

**Minutes of Western Quarterly Meeting held on July 16, 2017  
at the home of Friend Shelley Hastings DRAFT**

Representatives from Newark, Centre, Hockessin, London Grove, Kendal, Mill Creek, West Grove and Kennett MMs were present.

Meeting began at 1:58 with silence

**20.42 Updates from Monthly Meetings—**

Mill Creek - Grace Matoy will be the new clerk and representative to WQM Support Committee.

Newark - New clerk of MM will be Wayne Thompson, and new treasurer will be Richard Ladd. There will be worship at London Britain on Wednesdays at 7 pm beginning next week - all are welcome.

London Grove - Held their annual Children's Day celebration, and have added fellowship after MM to keep people around longer. The FDS class just finished a unit on American Quakers - people loved it. The committee is happy to share lesson plans with other Meetings.

Pennsgrove - Will be holding worship this coming First Day. Not many come. Would folks be more likely to come if it were open on a week-day evening? Friends respond that being aware of the event is what is most helpful.

Centre - will be holding Quakerism 101 starting in Sept. Blaise Glowiak extends his gratitude to WQM for financial assistance going to FGC.

**20.43 Minutes from May 21 Support Committee Meeting—** Minutes approved with one correction - Newark's yard sale netted "over \$350".

**20.44 Year end finance report—** Treasurer shared a 4-page report detailing income & expenses for the 16-17 FY. Three MM final covenants were outstanding as of June 30, but all have been received now. There were some changes in covenant amounts, but all 10 Monthly Meetings completed their covenants to the Quarter and to PYM. Thank you all. We spent a lot more money this year on youth programs - mostly for the April program at Westtown. All agree that it was well worth it. The approved Friends Fiduciary account was opened June 22; our first distribution should be received in December. This report was received with gratitude.

**20.45 Proposed Budget for FY 17-18—** The proposed budget was distributed and reviewed. The proposed budget has been adjusted to better reflect actual expenses - increasing some areas (such as newsletter and postage), and decreasing others (such as bookkeeping). **The proposed budget was approved with gratitude.**

One Friend noted that there is no money budgeted for health care/insurance. This raised a concern that as Friends we should take it under consideration that our employees are covered. Ensuing discussion led to a more general concern about how Friends might help make sure those in our community have access to health care. Another concern was brought from a MM: How much money do we want the Quarter to hold in reserve? If the reserve gets "too big", the Quarter is essentially holding our (MMs') money, which is not in our best interest. Response: In addition to our regular expenses, the Quarter is responsible for many of the laid down Meeting Houses, which could cost quite a bit if not able to be funded by a property fund (where available). Proposed: We could have two types of reserve accounts - an operating reserve (which would hold 50% of annual expenses), and a capital reserve (which would hold a certain amount - needs discussion and discernment among Friends in the Quarter to determine our level of commitment to these old structures). The funds in FFC could also be considered a reserve of some kind, since that money is unrestricted. **Action item:** Finance Committee should convene to thresh a proposal around reserve funds to bring to the quarter. Every effort should be made to have the treasurer (or other representative) from each MM in the Quarter participate in this discussion.

**20.46 Announcements—** The Coordinator is aware of the ongoing issues with Friends not able to receive her emails, particularly the newsletters. We hope this will be resolved as we move our website and email to new hosts. Undoing racism workshop - will be held on Saturday, September 16, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Registration is required, as there is a 24 person limit.

Much appreciation to Shelley Hastings for hosting this July Social for Western Quarter Friends.

Meeting ended at 2:56 with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Kastriner, coordinator