



MINUTES for 2026-06-10 Support Committee Meeting  
of Western Quarterly Meeting

Via Zoom 3pm - Support Committee Link

Present: Teal Rickerman (MC), Carol Lorah Bland, Dave Park, and Jim Nelson (Kennett), Margaret Walton and Karen Conlan (LG), Karen Halstead (NG), tonya thames taylor (FF), Shelley Hastings (N), Stan Glowiak (Centre)

Regrets: Mary Sproat (WG), Dick Logan (H)

Opening Worship

**Budget - draft discussion FY 2027**

The treasurer shared a draft of the budget. Income based on same interest earnings and same covenant contributions from monthly meetings in Western Quarter. She expects we will run a deficit.

Do we want to encourage individual donations?

Do we solicit through monthly meetings? Emailing who we have emails for?

*Let's have a more thoughtful discussion of this in the future.*

Can we reduce Google/web, etc?

Can we get rid of PO Box?

We will double check insurance coverage.

Friends noted that in recent years we have not used the travel and staff development lines.

Karen Conaln will send the budget to Deb and Karen will send around to monthly meeting treasurers.

**Updates from Monthly Meetings**

Centre - new clerk learning the ropes; discussing charitable contributions, and new website development

Fallowfield - is not fallow at all; work and activity is going through People's Hall which Fallowfield Meeting has long had a mutual relationship with; working on a regular opening schedule for Sunday worship; regular worship is 6-7 people, we have many more members on the books; We have a program on Frederick Douglass on June 22 at People's Hall.

Kennett- helping with tours of Old Kennett meeting; discussing privacy and keeping committee and member information more private;



Friends Fund for Immigrant Support has given out over \$23,000 this year and has received contributions;

London Grove - scheduling more potluck fellowships; Juneteenth pamphlet reading at 7pm on Monday; adult FDS shared summer reading ideas and generated much lively discussion; doing a rainwater study to keep rainwater on the gardens, solar panel process continues

Mill Creek - clerk and recording clerk moved to Pittsburg and are transferring their membership; Tom is our new clerk; we are small; most of the work of the meeting is being done by one person; visitors are welcome

Newark - we had a homeless man took us a month to help him move on; Chester County Police helped him pack and took him to Delaware; we participated in Newark community day and have gotten visitors

New Garden - met with New Garden Township key figures to tour property as part of their process to envision and determine the future of the property; NGMM members are also considering a trust and they have an offer of purchase; working on making a vision/mission statement to help guide their decisions

West Grove - the quarter clerk, Jim Nelson, shared that he had a wonderful visit a few weeks before and also took the opportunity to visit nearby New West Grove Meetinghouse where he saw the damage from the termites

### **Historic Properties:**

Colora Meetinghouse property: some history: two and a half years ago West Grove asked Western Quarter to take on the care of the Colora Property- we tentatively agreed pending clear title; the title search came back -- it is held by Friends Fiduciary; title will need to change from Friends Fiduciary to Western Quarter; the Historic Properties Committee recommends we sell the property.

Support Committee should talk some about the process and what is needed to prepare Friends in Western Quarter to understand the recommendation from Historic Properties, and the process for discernment by the Quarter.

New Garden -- will likely lay itself down in the coming months; they have had a preliminary meeting with a lawyer about what an independent trust might look like to care for the burial ground and meetinghouse; I have made some phone calls on their behalf to New Garden Township staff to see if there is interest in the township getting ownership/management of the

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property. (There is.)



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There are several other aspects about laying down New Garden Meeting that will have implications for the quarter and likely need the involvement from Western Quarter.

We raised the following questions/queries in our discussion:

*What is the promise of "forever" – in terms of burial grounds and our care of them?*

*How do we care for our people and properties?*

*Is there a role for the quarter to provide more support for smaller meetings?*

*Should we have a visitation schedule from larger meetings to smaller meetings?*

*What are people looking for that we don't have?*

*Not enough anonymity? Too much exuberant connection?*

*The personal ask/invite is the most effective tool to get people in the door.*

Mill Creek is open this coming Sunday!! And early July.

Next Support Committee Meeting will be on September 20 and will likely include Historic Properties committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Wood, coordinator

To be picked up at July meeting for business:

**Minute of Appreciation for Hockessin Friends Meeting - for editing and approval**

WQM minutes its gratitude and appreciation to all members and attenders of Hockessin Friends meeting who helped host the April 2026 Quarterly meeting. QM visitors enjoyed Hockessin's pre-worship fellowship coffee. The all-ages worship included a dynamic reading of Dr. Seuss' *Horton Hears a Who*. The children then had a program about finding God in nature while the adults participated in communal committee discussions. WQM visitors found the small group discussions very valuable, enjoyable, helpful and enlightening. The discussions produced a lot of information sharing and cooperation. The extensive and delicious luncheon buffet, including a build-your-own taco bar with visiting meeting members contributing side



dishes and desserts, ensured that everyone was satisfied and ready to take on the business of the Quarter after the meal.

### **Minute of Appreciation for Margaret Walton - for editing and approval**

Western Quarter minutes their appreciation for the service of Margaret Walton. Margaret formally began her clerkship of Western Quarter in the spring of 2023. She was serving on the nominating committee for the quarter, and heard the Support Committee's assessment that she had the skills and character needed by the quarter in that moment. Margaret opened our meetings with an invitation to join with Spirit as we engaged in work for and in support of Western Quarter Meetings and Friends. She skillfully managed our time and attention to topics under discussion during our meetings. For three years, she served as clerk while frequently having a hand in the children's programming as well. Her personal outreach and invitations to Friends to come to quarterly meetings, brought many to our gatherings. Thank thee, Friend Margaret, for your care of the quarter.

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **PYM Friendly Experiment Schedule**

June 14 7pm - Children's Religious Education  
June 15 5:30 pm - Finance and Property  
June 17 1:00pm Pastoral Care  
June 18 5:30pm Adult Religious Ed  
June 22 5:30pm Spirit in Action  
June 25 5:30pm Events

#### **WQM Pamphlet Read**

June 15 7pm - London Grove and Virtual  
June 28 9am - worship at Old Kennett  
*July 19 - Joint Quarter - worship 10am - program - lunch - WQ business*  
*July 22-26 PYM Annual Sessions at Cheyney - Monthly Meeting tickets! - participate from your meetinghouse*