

## **The Minutes of the Support Committee of the Western Quarterly Meeting held on 15 November 2015 at Kennett Monthly Meeting at 3:10 PM**

The November Support Committee Meeting of Western Quarterly Meeting (WQM) was held at Kennett Monthly Meeting. Friends from London Grove, Fallowfield, Kennett, Newark, New Garden, Centre, West Grove, and Hockessin Meetings were in attendance.

**15.73-Reporting on the Life in our Meetings.** After a period of worship, Friends listened to an update from a Monthly Meeting: **Centre**- A yard sale raised \$3500 and was donated to the Mennonite Central Committee.

**15.74- Friends approved the minutes of the WQM Support Committee Meeting held on 18 October 2015 at Kennett Monthly Meeting.** – [*Corrections: 15.64, The September 2015 Support Committee is incorrectly written as October; 15.65, The name of John Woodman should be written as Woolman; 15.69, remove “Nominating Committee” from the sentence*].

### **15.75- WQM Committee List Updates & Restructuring:**

WQM Committee List Updates & Restructuring – Recap & Review

- James Reamer’s name needs to be removed from the Western Quarter, Inc Committee;
- Shirley Annand’s name is misspelled in the list of names of Trustees of Friends Home in Kennett Square;
- Mary Sproat is no longer on the Records Committee; and,
- Friends discussed the function of the WQ Records Committee; It was agreed that a review of the manual should be done, in order to proceed.

### **15.76- PYM Continuing Sessions - Reflections.**

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- A friend shared that while he tries not to practice white supremacy, he is a beneficiary of white privilege, and he feels that that sentiment should have been added to the query. He also shared that Quaker stories are often given from a Euro prospective. His meeting has agreed to conduct a forum;
- During the children’s program, there were varied levels of awareness. From the religious education program, there was also discussion about the perspective from which ideas are taught;
- A concern was mentioned that the new structure may not work with Friends that have traditionally been accustomed to a certain Quaker process. The concern is that the new structure may have the effect of membership. The discussion that followed brought out that the new structure places more emphasis on encouraging the individual leadings of friends and supporting those leadings;
- A mention was made about how external forces and legalities impact how the new structure; and,
- Friend tonya thames taylor shared that her reflection would be in PYM Online and encouraged all to read it there.

### **15.77 – January Quarterly Meeting Program**

Hockessin MM is open to suggestions about the presentation that should take place at the January Quarterly Meeting. The Support Committee will develop a program.

### **15.78 – Monthly Meeting Visitation Proposal.**

- The goal is to have each Monthly Meeting in the Quarter have a visitor from WQ Support Committee. The visitor will ask the Monthly Meeting “How does The Spirit fare with thee?” and listen.

### **15.79- Personnel Update**

Friends approved the request of Robin Harper to be released from the position of Youth Coordinator beyond December 2015. She has a new teaching position elsewhere. However, she announced that youth programming is already planned until June 2016. She agreed to write a short reflection about her experiences for the WQ newsletter. A minute of appreciation will be given to Robin Harper for her work. Advertising within and outside of the WQ will be done by the Coordinator and an update will be provided at the January Quarterly Meeting.

### **15.07-Report & Updates and Future Gathering**

**A. Next Quarterly and Support Committee Meeting: Hockessin MM, January 17, 2016.**

**Support Committee of the Western Quarterly Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.**

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**Western Quarterly Inc Meeting opened at 4:55 PM.** Friend G. Pownall Jones of New Garden provided an annual report from the Board of Directors of Friends Home in Kennett Square. The official report was submitted to the Western Quarterly Coordinator. **Meeting adjourned at 4:59 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
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with input from tonya thames taylor, Recording Clerk  
Eleventh Month 15, 2015