

Minutes of the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business of the Western Quarterly Meeting held on 20 January 2019 at Centre Monthly Meeting,

Meeting began at 9:30 am with 17 Friends in attendance from London Grove, Kennett, West Grove, Newark, Centre, Mill Creek and Kendal MMs

21.53: Un-programmed Worship with responses to the 10th Query Responses were read from New Garden, Newark, West Grove, and Mill Creek MMs. Clerk closed Worship with welcome and introductions (since we were a small group).

21.54 Consideration of the Minutes of Western Quarterly Meeting October 21, 2019
(Approved)

21.55 Treasurer's Report (15 min)

This report covers first half (6 months) of our fiscal year. Appreciation to Stan for diving in to learn QuickBooks and manage our accounts these past 6 months since losing our bookkeeper last summer. Thanks also expressed to Doug Myers for his encouragement and support of Stan in this process. He is keen to continue learning but feels that having a professional bookkeeper to supplement his work is still a good idea. We will keep the search open. We are a little behind on covenants, but each MM contributes on a different schedule. Newsletters went out in October, and there were enough stamps in the office to send them – hence no new costs. WQM sponsored Friends Home anniversary celebration in October, with a total of \$1100 to the FH. \$150 “short” on donations from MMs to WQM (\$600 in, \$750 to FH, some MMs contributed directly to FH.) Note: may want to consider updating our logo to include “RoSF”. (report attached)

Q was raised if Stan continues to do the bookkeeper's work, should he be compensated for it? Good question and should be considered. (Stan is not interested in becoming the bookkeeper – we should continue search for now.)

21.56 Finance Committee Report (5 min) Still seeking a part-time bookkeeper to work a few hours per month and help with quarterly reconciliation. May need to consider alternatives if no applicants are found by next QM.

21.57 Properties Working Group Report

Mark reviewed the numbers of inactive/historic MHs and additional support buildings in the quarter (see Oct minutes). There are also a good number of burial grounds, which represent a perpetual obligation of care. The quarter will need to have a conversation around the stewardship of our burial grounds. (Teal) It was suggested the Quarter call/host a meeting of all Friends currently involved in the stewardship of burial grounds within the Quarter. Burial grounds can also be an opportunity for service though support for families (grief, etc.).

Members of the Working Group began visiting historic MH in December with Old Kennett & Parkersville. They met with the care committees for each, were updated on building condition & expected expenses, then “walked the property” and took a visual assessment. Each time the questions were asked, “Is there enough funding (endowments) to sustain

maintenance in perpetuity?” And “What are the options for the best use of this property?” Best use is complicated by the burial grounds which are closely associated with the buildings (and close in proximity).

21.58 Annual Reports (15 mins)

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Clerk called a meeting of the Corporation to order at 10:22 am.

Nominating – John Beer has asked to step down from the Parkersville Committee. Lars Farmer is nominated to join that committee. Friends approved this nomination.

Parkersville MH Committee – read by Mary Sproat (attached)

London Britain MH Committee – read by Shelley Hastings (attached) Adele Baldwin passed away – she was very active with London Britain and will be missed. London Britain is not exactly inactive, more like $\frac{3}{4}$ active, in that Newark Friends hold Worship there from May to September.

Meeting of the Corporation was adjourned at 10:35 am.

21.58 April QM Update

Quarterly Meeting will next be held on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at Wilmington Friends School. We will hold MfB in the morning, then join with Concord Quarter for Worship, lunch and an afternoon program. A program on implicit bias and its role in racism will be led by Amanda Kemp, and will also be open to students, staff, and parents in the Wilmington Friends community. We will be contributing \$500 towards the costs of the program, as will Concord Quarter. An application will be made for a PYM outreach grant to cover the rest (about \$400). One member of the Quarter expressed a concern around spending this amount on one program, as well as wondering if Western Quarter Friends are already working “beyond” what might be seen as an “intro” level program. After some discussion, it was agreed that Amanda has a lot to offer with this program, there is always something to learn, and the money will be well spent. It was noted that April QM is the last in our FY, so funds will be available again July 1. Another member offered to compile a list of suggested readings for Friends in preparation for the April QM program. The list will be posted online and printed in the newsletter.

Coordinator also announced: PYM’s Outreach Thread Gathering (Feb. 9th at Abington Friends); call for nominations to PYM’s Sessions Planning Committee.

21.60 Minute of Appreciation for London Grove Friends Meeting (approved)

Meeting ended with silence at 10:51 am

Next Support Committee meeting.... March 10?