



Minutes

Support Committee of Western Quarterly Meeting

12 June 2022 3:00pm via Zoom

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Present - David Elder, Judy Hinds, Sandy Howze (KDL), Ariana Langford and Shelley Hastings (N), Karen Halstead and Nancy Pratt (NG) Margaret Walton and Kim Brosnan-Myers (LG), Mary Sproat (WG), and Deb Wood, coordinator

We centered into a time of worship so as to do our business with guidance from spirit.

Updates from Monthly Meetings

Kendal is working through its shift to hybrid meetings; John Marquette, a Resource Friend from PYM helped with an OWL device and they are testing different locations at Kendal; the meeting will also host Bridget Moix, Executive Secretary for FCNL, on June 27 in a hybrid format; the in-person meet and greet will be at the Kendal Farmhouse, the topic is advocating for peace in a time of war. *Newark* had a birthday party for Ruth Thompson who recently turned 103! Ruth shared about her family and some history of London Britain Meeting, Newark's summer home; business meeting is next week and Newark will have a social gathering for July/August; may do some rearranging of positions and personnel at Newark as nominating committee begins its work.

New Garden - Friends met recently for business meeting, one project is working on dead tree removal in the cemetery.

West Grove - we are working on getting in person attendance up; Eggers is meeting by Zoom, and despite the large meeting room, many are still cautious to return to in-person because of COVID.

London Grove -had Children's Day today; a young family at the London Grove preschool has come regularly and has spurred a weekly program for children; there is also an adult class led by Donald La Branche the current topic is peace,

and resonates with the meeting's recent connections with Mennonite Central Committee for support work with refugees in/from Ukraine.

Proposed Budget

The finance committee met Wednesday evening to go over FY 2023. The treasurer presented an overview of last year's budget and this year's. She answered questions. One item for future consideration would be what tech supports best allow us to have hybrid meetings at meetings without much technology.

The Quarter has often approved deficit budgets, but have not often needed to use reserves even when anticipated.

Historic Properties

Many on the committee visited Colora Meeting House in early May. The exterior of the building was in good shape for a nearly 200 year old building. The family has maintained the property well but there is little left to cover future maintenance. The floor is not the soundest but we were not able to get in to the building. There is a small burial ground on the lot which has some trees growing amongst the markers. Two of us did manage to meet Steve Balderston and get a new phone number for him. We hope to get a set of keys to the meeting house from him and we also clarified that the building deeds are held by Friends Fiduciary but they have no responsibility for care and maintenance.

Parkersville Meeting House is the next we will focus on. There has often been a meeting for worship there in September, but nothing has been scheduled yet. At London Britain the privy roof is being replaced; the windows' weights were restrung; and one window needs repair.

There have been no payments from the designated funds.

Aging Concerns Committee – Update

The committee requests approval for \$100 thank you contribution to Kendal-Crosslands Resident Assistance Fund in appreciation of Sarah Matas's presentation.

Friends approved.

A small group has worked with Friends from Concord Quarter on 7th month's Joint Quarterly Meeting.

Joint Quarterly Meeting 17 July at Westtown – (Deb)

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125 W. Sickle Street
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Friends may come in person or online. We will use the Westtown MM Zoom link. Yearly Meeting staff will help with in-person children's program.

There will be a hymn sing at 10:10, worship from 10:30-11:15 with brief announcements to follow. Programs at 11:45 and Western Quarter's meeting for business will be at 1:30.

There are two 11:45 program options. In-person and online will be a presentation by Dr. Mary Ann Ost on nutrition and brain health. The other will be a walk through the campus woods in search of edibles. Gwynne Ormsby of Birmingham Meeting is a retired horticulturalist and will be the edibles expert. Both programs, and especially the walk, are designed to be intergenerational.

We will share responses to Query 4.

Announcements

Support Committee will meet next on Sept. 18.

Homeville Meeting House will be open for worship on August 28 at 2pm.

Historic Properties will meet at 3:00 on June 19 via Zoom.

Aging Concerns is scheduled to meet on Monday, June 27. As it is the same night as the session with Bridget Moix with FCNL, the coordinator will poll members to see if there is another night to meet.

Saturday, June 25 is PhYM Workshop Saturday - there are 5 online workshops to choose from.

July 26-31 -is PhYM Annual Sessions - most events are virtual.

We settled again into worship.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Wood, coordinator