



# Western Quarterly News

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Greetings Friends,

*"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." (Ecc 3:1)*

As we reflect upon our season of service as WQM co-clerks, we find ourselves counting blessings. There is so much beauty, wisdom and faithfulness within this Quarter. I wish you could see this as we do.

The primary purpose of a quarterly meeting is, well - quarterly meetings. These provide opportunities for Friends from neighboring monthly meetings to come together to learn, grow, and connect. We have enjoyed many such gatherings these last few years. The topics have been varied and engaging. The host meetings have been gracious. Attendance has been up. The food and fellowship are always enjoyable. When youth have been in attendance they benefitted from fun and meaningful programs.

The blessings don't stop there. Western Quarter places a high value on youth programs, especially as many monthly meetings struggle to maintain first day school programs. We are so pleased to have our new youth coordinator in place. If you have children, we encourage you to connect them with youth activities in the Quarter. They will be happy you did!

Another function of a quarterly meeting is connect people from different monthly meetings. We are happy to see monthly meetings working together on various initiatives, including Family Promise, deepening our spiritual community, and addressing issues of racial discrimination and social injustice.

When we look at the top three priorities of a healthy quarterly meeting, we see so many wonderful things about Western Quarterly Meeting. The co-clerks did not make this happen. Friends in Western Quarter made it happen. Friends who attended quarterly meeting. Friends who connected across various meetings to work on a common cause. Parents who came together in first day school convergences.

Perhaps the biggest blessings of being co-clerks have been in the relationships we have built and deepened. We are so grateful for members of the Support Committee who have been a joy to work with. We have connected with people we did not previously know and now we see how our lives are richer for those connections. Finally, we have had the good fortune to work with our wonderful quarterly meeting coordinator who is a gift to Western Quarter, to Friends, and likely to all she meets.

In gratitude,

Shelley and Ariana

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**Western Quarterly Meeting**  
**London Grove Friends Meeting, hosts**  
**London Grove & Western Quarter –**  
**A 200 Year Celebration**  
**Sunday, October 21, 2018**

**Schedule:**

Registration 8:30 - 9:15 am  
 Children's Program 9:15 - 11:30 am (details pg. 4)  
 Worship 9:30 - 10:30 am  
 Program: 10:45 - 11:45 am  
 Luncheon: Noon - 1 pm  
 Meeting for Business\* following Lunch  
 \*includes responses to the [9th Query](#)



As has happened in the past (starting in 1757), Western Quarterly Meeting again will be hosted by London Grove Friends on third first day, tenth month. As planned by a group of London Grove Friends, an historical program will be enacted at rise of worship.

Our first story will dramatize the (true but imaginatively embellished) trans-Atlantic courtship of Sarah Swain and Robert Lamborn. Their story allows us to reflect on the formation of Quaker families, based on data recorded between 1722 and 1799.

Next, we will recall the Battle of the Brandywine. The Peace Testimony caused Western Quarter Friends to stand apart from their neighbors during the Continental Congress' prosecution of the Revolutionary War.

Our third dramatization speaks to the variety of opinions of how to end the institution of slavery that roiled monthly meetings in Western Quarter. Read aloud by a scholar of the life and times of Frederick Douglass, we will learn Douglass' intentions about a speech he gave on the porch of this meetinghouse in 1844.

Western Quarter Friends will not want to miss this program! We also invite interested members of the community (and their children) to join us for worship, history lessons, and lunch provided by London Grove Friends. Weather permitting, there will be pony rides, so the children can see how Quakers traveled to and from meeting in the 18th and 19th centuries.

## Meet the next Clerk of Western Quarter: Mark B. Myers

Mark Myers lives and works on the family farm across from the London Grove Friends Meeting House in West Marlborough, Pennsylvania.

Myers graduated from Earlham College in 1960 and from the Pennsylvania State University with a PhD in 1964. Mark began his professional career in 1964 as a scientist in a rapidly growing company called Xerox. His early years were spent as a research scientist in the laboratories. His career evolved into research and engineering management and he eventually became the head of all of Xerox's corporate research and technology as well as member of the senior management of the company. He was visiting executive professor of management at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, 2002 to 2005 and served as interim general secretary of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting 2006-2007.

At Earlham, he met and married fellow student Anna Walton and they are in their 59th year of marriage. They are blessed with four children and nine grandchildren living from London Grove, Pennsylvania, to Dayton, Maryland to San Francisco, California.

Mark has lived his entire life as a Quaker beginning in Indiana Yearly Meeting, then in New York Yearly Meeting and now in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. The diversity of geography implies the diversity of Quaker beliefs experienced and held. His spiritual journey is made up in parts of all of those experiences. He is nourished by the experiences of humankind's relationships to God as expressed in sacred literature, nourished by the experiences of many earlier generations Quakers and their relationship to God through their life works, nourished by an individual mystical humanism that binds and supports all humankind and nourished by a Meeting community that seeks to know God through its common worship and care for each other.

Mark Myers currently serves as a director of the Friends Fiduciary Corporation, a trustee of the Anna T. Jeanes Foundation, a London Grove Meeting trustee and a trustee of the Primitive Hall Foundation. Mark is currently the President of the Philadelphia Society for the Promotion of Agriculture, formed in 1785, the oldest farming society in our country.

### 9th Query: [Grounding for Transformed Lives: Equality and Justice](#)

#### For the Meeting:

- How does our meeting benefit from established patterns of prejudice, exploitation and economic convenience? What are we doing to change this?
- How and how often does our meeting engage in a self-examination of its attitudes and actions regarding race, ability, gender, sexual orientation or class?
- What steps are we taking as a meeting to inform ourselves about social injustice and ecological violence embedded in our political and economic systems?
- What steps are we taking as a meeting to assure that our meeting and the committees and institutions under our care are respectful of the earth and its people?

#### For the Individual:

- *Do I regularly examine myself for attitudes and behavior that indicate any hidden prejudice regarding race, gender, sexual orientation, disability or class?*
- *How do my lifestyle choices affect – positively or negatively – the causes of justice and peace in our nation, the community of nations and the whole of creation?*
- *How do I demonstrate in my way of living, and in what I teach my children, that love of God entails acknowledging "that of God in every person"?*

\* [General Queries](#) are taken from the newest version of PYM's [Faith and Practice](#), available online, and soon to be published.



## WQM Welcomes new youth coordinator, Claire Brandenburg Taylor



Hello! I'm so excited to be part of your community again. I have been a member of Kennett Friends Meeting since the 70's (you may remember me as Claire Brandenburg), and though I've lived in many places since and attended many other Meetings, I chose to keep my membership with Kennett.

As a youth, I attended Catoctin Quaker Camp, Arthur Morgan School, and The Meeting School. I am a graduate of Earlham College (BA Religion/Music).

During my college years I worked as a nanny in the summers, or with the college sports camp program. I worked for FGC Gathering for nine summers in the Jr. Gathering program. During the school year I volunteered at local schools and babysat for professors' children.

Immediately following graduation (March 1993) I worked as a nanny for three years in Philadelphia and West Chester. (Incidentally, I lived next door to Dorothy Carroll, and directly across the street from Birmingham Friends Meeting!)

After traveling for a year (1996-1997, with a minute from Kennett MM and grant money from various PYM organizations) doing volunteer work and music with isolated Friends around the continental US, I settled in Philadelphia and worked for many years at a non-profit human services organization. I got married, moved to Lancaster County, had a daughter (Annalise, now 13), and got divorced. After working for ten years at Armstrong, I am now a busy freelance contractor, creating a good life with Annalise here in Lancaster. I look forward to meeting you and your families as I settle into this new role. Peace!

## WQM Kid's Corner

Greetings, Friends and families! This is Claire, your brand-spanking-new Youth Coordinator for Western Quarter, and I'm super excited to meet you in October at London Grove!

**Here's a sneak peak at what's in store:**

Did you know that we are celebrating a BIG milestone this year? It's the 🎉 **200th birthday** 🎉 of the Meeting

House at London Grove, that was specially built to house Western Quarter! Let's celebrate by creating an old-time festival for all of us to enjoy. We'll have arts & crafts, live music, games,

food, and a few surprises! We will need lots of 🙌🙌 to help put it all together for the grownups, so come to Quarterly Meeting in October and get ready for fun!

**One more thing ... please ask your grown up to bring along a quart-sized mason jar or large empty yogurt container (with lid). You'll be making something yummy to take home and share with your family.**



This is a painting by a famous Quaker artist named Benjamin West. Can you guess who that is in the painting, and what he's doing?

## Events throughout Quaker-dom

Sept. 7-8 [PYM Middle School Event](#)

Sept. 8 - [PYM Family Meet-up](#)

Sept 9 - the first of several PYM sponsored Spiritual Deepening Programs - in an "online retreat" format. [Check it out!](#)

Sept. 22 - Bucks Quarter Peace Fair ( [www.peacefair.org](http://www.peacefair.org) ) 10:30-4pm at Buckingham Friends Meeting

Sept. 23 - 2 pm at Hockessin Friends Meeting. [Troublemaker: Bayard Rustin and His Nonviolent Fight for Justice](#), a presentation by Michael G. Long.

Sept. 23, 5 - 8 pm- [Western & Concord Quarter Hayride](#), campfire and potluck at the Stratton's Wynnorr Farm, 1631 East Street Rd, Glen Mills, PA. We'll grill and you bring side dishes! Registration appreciated, but not required.

October 6 , 8 AM to 2 PM - The Hockessin Friends Bazaar; garage sale and baked goods galore

October 21 - [Quarterly Meeting](#) at London Grove (no programming at Kennett MM)

For more events visit the calendar pages at [PYM](#) and [WQM](#).

### Special QM follow-up event at West Grove Friends - November 3rd & 4th

Dr. Patrick Jeudy, director of the Clini Med clinics in Haiti, and subject of July's QM program will be visiting West Grove this weekend, and fundraiser to support Clini Med is being planned.

**Seeking donations:** of hand-crafted items: fine art, pottery, jewelry, baked goods, gift cards, knitted & stitched items, etc. in a wide price range, from >\$10, to a few \$100. (Monetary contributions also welcome!)

Donations accepted any time by contacting Alyce Denver via email ( [alycetdenver@yahoo.com](mailto:alycetdenver@yahoo.com) ) or cell: 610-405-2819.

### Quakers and Indigenous Peoples: Exploring Indigenous & Quaker Relationships at London Grove Friends

First session is First Day, Sept. 23

A stand-alone Anniversary of Meetinghouse is First Day, Nov. 18

Meeting for Worship at London Grove begins 9:30 a.m.

Classes/sessions are 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

Five Regular Sessions: Each session in the series offers a few brief stories, related information from past and present, and open time for questioning/sharing/seeking. Interested youth, approximately 9 and up, are welcome to join with adults at the sessions. Child care available for younger ages.

Special Anniversary Session on Nov. 18: We welcome Chief Dennis Coker, Principal Chief of the Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware to speak. This is the 200th Anniversary of First Day 11/18/1818, when Quarterly Meeting was held for the FIRST time in the new, large London Grove Meetinghouse whose construction was supported across Western Quarter. Bring your ears, hearts and friends.

Quakers and Indigenous Peoples: Exploring Indigenous & Quaker relationships

September 23: Exploring Ceremony

November 18: Principal Chief Dennis Coker

November 26: Sustainability

February 17: Stories and Culture

March 17: Education

May 25: Healing

These sessions come out of the experiences of Gail Newbold, a participant in the workshop "Indigenous and Quakers as Allies," at Friends General Conference Gathering (July 2018), and the interests of Susanna Davison and Karen -Lee Brofee, attendees of Pendle Hill Conference "Truth and Healing" (May 2018).

Contact, questions: Gail Newbold [gailnewbold@verizon.net](mailto:gailnewbold@verizon.net) 610-869-3455



The 2018 Quaker Fundraisers Gathering will be held at **Friends Center in Philadelphia, Sept. 30-Oct. 2**.

This program aims to support the fundraising efforts of monthly meetings which often rely on volunteers.

A “Quakers New to Fundraising” track was created and sessions in this track have been designed to specifically

focus on issues unique to monthly meetings. Topics will include the basics of planned giving, how to minute gifts to your meeting, and increasing membership as a tool for increased giving.

Members from Newtown Friends Meeting (PYM) and Stony Run Friends Meeting (BYM) will share experiences and best practices for fund & Friend-raising. A plenary panel focused on growing the vitality of the Quaker community through philanthropy will also resonate with Friends.

Registration is open until September 20th! Discounts are available for multiple attendees from the same meeting. [Click here to register](#)

### *In Fellowship, We Worship:*

#### *An Afternoon with Susanna Davison, a London Grove Friend*

By tonya thames taylor, Fallowfield

“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” — *Matthew 18:20*

“She say [sic], Celie, tell the truth, have you ever found God in church? I never did. I just found a bunch of folks hoping for him [sic] to show. Any God I ever felt in church I brought in with me. And, I think all the other folks did too. They come to church to share God, not find God.” — conversation between Celie and Shug in Alice Walker’s Pulitzer-Prize winning *The Color Purple*

I do not remember learning my name and its rhythm, but I must have. Same is true with listening to stories. The desire and patience to listen to a story have been with me all of my days. The story has been with me so long, I cannot remember a time in my life when I did not enjoy a story—even ones with unhappy endings—being told by a captivating storyteller like my maternal grandmother.

On my grandmother’s porch, as a child, I learn family histories, life lessons, the names of birds and flowers, the behaviors of animals, and the ways of gardening. When men, like Mr. Benny Brown, a dark-skinned, ever-smiling, stocky laborer, who was also an avid gardener, stop by and sit down, we all know his stories about

weather and animals would leave us in laughter.

The stories follow a pattern and cadence, starting out with an undesirable behavior, rising to a climax, and ending with a twist. Those days, basking in or hiding from the sun, swooshing flies and ants if watermelon and sugar cane are present, and drinking water from the hose made childhood sweet. The most prized storyteller though is one who could tell animal stories that eventually meld into Biblical ones. On my grandmother’s porch and, from the Jehovah Witnesses’ *My Book of Bible Stories*, I learn stories ranging from arks and floods to a man in a whale, another in a lion’s den, and yet another one walking on water. I travel to far away places like Egypt and Rome and learn difficult names like Mephibosheth and Nebuchadnezzar.

On that small, screened porch, the most enduring, sustaining spiritual lesson, thus far, in my life occurs: experiencing being in community and fellowship; I am profoundly shaped by these interactions. In my childhood, my grandmother, Mr. Benny, Mrs. Mae’Lee, and everyone who visits that porch act in community. There are no thesis-driven seminars or lectures, no formal instructions. They never say what community is; they demonstrate it in their behavior.

On Tuesday, August 28, 2018, in the home of



Susanna Davison, the current Clerk of London Grove Monthly Meeting, that feeling of community, reminiscent of those childhood days on the porch, abounds. It all starts a week earlier, with an email asking if we could gather for a lunch or light refreshments. Friend Susanna mentions that she is looking for a reason to try out a salmon recipe and, loving seafood, I quickly agree to lunch. When I arrive, she greets me warmly at the door with a smile (I am running late, so the smile signals forgiveness).

Two joys I experience immediately: a sky-lighted area that serves as an office and the freshly-cut, aromatic, brightly-colored flowers scattered throughout the home. Without trepidation, I walk forward into the opened, airy space. There, our time together begins. That opened-space is representative of our time together. We share memories of family, friends, travel, work, and co-existence with life on Earth as we comingle laughter over present-day political musings.

On a four-legged squared table, adorned with a checkered-red tablecloth, with red china plates, a heavy crystal pitcher, and highball glasses, we talk as we dine on a tasty, perfectly-molded salmon coupled with chips and iced tea served with lemon. I learn she and her late husband spent time in Mississippi a few years before I attended college. She is familiar with my undergraduate, having lived close to it. We exchange stories about how we met our spouses and our in-laws. We discuss art, books of interests, neighbors, Quaker workshops at various gatherings, and building Quaker community.

Without giving it much thought, we move into a worship by directing the conversation to the next Western Quarterly Meeting in October 2018 at London Grove Monthly Meeting. Knowing I am a scholar of the life and writings of abolitionist and feminist Frederick Douglass, we discuss Douglass and his visit to Fallowfield and London Grove

MMs in the early 1840s. I did not know of his visit to Fallowfield until Friend Susanna tells me a week or so before; when I read the relevant documents in Mississippi, a decade before, all the Quaker meetinghouses were indistinguishable because I did not know the histories of each. So, I did not commit the names to memory. We set a plan in motion for the next Quarterly session and end our time together eating ripe, juicy fresh peaches, cutting them up as we snack.

What is to be an hour turns into nearly three with neither one of us keeping time. We are worshipping in fellowship, just like I did with the visitors of my grandmother's porch. Just as Alice Walker's *Color Purple* characters, Shug and Celie, do, we share our witness and testimonies without emphasis. Before this meeting, I had only exchanged brief greetings with Friend Susanna at the Quarter's Support Committee meetings. Yet, at the July Quarterly Meeting at West Grove MM, we discuss the upcoming Annual Sessions of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Over cucumbers and a turkey deli sandwich, I warmly asked her to attend my workshop on music and protest. She did not accept immediately, but surprised me by attending.

Between the July and October Quarterly Meetings, our relationship has blossomed. We communicate via email and text regularly, sharing news and local and political happenings. In *Finding the Trail in Life* (1927) Quaker mystic Rufus Jones describes how he delights in hearing of the testimonies of Quakers who travel and how these testimonies make their work accessible to him. Well, echoing Jones, talks with Friend Susanna have created a fellowship that facilitates a faith in action; like Celie and Shug, by sharing that of God within us, our fellowship unconsciously ascends to worship without being formally declared as such. Consequently, "when two or three gather... there I am with them."



## Reflections On... PYM Annual Sessions, 2018

This column is the first in a series of personal reflections on a variety of topics from Friends within PYM. The thoughts below are from Concord Quarter's coordinator, Lynne Piersol. Western Quarter Friends are invited to submit their ideas for future newsletters.

"I attended the recent Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions at The College of New Jersey in Trenton, NJ. The experience was very different for me compared to the last couple of years. We felt more grounded and loving in our interactions and I came away feeling like I had participated in a spiritual experience, a feeling I had not had for a while at sessions. Following is what I experienced and my thoughts on why.

First, there was a Spiritual Retreat the day before Annual Sessions which about 30 of us participated. I went on my own time, and highly recommend it if they do it again. It was well done by the Spiritual Formation Collaborative and it meant that there were 30 of us holding Sessions in the Light, as support to the body and the official elders. We spent time on queries related to the themes of reflecting, reigniting and reconnection. The meetings for worship with attention to business were very well clerked by the three Alternate Clerks. Since Penny Colgan-Davis resigned and then died, the Alternate Clerks, assisted by the Clerks of Administrative, Quaker Life and Nominating Councils, the Treasurer and the General Secretary, worked together as a team to carry out tasks and plan the agenda for Annual Sessions. They chose to have very few reports from various Quaker organizations, other than Ujima Friends Peace Center. This allowed more time for the business items and the agenda did not feel crowded. We also had some wonderful sessions with Dr. Amanda Kemp who led us in a session on racial justice from the heart, and Walter Hjelt Sullivan who talked about (personal) covenant relationships. We had an experience with Open Space Technology which allowed those with passions to share them with others drawn to the same issues. And we heard the new Mission State-

ment for the Youth Programs. There were listening sessions around certain issues, including a planned one on the staff voice policy, and a quickly scheduled one on the progress of Multicultural Institutional Audit Committee when it appeared that the Clerk and the Committee were not on the same page. I heard that 100 people came to the second one, which was scheduled quickly for early afternoon when needed, and a way forward was found through that process. There were also many other opportunities to learn, share and have fun during the days we were there. The campus was the same as last year, but the spaces we used were generally closer together, and we had dinners together in the new Student Center (which has lots of natural light), although other meals were in the dining hall. I thought the food was better this year.

Challenges are still with us. There is lots of work to do yet around developing our Beloved Community. Nominating Council has been quite challenged in finding a new Clerk and new Alternate Clerks. We now have one remaining Alternate Clerk. They have approached a number of people and have been given generally one of three answers: 1) I'm not ready yet, try me again in a few years – which asks the question of how are we raising up and growing new clerks? 2) Clerking seems like a full-time job; you have to be retired to do it. The Council will be looking at the job description. 3) I don't think I am strong enough, brave enough or courageous enough. They have fear about being in an adversarial relationship with the body of PYM. The Nominating Council Clerk asked us to expect that the Clerk will make a mistake, say things you might disagree with, but love them anyway. She asked for support for the Nominating Council. Later in sessions we approved a structure for leadership until Fall Sessions – The remaining Alternate Clerk, Chris Lucca, will continue to act as Presiding Clerk in conjunction with the Clerks of the three councils and the Treasurer until November 3. The Nominating Council intends to bring forward some names at that time.

By Lynne Piersol, Swarthmore MM, Concord Q Coordinator



**Minutes of the Support Committee of the Western Quarterly Meeting held on  
20 May 2018 at Kennett Monthly Meeting, 3:09 PM**

Friends from Centre, Crossland Worship Group, Fallowfield, Hockessin, Kendal, Kennett, London Grove, New Garden, and Newark Monthly Meetings (MMs) in attendance.

21.32: **Un-programmed Worship:** After ten minutes of lively fellowship conversation, Friends settled for brief worship. During this time, it was announced that the members of the Personnel Committee performed and discussed their annual review of the WQM Coordinator.

21.33: **Minutes:** Friends affirmed the April Minutes of the Business Meeting of WQM.

21.34: **Finance Committee Report:** Proposed Budget discussed. Clerk of Finance Committee, Richard "Dick" Logan (Hockessin) and Treasurer Stan Glowiak (Centre) thoroughly went over the budget highlighting increase with staff salaries, particularly in regards to the Youth Coordinator whose amount will be determined by experience. Both discussed the possibly of drawing from the reserves at roughly \$5000. Increases in phone, bookkeeper and telephone were also discussed. Friends agreed to change the web hosting to \$0 from \$200, noting that in a few years this will increase to roughly an amount of \$300. The current \$0 is a result of a discount for being a new customer. The committee discussed staff salaries. Discussion of interest of Friends Fiduciary (FF) in regards Fallowfield Funds needs to be clarified and will be modified and presented at WQM.

21.35: **Nominating Sprint Report:** Proposed WQM Officers: Clerk: Mark Myers; Recording Clerk: tonya thames taylor; Treasurer: Stan Glowiak; Assistant Treasurer and Clerk of Finance: Ariana Langford; and Auditor: Doug Myers. Nominating Committee also agree to write Minutes of Appreciation for Friends who had served in the WQM Officer positions.

21.36: **Property Concern & Next Steps:**

*Survey Results:* For inactive meetings (London Britain, Penns Grove, Parkersville, and Colora), we are still gathering information. A Sprint Committee needs to be formed to ascertain: (1) what are the gaps of information (what income; risks); (2) review bylaws; and 3) relationship between WQM and property committees.

If the London Grove Minute is adopted with or without recommendations, a Property Committee must be established. Currently, Mary Sproat (West Grove), Shelly Hastings (Newark) and Mark Myers (London Grove) are currently involved and will be ask to form a formal committee. Also, it was agreed that a meeting with Bill Parker should be set.

21.37: **July QM Update:** West Grove, July 15, 2018; Alyce Denver will share experiences in post-Earthquake Haiti, including medical needs, medical supplies, and a generator; Youth Programming is being determined.

21.38: **New Business & Announcements**

Friend tonya thames taylor discussed the need for assisting those in our committee: volunteers for elderly; friends serving friends; visitation volunteers. She discussed that the planning and action must be focused, deliberate, and intentional. Coordinator Sarah Kastriner suggested we reach out to Quaker-based Aging, Resources, Consultation, and Help (ARCH) for training.

**Next WQM Quarterly: July 15, 2018 at West Grove MM.**

Adjourned with silent worship at 4:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, tonya thames taylor, Fallowfield MM & WQM Recording Clerk

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**Minutes of the Western Quarterly Meeting held on 15 July 2018 at  
West Grove Monthly Meeting, 1:09 PM to 3:16 PM**

West Grove Meeting (MM) hosted; in attendance were 18 Friends from Centre, Fallowfield, Hockessin, London Grove, Kendal, Kennett, London Grove, Mill Creek, New Garden, Newark, and West Grove Monthly Meetings (MMs). Crosslands Worship Group represented.

21.39: **Un-programmed Worship:** From the silence, we heard responses to the Sixth Query from Kennett, New Garden, and West Grove. Friends agreed that the Responses to Queries should be shared in the monthly newsletters moving forward. This is a Response to the 6<sup>th</sup> Query on Equality from New Garden Monthly Meeting (MM): *"In an effort to create and maintain a society whose institutions recognize and do away with inequities rooted in patterns of prejudice and economic convenience, we support groups working with diversity of thought both here and around the world. Re-*

*ligion has been the cause of great intolerance all over the world because people have trouble tolerating the beliefs of others. We feel that we are open to all regardless of race, ability, or sexual orientation but we have not been tested in these areas. We are small in numbers and perhaps that makes newcomers feel unwelcome. We like to think that we support groups who are centered around 'love' of one another."* Responses from Kennett and West Grove were thoughtful as well.

21.40: Friends **affirmed** Minutes of the Western Quarterly Support Meeting held on May 20, 2018.

21.41: **Treasurer's Report:** For more details on the numbers, see the WQM 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report. Of particular note, at this moment, we have more monies than anticipated in PYM covenant. Treasurer Stan Glowiak provided a follow-up report on an inquiry regarding the distributions from Friends Fiduciary to the Fallowfield Orthodox Burial Fund. Distributions are retained in the WQM's Citadel checking account; bills for maintenance are paid directly out of the Citadel checking. Also, Friends asked for the Treasurer to change "Fallowfield Maintenance," on page two, to Fallowfield Orthodox Burial Fund. Also, as a suggestion, Friends asked that expenses associated with closed meetings be placed under a separate heading to make it clearer and easier to understand the income and expenses associated with those meetings.

21.42: **Finance Committee Report Budget Proposal:** Clerk of Finance Committee Richard "Dick" Logan (Hockessin), on the behalf of the Support Committee, shared and discussed staff expenditures and the \$6500K draw down from reserves to make budget.

21.43: **Nominating Sprint Report Affirmed:** The WQM Officers are *Clerk:* Mark Myers; **Recording Clerk:** tonya thames taylor; **Treasurer:** Stan Glowiak; **Assistant Treasurer and Clerk of Finance:** Ariana Langford; and **Auditor:** Doug Myers. The Nomination Sprint is still searching for WQM Assistant Clerk. Additionally, WQM Coordinator Sarah Kastriner read Minutes of Appreciation for outgoing WQM Officers, which included Co-Clerks Ariana Langford and Shelley Hastings and Clerk of Finance Committee Richard "Dick" Logan.

21.44: Minute and Responses **to London Grove Proposed Minute on Use of the Reserves from London Grove**

**Friends:** *At the 3rd Month 2018 Meeting for Business at London Grove Monthly Meeting the following minute was approved: See WQM Spring Newsletter or online here for full Minute*

**Responses:** Hockessin, New Garden, Newark, Centre, London Grove approved. Kennett and Kendal discussed the minute and expressed other recommendations. Friends agreed that 50% of the budget for 2019 should not be spent from the reserve fund. Friends agreed to populate a Property Committee Sprint to examine how WQM reserve funds can be utilized from a holistic approach and to clarify how funds are spent by inactive meetings.

21.45: **Aging Concern & Proposal:** Fallowfield Friend tonya thames taylor suggested that WQM engages more deliberately in working with Monthly Meetings to coordinate assistance to aging Friends and Friends in need. From there, Friends discussed the Aging-Resources-Consultation-Help work of New York Yearly Meeting as well as contacting MMs, former WQM Clerk Pam Leland, Friend George Schaefer, Concord Quarterly Coordinator Lynn Piersol, as well as Resource Friends within PYM for direction. The first step is to gain insight into what MMs and PYM are already doing. WQM is hoping to present a program for consideration to WQM by the Quarterly Meetings in March or July 2019.

21.46: **Coordinator's Report:**

a. Read Minute of Appreciation for West Grove.

a. Welcome to New Youth Activities Coordinator: Claire Brandenburg Taylor.

b. QM- October 21 (London Grove—200 Anniversary of Building), January 20 (Centre), April 28 (Newark?); July 21 (Hockessin); October 2019 (Kendal). Sunday, September 16, 2018 is the next meeting for the Support Committee.

c. Friends Home Anniversary—October 15-20, 2018, 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; \$1000 ask for MMs. Looking write the history of documents found at Friends Home (send to Friends).

21.47: **New Business and Announcements**

*Kennett:* Friends Fund for Immigrant Support Fund (give to who needs it).

*West Grove:* T-shirt against gun violence display.

*London Grove:* Visitors' Outdoor Meeting for Worship, followed by brunch. Starting at 9:30 am beneath the Penn Oak.

*Centre:* Saturday, August 4, Funding Pig Roast benefitting Haiti, 2-7 PM.

*PYM Annual Sessions:* College of New Jersey, July 25-29, 2018.

Closed with Silent Worship and adjourned at 3:16 PM.

Faithfully Submitted, Peace and Progress, tonya thames taylor, Recording Clerk

# Concord & Western Quarters



## Hayride & Campfire

**Sunday, September 23 - 5 PM to 8 PM**

**Join Us at the Stratton's Wynnorr Farm**

**Hayride and Campfire Potluck.**

**Bring a campfire dish to share.**

**Dogs, Burgers, Veggie Burgers, Drinks Provided**

**Sign up at our website <http://concordquarter.org/hayride-2018/>**

**Stratton's Wynnorr Farm is located near the junction of**

**Rt 352 and Rt 926**

**1631 East Street Rd, Glen Mills, Pa**



Chichester Meetinghouse We would like to invite you to a very unique event in September. We will be having a recreation of a Freedom Seeker Wedding on Sunday, September 30th at 11am. For those unfamiliar with the term "Freedom Seeker" that is what Quakers use instead of the term "runaway slave." Quaker Meetinghouses would marry a couple, a big step to being recognized as a human being, and then head off to Canada. As *Harriet Tubman* is recorded as saying "*Quakers almost as good as the colored. They call themselves Friends and you can trust them every time.*" This is a unique setting since Chichester Meetinghouse has not been modernized. It is like a time machine to the past.