

Minutes of the Support Committee of Western Quarterly Meeting held on May 21, 2017 at Kennett Friends Meeting

Representatives from: Hockessin MM, Fallowfield, Kendal, Centre, Newark, West Grove, London Grove, New Garden, and Kennett Monthly Meetings were present.

Meeting began at 3:03 pm with silence

20.34 Updates from MMs:

Centre MM – will have Q101 with Marcelle Martin on Sept 17th 9:30 am, then 3 times in Oct-Nov continuing discussion (every other Sunday morning) with Centre Friends leading

Hockessin MM – lately more visitors/attenders including families with children. Attendance in the 20s for Worship -- a lot more activity. Reinvigorated the Meeting.

Kennett MM – still discussing sanctuary and how to support immigrant community, including discussion of unconditional giving vs giving with strings attached.

New Garden lost second oldest member last month. Attendance still small and shrinking. Happy to have Karen back.

London Grove MM – We are hosting an outreach event (concert) this afternoon. Our annual plant sale was two weeks ago. There have only been three plant sale days ever with rain all day – two of which were this year & last. This year's rain affected attendance, so the sale was extended another week. Margaret Walton attended PYM's FDS retreat – was very interesting. Children's Day is coming up – which is a big event at London Grove.

West Grove MM – We have been hosting a series of lectures on the US constitution. The last constitution class is this Thursday (5/25) at 7 pm. Attendance has been great – close to 30 people every time.

Newark MM – We held a yard sale and raised \$300 to donate to Dawn's Place, a home for girls rescued from sex trafficking. Today was clean up day at London Britain; worship begins there next Sunday for the season, 10:30 am. Our FDS is as usual – we have 5 children, but can't get them all there at the same time.

20.35 Minutes approved with a few corrections, and many expressions of gratitude for the recorder's skill and service.

20.36 Minutes of appreciation –Minutes for appreciation for Westtown MM and Concord QM were approved with one small change (“to” not “for”). ([see attached](#))

Minute of appreciation for Charlie Spadoni to be presented at July QM.

20.37 Finance committee

Budget proposal— Dick Logan (Clerk, Finance) reviewed the proposed budget line by line.

At 75% of the way through our FY, we are working with covenants that we know of so far for next year (some MMs operate on a Jan-Dec fiscal year, and clarify their covenant amounts at that time). The committee feels the covenant amount budgeted for WQM is fairly accurate, but PYM covenant amount is less certain. Even after the approval of the preliminary budget, it can be revised as we get more accurate information. It was also noted that reinvestment of some of our assets will result in higher interest income. A raise for the coordinator was approved, with appreciation for her work for the

quarter. The balance sheet shows that WQM has funds available to float a deficit year. While we have been prepared to run a deficit for the last few years, it is notable that we haven't had to yet.
(coordinator/recorder was excused for part of the discussion)

Friends affirmed that we are comfortable enough with this budget to move forward; we will have firmer numbers by July for final budget.

Stan Glowiak (WQM Treasurer) proposed we invest the funds from our recently matured CD into a Friends Fiduciary account. Pros and cons were discussed, along with other options. **Friends approved** investing the total amount into a FF account.

20.38 Website proposal (attached) was presented and discussed. Friends were in unity to move away from Pegasus Technologies, as there are less expensive options that would suit our needs better. Coordinator stated her need for support specific to maintaining the website itself (not the tech of hosting it), which is available through the Quaker Cloud option, but not with the more generic hosting options.

Friends approved moving the website to FCG Cloud & Google Business email

20.39 July QM – Due to a shift in the hosting rotation (see below), there will be no program at this July QM. Instead we will have a Social gathering, on Sunday, July 16, at (Co-Clerk) Shelley Hasting's home. Join us for lunch & fellowship starting 12:30 pm. Friends may worship at their own MM in the morning, or join the worship at London Britain at 10:30 am. We will also conduct a brief Meeting for Business to address the new budget. A youth program will be prepared.

Upcoming hosts: October – Fallowfield MM January – Kennett MM

20.40 Property Survey update – A few are still outstanding.

20.41 Announcements

Julie Harlow (Friends House Moscow) will be giving a presentation at Kendal on June 5th, 2-3:30 pm, speaking on current conditions in Russia & Quaker projects there. In the auditorium.

Kennett MM is hosting a meeting led by Gun Sense Chester County on May 25, to review current gun-related legislation (in PA). A follow up conversation may possibly be hosted by London Grove MM later in the month. Kennett is also hosting an On the Table Community Conversation on May 23.

Western & Concord Quarter's tubing event will be on June 18.

Meeting concluded with silence at 5:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Kastriner, WQM Coordinator