



**The Minutes of the Business Meeting Session of Western Quarterly Meeting held on
15 February 2015 at Kennett Monthly Meeting**

Business Meeting was held at Kennett Monthly Meeting. Friends from Fallowfield, Kennett, London Grove, Newark, New Garden, and West Grove Meetings met to constitute the second session of Western Quarterly Meeting (WQM) in 2015.

15.08- Reporting on the Life in our Meetings. After a period of unprogrammed worship, we began our business. In good spirits, we opened our meeting with updates from Monthly Meetings.

Fallowfield- Updates were made on previous announcements about the meetings preparations for a program on "Race, Gender, and Quaker" and the agency of Sarah Mapp Douglass and Quaker Lucretia Mott. Updates were also included about the progress of continuing the legacy of stewardship for Peoples' Hall, in Ercildoun.

Kennett- Is at the end of a discernment process to become a host congregation for housing 3-4 families for four weeks of the year, operating as a part of a rotating shelter. This is in affiliation with an organization named Family Promise. West Grove MM has agreed to support Kennett in this effort. **Newark-** Reported on a State of the Meeting business meeting was held. Also, updates were given on an anti-human trafficking program planned for 3/15/15. **West Grove-** Reported that it is planning another Interfaith religious series. An update was given about the next *Dining for Women* program, for March 2015. *Dining for Women* meets the second Sunday of each month.

15.09- Friends approved the minutes of the Western Quarterly Meeting (WQM)'s Support Committee Meeting held on 17 January 2015 at Kennett Monthly Meeting.

15.10- Personnel Committee Report. An applicant has been hired for the position of WQM Youth Activities Coordinator. Robin Harper is available to start right away. The position is contracted for 10 hours a month, primarily around quarterly meeting activities

WQM has had a child safety policy since 2009. Since Pennsylvania law changed as of January, 2015, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) has made resources available to obtain clearances for all adults that work with children. An intentional conversation needs to be had by each meeting that deals with child care about how to go about implementing WQM policy in light of the new law.

15.11-Update on Bookkeeping.

WQM has been utilizing Brandywine Accounting. They have experienced a good bit of turnover recently and as a result, the new person that has been handling our account has overlooked some basic details and they have not been coming to the office on a consistent basis. At this time, WQM is several months behind in recording payroll and covenants to PYM have not been properly split. The question is whether WQM should pay for services that have not been properly rendered. Now that Richard Wortmann, of London Grove MM, is taking oversight of Brandywine Accounting, he can no longer be the auditor for WQM. A letter will be drafted asking for a volunteer to serve as auditor.

15.12- PYM Nominating Committee – WQM Member. The Clerk received an email from PYM stating that WQM does not have a designee for the PYM Nominating Committee. WQM can have up to four members. Phil Gilbert, of London Grove, has expressed interest. A letter will be drafted asking for more volunteers. Also, in regards to WQM, there are several vacant positions that need to be filled.

15.13— Monthly Meeting Financial Discussions – Status Report. Kennett will be joining Kendal and London Grove in allowing PYM to solicit individual members, while reducing their contribution. However, they did not resolve to do away with unified budgeting. On a quarterly level, unified budgeting has not been carried out in the way that it was designed to be.

15.14— Property Committee Task Force – Status Report. The committee met on Sunday, 2/15/15. As a result of the meeting, a questionnaire will be drafted and sent to every monthly meeting in Western Quarter, with a due date set for the end of April 2015.

15.15— Support Committee Implementation – Committee Structure. A conversation needs to be had with monthly meetings about what WQM is and what it should be. – A question was raised about holding the July quarterly meeting at Fairville Friends School, in Mendenhall.

First Day School (FDS) Convergence will have activities for ages 3 to high school.

15.16-Report & Updates and Future Gathering

A. Faith and Play Training: March 6-8 2015 @ London Grove.

B. Next Quarterly Meeting: West Grove on 4/19.

C. Next Support Committee: Sunday, March 22nd at Kennett MM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anthony Taylor, Substitute Recording Clerk
February 15, 2015