

Concord Quarterly Meeting Planning Committee Agenda
January 30, 2022
2pm by Zoom

Worship

October 31, 2021 Minutes were approved.

Attendance:

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

The Agenda was approved.

Review QM by Zoom on January 23, 2022:

Debbie Murray-Sheppard

Friends reflected on the Faith & Play presentation by Melinda Wenner Bradley. The program magnified the impact of the story and was seen as a powerful portrayal. Steve suggested bringing a program to the DVFS and it's Quaker Life Committee. We can ask Gray and see how it might be received. Melinda Werner-Bradley mentioned the videos and trainings.

Friends were delighted by the Wilmington Program as well. The program was seen as informative

The business meeting was well attended.

Debbie MS suggested making the faith and play opener a more consistent feature of quarterly meetings. Several Friends were mentioned as potential presenters for these faith and play stories.

Melinda Wenner Bradley spoke to encouraging meetings to utilize the quarterly meeting as their youth program for that Sunday.

Pat Daly mentioned ZOOM burnout for the children. Now that children are back in person, there is less of a concern around the intensity of excessive screen time. Connecting more with the parent's and encouraging the Quarterly Meeting program to be attended by their families is the goal.

Planning for Quarterly Meeting hosted by Birmingham April 24, 2022:

The ideas proposed were presented by **Marty Boston**.

A science fiction story related to transgender presented in a Friends Journal will be turned into a radio play by the youth and brought to Quarterly Meeting. It will include wondering questions. Friends Journal will be contacted to utilize the content.

Rich asked how an article will be presented. Final copy is due April 17th. 900 words to generate interest for the program.

Diversity is the main topic.

10am is Birmingham Worship time.

Marty will contact those who are involved in the faith and play at Birmingham.

Melinda suggested the story relevant to “gifts” and how we all contribute different gifts as Friends.

Tentative Business Agenda for April (not necessarily in this order):
DVFS report postponed from January 23, 2022

Schedule (tentative, proposed):

8:30am-9:45am – Meeting for Business

9:45am-10 - Break

10-10:15am – Faith and Play

10:15-11:15am – Worship

11:15-11:30am – Lunch break

11:30-12:30pm – Program

Possible children’s programming:

Review and Updates on fellowship activities:

Bianca Santini-Dumas

January 30, 2022	Planning Committee Meeting 2:00PM (via Zoom)
February 1, 2022	Climate Action Working Group 7:00PM-8:30PM (via Zoom) https://concordquarter.org/aging-concerns
February 2, 2022	Working Group on Aging Concerns 10:30AM-12:00PM (via Zoom) https://concordquarter.org/climate-action
February 5, 2022	Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Thread Gathering – Restorative Racial Justice – From the Personal to the Systemic (via Zoom) 9AM-3PM https://www.pym.org/event/racial-justice/
February 19, 2022	Clerking Skills! – A PYM Governance & Stewardship Thread Gathering – Two Fun Workshops from Two perspectives. https://www.pym.org/event/clerking-skills/
February 21, 2022	CAWG – Disaster Planning Series Part:1 at West Chester https://concordquarter.org/climate-action
March 25, 2022	PYM Sessions . https://www.pym.org/event/

Treasure Report:

Charlie Spadoni

Tuition Aid Applications are due February 19, 2022.

The same budget is being submitted from last year for the upcoming year.

There will be a meeting in August to discuss fiscal year Friendly Audit. Report due in October.

We will ask for volunteers at the April Meeting. Charlie will ask those who previously helped.

Property Taxes
Not Present

Concord MM

Goshen faced a similar issue, litigated and lost. Jack Embick worked on the case. Pat Daly spoke with him. The issue is whether all the buildings on a Church's campus are being used for charitable purposes or not. The 'Welcome Center' is the building that is being taxed at Goshen.

Rich and Debbie will share contacts and resources they found.

Shoemaker Fund: Grants for Quarterly Meetings

<https://www.pym.org/tag/shoemaker-fund/>

Debbie Murray Shepard mentioned Middletown looking into the grants.

Bianca brought up technology and a camera. A laptop was suggested. Debbie Murray-Sheppard mentioned that the laptop and software would have to be incorporated in a future budget. Marty and Rich will work on the application.

This planning committee has approved a laptop to applying for the PYM grant for 1000 for the purpose of purchasing a computer with a camera which will be used and retained by the coordinator for the use of facilitating hybrid meetings of the quarter, planning committee and working groups.

Nominating Committee:

Deb Wood

Deb Wood, Clerk of Nominating Committee, spoke with Charlie Spadoni who agreed to another year as treasurer.

July will be Susan Brodresser's end of term for DVFS and Marty for Recording Clerk.

Marty indicated continuing her traveling so as long as meetings continue to be hybrid she can remain but the long term commitment is a concern. She agreed to another year, however, she wanted friends to be aware of possibly requiring a backup. Deb Wood will have conversations with them.

Deb brought up the idea of alternate Clerking systems to help make the position more accommodating to potential Friends.

Debbie Murray Shepperd would like to bring the topic to the next Planning Meeting to see how we can strategize structure.

Newsletter Articles:

Rich Ailes

The theme of upcoming April Meeting at Birmingham

An explanation of how they developed their disaster planning - Vincent Schiela

Presentation of travel to Kenya from New England meeting (Betsy, Marianne) and friends of the quarter and their experiences

Melinda Wenner Bradley did a presentation will be returning to do training

Kenya friends doing an archiving of stories

Haverford quaker collection training on archiving

CAWG article

Birmingham PYM article

Pbs special on quaker revolutionaries – Pat Daly knows the producer

Pym showed it and could be a good resource to see how we can reserve a copy

Concord Quarter Working Group on Aging Concerns: Evelyn Brownlee
Evelyn will work with Western Quarter

Climate Action Working Group: Paula Kline
Meeting Tuesday February 1
Program February 21

In reach: Bianca Santini-Dumas
Spring Square Dance?
Rich proposed postponing conversation to discuss at planning committee
Melinda proposed hosting the dance during quarterly meeting weekend
Or doing with Western Quarter in July
That will be followed by annual sessions
Friends are debating if it will be an overwhelming amount of activities and events

Outreach: Bianca Santini-Dumas
Maximizing use of current resources
Bianca will put together a visual report with more information

State of the Quarter/ PYM QM meeting report Debbie Murray-Sheppard
Rotation of QM Meeting hosts and Joys and Challenges
October will be the next month of concern
The committee will review in May

Preliminary Discussion of Joint CQM/WQM

Western Quarter is focusing on aging type concerns this year. There is a concern being raised about reaching across generations and the preparation as well as pastoral care. Rich mentioned the topic of nutrition and the conversation WGAC had about its relevance across generations. Fallowfield and Concord Monthly Meeting are up in rotation. Melinda Wenner Bradley spoke on the PYM support with Youth Community Programming.

There was a suggestion made to support local agriculture and the CQ CAWG.

Aging concerns is the topic friends are most comfortable with and the two WGAC can work together.

Evelyn, CQ WGAC Clerk mentioned volunteering with the Diabetes

Time and location for the next meeting. Bianca Santini-Dumas
Next meeting is May 1, 2022 by ZOOM at 2pm – as we get closer we can discuss if any would like to be in person