

## Report on New Story Meeting on May 28, 2018

We opened with brown bag supper, tea, and fellowship in the Library at Friends Meeting at Cambridge at 6:30 pm. At 7:00 pm, we moved to the Parlor for introductions and announcements.

**Grady McGonagill** presented a PowerPoint on religious naturalism<sup>1</sup>. The presentation and pictures inspired a lively discussion that I will not attempt to summarize. Instead, I encourage you to come to our monthly meetings to participate.

**Planning for the New Story Retreat:** The retreat will be held from Friday dinner, June 15, through Sunday lunch, June 17, at the home of Gwen Noyes and Arthur Klipfel in West Falmouth, MA. Gwen reported that the number of people who signed up matches the number of beds available. She will send an email to the participants with directions and instructions for bedding and food for the weekend. Carpooling is important to reduce the number of cars in the driveway.

After serious discussion, two topics emerged for the gathering. One is to plan for outreach activities to spread the New Story good news. The other is to focus on our personal relationship with the New Story. Can we do both? Peter Stringham, Patti Huff, Mary Coelho, and Cornelia Parkes volunteered to plan the weekend.

**Summer Meetings:** We agreed to continue to meet during the summer on 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays—June 25, July 23, and August 27. We will watch videos in July and August. Some candidates are *Symbiotic Earth: How Lynn Margulis rocked the boat and started a scientific revolution* (<http://hummingbirdfilms.com/symbioticearth/>), *Planetary* (<http://www.bullfrogfilms.com/catalog/plan.html>), and Brian Swimme, *The Powers of the Universe*, “Emergence.” Do you have a suggestion to add to the list?

**Next Meeting:** Monday, June 25, 6:30 pm for fellowship and 7:00 pm for the program.

### DRAFT AGENDA

Report from the New Story Retreat

Mary Coelho will present Carl Rovelli’s bestseller *Seven Brief Lessons on Physics*.

Selection of videos for July and August

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<sup>1</sup> See Ursula Goodenough’s website <https://religiousnaturalism.org/ursula-goodenough/> and the May 21, 2018, New Story Newsletter at <https://fmcquaker.org/outreach/new-story/>