



Minutes of the Support Committee for Worship with Attention to Business of the Western
Quarterly Meeting
December 8, 2019 3:00pm
Kennett Friends Meeting House

Present: David Elder (Kendal), Karen Halstead (New Garden), Sarah Kastriner (Kennett), Stan Glowiak (Centre), Mark Myers and Bob Frye (London Grove), Dick Logan (Hockessin), Shelley Hastings (Newark)

Regrets - David Wakeley (Centre), Mary Sproat (West Grove), Pownall Jones

Updates from Monthly Meetings - Kendal has several upcoming speakers on Friends activities. Hockessin is in the midst of a series of sessions on conflict resolution. West Grove is featuring several of its recent authors this afternoon and has a Christmas worship on Monday, Dec 16. London Grove, Hockessin, and Centre all have additional programs on Christmas Eve.

22.43 We approved the October 19, 2019 **Meeting for Business minutes**.

22.44 We approved a **minute of appreciation** for Kendal Monthly Meeting for their service as hosts for October 2019 Quarterly Meeting.

Western Quarterly Meeting minutes appreciation for Kendal Monthly Meeting's hosting of

our October 19, 2019 Quarterly Meeting at Kendal at Longwood. It was a delight to be greeted by Kendal Friends and have coffee, tea, fruit, and baked goods on hand. Several Kendal Meeting members led us in a reflection and sharing of our own spiritual journeys using a photograph that spoke to each of us. The pictures spurred deep conversations in the small groups we had formed, and left us primed for worship. Several Friends shared stirring messages that wove together threads raised in the smaller groups. We enjoyed a delicious hot meal and salad bar that Kendal dining services prepared. The business session was well attended and much was accomplished.

22.45 The coordinator will send an e-mail reminder to clerks in February about grants available for Quarter children in Friends schools.

22.46 The **treasurer**, Stan Glowiak (Centre) reported that several covenants are usually made in the closing weeks of the calendar year. July through November has regularly been the "slow" time of WQM's fiscal year. Covenant payments through November 30 are at about 21% of total expected Covenant in our budget, which ought to be at about 40% at this time of our budget year. Combined expenses for Payroll, Office, and Program are at almost 43%, about right for the end of November. Thanks to those Monthly Meetings which make regular, or near regular, quarterly Covenant payments. That's greatly appreciated. Also, a couple of Meetings will be making their semi-annual payments at the end of this month or shortly after the beginning of the new calendar year. He did not feel the need to try and systematize a schedule for covenant payments from Monthly Meetings.

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Thanks to all Monthly Meeting treasurers, especially the newer treasurers, for your service and help.

22.47 Mark Myers (LG) and Sarah Kastriner (Kennett) reported that **Property Committee** has one more visit to make. The committee will report on the survey to the Quarter in July. There will be a session on green burials when more information about different state regulations is verified.

22.48 **Nominating** reported that Bob Frye's name will be brought forward at the January, 2020 Meeting for Business session for formal approval by the Quarter to serve a two year term as Western Quarter clerk starting in July of 2020.

22.49 The **Coordinator** reported on the success of the Parents Morning Off. It was a joint Western and Concord Quarters Youth event. Fourteen young Friends attended, almost evenly split across the two Quarters. Each coordinator has started to work with the co-host Meetings for the joint gathering in April. Interest seems high for a program on the theme of the peace testimony. Philadelphia Yearly Meeting News held a gathering for Quarter clerks and coordinators to share what we do for a possible YM newsletter issue. Coordinators and clerks found it useful to hear the demographics, programs, and concerns of the membership in each Quarter. The coordinator also spent time with Boulder, CO Friend Paula Palmer when she was Quaker-in-Residence at Haverford College. Paula leads Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples. Deb attended in part due to the series of programs at London Grove Meeting last year. Deb plans to connect with Friends interested in this work.

22.50 Mill Creek Meeting will host the **Quarter at its Meeting House on Sunday, January 19, 2020**. The program begins at 9:30 am. The topic is balance and the program will be intergenerational. A shared potluck meal will follow worship. Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business is scheduled for 12:30.

22.51 Joint Quarter Program ideas. The clerk and coordinator shared that a Quarter Friend recommended a session with Better Angels after participating in a Better Angels program hosted by Haverford Friends Meeting. We will explore this possibility, among others, for the Joint Quarter session.

22.52 Support Committee approved sharing the **minute from Bucks Quarter** with Monthly Meetings and ask that they consider it prior to Western Quarterly meeting in January. It will be on the Quarter's agenda at that time. The Yearly Meeting body decided at November Continuing Sessions to seek input from Monthly and Quarterly Meetings before it takes further action on the minute. The minute from Bucks Quarter is included at the close of these minutes.

22.53 Friends expressed appreciation for the report from **PYM Committee of 14** member Susanna Davison. At this time we encourage Friends and Meetings to consider the homework from the Committee shared at Continuing Sessions. The homework is part of Susanna's report in the Quarter newsletter for winter 2019 and can be found at the Yearly Meeting website (At pym.org click on "Sessions," then "Minutes," then "Fall 2019." The homework begins on page 17 of the minutes.)

22.54 Executive Session the group met without the coordinator for a discussion of business.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Wood, Coordinator, acting recorder for tonya thames taylor

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Bucks Quarter Request of the Yearly Meeting

September 10, 2019

Christopher A. Lucca
Presiding Clerk Philadelphia Yearly Meeting
1515 Cherry Street
Philadelphia, PA

Dear Chris,

Bucks Quarterly Meeting recently conducted meeting for worship with attention to business at Fallsington Friends Meeting in Fallsington, Pennsylvania. During this meeting, which took place on August 18, 2019, Friends approved the following minute:

Bucks Quarterly Meeting supports a Friends-led national protest against the private sale and possession of assault-style rifles and large-capacity gun magazines in the United States. This is rightly ordered and in alignment with our peace testimony, or opposition to physical violence, and with our support of efforts to reduce and eliminate armaments and militarism in our society. The protest should take place in our nation's capital at the earliest possible date that a well-organized one can be launched.

Friends of the Quarter also asked that the Quarter communicate its approval of this minute to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and that the Quarter request that Yearly Meeting assume responsibility for coordinating efforts with the appropriate local, national, and international organizations to achieve the Friends-led national protest proposed by Bucks Quarter in its minute.

This letter to you is of course my way of fulfilling the Quarter's request to make Yearly Meeting aware of the Quarter's minute and its request for Yearly Meeting action in regard to it. I hope the Yearly Meeting will give serious consideration to the minute and request for action, and I am happy to answer any questions you or others at Yearly Meeting may have in regard to them.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration of this matter.

Yours, Boris Simkovich
Acting Clerk, Bucks Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

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