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Kennett Friends Meetinghouse
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Agenda for Meeting for worship with attention to business
21 April, 2024 at West Grove Monthly Meeting

Opening Worship
Responses to the 3rd Query
Treasurer's Report
Western Quarter, Inc Meeting
London Britain Meetinghouse Annual Report
Parkersville Meetinghouse Annual Report
Honorarium for speaker
Thank you minute for Hockessin

Upcoming Schedule:

21 July, 2024—Kennett - 6th Query — Joint Quarter at West Chester Meeting
19-20 October, 2024—Kendal - 9th Query
19 January, 2025—Fallowfield, 10th query

It is time for a new host meeting rotation! The coordinator will reach out to current host meetings to begin drafting the schedule.

*Support Committee typically meets 2nd Sunday in month prior to Western Quarterly Meeting
**Historic Properties typically meets 3rd Sunday when there is not Western Quarterly Meeting

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Parkersville Finances as of 12/31/2023

INCOME

Friends Fiduciary Corp.	\$ 1,789.01	\$ 1,789.01
Property	\$1,044.31	
Bequest	\$ 744.70	
Payments for grave spaces		\$ 2,000.00
Donations		\$ 1,600.00
Total Income		\$ 5,389.01

EXPENSES

Tree work		\$ 2,265.50
Painting		2,900.00
Mowing		<u>1,530.00</u>
Total Expenses		\$ 6,695.50

Account balances	a/o 12/31/2023	
Checking account		\$ 23,345.01
Money Market		<u>\$ 32,336.43</u>
		\$ 55,681.44

Tree work by Rickerman Tree Service included removing two trees in bad condition from the property.

All of the exterior wood was painted.

One of the posts holding up the gate needs to be repaired but is on the list of Matthew Roberson to do.

Only one payment from Friends Fiduciary was received in 2023.

Western Quarterly Meeting

London Britain Meetinghouse
Annual Report for 2023

February, 2024

Friends held meetings for worship at the London Britain Meetinghouse this summer and early fall, with the exception of the Zoom monthly business meetings of Newark Monthly Meeting. The wearing of masks during meeting for worship was optional this year, although most Newark Friends continued to wear a mask during meeting. Weekly meetings for worship were held on Sundays from 10:30 to 11:30 am. The Wednesday evening meetings for worship held in previous years were not active in 2023.

An art show was held again at the London Britain Meetinghouse on August 13, 2023, in honor of Ruth Thompson of London Grove Meeting, since the show had been inactive for several years.

The business of the London Britain Property Committee was conducted by email in 2023, with the exception of one in-person meeting in November. The primary issues addressed were as follows:

Maintenance and repair:

- Chris Horrocks completed the repair of the sash windows, and an east window frame this year. He also replaced gutter hangers and adjusted the front gutter so it would function properly.
- Trish Norton constructed a new frame for the permanent sign at the London Britain Meetinghouse, because the previous sign frame had deteriorated.
- Lily Grosso redid the lettering on the permanent sign.
- The grass was well maintained during the year.
- Limited grounds work, such as weeding and tree pruning, was done by Friends and the mowing crew last year. We still don't have anyone engaged to provide this service.
- Rickerman Tree Service removed a dead spruce tree in the NE corner of the property, and the dead tops of two trees near the north fence.
- Few Spotted lanternflies were seen on the property this year, so Lanternfly traps were not placed on the three red maples in front of the meetinghouse.
- Tri State Pest Management, Inc. inspected the meetinghouse for insect pests, and found no problems.
- A rented portable toilet was used instead of the composting toilet.

Graveyard:

- No plots in the London Britain Graveyard were purchased in 2023.
- The digital plot plan of the London Britain Graveyard was updated and corrected, following an inspection of the markers in the London Britain Graveyard, and some of the old images of headstones available in <https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2244049/london-britain-friends-burial-ground>, in the winter of 2022. This updated plot plan was provided to The Friends Historical Library in Swarthmore.

We remain very careful in the management of the funds available for the graveyard and meetinghouse

Mike McDowell
London Britain Property Committee

London Britain financial report for 2023

Beginning Balance		\$4,807.12
Income:		
Fiduciary	December 2022 (deposited Jan. 2023)	2,933.84
Fiduciary	July	<u>2,941.85</u>
		5,875.69
Expenses:		
Mondragon	(grass mowing)	2,146.50
Rickerman Tree Service		1,195.00
Trish Norton	(permanent sign, frame construction)	750.00
Chris Horrocks	(window sashes, window frame, gutter repair)	1,350.00
Tri-State Pest Management	(termite inspection)	175.00
Total expenses:		\$5,616.50
Ending Balance:		\$5,066.31

The Last statement I have was from 9/30/21, and the London Britain Burial Fund had a market value of \$162,788.08. S.H.