



# Western Quarterly News

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## FROM THE COORDINATOR

**There is an employment opportunity within Western Quarterly Meeting. Please note it to people you know who enjoy working with children.**

**Youth Activities and Education Coordinator Position** Western Quarterly Meeting seeks a part-time Youth Activities Coordinator. The YAC is responsible for arranging and managing the children's programs during Quarterly Meeting (4 times a year) as well as working with others in the Quarter to plan and implement other youth activities throughout the year. Familiarity with or openness to Quaker beliefs would be helpful. This is a flexible hourly position with an expectation of 5-20 hours per month depending on the program calendar. Compensation based on experience and education. Weekend availability required.

Please submit a resume and cover letter outlining interest and experience

to: [coordinator@westernquarterquakers.org](mailto:coordinator@westernquarterquakers.org)



## SAVE THE DATE! PARENTS' MORNING OFF RETURNS

Saturday, December 4  
9am-1pm.



at the Cabin at Westtown School  
Games, crafts, stories, Frazzlerham, pizza lunch, and  
more! Children aged 3-12.

### In this Issue:

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### ***Western Quarterly Meeting***

will gather virtually on 17 October 2021.

9:00am PYM's Giant Children's Meeting

9:30am Providing Community-Being Part of Something  
Greater than Themselves

10:45-11:30am Meeting for Worship

11:45am Lunch—offline or bring lunch for  
online fellowship

1:00pm—Western Quarterly Meeting for Worship with  
Attention to Business

[Meeting Link](#) Passcode: 1

## Ninth Query Grounding for Transformed Lives: Equality and Justice

### For the Meeting:

- How does our meeting benefit from established patterns of prejudice, exploitation and economic convenience? What are we doing to change this?
- How and how often does our meeting engage in a self-examination of its attitudes and actions regarding race, ability, gender, sexual orientation or class?
- What steps are we taking as a meeting to inform ourselves about social injustice and ecological violence embedded in our political and economic systems?
- What steps are we taking as a meeting to assure that our meeting and the committees and institutions under our care are respectful of the earth and its people?

### For the Individual:

- *Do I regularly examine myself for attitudes and behavior that indicate any hidden prejudice regarding race, gender, sexual orientation, disability or class?*
- *How do my lifestyle choices affect—positively or negatively—the causes of justice and peace in our nation, the community of nations and the whole of creation?*
- *How do I demonstrate in my way of living, and in what I teach my children, that love of God entails acknowledging “that of God in every person”?*

General Queries are taken from the newest version of PYM's Faith and Practice, available online.

## Aging Concerns - Age Friendly and our Responsibilities

One morning about a year ago, an email request came to several Western Quarter Friends. Help was needed to provide information and support for a Friend experiencing a sudden change in health. Through good fortune, enough Friends were online and knew of a variety resources and strategies to provide initial support. But what if those Friends in the know had not seen that email in such a timely manner? Was there a way to help Meetings and Friends be more in the know? A group formed to provide information about Aging Friendly resources, and wouldn't you know, *Faith and Practice* includes sections for Friends and the Meeting in its “Life Passages” section and points out that discussing what to do about the major life changes we will all face “simplifies the tasks others will need to undertake and spares others unnecessary pain and confusion.” In the coming months, Western Quarter's Aging Concerns Age Friendly group will share resources at gatherings, in conversation, in the newsletter, and via the Western Quarter website.

**Save the date!**  
**November 10 7-8:30pm**  
**Zoom with George Schaefer,**  
**PYM Care and Aging**  
**Coordinator**  
**resources available through**  
**PYM, Aging Assistance**  
**Granting Group,**  
**and Q&A**



## SUMMARY OF THE

### Western Quarterly Meeting Report on Historic Meeting Properties

by Mark Myers

The Western Quarter Meeting established an ad-hoc committee to evaluate the state of historic meeting houses under the care of the Quarter and affiliated Monthly Meetings. Historically a general pattern developed as meetings were laid down for the QM to assume the role of property oversight for the meeting buildings and burial grounds if no longer used as an active Monthly Meeting. In Western Quarter, we currently have eight active meeting houses, six historic meeting houses, five support buildings, and eighteen burial grounds under our collective Monthly and Quarterly Meeting care. There is a question of whether the laid down properties create a growing unfunded responsibility for the remaining active constituent meetings. If this responsibility remains or rises, the question must be addressed as to whether the QM needs to create a contingency reserve for laid down meeting house and burial ground care and/or a process for the transfer of these properties to non-Quaker ownership uses.

An ad-hoc property committee was appointed to bring to the QM an assessment of these questions. The committee focused on the historic meeting houses as properties with current relationships to either the QM or MM's. Those included Old Kennett, New West Grove, Colora, Parkersville (pictured), London Britain, and Pennsgrove.

The work outline was as follows:

- ◆ Meet with the local committee attending the meeting house to check how it is working.
- ◆ Inquire into the level of activity for the building.
- ◆ Ask about the overall maintenance needs of the building.
- ◆ Developed a visual impression of the building's exterior and interior.
- ◆ Observe any specific issues with the foundations, window frames and sashes, roof, and chimneys.
- ◆ Ask how much capital might be needed for immediate needs.
- ◆ Determine whether restricted endowments exist for future repairs.
- ◆ Consider what are options for this building for its care and best use.

An initial concern for the formation of this ad hoc committee was whether the laid down properties create a growing unfunded responsibility for the remaining active constituent meetings. Addressing that concern's possible financial needs were discussed with the local committee and estimates were made of the amounts needed for reserves.

All of the historic meeting houses have associated burial grounds. Although it was not in the initial charge, it was obvious that consideration of the burial grounds was important in resolving questions of the sites. In many cases, even though the meeting house was no longer used, there were currently burial sites being sold and burials taking place. Importantly for the future use or disposal of a historical

meeting house, consideration must be given to the associated obligations of the burial grounds.

#### Alternatives considered in the past:

Establishing laid down Quaker Meeting houses into museums is a recent practice. Traditionally Quakers held the spiritual gathering as sacred not the building containing the gathering. Hence one finds former meeting houses turned into residences, barns or other uses, and such is the case within Western Quarter.

#### Final Thoughts:

We were charged to answer the following: "There is a question of whether the laid down properties create a growing unfunded responsibility for the remaining active constituent meetings. If this responsibility remains or rises, the question must be addressed as to whether the QM needs to create a contingency reserve covering laid down meeting houses and burial ground care and/or a process for the transfer of these properties to non-Quaker ownership uses."

The immediate capital requirements of the historic meeting houses appear to be covered and their overall physical conditions are sound with the exception of New West Grove. Thus, there does not appear to be a need to use resources to create a Quarter capital reserve to cover risks of future maintenance needs beyond the funds currently associated with each facility. It is noted however that the capital coverage is thin and events such as storms, fire and vandalism could create immediate crises.

The recommendation to the Quarter is to focus on an active oversight management process with fully appointed meetinghouse committees and for scheduled assessment of the site conditions. It is also recommended that the Quarter establish an emergency fund that would be available for problem assessment and crisis management for unexpected events affecting the historic buildings and sites. The amount of that fund should be in the range of \$25,000. This fund would also be available as well for the planning and implementation of re-purposing of historic meeting houses and sites.

We have an issue of priorities. We have eight meeting-houses with active congregations. These meetings must care for their members, attract new members and play active roles in their communities. Quarter funds come from these bodies. We are challenged to find ways that our commitments to historic meeting houses assure our future.



## Memories of summer and Friends –2021



Tubing at MaryEtta Clendenin's (Kennett).  
—the first tubing event was in 1998! 23  
people came that day. We had about the  
same number in August!

Music at Centre Friends Meeting!



### Minutes of Western Quarterly Meeting 17 July, 2021 via Zoom 1:30pm

Bob Frye, Western Quarterly Meeting clerk, welcomed Friends. Twenty-seven Friends attended all or part of the meeting. Regrets were shared from tonya thames taylor, keynote speaker at Philadelphia Quarter's gathering, Ariana Langford, and Emma Parker Miller.

The clerk shared the **6<sup>th</sup>Query and Friends received the following responses:**

**Mill Creek Monthly Meeting** is frugal in its use of resources; for example, we have a composting toilet and a propane gas heater that is only used when we are present. All of our members help with seasonal cleaning and upkeep of the meetinghouse and its grounds, although some members are more consistent in their care of the outside maintenance of the property. Our community work currently includes support of the local Food Bank through cash and food donations. The meeting as a whole supports WQ and PYM through its quarterly covenant. We also support the Friends Journal with an annual subscription. About 50% of our income is from our members and the rest is from our investments in Friends Fiduciary.

**London Grove Monthly Meeting** - Friend Susanna Davison read aloud the sixth query from Faith and Practice- Nurturing Our Community-Stewardship of Resources. Friends continued in silent worship in considering the query. The first response came from a Friend who, having considered the ecological, economic and social justice aspects of the query, remarked about how consequences arise from the way those concerns play against one another. When society doesn't move to limit the impacts of climate change resulting from individual, as well as corporate decisions that effect conservation, it is the underprivileged strata of our society who end up shouldering the consequences. Within our Meeting, a working group on climate change continues to gather for the purpose of holding the concerns of climate change put forth by PYM. As that group continues to meet, they will be visiting ways the Meeting can respond locally as well as at a broader level in addressing the continued rise of Co2 on the planet. A second Friend had come to meeting this morning anticipating the query about Peace and Non-violence that actually will be the Seventh Month's query. This Friend recently has been reading a book titled Apeirogon, by author, Colum McCann, that is centered around a conflict versus peace theme told through a story of two families effected by tragedy resulting from the ongoing Israeli/Palestinian conflict. The insights the book has triggered for this Friend would have been right in line for a response to Seventh Month's query. Nevertheless, after some thought and having an ability to redirect, this Friend realized that those insights gained through reading this book, also could apply to the concerns

addressed in Sixth Month's query. The word apeirogon- the title of the book- relates to a geometric shape that has a countably infinite number of sides; the word is from the Greek language and means to be boundless. An apeirogon looks like a circle but its parts are straight lines. This Friend surmised that certainly, that same thing could be said about the issues surrounding the concern of climate change. With regards to climate change, all of us are complicit, all of us are responsible even for what has not yet been imagined. This Friend conjectured that the Meeting's informal, working group on Climate Change is certainly on a journey and may well find something it has not yet considered.

#### **Updates from MMs**

*Centre* will host a concert by Hoss/Boggs on August 14 Saturday at 6pm. The duo plays a wide range of music. Bring friends and a picnic to Centre Meeting!

*Crosslands* is now meeting in person for meeting for worship from 10-11am.

*Hockessin* has more and more friends meeting in person. Some attend via Zoom. Hockessin Friends are engaged in a process to come to a decision regarding the caretaker house. The process is formulated to bring in more objectivity rather than subjectivity in decision making. We will take up the Aging Concerns in August.

*Newark* is meeting during the summer at the London Britain Meeting House. We decided to meadowize part of the London Britain property to be more ecologically/environmentally responsible. Newark Friends will gather on August 13 at 5:30 for a picnic at Shelley Hastings. Friends across the quarter are welcome to join. Shelley's address is 270 Elbow Lane, Elkton, Maryland.

*London Grove* has engaged in the 21 day Racial Equity Challenge over 21 weeks to foster discussion and growth for Friends and the Meeting. The Climate Change Working Group is open to all those who are concerned about climate change and interested in discussing how, as a Meeting, we can respond to the challenges it presents us. Their efforts include education, leading by example, and advocacy. London Grove has installed a more environmentally-oriented heating, cooling, and air filtration system for the meeting house.

*Mill Creek* Meeting Friends are now vaccinated so all have returned to worship in the meeting house. Mask wearing is optional but encouraged especially with the appearance of COVID variants.

*New Garden* Meeting will meet the 1st Sunday in August!

*Kennett* Friends are meeting in person and with a hybrid option. Masks are not required and many are vaccinated. During the summer Kennett Friends worship at Old Kennett Meeting House on the final Sundays of the month.

**Aging Concerns Initiative** - The initiative to gather resources and focus on programing for a year on aging related needs, which the group has often noted may be relevant at any age, was presented at our 4th month meeting. Since then we have heard or received support from the initiative from Newark, Fallowfield, West Grove, Kendal, and London Grove Monthly Meetings.

*Crosslands* has an interest in the initiative. An attender at *Crosslands* has agreed to serve on the Aging Committee. She has experience working in a county office for the aging, and is very familiar with the issues. She could participate via zoom, but not in in-person meetings.

*Mill Creek* Friends see the need but at the moment no volunteer for service on the committee. They are very much in support of the initiative.

The clerk reminded us that members of the committee would liaise with multiple meetings and not just their own.

*Centre* Friends will take up the initiative at their next meeting for worship with attention to business in September. There does seem to be interest in and support of the initiative.

*Kennett* Meeting supports the initiative and Elaine Amoss and Debby Brumbaugh will serve as contacts for Kennett Meeting.

**The coordinator will organize a meeting of the Aging Concerns group probably for mid-August after a chance to meet with Hockessin Friends who will host the 10th month gathering of Western Quarter.** Friends suggested having an in-person meeting at the Friends Home, and tapping into expertise of the staff there as an additional way to connect Western Quarter Friends to the work of Friends Home. There are also resources and expertise available through PYM.

**Friends Home Report** - Christine McDonald, Director of Friends Home

Friends received the report. The full report is attached. Christine highlighted that the COVID close down was longer than initially expected. Friends Home did well until Dec. 10 when they had their first case. Now all residents vaccinated as are 80-85% of staff. Friends Home did some indoor and outdoor programs and trips; construction on updating areas will restart soon and provide greater ADA accessibility; and they hope to get more CNAs to support patients with physical needs; the Montessori program continues; they have a health and wellness initiative; a music program is up and running; staffing is the biggest challenge for Friends Home as it is for many other similar organizations. The staff level is safe for residents, but more staff would be ideal.

In response to questions, Christine shared that she is on the board of the Senior Center of Kennett and they hope to reopen soon, and Friends Home aims to strengthen and expand that connection.

The residents assistance program, the ability to provide financial aid to residents, provides peace of mind and comfort to the residents and so is immensely important. Most at Friends Home are of modest means.

Christine and Friends Home would love to connect with the Quarter's Aging Concerns committee, and have the Quarter visit and

have a gathering there.

**Friends expressed their appreciation of the report, the work of Friends Home, and Christine's work and joining with us today.**

### **Budget**

The proposed budget is attached. Bob Frye shared that work began on the budget a few months ago and has been reviewed by a gathering of Meeting treasurers and Support Committee. Bob directed our attention to the last four lines of the budget to note that it is essentially the same budget as for the past year. Much of our reduction in expenses is due to covid and some the change in insurance coverage. We reviewed the rest of the budget.

**Friends approved the budget with much thanks to Ariana for her work.**

The question of whether late covenants were the cause of the budget deficit arose. The answer is no.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Stan Glowiak opened his report with a brief explanation that the deficits in the budget are covered by funds in the checking account. With the wisdom of Linell McCurry, PYM's Associate Secretary of Business and Finance, Western Quarter maintains 6 months of reserves in the checking account.

The Income and Expenses report for the 4th quarter is available upon request.

SUMMARY: All ten Monthly Meetings of Western Quarter have given 100% financially of what they budgeted for PYM and WQM Covenant during WQM's fiscal year 2020-2021 (FY2021).

Thank you!

Nine of ten Meetings gave this fiscal year what they gave last fiscal year despite the difficulties presented by the Covid-19 pandemic and despite missing in-person Meetings for Worship and other activities.

\$124,648 was given and passed on to PYM. \$33,659 was given and used for WQM expenses.

No money was spent from Section 700 Quarterly Meeting Sessions and Section 826 Youth Programs this past fiscal year.

We did however have child and intergenerational activities via Zoom thanks to Claire Taylor's efforts and presentations before she resigned in April.

Deb Wood has been indispensable as Office coordinator scheduling and hosting Zoom meetings.

Also, Payroll Expense finished almost \$1,300 below budget.

Newsletter and Office Expenses were significantly below budget despite increases in areas such as Telephone and Internet, Website and Domain hosting.

As a result, instead of an expected \$7,795 hit on our cash reserves in checking and/or other assets, WQM's net revenue was only \$870.50 short of balancing the fiscal year's budget.

Regarding Line 998 Fallowfield Orthodox Burial Ground Maintenance:

Line 998 includes the \$650 expense incurred for 13 mowings through last summer, fall, and this spring.

The Friends Fiduciary December 2020 and June 2021 distributions for its account with FFC are included in line 360 Distributions Restricted.

When subtracting the \$207.90 in December and the \$211.86 in June from \$650 paid by WQM, only \$230.24 was used from the \$500 in the WQM budget.

$650 - 207.90 = 442.10 - 211.86 = 230.24$  from WQM's budget

A Fiscal Year 2021 Final Year End Report will be presented along with a Balance Sheet/Statement of Financial Position from Quickbooks showing our financial responsibility at the October Quarterly Meeting.

Unfortunately, The official Friends Fiduciary Quarterly Statement for June 30 did not arrive by US mail until yesterday, July 17. This has been happening often in recent years.

While Friends Fiduciary online is available with information, when using FFC's system and looking at an account with eight sub-accounts it can be time consuming and difficult transferring the information on the internet to others, namely bookkeepers, who may not be Quakers, are not aware of, or familiar with, Quaker organization and process and do not have access to Friends Fiduciary on line.

Finally, Quarterly Meeting comes very close to the 4th of July holiday especially in years when the 4th is at the end or the beginning of the week and people take extra days away from work.

The slower summer months can give perspective to the fiscal picture of the past fiscal year. We'll finish this in October.

**Friends received the report and thanked Stan for his work.**

### **Nominating Committee**

Shelley Hastings gave the report for Nominating Committee. Other members of the committee are Karen Halstead, Margaret Walton, Bob Frye, Sarah Kastriner, Carol Bernard, and the coordinator.

Nominating Committee brings forth **Margaret Walton to begin at the close of this meeting a year's service as assistant clerk,**

and two years as clerk from the 7th month 2022 meeting of the quarter.

For the treasurer role, **Stan Glowiak has agreed to continue in the role of treasurer until 10th month 2021. Ariana Langford has agreed to serve as treasurer from 10th month, 2021 to third month 2022. Starting in third month 2022, Bob Frye will begin working with Ariana as co-treasurers.** They will also begin to work on ways and structures to simplify the quarter's finances and the role of treasurer.

Friends approved these nominations with gratitude, excitement, and blessings for the service these Friends provide.

#### **Quarterly Meeting Hosting Schedule and Format**

The coordinator shared a draft schedule for hosting Quarterly Meetings from 1st month 2023 - 1st month 2025. The draft schedule is attached. Feedback is welcome.

*Do note that a host Meeting could host at an alternate location such as Friends Home.*

*What format(s) should we utilize going forward to meet our community needs?*

Friends have found the virtual format for committee meetings to be very positive, noting the savings on travel time, and the more positive impact of virtual meetings on the environment. **We will continue with committee meetings online.**

**Quarterly gatherings should be left to host Meetings abilities. Friends hoped that meeting for worship and meeting for worship with attention to business can be in-person, and that we make all decisions with a concern for the health of our membership.**

The meeting closed with a period of worship.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Wood, coordinator, for tonya thames taylor, recording clerk

#### **DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business of the Support Committee of Western Quarterly Meeting held on 132 September, 2021 via ZOOM 3:00pm**

**Note: the minutes and reports are also available on our website <http://westernquarterquakers.org/business-meeting-info/>**

**Present:** Ruth Thompson, Bob Frye, Mark Myers, Margaret Walton (LG), Larry Flood (Cr), Karen Halstead (NG), David Elder (KD), Stan GLOWIAK (C), Carol Bernard, Dick Logan, Emma Parker-Miller, David Kee (H), Shelley Hastings (N) Regrets: Ariana Langford (N), tonya thames taylor (F), and Mary Sproat (WG)

We opened with a period of worship.

#### **Updates from Monthly Meetings**

*Crosslands* - has met in person for a few months; a few returned with in person worship and a few prefer Zoom. They had a partial COVID closure recently. They will have meeting for business next week. *Hockessin* - is meeting outside for in-person worship and has worship available over Zoom. They had a wonderful memorial meeting for long-time member Steve Spangler and have a memorial for another Friend on Oct 3. They are laboring over next steps for the caretaker property next to the meeting house, and are soliciting bids for renovation work. They have a ZOOM event as part of Delaware Peace Week - Creating Peace through Climate Action: Empowering Conversations 10am on Oct 2. Friends are welcome! They also have a bazaar on October 9.

*London Grove* - meets alternately indoors and outdoors and always with a Zoom option. There is a mask mandate indoors. The meeting is adjusting to life without Ed Paschall who recently passed. We just completed installation of a heating and air system to lower the meeting's carbon footprint. The Climate Change group is researching a solar system.

*Kendal* - Continues to worship and meet over Zoom in order to maintain a way to join with those in COVID closures. In August we had two meetings for sharing concerns and feelings regarding climate crises and refugee crises.

*New Garden* - met for worship in August. Our next meeting for business is October 3rd. We are a small group.

*Newark* - We are meeting at London Britain for as long as the weather makes it possible. We meet there on Wednesday evenings as well. There is some concern for AFSC not giving equal treatment to Israel, and so the Meeting is reading *Son of Hamas*.

*Centre* - had a successful pork roast for the Bryant Foundation in Haiti and their work with special needs children. We are continuing with hybrid meetings. We did hold the outdoor concert, and have started discussion of the Aging Concerns proposal.

#### **Property Committee Preview of Report on Historic Properties – Mark Myers**

There are 10 active meetings and not all have meetinghouses - Kendal, Crosslands, and Newark. There are 6 historical meeting houses, 5 associated buildings, and 18 burial grounds. Mary Sproat is on a lot of the oversight committees for these properties. Our process was to meet the local committees, view the property, and discuss needed work on the building(s) and grounds, immediate capital needs, and endowments to care for the property. See the attached draft report for a summary of the committee's work at each site.

We were reminded that the charge to this committee was to determine if the properties create a growing unfunded responsibility on the Quarter's finances. There is not an immediate demand for funds and only one property was in dire need of repair.

**The committee recommends that there be a Quarter fund for emergencies and/or repurposing some of the meeting proper-**

**ties and active committees to assess the properties.** Our monthly meetings have 8 active houses of worship to maintain, and the health and growth of our active meetings should be a top priority.

#### *Discussion and Questions*

Friends thanked the committee for their work.

There seem to be 4-5 things to take up to be pro-active, for example formalizing that New West Grove should not have any activities. West Grove needs to be part of that conversation.

Newark should consider taking up ownership of London Britain.

The ultimate financial needs may be on Western Quarter even if a monthly meeting has a relationship with one of the historic properties.

The committee clerk and Quarter clerk plan to talk prior to our 10th month meeting.

What would happen if we stepped away from Colora? Would Deer Creek or Oxford take it up?

Oxford is closer but Deer Creek is more active.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Stan Glowiak**

Summer months are the slow time of the fiscal year. Only two Covenant check deposits were made in August (as usual during July and August months). Thanks again Kendal and Hockessin!

No expenditures were made out of the ordinary.

If any Monthly Meetings have made changes over the summer months to their Covenant amounts budgeted for WQM and/or PYM please have the treasurer or clerk let the Quarter know as soon as you can so we can update our bookkeeping files.

We have begun work on transition to new treasurer with Ariana; Stan will give yearly report FY 2021 and 1st quarter of FY 2022

At 10th month meeting we should approve a minute for signatory agreement on the Citadel account and one for Friends Fiduciary.

There should be three names. Four possibilities were discussed: treasurer, assistant treasurer, someone from finance committee, and the clerk.

#### **Aging Concerns Committee – Update – Deb Wood**

Stan Glowiak shared that Centre supports the recommendations brought forth in 4th and 7th month and would like to be sure we are not duplicating resources that already exist at the Yearly Meeting and government agencies. They do not yet have a representative but do have someone who may be interested. The committee met in August to review accumulated resources and generate more topics of interest. The group also began to plan for the program at October's quarterly gathering. Christine McDonald will present.

**The committee is interested in hearing from Friends what needs and resources they think the Quarter is best able to provide**, such as being a keeper of documents such as the Last Wishes form used by Newark MM. George Schaefer, PYM Care and Aging Coordinator, will retire the end of December. Concord Quarter's Aging Concerns Committee is planning a session with him in November and Western Quarter Friends will be invited. We will meet again on September 23 at 7:30pm. Friends are welcome to join.

#### **Quarterly Meeting at Hockessin – Deb Wood**

Program Details - Christine McDonald of Friends Home in Kennett will give a presentation titled "Providing Community: Being Part of Something Greater than Themselves." That will be at 9:30am. This is the first program that the Aging Concerns Committee will organize for quarterly gatherings. Christine is comfortable presenting in-person or virtually.

Our Friends from Hockessin shared the current parameters for gatherings at Hockessin Meeting and noted that either everything should be in-person or all virtual. There are not the logistics for a hybrid gathering if there are 40-50 people present as in past Quarterly Meetings. Noting that not all are comfortable with in-person gatherings, we found unity on having a fully virtual event for the 19th month gathering.

Tentative Agenda for meeting for worship with attention to business

Aging Concerns - update from our Sept. 23 gathering; sharing resources

Property report and next steps

Annual financial report and first quarter 2022 report

There may be annual reports for Parkersville and Fallowfield Orthodox burial ground.

**Next meeting of Support Committee will be on 14 November, 2021 at 3:00 pm with the expectation that we will focus on actions to follow up on the historic properties report. We may need 12 December as well.**

**The Next Quarterly Meeting will be 16 January, 2022 at London Grove with focus on the 10th Query. We closed with a period of worship.**

Respectfully submitted, Deb Wood, coordinator, for tonya thame taylor, WQ Recording Clerk

**To read the complete Minutes, and the Minutes from the WQM Support Committee Meetings, please visit our Business Resources page online: <http://westernquarterquakers.org/business-meeting-info/>**