

Western Quarterly Meeting

London Britain Meeting
Annual Report January, 2017

London Britain Meeting continues to be used by Newark Meeting for weekly meetings for worship on Sundays from 10:30 to 11:30 am during the summer months. A smaller group holds occasional Wednesday evening meetings for worship throughout the year, weather permitting.

After 7 years of faithful service, Erica Loustau has stepped down as Co-Clerk of the London Britain Property Committee. Newark Meeting. All who have enjoyed the use of this beloved meeting place are grateful for her contributions.

Mike McDowell of Newark Monthly Meeting is now acting as Co-Clerk.

Two meetings of the London Britain Property Committee were held last year, on October 16 and November 20. The primary issues these meetings addressed were:

Maintenance and repair:

- The meeting house is currently in good condition. The grass was well maintained during the year.
- The fence around the property is not; several fence posts, and close to 70 rails, are down. The committee plans to get estimates for the repair or replacement of the fence.
- A couple of holes in front of the meeting house were filled with soil, and a load of topsoil will be ordered to have on hand to use as needed.
- The macadam on the sloped foot of the drive has crumbled, leaving a hole at the entrance. Estimates will be requested for this work.
- In February the meeting house was inspected by Strong Exterminating Co. and no problems were found.

Graveyard:

- Three grave yard plots were purchased in 2016.
- We are in the process of revising the "Graveyard Guidelines" which were adopted in 1991. Hockessin, Mill Creek and Camden Meetings were contacted regarding their guidelines.

Entrance Safety:

- PENNDOT and London Britain Township have been contacted in an effort to restore the worn out roadway markings on New London Rd. (Rt. 896) indicating a hidden entrance on the northbound approach to the meeting entrance. This work would need to be done by the state since this is a state road. The representative from PENNDOT suggested adding a hidden entrance sign and asking the township to also request the changes to add weight to our request. We have asked the township for this help.

We remain very careful in the management of the funds available for the graveyard and meeting house.

Mike McDowell
London Britain Property Committee