

**The Minutes of the Business Meeting Session of Western Quarterly Meeting held on
18 October 2015 at Kennett Monthly Meeting, 1-3 PM**

Western Quarterly Business Meeting was held at Kennett Monthly Meeting. Friends from Centre, Fallowfield, Hockessin, Kennett, Newark, New Garden, and London Grove Meetings met to constitute the fourth session of Western Quarterly Meeting (WQM) in 2015 at 1 PM.

15.62—Our time began with a time of worship, with the intention of gathering to give support to the Western Quarterly. During worship, Hockessin and West Grove (Read attached) shared Responses to the Seventh Month Query on Social Responsibility and Witness.

15.63- Reporting on the Life in our Monthly Meetings

Centre— From October 10th to 25th, 2015, Centre continues its partnership with Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence by displaying a Memorial to the Lost, which exhibits t-shirts commemorating persons killed by gun violence from January 2014 to mid-September 2015. Also on October 31st, Centre hosts a yard sale Benefit to assist Syrian Refugees.

Newark— On Saturday, December 5th, there will be a benefit fundraiser, in conjunction with the Unitarian Church, to underwrite paper good expenses. Acceptable items are used custom jewelry, purses, and scarves. For more information, contact WQM's Co-Clerk Shelley Hastings.

15.64— Friends approved the minutes of the Western Quarterly Meeting (WQM)'s Support Committee held on 13 September 2015 at Kennett Monthly Meeting.

15.65—Annual Reports

Records Committee— The last committee report submitted to the Western Quarterly was in 2012. Friends had a discussion on the importance of the committee. The Committee is vital in maintaining an accurate record of the life of the Western Quarter and Monthly Meetings. Friends agreed that the Records Committee should collect minutes, newsletters, and flyers from the Western Quarterly. It should also collect minutes and membership from the Monthly Meetings.

Friends Support Committee (John Woolman Traveling Ministers Fund and Wm Jackson Education Fund): No report.

Parkersville Meeting Property Trustees'—**Report attached.** Friends discussed the need to populate and support the committee.

15.66— Friends approved the schedule of the Western Quarterly Meeting Scheduling, 2016-2019 (Read Attached). Friends agreed to offer flexibility in hosting meals.

2016 Quarterly Meeting Scheduling:

January 2016—*Hockessin*

April 2016—*Centre*

July 2016—*Newark*

October 2016—*Kendal MM*

15.67— Continuation of WQM Committee List & Restructuring

An intentional conversation was held to discuss various committees within Western Quarterly. Friends agreed on the following:

Fallowfield Orthodox Cemetery— Western Quarterly will have financial oversight. Yet, the Clerk of Fallowfield Monthly Meeting will be listed as the contact person.

Inactive Meetinghouses of Historic Interest— The Support Committee will give oversight to tasks associated with this interest.

Finance & Budget Committee— Friends agreed that a restructuring of this committee should include encouraging all treasurers of Monthly Meetings to meet at the Third Quarterly Meeting, 2016. Finance Committee Clerk, Richard Logan (Hockessin), will plan an agenda. The composition of committee— the updated list— remains the same excepting Karen Conlan & Mary B. Hopkins.

Friends Support Committee— Committee remains as is.

Nominating and Organization Committee— Linda Pastor (Centre) will serve as Convenor of the Committee. There exists an understanding that Friends on the Support Committee will assist in the functions associated with this committee. Also, Friends agreed that Coordinator Sarah Kastriner will assist Friend Linda Pastor in administrative tasks associated with being a Convenor.

Audit Committee—Friends agreed with Co-Clerk Ariana Langford's suggestion to include the Audit Committee to existing list of Western Quarterly Committees.

Outreach Committee— Support Committee members communicate the calendar of the WQ; Friends agreed that Western Quarterly Coordinator will maintain website. Support Committee members are to keep abreast of information and then publicized it to Monthly Meetings in business meetings and by highlighting events as detailed in the newsletter.

Parkersville Property — Active committee; group still worshipping there each Sunday. Committee stays the same.

Penns Grove Property- Update list to exclude deceased Friend Donald K. Pusey.

PYM Nominating Committee—Committee remains as is.

Records Committee: Committee remains as is, excepting the release of Friend John Beer.

Trustees of Friends Home in Kennett Square- No report given in 2015. Friends agreed to have Western Quarterly Coordinator obtain an updated record on who serves on the Board of Directors. Yet, in the meantime, updated records will indicate that the Executive Director resigned, Friend Richard Bernard is no longer on committee and Kathyne Mitchell is not a Trustee.

Western Quarter (Inc): Remains as is. Committee meets once a year.

Ad Hoc Property Committee: Release request from Friend Lars Farmer accepted.

15.68—Property Committee- Update on Surveys

Four meetings have submitted their property surveys. Friends agreed that a gentle reminder should be sent to meetings who have not submitted their surveys.

15.69— **Friends approved Western Quarterly's Recommendation of Stan Glowiak of Centre MM for WQM Treasurer, and Richard Logan of Hockessin MM for Assistant Treasurer.** Friends expressed sincere thanks to Stan and Richard for their willingness to serve the WQM. Friends extended a hearty appreciation to former Treasurer Ariana Langford for her dedication and thorough work. **Friends agreed that the Co-clerks, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer will have the ability to sign checks. There is only one signature required on the checks.**

15.70- Budget & Finance Report— **Read Attached.** WQM is aligned with what we budgeted.

15.71— Coordinators' Report & Updates on Recent and Future Gatherings

- (a) **Saturday, October 31**— Centre MM, with other community partners, is hosting a yard sale benefit to assist Syrian Refugees.
- (b) **Saturday, November 7th, 9-5:30 PM**— PYM Continuing Sessions at Westtown School in West Chester PA.
- (c) **Saturday, December 12th**- Parents' Morning Off (with Concord QM) at Westtown School in West Chester, PA, 9 AM-1 PM for children 3 and over.
- (d) **Monday, December 14th**- Submissions due for the 'holiday' editions of the news & notes flyer, and for the January WQM Newsletter
- (e) **Sunday, November 15th—Next Western Quarterly Support Meeting**— Kennett Monthly Meeting— 3 PM.

15.72— Our time was concluded with a time of brief worship, with the intention of gathering together again for business at our next Support Committee Meeting on November 15, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,
tonya thames taylor, Recording Clerk
Tenth Month 18, 2015

Attachments:

Report of Parkersville Meeting Property Trustees to Western Quarterly Meeting in 2015

The Annual Meeting for Worship was held Ninth mo. 13, 2015 with about 25 members of Western Quarter and descendants of the founding families present. Friends agreed that the grounds and building are in good order. The grounds are regularly mowed, and the burying ground is trimmed. The tree that fell during a storm in Sixth month was cleared away; it did not do any damage to the fence or Meetinghouse. Further, the undergrowth along the road has been cleared, improving the view of the property from the road. Ruts in the ground in front of the Meetinghouse were filled and seeded.

There were no burials during the past year.

We continue to be concerned about vandalism to the property. The neighbor across the road has chased children away on various occasions.

Concern was raised that we need to interest younger generations in the care of the property, as most of the Trustees are over the age of 70. Any Friends interested in joining the Trustees are urged to step forward, especially those who may have ancestors buried at Parkersville.

You may visit our website parkersvillemeeeting.org to learn more about the property.

Friends are encouraged to attend the weekly Meeting for Worship on First Days at 9:30 AM.

John Beer
William B. Parker
Joan Hadik
Mary Sproat
Dale Frens

Parkersville Meeting Property Finances as of 12/31/2014

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| Income | |
| Friends Fiduciary Corp. | \$2,223.49 |
| Donations | 1,675.00 |
| Total income | \$3,898.49 |
| Expenses | |
| Mowing and Trimming | \$ 884.13 |
| Gutters and shingles | 1,904.00 |
| Painting | 1,951.78 |
| Miscellaneous carpenter work | 2,802.25 |
| Exterminator contract | 200.00 |
| Total expenses | \$7,742.16 |
| Checking account balance a/o 9/30/2014 | \$ 2,044.35 |
| Money Market account balance a/o 9/30/2014 | 30,902.13 |

Quarterly Meeting Hosts October 2012 - 2016

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| October 2012 | Centre Monthly Meeting |
| January 2013 | Kendal Monthly Meeting |
| April 2013 | Mill Creek Monthly Meeting |
| July 2013 | Marlborough Monthly Meeting |
| October 2013 | Hockessin Monthly Meeting |
| January 2014 | London Grove Monthly Meeting |
| April 2014 | New Garden Monthly Meeting |
| July 2014 | Fallowfield Monthly Meeting |
| October 2014 | Kennett Monthly Meeting |
| January 2015 | Kendal Kennett Monthly Meeting |
| April 2015 | West Grove Monthly Meeting |
| July 2015 | Mill Creek Monthly Meeting |
| October 2015 | Centre Kennett Monthly Meeting |
| January 2016 | Hockessin Monthly Meeting |
| April 2016 | Centre Monthly Meeting |
| July 2016 | Newark Monthly Meeting |
| October 2016 | Kendal Monthly Meeting (proposed) |

QM Hosting Cycle from our Handbook:

Proposed schedule to consider:

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| London Grove | 2017 | 1 |
| New Garden | 2017 | 4 |
| Fallowfield | 2017 | 7 |
| Kennett | 2017 | 10 |
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| Mill Creek | 2018 | 4 |
| West Grove | 2018 | 7 |
| Centre | 2018 | 10 |
| <i>Kendal</i> | 2019 | 1 |
| <i>Newark</i> | 2019 | 4 |
| <i>Marlborough</i> | 2019 | 7 |
| <i>Hockessin</i> | 2019 | 10 |
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| <i>Fallowfield</i> | 2020 | 7 |
| <i>Kennett</i> | 2020 | 10 |
| | 2021 | 1 |
| <i>Mill Creek</i> | 2021 | 4 |
| <i>West Grove</i> | 2021 | 7 |
| <i>Centre</i> | 2021 | 10 |

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