

**Concord Quarterly Meeting at Goshen Meeting
January 27, 2019**

Minutes

Opening Worship

The meeting opened at 8:30 am with a period of worship. Eighteen Friends were present as the meeting began.

Welcome to Newcomers

Chris McKenney

Monthly Meeting Opening Count

Chris McKenney

Representatives were present from all meetings in the Quarter save for Concord. Val Suter of Birmingham was welcomed as a first time attendee.

Approval of Minutes from October 28, 2018

Chris McKenney

The minutes were approved without further correction.

Joys and Challenges Report from Wilmington Meeting

Pam Cerchio

The report was presented by is attached as Appendix 1. It was received with appreciation. There were several questions about the "Family Promise" program.

Nominating Committee Report

Deb Wood

The report is attached as Appendix 2. The nominations were approved. The Quarter is still in need of a Recording Clerk. The present holder of that position, David Leonard, commented that the position is neither very difficult nor time-consuming for those who attend Quarterly meeting anyway.

Treasurer's Report (attached)

Charles Spadoni

The report is attached at Appendix 3 and was received by the meeting. He and the meeting expressed appreciation for the previous services of Tom Haviland as Treasurer.

Coordinator Report

Lynne Piersol

The report is attached at Appendix 4 and was presented by Lynne Piersol. The Quarter is grateful for her efforts. The report includes an up-date on the Working Group on Aging Concerns.

Plans for April Joint Quarterly Meeting with Western Quarter

Lynne Piersol

Western Quarter approached Concord Quarter about our holding a joint meeting in April, as their Quarterly meeting dates will coincide with ours then. We will hold it at Wilmington Friends School. Dr. Amanda Kemp, who works on racism, will provide the program.

Second Count of Meetings and Members in Attendance

David Leonard

Twenty-nine Friends were present as the meeting ended. Meeting representation at that point was: Birmingham- 8, Concord- 1 , Goshen-5 , Middletown –1 , West Chester- 5. Westtown- 3, Willistown- 1, Wilmington - 3 , Chichester -1.

Meeting Concluded with worship at 9:37.

Announcements of Upcoming Events

Chris McKenney, Clerk

- First Fridays, February and March 1, 6:30pm Potluck and Worship at Goshen Meeting
- Sunday, February 3, 1pm, CQ Planning Committee, Jeanes Building of The Hickman
- Wednesdays, February 6, and March 6, 11am-12:30pm, Working Group on Aging Concerns at West Chester Meeting
- Feb 8-10, PYM Young Friends Gathering for high school aged youth at Green Street Meeting
- Saturday, February 9, 7-9pm Square Dance at Willistown Meeting (snow date Feb 23)
- Saturday, March 23, PYM Continuing Sessions in Reading PA, programming for all ages.
- March 31 – from 10 am Birmingham MM will be hosting a Philadelphia YM Friends in Fellowship event.
- May – Westtown Meeting hosting Friends Peace Teams (Deb Wood)

Respectfully submitted, Chris McKenney, Clerk, and David Leonard, Recording Clerk

Appendix 1. Joys and Challenges Wilmington Monthly Meeting. 2018

Wilmington Meeting is grateful for many joys and recognizes that even our challenges present the opportunity for individuals and the Meeting community to experience spiritual growth. We strive to stay grounded in Quaker testimonies and committed to spiritual discernment. Thus we find that we can embrace the joy of accomplishments and communal activities, as well as weather difficulties.

Some of our joys:

We have a newly renovated kitchen, which is certified for commercial use. We hope to expand the use of the kitchen into the community. [Kudos to our Property Committee, which was intimately involved with this project and does a great job maintaining our meeting house and grounds. They give thoughtful consideration to all repairs and improvements.]

Our association with New Beginnings/Next Step is ongoing. This is a program supporting recently returning citizens as they reenter the community.

Our weekly clothes closet continues to offer clothing at no cost to all who come in and browse. We have embarked on a project with Family Promise, a program that keeps families intact as they experience

temporary homelessness. We are partnering with Hockessin Meeting to help with cooking and other services.

Our Berry Festival each June is a rewarding communal experience. It's also a great opportunity for us to interact with our close neighbors.

We have a growing First Day School actively engaged in the life of the Meeting. Young Friends enjoy learning about the testimonies, going on field trips, worship sharing, and doing service projects, among other activities.

The Worship & Ministry Committee continues to provide Adult FDS, with monthly discussions of readings selected by the changing facilitators. The Committee has recently begun to delve into the issues of bias and racism and plans to invite the whole Meeting to participate in activities that explore these topics. Friends encouraged the Committee in taking a challenge and using it to deepen our spiritual nature and outreach.

The Committee on Care of the Meeting (CCM) sponsors monthly potlucks which feature an activity or speaker. We are grateful for the fellowship, the chance to work together, and to learn about people such as Quaker artist James Turrell, Mary Dyer, and Hannah Penn. We also hosted Lyn Back, a Quaker and author of *Treading Water at the Shark Café: A Memoir of the Yugoslav Wars*.

The Meeting sponsored a talk by Thomas (Tom) Hamm, professor of history at Earlham College, curator of their Quaker Collection, and Pendle Hill board member. He gave a lecture on the Hicksite-Orthodox split, which divided Friends' Meetings across the United States, including Wilmington's. We were very excited to be hosting this lecture at our Meeting House, where Elias Hicks spoke a number of times during the early period of the split that carried his name (Hicksite).

Quaker Hill Historic Preservation Association continued to give tours of the Meeting House and grounds: visitors included elementary students, University of Delaware faculty, and Rockwood Museum staff.

Challenges:

Getting enough people to serve on committees or be actively involved in the life of the Meeting: we have a vital core group, but we are stretched thin.

Further follow-up on our threshing session on allocation of our financial and human resources: the Clerks sponsored this process as a first step to strengthen our meeting and to deepen our relationship with Spirit and each other as we look forward to accomplishing the work to which God calls us. Clerks are considering next steps to suggest to the Meeting.

Recognizing the opportunities presented by our urban setting and acknowledging that we can't engage the community if we can't engage the Meeting (this gets back to the limited numbers of active members and attenders).

Attending to stewardship of our meeting house property as well as that of Appoquinimink meeting house and grounds: these properties require considerable financial resources for preservation and maintenance.

Appendix 2. CQ Nominating Committee Report for January 27, 2019

Nominating Committee has met twice since last Quarterly Meeting to discern nominations for the newly forming Concord Quarter-Delaware Valley Friends School Care Committee, We had already discerned a rising Assistant Clerk/Clerk and bring that name forward along with three names for the Care Committee.

Below are the names to be brought forward.

Role	Name	Term	Term Limits	Need renewal or new person	Notes
Assistant Clerk/Clerk	Debbie Murray-Sheppard (Wilmington)	7/1/19-7/1/2023	Asst Clerk – 2019-20, 2022-23, Clerk 2020-2022	2023	Former clerk at Wilmington, active on CQ Planning Committee and ad hoc conversation group with DVFS, Bd of Wilmington Friends School.
DVFS Care Committee	Tom Ceresini (Middletown)	1/27/19-7/1/2020	partial term, could be extended for 3 years	2020	Former database manager at Friends Central, part of the ad hoc conversation group with DVFS
DVFS Care Committee	Ginny Sutton (Westtown)	1/27/19-7/1/2021	partial term, could be extended for 3 years	2021	Psychologist who has worked with children attending or applying to DVFS
DVFS Care Committee	Susan Brodesser (Clerk) (Birmingham)	1/27/19-7/1/2022	Could be extended for 3 years	2022	Former DVFS parent, part of the ad hoc conversation group. She is also nominated as Clerk of the committee.

Nominating Committee continues to work discern a nomination for Concord Quarter Recording Clerk beginning July 1, 2019.

Appendix 3.

CONCORD QUARTERLY MEETING TREASURER'S REPORT Period Ending December 31, 2018 (Second Quarter)

Concord Quarterly Meeting's financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2018, are set forth below. The notable events for the second quarter are:

- The balance of the \$6,993 grant from Friends Foundation for the Aging was expended.
- Despite the deposit into the Tuition Endowment Fund (TEF) during the first quarter of \$11,952 (scheduled monthly meeting covenant contributions of \$1,928 and a Coordinator surplus contribution of \$10,024 designated by four monthly meetings), market declines limited the increase in the value of TEF from \$235,788 (June 30, 2017) to \$236,725 (Dec. 31, 2018).
- The format of the revenue and expense financial statement has been changed to differentiate between (1) operating revenue and expense and (2) restricted (tuition) revenue and expense. Also, the format of the balance sheet has been changed to differentiate between unrestricted and restricted assets.

Revenue and Expense Prior Year Comparison

Please note that a full, non-redacted report can be obtained from the Coordinator

Balance Sheet Prior Year Comparison

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Note: Individual Monthly Meeting Growth & Income Fund and Green Fund balances are available by request.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles B. Spadoni, Treasurer
January 27, 2019

Appendix 4. Concord Quarter Coordinator Report for January 27, 2019 by Lynne Piersol

What does your Coordinator do? My day to day work is basic communication and event planning. Communication includes responding to email, posting events and documents on the CQ website, the Yearly Meeting website, and the Quarter's Facebook page, sending out monthly announcements and the quarterly newsletter (for which I am grateful to Rich Ailes for creating). I also attend PHYM Annual and Continuing Sessions and report back (these reports are on the CQ website under the Coordinator tab.) Event planning includes Quarterly Meetings and the upcoming Square Dance. I also support the Aging Concerns Working Group, Planning and Nominating Committees by attending and taking minutes. And I am available to individual meetings at times to help with publicity, logistics and research.

Concord Quarter's Tuition Aid program is also a responsibility. I publicize and receive applications. In

the fall I validate enrollments and let the Treasurer know how many students are eligible for funding.

December 1st was our Parents' Morning Off event, jointly sponsored with Western Quarter. It has been a pleasure to work with Sarah Kastriner, their Coordinator and their new Youth Coordinator, Claire Brandenburg Taylor. Tom Haviland and Elson Blunt were a great help that day, especially with outdoor play. We look forward to more joint events, including a joint Quarterly Meeting in April. Current plans include having the location at Wilmington Friends School (which has connections in both Quarters) and having Dr. Amanda Kemp, a member of Lancaster Meeting, present a longer than usual program in the afternoon. She presented on her heart centered communication process for dealing with implicit bias at Annual Sessions and this will be an opportunity to expand on that work. She is very interactive and engaging. Look her up! <https://www.dramandakemp.com/home/> Since she does have a fee, both Quarters will be contributing towards the cost of it and Western Quarter will be applying for funds to cover the remainder. We will be discussing this project at Planning Committee on February 3.

The CQ Working Group on Aging Concerns, clerked by Rich Ailes, has continued to meet almost monthly. The Working Group arranged a follow up session with Callie Janoff from NYYM's ARCH Program, on November 17, a half day that was included in the plans for the April 2018 Aging Concerns Facilitator training she facilitated with George Schaefer. It was an opportunity to see how those of us who were trained had grown, what our strengths are, where we want to go and how to get there. We also spent down the grant from Friends Foundation for the Aging by purchasing some DVDs, books and pamphlets for the Aging Concerns Facilitators to take back to their meetings. The Working Group is beginning to plan how to increase our own skills and resources at some of our meetings, as well as planning for a workshop open to all that will probably be in May. There are notes from the past workshops on the CQ website - look for Aging Concerns under the QMINFO tab.

I also attended PhYM Continuing Sessions on November 3rd and wrote up my impressions for the Concord Quarter website. In December PhYM Youth Engagement staff invited all Quarter Coordinators and some others to Friends Center to meet with the Youth and Community Engagement Coordinators, a twice a year event. It was great to hear what is going on in their Quarters and to consult with each other about various issues like, for example, how other meetings handle the need for sound amplification. As your Bridge Contact, I will continue to communicate to you about PhYM.

I continue to enjoy serving Concord Quarter and look forward to seeing you at programs and when I visit your meetings. I hope you will reach out if you have a question, comment, or a suggestion. I can be reached at: concordquarter@pym.org or 610-864-3802.