

**The Minutes of Western Quarterly Meeting
17 July 2016 at Newark Monthly Meeting at 1:40 PM**

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

19.79— Friends approved minutes for the Western Quarterly Meeting with Attention to Business, Fifth Month 22, 2016.

19.80— Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Stan Glowiak, presented the Profit and Loss statement for the period July 2015 through June 2016. He also provided the year-end report for FY 2015-16. We ended the fiscal year with a net income of \$8,257.53, finishing the year with operating expenses totaling \$32,467.47 instead of the \$40,0725 that was budgeted for Payroll, Office and Program expenses. Anyone who has not received a copy of the full report and would like one can contact the Treasurer for a copy. This favorable report was received with thanks.

19.81— Annual Reports

- a. **Fallowfield-** Anthony Taylor shared a brief verbal report about the conditions of the orthodox burial ground, under Fallowfield's care, reporting that all is well;
- b. **Youth Activities-** Sarah Kastriner submitted an annual report (attached).

19.82— WQM Budget for FY2016-17 proposed for approval Financial year 2016-17 budget, presented by Dick Logan. Budget was approved as proposed.

19.83— WQM By-Law Review Proposal

Most recent version of by-laws is dated 1982. A review committee is being formed. Shelley Hastings, Ariana Langford, and Dick Logan volunteered.

19.84— WQM Committee Restructuring Decisions

- a. Friend's Support Committee for grants has not been very active in recent years, and this year did not process applications efficiently. It was recommended that we contact the three committee members, explain the problem and let them know how we would like to proceed. Shelley will talk to the committee members about laying it down, and doing the work via Western Quarter's Support Committee.
- b. London Britain Property Committee needs rejuvenation. Clerks are working to repopulate the committee, particularly from Newark MM members, who use the building the most.

19.85— Quarterly Meeting 2017 Schedule & Hosts

We would like to keep Quarterly Meeting rotating through all Meeting Houses, with support. We also need to reach out to New Garden to find out what help they need.

- Kendal, Saturday, 15 October, 2016;
- London Grove, 15 January, 2017;
- New Garden, April, 2017; -- Third First Day is Easter. Friends approved moving Quarterly Meeting to fourth First Day in April (4/23/17)
- Fallowfield, 16 July, 2017;

- Kennett, 15 October, 2017.

19.86— Consideration of Minutes of Appreciation

With the addition of “thank you for the food & fellowship,” Friends approved minutes of appreciation for Hockessin and Centre Monthly Meetings, for hosting quarterly meetings in the First and Fourth months, respectively.

19.87— Undoing Racism Work

Friends agreed to form a sprint committee for continuing WQM’s undoing racism efforts.

19.88— Coordinator Report & Updates on Recent and Future Gatherings

- a. WQM Support Committee Coordinator, Sarah Kastriner, reported on the Coordinator’s activities and provided updates regarding the Quarter.
- b. Fall/October 2016 Quarterly: Kendal, Saturday, October 15th, program led by Robin Mohr of Friends World Committee on Consultation. A future quarterly event may include Playback Theatre.
- c. Exploratory Meeting on Caring for our Aging Community with NYYM ARCH director, Callie Janoff. Sunday afternoon, October 30th, at The Hickman.

19.89— Next WQM Support Committee Meeting: Sunday, September 18th: Kennett Monthly Meeting at 3:00 PM.

Meeting closed with silence.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anthony Taylor
Western Quarter, Alternate Recording Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Youth Activities Annual Report July 2016

Robin Harper led the programs as our Youth Activities Coordinator until December last year, when she resigned for another job. She continued the good work and forward planning she had begun in the previous months. Together with Western Quarter’s coordinator and the coordinator from Concord Quarter, they scheduled youth activities for the year. Quarterly Meeting programs included: making stepping stones for Mill Creek Meeting to keep in their garden, a hands-on presentation about the Lenape Native American culture, creative story-telling, and mindfulness meditation through movement. In addition to supporting children’s programs at Quarterly Meeting a number of other youth activities were planned throughout the year. An attempt was made to have a First Day School Convergence around Peace Day in September, though it was not successful. We also planned to have another ropes course event at Westtown in April, which had to be canceled.

Three other activities held in conjunction with Concord Quarter were very successful, however. In August we held the re-scheduled tubing down the Brandywine event. In October we joined together at Sutton’s Farm for a hayride & campfire potluck for the second year in a row. In December adults from both quarters supervised a “play day” at Westtown School, where parents could drop their children off for a few hours of Friendly Fun – and have some time for themselves. In February several families

from Western Quarter joined together for an afternoon of roller skating at the rink, then playing in the park.

While the coordinator continued to support the youth programs that had been planned for the rest of the year, we are happy that a new Youth Activities Coordinator has been hired to begin working in July. Welcome Christian Garber!