

**Western Quarterly Support Committee Meeting on 18 September 2016 at Kennett Friends Meeting
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Friends from West Grove, New Garden, Newark, Centre, Hockessin, Kendal and Kennett Monthly Meetings were present. Shelley Hastings, Clerk. Meeting began with silence at 3:02 pm.

19.90 Minutes from Seventh Month, 17 Western Quarterly Meeting were considered and approved.

19.91 Members shared reflections & updates from their Monthly Meetings.

Newark MM member Mike McDowell has volunteers to be the new clerk of the London Britain Property Committee. The next meeting of that committee will be October 16 at the rise of Meeting (at Newark MM).

They are seeking the plot plans for London Britain cemetery, if anyone has any information about them.

West Grove MM will meet at New West Grove Meeting House for worship next Sunday.

Hockessin MM is hosting a series of talks this month, and is experiencing more energy, families and visitors recently.

Centre MM is collecting coats and jackets for refugee children. There will be a discussion on racism on Oct 16, and another on Quakers and aging on Oct 30 at The Hickman.

New Garden MM held a covered dish social a few weeks ago; about 40 people participated.

Kennett MM is having a Meeting for Forgiveness next Sunday, to be led by PYM's George Schaefer.

19.92 Committee updates— Clerk brought to our attention that WQM's finances have not be audited for several years. Suggestions for Friends who may be able to perform an audit were gathered, including Nancy Pratt (NGMM), Dick Lighty (Kennett MM), and Paul Rogers (Centre MM). The Treasurer has a document called "How to do a Friendly Audit" which may help whoever volunteers. This is not a professional audit, but the "auditor", together with the Treasurer and Finance Committee Clerk, is needed to examine WQM finances for integrity and accuracy.

Clerk also reported on her discussions with members of the Friends Support Committee. Friend Pat Horrocks is ready to be relieved of her responsibilities on the committee, and the decision was made to absorb the duties of that committee into the general WQM Support Committee. Applications for grants will be processed through the WQM office, and a small sub-group of the WQM SC will review the applications and recommend rewards, which will be reported back to the WQM SC for approval. Any guiding materials the committee used or developed should be passed on to the WQM Co-Clerks.

19.93 Colora Property — Cecil County has determined that a building on the Colora Meeting House property is "dangerous" and must be razed. Legal action has been taken against the holders of the deed, which includes West Grove MM and Western Quarter (by default, since the laying down of Colora Preparative Meeting 30 years ago). If the structure is not taken down by December 1, the county will do it and charge for it. This could result in the property going to sheriff's sale (auction) to recoup costs. There are some funds in a "Colora Meeting" account — Mary Sproat will find out how much. Shelley will find out if we can apply for an extension if we need more time. We will need bids for the job, as well as a plan for how to pay for it. Ariana will research contractors to get bids. All agreed we should prevent the Meeting House from going up for auction. We will discuss further at October QM.

19.94 Quarterly Meeting Plans — Holly Magoon (Clerk, Kendal MM) reviewed the plans for October QM. Robin Mohr will present a program called, "We Think We Are Separate." The children will swim. RSVPs are

required for lunch. The coordinator brought a request from London Grove MM for feedback concerning the January QM program, and whether it should continue the “undoing racism” work we have been committed to recently, or depart into something “lighter”. Friends were in unity that many are very engaged in the equality/undoing racism work, and that should continue. It was also acknowledged that our two most recent QM programs (July & Oct), while related to our social justice work, were not directly about racism, which is another possibility. April QM was discussed again, as Friend Pownall Jones (NGMM) confirmed that New Garden MM wishes to be taken out of the hosting rotation. Friends were asked to consider having a joint QM program with Concord Quarter, possibly at Westtown, where a joint children’s program is already being planned for that day (April 23).

19.95 Aging Resources Consultation and Help – area Friends’ discussion on aging & Quaker communities is being jointly sponsored by The Hickman, Western and Concord Quarters. It will be held on October 30th from 2-4 pm at The Hickman. Monthly Meetings are encouraged to send at least one representative.

19.96 New Business & Announcements — The By-Laws sprint group will begin preliminary review of the WQM By-Laws and bring a report to QM in October. The new bookkeeper began on Friday, and made a good start. Friend tonya taylor recently underwent surgery; Friends are asked to hold her and Anthony in the Light, and lend support to the family if needed.

Meeting ended with silence at 4:59 pm. Respectfully submitted, Sarah Kastriner, WQM Coordinator