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### **The Minutes of the Support Committee of Western Quarterly Meeting held 24 August 2014 at Kennett Monthly Meeting**

The Support Committee was held at Kennett Monthly Meeting. Friends from London Grove, Fallowfield, Kennett, West Grove, Newark, and Centre Meetings met to constitute the Support Committee.

14-32 After a period of un-programmed worship, Friends were welcomed to share news in the life of their Meetings. Homeville Meetinghouse is having their 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration today. This afternoon, London Grove Meeting is having a family supper and swim party. London Grove Friends are looking forward to their 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on Saturday, October 18. Friends from Newark gave high praises to the recent tour of meetings on July 19 and 20, 2014, saying, "this is the best thing that happened." There was a great deal of felt excitement about the outreach and inreach results! Many of our meetings received at least forty visitors (some meetings had over 80 visitors) at their meetings. Approximately half of the visitors were from other monthly meetings, and half of the visitors were from outside the Quaker community. There was a felt sense that Friends were deeply thankful to the organizers of this event, which took a great deal of work!

**14-33 We approved the minutes of the Western Quarterly Meeting Support Committee Meeting held on 15 July 2014, with one correction.**

**14-34 Friends considered a nomination for Recording Clerk, Friend tonya thames taylor (lower case intentional) of Fallowfield Monthly Meeting. We approved this nomination, the appointment of which begins immediately and continues through December 2015.**

14-35 We considered the minute of appreciation to Fallowfield Monthly Meeting for hosting Quarterly Meeting on 20 July 2014. We agreed to revise minute to include certain elements: "Quaker Speak," capturing the Spirit, and appreciation for spiritual deepening. The minute will be considered for approval at our next meeting.

14-36 We welcomed Sarah Kastriner as interim Western Quarterly Coordinator. Zachary Dutton explained that he used social media to advertise the position, and announced through Philadelphia Yearly Meeting network. The deadline for the job post is September 15, 2014. Also, it was suggested that Sarah discern if she is interested in the post. It was suggested that we make available, by request, a directory of the Western Quarterly. Also, we should have a tutorial covering the information on the website at the next Western Quarterly.

**14-37 We considered the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015. We thank Ariana**

Langford for her continued service as Treasurer. We discussed the Property Summit Committee that is meeting to discuss the holdings in possession of Western Quarterly Meeting. In the future, we will present recommendations of uses and impact on restricted funds associated with the properties. It was suggested that we archive information related to restricted funds like William Jackson Funds. We agreed to use an Accrual Basis for financial reporting. It was discussed that we will explore collaborative fundraising between Monthly Meetings and Quarterly. The upcoming "Financial Summit" will discuss fundraising efforts to assist both the Monthly Meeting and Western Quarterly. We discussed the desire for Monthly Meetings to take control of the Orthodox Fallowfield burial ground, if possible. **We approved the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015 and using reserve funds to offset a possible deficit of \$18,095 due to new expenses such as using Brandywine Accounting to assist in financial records and covering healthcare for the Coordinator.**

**14.38 We agreed that there will be no separate nomination and audit committees, but these functions will be taken over by our Support Committee creating any necessary and temporary ad hoc committees as needed.** We discussed "sprint" committees to handle some of the business of Western Quarterly Meeting. Do we set term limits? Do we want to apply this model to the Audit Committee? For the Audit Committee, a potential model was given. The model included soliciting volunteers from the floor. From there, the volunteer would be coupled with a seasoned volunteer and assistance from Brandywine Accounting. Service on an Audit Committee would be for two years, which is longer than the average participation on possible "sprint" committees.

**14.39 We approved the proposal from the Coordinator Zachary Dutton that we set a goal for FY 2016 to spend 50% less on mailing print newsletters by reducing the number of people who receive them concurrently by 50% (from 600 to 300 households or less). Also, we agreed to mail 10 of the print newsletters to each of our 11 monthly meetings and to our one worship group. We agreed to send one more special print newsletter in October 2014 to all households that currently receive them. This newsletter will alert subscribers that the October 2014 will be the last issue sent to the Friend's household unless specially requested to continue receiving the newsletter.**

14.40- Friends asked to review information about Recent and Future Gatherings.  
**Next meeting: Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM at Kennett Friends.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
tonya thames taylor  
Recording Clerk