



**Meeting for Worship with Concern for Business
The Minutes of the Meeting on Ninth Day, Fifth Month, 2013**

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. Present were fifteen representing West Grove, Newark, Kennett, London Grove, Hockessin, and Kendal Meetings. Pamela Leland, of London Grove Meeting and Clerk for Western Quarterly Meeting, presided. Zachary Dutton, of Wilmington Friends Meeting and Coordinator for Western Quarterly Meeting, recorded.

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

13-11 A Friend shared about a restoration project of Homeville Cemetery Company and presented a plea for donations. Another Friend from Kennett Friends Meeting shared about the renovation in preliminary stages of Old Kennett Meeting. A third Friend from London Grove Monthly Meeting shared about an upcoming Plant Sale, one hundred percent of the proceeds from which go to charities. Another Friend from Hockessin Meeting shared about the renovations of Hockessin, which are in their final stages.

13-12 Friends considered and tentatively approved the minutes from the Western Quarterly Meeting Business Meeting on 13 Eleventh Month 2012, and agreed that any corrections to them could be sent to our Coordinator or our Clerk.

13-13 Friends also considered and approved the minutes from the Western Quarterly Meeting Business Meeting 12 Second Month 2013.

13-14 Our Treasurer, Ariana Langford of Newark Monthly Meeting, gave a report. She asked Friends for input about the CD account that Western Quarterly Meeting holds with Citadel Credit Union. It is time to extend the term, if needed. **Friends approved that the term of the Western Quarterly Meeting CD would be extended for two years.** Our Treasurer also shared that our expenses will exceed our income for Fiscal Year 2013 largely due to expenses from Fiscal Year 2012, the invoices of which were not received until Fiscal Year 2013 began. Also, some of our constituent Monthly Meetings operate on different fiscal years. **We accepted the report from our Treasurer with appreciation.**

13-15* The Clerk of our Budget & Finance Committee, Richard Logan of Hockessin Meeting, presented a draft budget for input from the body and gave an in-depth

explanation of it. Our Fiscal Year 2014 budget is likely to incur a deficit. The Clerk, Pamela Leland, clarified that a deficit for Fiscal Year 2014 was anticipated due to the increase in funds from our operating budget devoted to hiring a new Coordinator and Youth Activities Coordinator. It is hoped that the need to draw upon reserve sources of income will be temporary, after we demonstrate with the help of our new staff support the continued importance of a vital Quarterly Meeting. **Friends accepted this report from our Budget and Finance Committee and agreed to consider the Fiscal Year 2014 budget for approval at our Eighth Month Business Meeting so that it would be retroactive from 1 Seventh Month 2013.**

13-16 The Clerk of our Nominating and Organization Committee, Shelley Hastings of Newark Monthly Meeting, gave a report. She noted especially that the Nominating and Organization Committee has struggled over the past few years to fill positions, many of which remain vacant. Some discussion proceeded concerning strategies for finding new people to serve on our committees. **We accepted the report from our Nominating and Organization Committee.**

13-17 The Clerk of our Inactive Meetings of Historic Interest Committee, Mary Sproat of West Grove Meeting, gave a report and presented a calendar of dates on which our Inactive Meetings will be open for special worship opportunities during the summer. These dates will be put on the website. Friends noted the shared appreciation for Mary Sproat's steadfast commitment to the leadership of the care of our Inactive Meetings of Historic Interest. **We accepted the report from our Inactive Meetings of Historic Interest Committee.**

13-18* The Clerk of the London Grove 2014 Tour Committee, Ruth S. Thompson of London Grove Meeting, presented a proposal to organize the theme of the Seventh Month 2014 Quarterly Meeting, which is currently slated to be held at Fallowfield Meeting, around a planned tour of all the Meetinghouses of Western Quarterly Meeting. One Friend encouraged the London Grove 2014 Tour Committee to give visitors to meetings during the tour an experience that is spiritual. After Friends gathered further clarifying information, **we approved the proposal to center the organizing theme of the Quarterly Meeting to be held Seventh Month 2014 on the planned Tour, with one requirement that a Quarterly-Meeting-wide worship at least be held at Fallowfield Meeting. Further programming will be organized by the London Grove 2014 Tour Committee as well as any other interested Friends in coordination with Fallowfield Meeting and Western Quarterly Meeting.**

13-19 **Friends approved the proposed program of Quarterly Meeting to be held Seventh Month 2013.**

13-20 **Friends considered and approved two minutes of appreciation to be included in a thank-you letter for Newark Monthly Meeting for hosting Fourth Month**

**2013 Quarterly Meeting and to Mill Creek Monthly Meeting for housing
Fourth Month 2013 Quarterly Meeting.**

**13-21 Friends considered and approved a minute of appreciation to Wright Horne
for his service as Co-Clerk of Western Quarterly Meeting.**

13-22 The Clerk read a set of queries on our committee and leadership structure and we
engaged in worship using the queries as a basis of sharing from the silence.

We adjourned our meeting with further worship and hopeful fellowship.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Leland, Clerk

Zachary Dutton, Coordinator