

**Minutes of the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business of the Support Committee of the Western Quarterly Meeting held on Sunday, 28 June 2020 via ZOOM, 3-4:35 PM**

Thirteen Friends from Centre, Fallowfield, Hockessin, Kennett, London Grove, New Garden, Newark, and West Grove Monthly Meetings (MMs) were in attendance.

After worship, we proceed to engage our two agenda items.

22.88: **Outreach and Community Engagement** – Clerk Bob Frye (London Grove) asked Friends “Is there merit in Western Quarterly Meeting (WQM) having a conversation regarding community engagement?” and “How do we align our testimony with action?” Friends positively affirmed both queries. Clerk Frye then proceeded to ask Friends how their Monthly Meeting (MM) engage in community work. New Garden shared that they support local organizations (food bank and Friends Home in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania). West Grove shared that they too support the Friends Home, in addition to the Friends Association for the Care and Protection of Children in West Chester, PA. Friends supported the addition of a community engagement discussion to the agenda for WQM’s July Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. Friends agreed that we should prioritize the needs of local organizations such as the Friends Home. Friends agreed that we will suggest reserve funds finance our outreach efforts. Our WQM’s July Business Meeting’s community engagement discussion will center in three queries: (1) How do we best do outreach and engagement?; (2) How do we better articulate that Quakers are still active in the community?; and, (3) How do we engage volunteerism beyond finances?

22.89: **Fiscal Year 2021 Budget** - Executive Session. The Budget Committee, consisting of Ariana Langford (Newark) and Wayne Thompson (Newark), presented the WQM Tentative Budget.

- Friends thoroughly discussed the budget—going over each line item in detail.
- Under “Expenses,” in the category of “Programs, Youth,” Friends agreed to include “Outreach”; the amount is to be determined.
- Under “Income Sources,” in the “Covenant Income” category, the proposed amount for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) was \$126,000. Yet, as of June 24, 2020, WQM transferred covenant income of \$124,998 to PYM; 100% of WQM’s ten MMs contributed to this amount. Per this updated information, Friends modified the line item and allotted \$125K covenant to PYM for the FY 2021 budget. The rest of the information remained as presented.
- Under “Expenses,” in the category of “Staff Development,” Friends agreed to allocate \$200.
- Under “Expenses,” in the category of “Office Expenses,” Friends acknowledged that any overage is because of insurance trends and increases in usage/costs of products and services.
- Under “Expenses,” in the category of “Newsletter,” Friends increased the proposed amount of \$150 to \$200, based on current quarterly expenses for the newsletter.

- Under “Expenses,” in the category of “Other Expenses” for the Fallowfield Orthodox Burial line item, Friends agreed on the following: (1) Reduce the proposed \$700 to \$500 and (2) include an explanatory note that reads “Subject to Friends Fiduciary Corporation (FFC) distribution.” This explanatory note informs Friends that Fallowfield Orthodox Burial is financed by a distribution from FFC, but that distribution normally falls short. Consequently, the amount in the WQM budget covers expenses beyond the FFC distribution.

**Action:** Friends agreed to advance the proposed FY 2021 budget, pending revisions, to the WQM’s Seventh Month Gathering for Worship with Attention to Business being held virtually, via ZOOM, on Sunday, July 19, 2020.

Submitted Faithfully on June 28, 2020,  
*Peace and Progress, Be Kinder to Yourself,*  
tonya thames taylor, WQM Recording Clerk, Fallowfield MM