



## Minutes of Western Quarterly Meeting Support Committee

The Western Quarter Support Committee met September 15, 2024 on Zoom. Present were Clerk Margaret Walton (London Grove), Co-ordinator Deb Wood, Dick Logan (Hockessin), Judy Hinds (Kendal), Bob Frye (London Grove), Ariana Langford (Newark), Karen Halstead (New Garden), tonya thames taylor (Fallowfield), David Nuttall, and Mary Sproat (West Grove).

The Meeting opened with worship to focus ourselves on the work at hand.

**Meeting updates:** Kennett Meeting has hired a co-ordinator who will work 8-10 hours per week; Deb has met with her. On 10/18 the Meeting will present a music ministry program. Hockessin - The house renovations are completed and it is for rent for a rental slightly below the average of the surrounding community. The rest of the property around the house will hopefully become a nature preserve.

Newark - The Meeting hosted a successful art show at London Britain Meetinghouse. They have recently had guests, some of whom have attended more than once.

West Grove - The termite inspection of two weeks ago at New West Grove showed no activity in the baits. The next inspection will be in 6 months. A new series of history talks is planned for Fall.

London Grove - A program to remember the Penn White Oak that fell one year ago is planned for next Sunday; Friends are invited. First Day School teachers are being trained for Godly Play. The Meeting has changed its clerking model to have co-clerks who split the duties. All adjusters have reported on the Summer storm damage when a tree fell on the Meetinghouse, so repairs can finally start on the roof structure, plaster, and ac/heating unit. Insurance will cover most costs.

New Garden - The property lines have been surveyed but a separate survey is needed for the burying ground only.

Kendal - Kendal Meeting has 2 new members. They approved a traveling minute for Judy to Camden, DE to give her presentation on Werner Mifflin to Southern Quarterly Meeting. She invited all to Quarterly Meeting in October, when Kendal hosts.

**Audit:** Bob Frye reported on his audit of Quarterly Meeting funds, completed on 9/11/2024, as follows: "Fiscal Year end 6/30/2024  
The Citadel Checking, Money Market, and Savings accounts for FY 2024 were reviewed and all are in good order.

The Citadel credit card account transactions for FY 2024 were reviewed and all are in good order.

The investment accounts held at Friends Fiduciary were reviewed for FY 2024 and all are in good order.

A review of the payroll tax reports for FY 2024 was conducted and all are in good order.

The Treasurer's reports for FY 2024 were reviewed and all are in good order.

(S) Robert Frye, London Grove Monthly Meeting"

Bob further stated that this is the first year with no outside bookkeeper and it worked well. The auditor now has access to the Citadel and Friends Fiduciary accounts and the system works well. Online invoicing of vendors is now done and the auditor is cc'd on all transactions. The



new auditor can choose to have such access. As Bob is one of the new London Grove co-Clerks, he is stepping away from this audit work.

Bob's report and his service to the Quarter were accepted with gratitude. Someone will be needed to continue in this position. Preparation of the budget is another job that can be handled by someone else.

**Nominating News:** The Quarter needs a new Assistant Treasurer to help manage the accounts, do the annual audit, and prepare the budget. As stated before, the budget preparation can be done by a separate person.

For PhYM, a minute is necessary for Deb to serve on the YM Nominating Council as a volunteer without being compensated by the Quarter for her time doing so. Deb expressed her willingness to serve on the Council. The YM General Secretary is double-checking that this will be sufficient to meet YM's legal requirement for having only volunteers on a volunteer committee. Friends approved Deb's volunteering to serve on PhYM Nominating Council without being compensated by Western Quarter for her time doing so. Deb will write a minute so stating that will be considered at October Quarterly Meeting.

**Properties:** London Britain - Ariana reported that they have met with the envelope specialist and now know that there are problems with both chimneys, so the committee is still working on determining the most important needs.

Parkersville - The Annual Meeting was held last First Day with 12 in attendance. After an acceptable Meeting for Worship, a time of fellowship was enjoyed by all. A section of the burying ground wall needs to be rebuilt.

Colora - Deb asked Steve Balderston for the information that we need to know about finances, etc. Steve will put the information together for our use.

Deb reported that YM staff has discussed the practical issues of letting go of property, and can put some resources together but must have a written request with a description of the problem to do so.

**October Quarterly Meeting:** Judy invited us to Kendal for Quarterly Meeting and reviewed the agenda. There will be a lifeguard in the pool until noon for the use of the children. The program will be presented by Jordan Landes, Curator of Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore College. The subject will be George Fox's 400th birthday, and will include a tribute to James Hazard, a faithful volunteer at FHL for many years. There are options for attenders to see some special Kendal places after the Meeting. The business meeting will take place after lunch.

Fallowfield is scheduled to host in January 2025. tonya was asked to discuss the AFSC programs that she has participated in but she will ask Fallowfield Friends if they have any ideas for a program.

The schedule for future Quarterly Meeting hosts was reviewed.

Deb reviewed news from the YM Ecojustice Collaborative, asking Meetings what they have done in that area over the last 6 months. There will be a Threshing Session on a Benchmark for Carbon Neutrality on Oct. 29 at 7 PM on Zoom. A proposed benchmark for our witness to address climate change will be on the agenda at Fall Continuing Sessions in November. Goals are to measure the carbon footprint of YM operations, gatherings, and

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facilities; to identify how the YM could be carbon net zero by 2030; and to invite monthly meetings to strive to reach 50% carbon reduction for members and Meetings by 2030.

Judy introduced us to the book *A Tender Time: Quaker Voices in the End of Life*, by a Sandy Spring, Baltimore YM member. The book emphasizes that this is a time of Growth! Deb will add information about it to the next newsletter. Various possibilities for discussion topics were mentioned.

The Meeting closed with a period of worship.

Margaret I. Walton, Clerk  
Mary M. Sproat, Recording Clerk