

## Concord Quarterly Meeting Planning Committee Minutes

May 1, 2022

2pm by Zoom

### Present:

Debbie Murray-Sheppard (Wilmington, Clerk), Steve Kupferschmid (Willistown), Chris McKenney (Birmingham, Assistant Clerk), Marty Boston (Birmingham, Recording Clerk), Melinda Wenner Bradley (West Chester) Charlie Spadoni (Birmingham, Treasurer), Bianca Santini-Dumas (Coordinator), Deb Lyons (West Chester), Pat Daly (Goshen)

### No representatives were present from:

Concord, Middletown, Westtown

### The Meeting opened with Worship.

The Minutes from January 30, 2022 were approved with minor changes.

The Agenda for today, May 1, 2022, was approved with an additional note from David Leonard regarding Trust Circles.

### The message from David was copied from his email below:

“In response to the tensions Phil YM Friends have experienced around race relations, the YM has encouraged that we try building groups of Friends using the Trust Circles system developed by Clinton Pettus, a Balt. YM Friend and former president of Cheney University. I have had the training and was about to email members of Concord Quarter to see who – across our QM meetings – might like to join.”

Friends voiced concerns around appropriate support regarding ministry and care. What kind of support would David require in holding this as a ministry. Debbie will speak with David to discuss this further. Debbie will prompt another discussion after speaking with David.

The article: <https://www.pym.org/meetings-and-individuals-are-invited-to-acquire-a-new-tool-trust-circles/>

Other meetings have been discussing the initiatives and ongoing racial justice work.

**Friends reviewed the Hybrid QM at Birmingham on April 24, 2022.** Chris McKenney provided results from a survey collected after the event. Audio difficulties were brought to our attention. The program was well received. The discussion was found to be meaningful. It was suggested to use external speakers. Friends brought up being mindful of the personal audio settings and device microphone.

**Friends discussed planning for Quarterly Meeting cohosted with Western Quarter July, 2022.** The Joys & Challenges report will be provided by Willistown Friends Meeting. The date will be July 17, 2022 in order to not interfere with Annual Sessions. Deb Wood will be bringing the attention of Westtown. There was a suggestion that Birmingham Monthly Meeting could potentially host since they have air Conditioning and would not be providing the program. Youth program staff has been confirmed for the meeting. The Godly Play: Parable of the Sower, Parable of the mustard seed would be potentially relevant as an opening for Worship. Melinda Wenner Bradley will contact other speakers. It will be

encouraged to bring a lunch for the break provided.

It was discussed to have a panel of nutritionists. Friends discussed having lunch conversation prompts including the topic of "Life after COVID". The suggested children's program was a hike.

Tentative Schedule (tentative, proposed):

8:30am-9:45 am – Meeting for Business

9:45 – 10:00 am – Break

10:00 -11:00 am – Shared Worship

11:00-11:45am – Lunch break

11:45-1pm – Program

**The Treasure Report** will be the year end financial report. **Paul Kaniefski (Birmingham)** and David (West Chester) were approached. **Paul said yes. Tom Gilbert (Willistown)** was also contacted. This will be a 3 year review. This will be included on the July agenda to approve the nominations for the review committee.

#### Newsletter Articles:

All articles are due by June 20, 2022

1. Topic for Quarterly Meeting
2. WGAC Testimonials – **Bianca** will speak to the working group
3. History of Women's Movement – **Pat Daly** proposed
4. Quaker Education – **Debbie** will reach out
5. West Chester food bank
6. A young friend and their experience moving through a Quaker education
  - a. There could be a series of profiles
  - b. Interviews could be conducted
  - c. Questions/Prompts could be provided
  - d. Marty suggested having a meet up and making it less formal
  - e. **Bianca and Marty** will work together to reach out and gather the information
  - f. This could potentially be conducted over the summer and be brought to September newsletter
  - g. Friends discussed incentive and possibly an honorarium that was approved for \$50.00
7. **Melinda** will speak with her son about his college essay and his minute from Meeting as he transitions to attend another meeting.
8. Friends Association for Child Care and Protection – **Marty interested but not for July**

**Melinda Wenner Bradley** mentioned submitting one of our newsletter articles to a publication.

#### Coordinator's Report

Bianca Santini-Dumas

##### Inreach:

Tubing has been moved into August and shown success. We will keep it in August and ask Marietta if she can host to begin planning and setting a date. Bianca will cc Deb Wood. The Hayride

will occur in the Fall. It was suggested to have the hayride the Saturday before October Quarterly meeting. The Square Dance will be suggested for February at Willistown.

A YouTube Channel was proposed. We will make sure that permissions are collected. People will be reminded that they can turn off their cameras. Malcom, the webmaster for PYM, can share if they are using a release to post recorded videos. Speakers will be made aware that it would be intended for posting. Friends were in support of using this platform and expanding on outreach. The YouTube channel was approved.

**A Communications Overview Discussion occurred.** Debbie asked that an Ad hoc committee be formed to go over what we have, what we are using and why we are using these applications/platforms. One of the platforms to be discussed will be the email distribution list since it goes to 120 recipients but only 10-20 people open the attachments. Friends brainstormed who they may suggest be part of this small group to start going over the current status in order to bring to next planning committee meeting.

**The rotation of QM Meeting hosts and Joys and Challenges** were discussed with Concord MM no longer hosting. Friends accepted the change and are open to developing a system to think ahead and put more effort into planning to alleviate the responsibility of hosting.

**October 23 Quarterly Meeting**

**Host: Middletown**

**J&C: Westtown**

**The time and location for the next meeting** was discussed. Friends expressed wanting to gather in person but liking the convenience of ZOOM while also expressing ZOOM fatigue. There was planning around annual sessions and it was decided we will keep July 24, 2022 at 2:00PM since PYM will not be having events that day.

**Nominating Committee and the working groups did not report to this meeting.**

**Upcoming Events and Dates to Calendar**

Bianca Santini-Dumas

(all also on the CQ website calendar <http://concordquarter.org/quartercalendar/> )

### **Tuesdays in May & June**

**May 4 10:30 am** Concord Quarter Working Group on Aging Concerns: Open to anyone interested in aging concerns. For more info and to register email: [concordquarter@pym.org](mailto:concordquarter@pym.org)

**May 7 10:00 am-12:00 pm**

Gathering Virtually - A Special Workshop by PYM. Best Practices for Gathering *(Includes reports on Shoemaker Fund grants)*

For more information visit: <https://www.pym.org/event/gathering-virtually/>

**May 14 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

Climate Action Working Group Presentation: Preparing our Buildings for Extreme Weather Events For more info visit:

<https://concordquarter.org/climate-action>

**May 17 7:00 pm-8:00 pm**

Climate Action Working Group Meeting

For more info visit: <https://concordquarter.org/climate-action>

Many other programs for children, youth, and young adults on the PYM calendar:

<https://www.pym.org/calendar/>

**Unless otherwise noted, contact the Coordinator for the Zoom links  
(concordquarter@pym.org)**