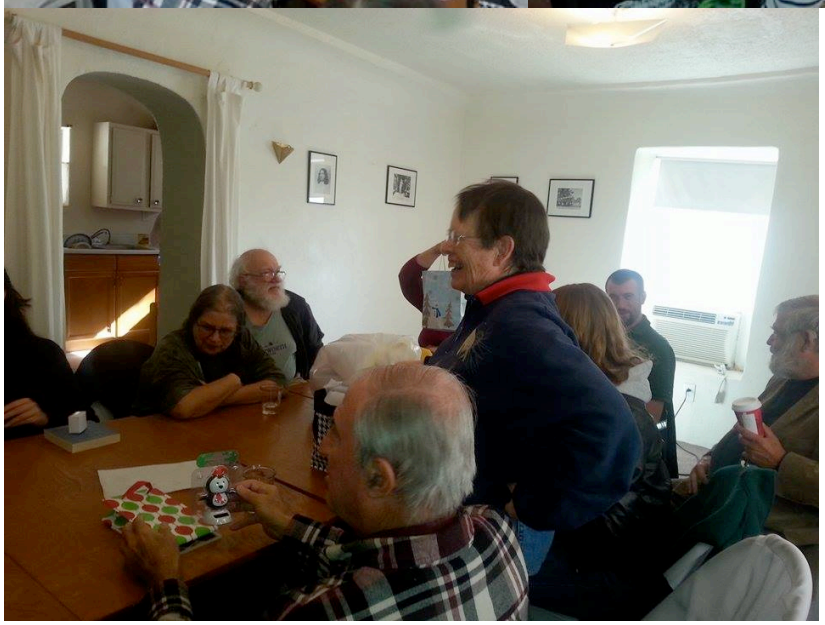
5,781.08 Current Bank Balance 12/12/14

*Corp filling, Bank, mail box, Journal listngs, Interfaith Council, Publication Subscriptions

**Includes web page and regional fee

Community Notes

Seventeen of us gathered on December 21st for Worship, food and fun. Pictures follow. Photos by Rachel Wilbur



ECO Friendly tips from PSEC:

Reducing Carbon footprint in the home:
Use a programmable thermostat to help regulate heating and cooling in the home,
replace incandescent bulbs with flourescent or LED,
use energy star appliances,
consider water conserving showerheads or toilets.