

**(draft) Minutes for Western Quarter Support Committee Meeting,
9 June 2019, at Kennett Friends Meeting, 3:00 pm**

Present: New Garden, Newark, Centre, Hockessin, West Grove, London Grove, Kennett, Kendal, Coordinator (Karen Halstead, David Wakeley, David Elder, Margaret Walton, Dick Logan, Mary Sproat, Deb Wood, Pownall Jones, Mark Myers, Stan Glowiak, Shelley Hastings, Sarah Kastriner)

1. Meeting began at 3:00 pm with a period of worship
2. Clerk's welcome, review of agenda; April Minutes are deferred to July for consideration & approval. Praise for joint QM with Concord. Clerk has since met with Gen Sec, who would like to speak at a QM (possibly a joint one?).
3. Finance Committee report: (Stan filling in for Clerk).
Treasurer's note: So far this FY, three Monthly Meetings have contributed covenants at 100% of their pledged amount, three at 75%, two at 50%, and two at 0%. We are getting good monthly reports from new bookkeeper.
WQM budget proposal for FY 19-20 shared. Includes reduction in PYM & WQM covenants, 2% increase in staff pay, and will need increases in payroll taxes & services. To compensate there are reductions (but no eliminations) to some lines we don't use fully, such as Youth Programs (from \$1200 to \$950). Send comments/questions to Stan. Budget will be presented for consideration and approval at July QM.
4. Property Working Group: Five members visited Colora Meeting House on June 1st. This is a well maintained, beautiful little building, which is on the National Historic Register. We met with Steve Balderston who has acted as Colora's steward for many years. Shelley volunteered to be WQM liaison with Steve to provide support. A spare key to the building will be provided to WQM for emergencies. Some dedicated funds are available, but the building is under-capitalized. Enough remains for mowing & general maintenance, and insurance premiums. There is a small burial ground, no room for caskets. Currently, Worship is held there the 3rd Sunday in September. Idea: hold WQM there one July, bring folks down in vans if necessary.
Next visit: Pennsgrrove MH. (MfW open June 23 at 10 am), then London Britain (MfW through the summer: Wed 6:30 & Sun 10:30).
Clerk is planning a Quarter-wide meeting on burial ground issues and maintenance. Each MM should send rep(s) so we can learn from each other. Looking at September 2019 for a Saturday to meet & share experiences, questions, etc. Send rep name(s) to Coordinator to invite.
5. Nominating: Still need an Assistant Clerk; Mark is beginning his last year as Clerk. Support Committee reps are asked to think who in their MMs who might be available to serve (2-year commitment only). Bring suggestions to July QM.
Staff transition – already underway. Deb has been onboard since March and will remain half time with Sarah through the end of August. Sarah will remain involved in WQM as Kennett rep, and to help with Property Working Group.

6. QM discussion: would love to have joint with Concord on regular (annual?) basis. Would need to be hosted at large enough facility. Friends schools, Kennett, London Grove, Westtown, Wilmington Friends.... Accessibility is important. July QM at Hockessin; program still in planning stages.
7. Reminders & announcements: MMs should review LG Minute on Nuclear War, send feedback. Will see new version on agenda at July QM. Idea is to send final version to PYM, though new structure makes trajectory from there hard to tell.
Mark met with Gen Sec to share concerns voiced by Susanna at April QM, left copy with her. (WQM opinion on March Cont. Sessions not a monolith.) There is a level of anger and fear (on par with McCarthy era) that is dividing us.
Announcements: Centre invites all to Saturday August 17th – music with Friends (The Nearly Valentine to perform). 6pm, bring picnic supper, seating/blankets.