



Agenda Support Committee and Historic Property Committee
of WQM
Held Via Zoom

Jim Nelson, David Park, Karen Halstead, Margaret Walton, Dick Logan,
Shelley Hastings, Stan Glowiak, David Nuttall, Deb Wood

We began with a period of worship.

Historic Property

Meetinghouse updates:

Colora - Jim Nelson and David Park both visited Colora in the past weeks; the grounds and setting are lovely, the burial ground in good shape, the building less so.

Deb had a few conversations with Steve Balderston since the end of July. Deb shared Western Quarter's decisions in July 2026 about Colora Meetinghouse. Steve is hesitant to put the property in his name. Deb also shared that the property may appeal to cemetery associations in the area.

London Britain - 4 trees came down in summer storms; someone is working on cleaning them up. There was no damage to the meetinghouse.

Burial Ground Updates

Deb spent some time researching records for Colora and Fallowfield connected burial grounds. There is some confusion about the number and locations of the burial grounds under Fallowfield's care.

The 2019 Property report led by Mark Myers and Sarah Kastriner lists a Doe Run burial ground on Doe Run Road off Strasburg Road. Other records indicate a Doe Run/Derry/Londonderry burial ground near Cochranville, PA.

Deb attended a workshop at annual sessions on burial grounds and will share about that at the upcoming WQ committee themed night in October.

Friends shared two groups that may be of interest and assistance: Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites - <https://cpmbbs.org/> and Chesapeake Search dogs - <https://chesapeakesearchdogs.org/>. The latter may be able to help locate unmarked gravesites in our burial grounds.



Support Committee

John Woolman Traveling Ministers Grant application -

We received a request to cover part of the funds needed for the expenses of the Park family to attend Friends General Conference in 2026.

We confirmed that we have sufficient funds.

Friends approved the request.

The coordinator will follow up with the treasurer to arrange payment of the grant request.

Updates from Monthly Meetings

London Grove - friends celebrated the London Grove Oak tree today. We are also doing a Quakerism 101 course.

New families are often kindergarten connected, and there is a commitment from adults to take care of child(ren) during any programming for adults.

The meeting invites, with very direct invitations, the kindergarten community to big events.

Old Kennett - apparently there was no Hessians involved in Revolutionary War skirmishes at Old Kennett Meetinghouse. It is possible that Hessians and other soldiers involved in nearby skirmishes may be in the burial ground there.

Hockessin - is revamping its strategic plan; using queries to address key issues and goals – we have much so far on outreach; sorting and refinement lies ahead.

We have also have always been working on a laying-down-the-meeting-process in case it is ever needed.

Newark - new regular attender 4 kids paid FDS teacher;

Next week crossing street for tour of old tavern and property across the street from LBMH – World Quaker Day next week

Sometimes 20 people sometimes 9 people and a snake
Centre - is having much difficult discernment about meeting funds; the conversation started around peace and social concerns committee leading to a trustees session – much discussion and disagreement; resolve budget of PSC before doing budget for coming year; who does money get shared with and signs on premises who gets to say who we are

Kennett - raised about \$5 thousand in mushroom festival parking fundraising; they also had a wonderful potluck breakfast this morning!

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New Garden - discussions continue about deciding the future of the meeting and the property; the long attachment to the meeting and its insular community make this a challenging transition. Collecting some oral histories and memories from members may help.

Upcoming WQ events: quarterly meeting at West Grove, October 18
Program on Ann Preston, worship, potluck, and meeting for business
Children's programming is in planning.
West Grove will provide main dishes, please bring sides.

Pamphlet read - WQ is tomorrow evening; and PYM has arranged one in October,

WQ committee nights - October 5 - religious education
October 6 - witness and social concerns
October 13 - pastoral care
October 14 - property

We closed with a period of worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Wood, coordinator