

**Concord Quarterly Meeting Planning Committee Meeting
Minutes for August 5, 2018 at Concord Monthly Meeting (DRAFT)**

Present: Christopher McKenney (B, Clerk), Peter Lane (WT), Debbie Murray-Sheppard (WILM), Chris Smith (WC), Steve Kupferschmid (WILLIS), Julie Senko (B), Rich Ailes (M), Charlie Spadoni (B), Lynne Piersol (Coordinator), Deb Wood (WT), Ray Hamilton (C), Pat Daly, Bruce Harrison (WT), Pat Daly (G)

Regrets: Tom Haviland (WT, Treasurer), David Leonard (B, Recording Clerk), Marian Walker (C)

The Clerk opened the meeting with a short period of worship.

Approval of April 29, 2018 minutes: We approved the minutes, which will be posted on the Concord Quarter website, along with the other committee minutes that haven't been posted. Lynne will make PDFS and send them to Rich Ailes for posting.

Review QM at Concord Meeting on July 22, 2018: 23 Friends were present at the beginning of Quarterly Meeting with all meetings represented. 32 were present at the end. About that many were at the program, worship and lunch. No children attended. We thought the program was excellent. It would be helpful for the Clerk to alert attenders to wait for the microphone before speaking since a number of people are hard of hearing.

Planning of Quarterly Meeting at Middletown Meeting for October 28, 2018

Business Agenda (not necessarily in this order...):

Joys and Challenges Report: Westtown

Treasurer's Report

Discussion and possible decision on proposed Care Relationship between DVFS and Concord Quarter

Ad Hoc Committee on Monthly Meetings with Limited Attendance

Working Group on Aging Concerns Update

Coordinator's Report

Report on the Concord Quarter minutes sent on to PYM at annual sessions in July 2018

Program: the working subject is George Fox's realization about the Christ within.

Schedule

8:15-8:30 Sign-In

8:30-9:45 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

10:00-11:00 Program

11:15-12:15 Meeting for Worship

12:30-1:30 Light lunch provided by Middletown MM

Children's programming: there will be child care; they may need to borrow people from other meetings (and pay them).

Quarterly Meeting in January 2019 at Goshen – Pat Daly from Goshen presented the possibility of having Ayesha Imani from Ujima Friends Peace Center in Philadelphia to talk about what they do. The Committee thought this was a wonderful idea. Goshen suggested using this as outreach and inviting others from outside, but the committee suggested limiting invitations to Quaker institutions, and noted that Sunday may not be the best time to attract outside folks. However, it was also seen as a great idea for a separate program later. Pat also shared her idea (not yet discussed with Goshen Meeting) for the children’s program is to invite AFSC to do some of their “Help Increase the Peace” programming (AVP for children). We would probably need to have rsvps for children if this was done since they would need to be in appropriate age groups.

Review and Updates on recent fellowship activities

Feb 2019	Square Dance at Willistown – The Coordinator will work with Steve Kupferschmid, Willistown’s rep, about dates and report back at next Planning Committee. We could alert the clogging group if we wanted...
June 24	Tubing on the Brandywine. Very successful. About 37 people attended, including 15 children, 10 of whom were from West Chester!
Sept 23	Hayride and bonfire at the Strattons’ Wynnorr Farm. 5-8pm. The Coordinator will visit the farm. The Quarter will provide hotdogs, hamburgers and buns. Bruce Harrison will bring Westtown’s grill.
December?	Parents Morning Off. We want another one. Coordinator will talk about scheduling this when she meets with the Western Quarter staff on 8/22.

Joint Quarterly Meeting with Western Quarter April 2019? Theirs will be the same Sunday as ours again. Western Quarter is interested and could host if we wanted. **The Committee would like more details about this proposal and the Coordinator will discuss it with Sarah Kastriner, Western Quarter Coordinator later this month and will report back.** (Note: Charlie Spadoni later suggested that a possible topic might be what our new Aging Concerns work looks like).

Nominating Committee Update – The Committee has nothing to report yet.

Concord Quarter Working Group on Aging Concerns : The Working Group next meets on September 12. It is working on a program regarding financial issues and aging which will take place on October 13 at Goshen Meeting. A follow up from the Aging Concerns Facilitator training with Callie Janoff will take place on November 17 for those trained in April.

Newsletter Articles – There will be an article about the program for Quarterly Meeting. We’d also like an article by the Quarter Youth who attended Annual Sessions. **Deb Wood will contact Benjamin and Adeline Waterhouse, children from WT, and the Bradley children from West Chester. Also Rich Ailes will ask Sallie Jones to write up her reflections on Annual Sessions, and will ask Susan Brodessor of Birmingham to provide a closing article on the refugee project.**

Outreach – The Coordinator is registered for the FGC Digital Media Outreach training starting September 1, and we received the \$300 grant to pay the fee from PYM’s Membership

Development Support Fund. The Treasurer will participate also in the online program; there is space for two more if so led. The Coordinator is in need of contact information for Averyl Hall (the Coordinator before Charlie) in order to get a closed group Facebook page for the Quarter shut down before the training starts. It was set up in 2013, probably by the Coordinator at that time and is inactive, but only the “Administrator” can close it. **Bruce Harrison will contact the former coordinator’s mother about how to contact her.**

In reach - The Coordinator continues to try to reach out to meetings and publicize their events so that others in the Quarter will attend, along with passing along events and information to meetings and/or appropriate clerks of committees. It was suggested that all flyers normally sent out in the Announcements and with the newsletter, also be posted on the Concord Quarter website. **The Coordinator and Website Manager will make this happen.**

Update on Tom Brown Endowed Chair – stay tuned

Delaware Valley Friends School ad hoc working group – There is now a proposal for what a care relationship would look like, approved by DVFS’s Board and the working group. The Committee agreed that more discussion needs to happen within the Quarter before this issue comes back to Quarterly Meeting in October. **The Coordinator will send the proposed care relationship document to all Clerks in the Quarter and request that they review it with their meetings (at least read it). The Coordinator and Clerk will work to set up a threshing session for anyone interested in early October, possibly at Westtown or Birmingham meetings.**

Although there is much enthusiasm for this proposal, there has been concern expressed in the Quarter that it will tap into the Quaker leadership in the Quarter and stress us since there are several other Quaker organizations in the Quarter already. “Is our wheelbarrow full already?” The Coordinator will take notes at the threshing session and create a report to be shared at Quarterly Meeting in October.

Time for the next meetings – The clerk raised the concern of driving at night and asked that we consider a daytime meeting. As an experiment, **the next meeting will be at 1pm on November 4.** The Coordinator will find an alternate space since probably The Hickman would not be a good choice at that time of day. Chris Smith is not available in the day on Sunday, but she is willing to let us try this out.

Coordinator report/oversight concerns, suggestions - none

Worship

Minutes by Lynne Piersol