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Business Meeting was held at Kennett Friends Meeting. After Meeting for Worship followed by brief introductions, Friends conducted the business of Western Quarterly Meeting in a spirit of worship and fellowship. Wright Horne, of Hockessin Meeting and Co-Clerk of Western Quarterly Meeting, presided. *To obtain copies of materials listed here, please contact us at coordinator@westernquarterquakers.org.*

An asterisk * indicates need for further future follow-up.

- 13-1 Friends shared stories of life and vitality within our different Monthly Meetings after a period of un-programmed worship. Friends spoke to their Meetings' outreach efforts, to the ebb and flow of first day school leadership or participation, to the study of other religions, and to thinking about the future through strategic plans.
- 13-2 Friends received and accepted reports from Penns Grove Property Committee, Outreach Committee, and from our Treasurer.
- 13-3 Friends expressed a great deal of appreciation for our Treasurer's work. Also, our Coordinator, Zachary Dutton of Wilmington Friends Meeting, gave a report. Friends remarked on the large amount of work he has endeavored to take on and directed him to request all committees submitting reports to include a review of the committee's finances, a note on the frequency of the committee's meetings, and a list of those who serve on the committee.
- 13-4 Friends also received a report from London Britain Meeting and accepted this report after amending it to include that Newark Monthly meeting celebrated its 50th Anniversary at the London Britain property.
- *13-5 Clerk of the Finance and Budget Committee, Dick Logan of Hockessin Monthly Meeting, submitted an additional report, which was also received and accepted. Friends noted that the unified budgeting process currently used requires assessment. The Clerk agreed to add an item on unified budgeting to the agenda of the subsequent Western Quarterly Meeting Business Meeting.
- *13-6 Friends considered a proposed policy on privacy and mailing, and agreed to send the policy with some edits (entrusted to the Co-Clerks) to Monthly Meetings for further seasoning. The Co-Clerks promised to communicate directly with Clerks of all Monthly Meetings to discern best ways to deal with the issues involved.

- 13-7 Friends approved a letter of thanks for hosting 2013 First Month Quarterly Meeting to Kendal Monthly Meeting. It will now be forwarded to the Clerk of Kendal Monthly Meeting.
- 13-8 Friends received responses of affirmation and approval from London Grove Monthly Meeting, Kennett Friends Meeting, and Newark Friends Meeting for the minute on human trafficking considered at Business Meeting held on Eleventh Month, Thirteenth Day, 2012. Friends then approved this minute and directed our Coordinator to forward this minute to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting for consideration by the Yearly Meeting.
- 13-9 The presiding Clerk, Wright Horne of Hockessin Monthly Meeting, presented plans to create and appoint members to a Committee and Leadership Reevaluation Advisory Group (CLR). This advisory group will be asked to make recommendations at a future Quarterly Meeting business meeting to streamline our organizational structure and decision-making process, and to complete a revision process of the organizational handbook.
- 13-10 A representative from London Grove Monthly Meeting, Margaret I. Walton, presented plans to organize a specific outreach program in 2014 as part of a year-long series of events to celebrate the 300th Anniversary of London Grove Monthly Meeting. The specific outreach program is to organize a Tour of all the Monthly Meetings of Western Quarterly Meeting open to the public. More information is forthcoming, and London Grove plans to coordinate with each Monthly Meeting individually to orchestrate this program.

Friends adjourned after a period of un-programmed worship.

Respectfully submitted, Wright Horne, Co-Clerk