

Minutes for Western Quarterly Meeting Support Committee

13 June, 2021 3:00pm

via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92668234836>

Clerk Bob Frye welcomed Shelley Hastings and Ariana Langford (N), David Elder (Kendal), Emma Parker Miller and Dick Logan (H), Karen Halstead (NG), Stan Glowiak (Centre), and Margaret Walton (LG), and Deb Wood, coordinator to the meeting.

We opened with a period of worship.

Updates from Monthly Meetings –

Fallowfield Meeting approved the recommendations from the ad hoc Aging Concerns. The meeting will gather in-person for worship in September.

Newark Meeting approved the recommendations and Annemarie Carr asked to join the Aging Concerns group. Newark meets in person at London Britain Meeting House except for the 2nd Sunday when they meet for business on zoom.

Kendal Meeting shared that about 6 years ago they sent queries on aging to the *Faith & Practice* Revision Committee. They will share those with the ad hoc group. They are also beginning to look forward to the 50th anniversary of the Kendal community. They meet fully on Zoom; the Kendal community is starting some hybrid programming.

London Grove Meeting meets outdoors twice a month, and is working to improve the experience of their hybrid meetings. London Grove approved the recommendations of the Aging Group. They have no additional volunteers for the group as of yet.

Hockessin is meeting in their meeting house for worship with a hybrid component. There will be a Zoom presentation by FCNL on June 27 on justice reform. Friends are welcome to join. Details are at the Western Quarter website.

Centre is worshipping in the meeting house and via Zoom. Centre will take up the Aging Concerns recommendations at their July meeting for

business. They will fundraise for a program in Haiti they have worked with and will have an outdoor concert on August 14.

New Garden is not meeting at present. There was an in-meeting service for the life of June Pratt. Friends wondered what could be done to support New Garden. No specific actions came forward.

Kennett is having a picnic today celebrating new members.

Proposed Budget for 2021-2022 for review

The clerk noted that there were several meetings to create the proposed budget. The Finance Committee met with MM treasurers, and that group is comfortable with the budget. If there is acceptance by this group, it will come to Western Quarter's meeting for worship with attention to business in seventh month.

Ariana noted that this is strictly an operating budget. There is nothing in this budget with regard to historic meetings, the educational or Woolman funds or grants.

Discussion:

Friends noted that our budget is an authorization to spend not a commitment to spend.

There is an expected deficit, as has been the case for some time. The Quarter agreed to slowly work the reserves down in the last discussion of the reserves. We may again consider how we use the reserves and financing.

Friends approved the budget with gratitude to Ariana Langford, Wayne Thompson, and Stan Glowiak for their work.

Coordinator Updates

Mailing List – We received a request to share our mailing list with Friends Home. Friends were not in unity with sharing the mailing list. Meetings and Friends are aware of Friends Home through Meeting contributions.

Youth Programs Job Search – Haverford and Swarthmore Colleges did respond positively to post the position. No interest has yet been received.

Use of Indeed.com was recently suggested. The coordinator is also reaching out to inquire of any recent graduates of Wilmington Friends School and Westtown School.

Joint Quarter Planning – The coordinators have met a few times with representatives from Willistown MM and Newark MM, the Quarterly Meeting hosts. Worship will open with a Faith and Play story. The educational program will be a session with the Middle East Collaborative.

Tentative Schedule

8:30am-10:00am – Meetings for Business for both Quarters (or Western could do 2pm or 3pm per our custom)

10-10:15am – Break

10:15-11am – Intergenerational Community Worship with a story at the beginning (Lynne Piersol from CQ is seeking someone to open with a Faith and Play story)

11:00-**11:45am** – Lunch break – take a break from the screen or bring your lunch and chat.

11:45-1:15pm – Meet and Greet with the Middle East Collaborative of Yearly Meeting –Q&A about who we are and what we do. There will likely be a focus on Brummana Friends School in Lebanon, and leadings related to equality, peace, and justice in Palestine and Israel.

Friends approved having our meeting for worship with attention to business at 1:30, after a short break after the presentation by the collaborative.

Nominating Committee – The clerk noted that Nominating Committee has worked diligently to find the next clerk and treasurer. Ought we to consider who we are and what we do; do we need to make changes to our committees? The need for someone to serve is most pressing for the treasurer position. Stan would like to finish as treasurer with the next Quarterly Meeting. Can the treasurer tasks be adjusted in some way to lighten the load? Much of the work is working with the bookkeepers. Suggestions included laying down being the pass through for covenants and rotating the role of Quarter treasurer through the Monthly Meetings, and seeking feedback from recommended bookkeepers to assess the workload.

Dick agreed to reach out to the treasurers at Hockessin.

Bob and Ariana agreed to explore how the treasurer role might be restructured.

New/Upcoming Business

In the coming months, we need to consider a schedule for Quarterly Meeting hosting, and to consider the format(s), virtual, hybrid, and in-person, for Quarterly Meeting and Support Committee meetings to best meet the needs for worship, fellowship, programming, business, travel, and environmental impact.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Wood