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

Business Meeting was held at Kennett Friends Meeting in a spirit of worship and fellowship. Friends from Hockessin, Kendal, Kennett, London Grove, Newark, New Garden, and West Grove Meetings were in attendance. Pamela Leland, of London Grove Meeting and Clerk of Western Quarterly Meeting, presided. Zachary T. Dutton, of Wilmington Friends Meeting and Coordinator for Western Quarterly Meeting, recorded.

*An asterisk \* indicates the need for follow-up.*

13-22. We spent time sharing about the Life at our Monthly Meetings. A Friend from Hockessin Meeting expressed excitement about hosting Quarterly Meeting and the new renovations of their building. A Friend from Kennett Meeting expressed struggles with how to draw their community's boundaries and the joyful anticipation of a retreat coming this weekend. Old Kennett Meeting is being renovated, and Kennett Meeting is participating with Kendal Meeting in developing an arboretum. West Grove will be meeting at New West Grove on September 15 at 10:00am. Parkersville and Colora Meetings will be open this coming First Day and the following First Day respectively at 2:00pm. Newark Meeting re-married Friends Viv Hawkins and Lola George in Delaware so that their marriage could be legally recognized.

**13-23 Friends approved the minutes from Business Meeting on Ninth Day Fifth Month.** Our Clerk reminded us that minutes are posted on the website, [westernquarterquakers.org](http://westernquarterquakers.org).

**13-24 We received and accepted a report from the Youth Activities Committee.** A Friend from Kennett Meeting said that Kennett Meeting will be hosting a Boy Scouts troupe.

**\*13-25 We received and accepted a report from the Fallowfield Orthodox Burial Ground Committee.** Friends conversed about the need to share information on this and other details regarding Monthly Meeting properties. A question was raised as to whether Fallowfield Meeting would be willing to take on the fiduciary responsibility of the Fallowfield Orthodox Burial Ground. Our Treasurer, Ariana Langford of Newark Meeting, mentioned that the Quarterly Meeting also pays the property liability insurance premiums for the burial ground. **Our Clerk agreed to liaise with Fallowfield Meeting regarding whether they would be willing to take on the fiduciary responsibility of the Fallowfield Orthodox Burial Ground.**

**13-26 We receive and accepted a report from the Board of the Friends Home at Kennett.**

**13-27 We received and accepted a report from our Coordinator, Zachary T. Dutton.** A Friend from London Grove Meeting expressed gratitude about Doug Gwyn's presence, as one of the thought leaders of contemporary Quakerism, at Seventh Month 2013 Quarterly Meeting at Marlborough Meeting. A Friend from Hockessin Meeting responded to a portion of our Coordinator's report (Appendix A) and expressed that our youth activities program is an imperative part of our Quarterly Meeting. A Friend from Kennett Meeting expressed the wish that we could find more ways to reach out to folks who are not connected to the Quarterly Meeting via email. A Friend from Kendal Meeting suggested putting this report in the next printed version of the Newsletter, and a discussion ensued about the effectiveness of a longer or shorter version of the printed newsletter as it relates to the needs of our population and its aging demographic. There was general agreement that we should publish our Coordinator's report in the next printed version.

**13-28 We received and accepted a report from our Treasurer, Ariana Langford of Newark Meeting.** We expressed a great deal of appreciation to our Treasurer for her work.

**13-29 Friends approved the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2014.** The Clerk of our Budget and Finance Committee, Dick Logan of Hockessin Meeting, presented the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2014 and provided clarifying answers. Friends asked our Treasurer to include a note in the budget to clarify that the income from Friends Fiduciary Corporation is insufficient to cover the total expenses incurred from the care of the Fallowfield Orthodox Burial Ground. A discussion ensued about our struggle to maintain awareness of the work of our committees that oversee our property and other fiduciary assets. A question was raised about whether we legally own the Fallowfield Orthodox Burial Ground or to what entity fiduciary responsibility falls when a Monthly Meeting or Quarterly Meeting is no longer equipped to take on such responsibility. There were no definitive answers. Lastly, a question was raised about whether Quarterly Meeting is responsible to make up for shortfalls in the maximum possible funds available from Monthly Meetings in the form of covenant income. The answer is that the Quarterly Meeting is not required to make up for any shortfalls in the maximum possible funds available from Monthly Meetings in the form of covenant income.

**13-30 Friends approved the proposed program for Tenth Month Quarterly Meeting to be held 20 Tenth Month 2013 at Hockessin Meeting.** Richard Bernard of Hockessin Meeting presented the proposed program from our program committee (made up of members from Hockessin Meeting and members from other of our constituent Meetings). Jon Watts and Maggie Harrison will be our lead speakers during the upcoming session.

**\*13-31 Friends did not approve the policy proposed by the Youth Activities Committee on driving youth, and we asked the Youth Activities Committee to address two concerns.** Given that there is a policy already approved from 2006, why do we need a new one? Friends were not in unity with the language in letter [c] of the proposed policy and wondered about the rationale for it.

**13-32 Friends approved, with some corrections, the minute of thanks to Marlborough Meeting for Hosting Quarterly Meeting on Twenty-First Day, Seventh Month, 2013.**

13-33 Friends reviewed the visioning sessions that have been held over the last six months, led by the Committee and Leadership Reevaluation Advisory Group (CLR). We paid special attention to the final visioning session to be held at Hockessin Meeting on the same day of our Tenth Month Quarterly Meeting.

13-34 Friends adjourned with un-programmed worship.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Leland, Clerk  
Zachary Dutton, Coordinator