

**Concord Quarterly Meeting Planning Committee Meeting
Minutes for November 4, 2018 at The Hickman/Jeanes Building**

Present: Lynne Piersol (Coordinator), Chris McKenney (B, Clerk), Rich Ailes (M), Charlie Spadoni (B, Treasurer in training), Steve Kupferschmid (Willis), Debbie Murray-Sheppard (Wilm), Deb Lyons (WC), Pat Daly (G), Ray Hamilton (C), Bruce Harrison (WT), Chris Smith (WC), David Leonard (B)

Excused: Julie Senko (B), Tom Haviland (Outgoing Treasurer - WT), Deb Wood (WT).

Lynne Piersol recorded the minutes

Worship

Approval of August 5, 2018 minutes - approved

Review QM at Middletown Meeting on October 28:

21 Friends were present at the beginning of Quarterly Meeting with all meetings represented but Goshen. 27 were present at the end. About that many were at the program, worship and lunch. No children attended, although there was a child care person available. One proposed that MT host more often! It was well attended and the program was entertaining and thought provoking. The script will be posted on the web and sent to Melinda Wenner Bradley for her resources.

Planning of Quarterly Meeting at Goshen Meeting, January 27, 2019

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

Joys and Challenges Report: Wilmington

Treasurer's Report

Nominating Committee report (DVFS Care Committee representatives)

Working Group on Aging Concerns Update

Coordinator's Report

Other?

Program: Ayesha Imani, Clerk of the Fellowship of Friends of African Descent, Ujima Friends Peace Center.

Schedule ?

8:15-8:30 Sign-In

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

10:00-11:00 Meeting for Worship

11:15-12:15 Program

12:30-1:30 Light lunch provided by Goshen Meeting (Pat is suggesting they get hoagies at Giant). Cost can be covered by Goshen. They want to use biodegradable plates etc.

Children’s programming - Melinda Wenner Bradley will come and do the program for K-5 for free. Hired James and Ellie Bradley for child care. 8:15-12:15. It will be at the Grange. They will not mount an outreach campaign for this.

What help might be needed by Goshen? Pat shared that Goshen is pretty stretched with the death of Chel Avery and a large memorial service coming up, and some other members moving away. They have 5-7 people who come to worship. But they have an ad hoc planning committee for Quarterly Meeting and have it under control. They will ask for help if needed.

Report from November 3 Continuing Sessions: Lynne and Deb Lyons attended. The Multicultural Assessment Steering Committee has completed the RFP and sent it out, after much hard work in coming to unity. The Business Agenda took up the whole time, with many reports, but there was “All together Time”. Minutes are up on the PYM website already. Nominating Council is still looking for people to serve as Assistant Clerk and Clerk. Chris Lucca will continue as assistant clerk serving as presiding clerk until April. We all need to be supportive of PYM. Deb Lyons, our rep to Nominating Council will try to get out to monthly meetings, and asks us to be aware of people in our meetings who might be approached to serve on the Yearly Meeting level. There is also a “One Quilt, One Yearly Meeting” project starting which involves meetings making a quilt square which will be put together as a table skirt to wrap around the Clerks Table at Annual Sessions. The theme is what connects us. Lynne has one square that could be done by Concord Quarter, or given to a meeting. She will consult with Marty Boston of Birmingham MM, a quilter, about this.

Quarterly Meeting in April 2019 – Some planning has been done for joint QM with Western Quarter to take place at Wilmington Friends School with Dr Amanda Kemp. Debbie Murray-Sheppard says Wilmington Friends School is an option, right off 95. Could we get more information about the program (ask her what the program would be exactly) and tell them \$1000 (split with Western) if our budget permits. If the program is after lunch, there could be more people attending from outside and from the Quaker Life Committee at the school. An idea would be to have separate advertising for the program. We could possibly get money from a fund at Yearly Meeting (Chace and Shoemaker Fund?). Separate the advertising for Quarterly Meeting versus the program, and make sure to invite DVFS. We need to know the schedule in order to pick rooms at Wilmington Friends School. Teens need to know other teens will be present, and it would be good to have teens give input for the program. Planning Committee approved Lynne moving forward with plans, with the idea that a proposal will be circulated. Western Quarter has already approved the idea.

Review and Updates on fellowship activities

Lynne Piersol

Sept 23	Hayride and picnic at Stratton’s Farm – had to be cancelled due to rain. Planning Committee approved trying this again for 2019.
Dec 1	Parents Morning Off. Will be in the Cabin at WT and joint with Western Qtr. Tom Haviland and Elson Blunt will help along with the Youth Coord, Claire Taylor from Western Quarter and someone else.

February	Square Dance – need date and approval from Willistown. Steve will take this to Willistown next Sunday. If there needs to be a fee of \$50 for cleaning, it is approved.
?	Do we want another event in the winter or early spring? Game night? Something else? Westtown Meeting has done a game night at the Cabin. Susan Waterhouse does games.... The Grange hall at Goshen would be a good space. Lynne will explore this idea, dates, spaces. Planning Committee will talk up/ask about this idea at each meeting.

Nominating Committee Update –

Nominating has discerned a new Treasurer, Charlie Spadoni, approved at QM on October 28, 2018. The Committee also has a recommendation for the Assistant Clerk/Clerk role starting in July 2019 – Debbie Murray-Sheppard, which will be brought to Quarterly Meeting soon. When Deb Wood returns from her travels, the committee will regroup in late November or early December to work on recommendations for representatives to the Care Committee for the care relationship with DVFS, along with discerning term limits, not only for the Care Committee, but other roles. The Committee is also looking for a Recording Clerk for July 2019. Suggestions for Recording Clerk are welcome.

It is suggested that the Care Committee terms be staggered, to make it easier for Nominating and to have some continuity. Nominating Committee needs to be continuously thinking ahead. Nominating Committee does not currently have reps from Goshen, Wilmington or Willistown.

Concord Quarter Working Group on Aging Concerns : Rich Ailes shared that we have a follow up session from the April training planned with Callie Janoff on November 17. The Working Group continues to meet monthly and will be working on another workshop in the future.

Newsletter Articles – Lynne will write an article on her service on Friends General Conference Central Committee. Deb Lyons will write about the PYM Nominating Council and their needs. Pat Daly will write an article about the program for Quarterly Meeting. Deadline is December 17, 2018.

Outreach – See the new Concord Quarterly Meeting Facebook Page if you haven't already! The Digital Media Outreach program is over. Link to Quaker and Communications outreach site Lynne will share the report she has written.

We need to be careful to not overload new attenders with child care or FDS duties. But if we don't have FDS, it is a way to have a meeting die. Teaching FDS should not be an expectation of parents. It would be great to have a set of queries regarding FDS, need to think outside the box. World is different from the 1950s when life was simpler and less happened on Sundays, and parents were available

In reach - What might meetings like to do as a group regarding religious ed? Steve Kupferschmid brought forward the Spiritual Formation program, with the idea that it could be a Quarterly

Meeting program. Right now there is a PYM wide version of it running which takes about 9 months. We can ask Randy Lyons to write something when he has completed the program. We will look into it in the future.

How are people interacting with the Yearly Meeting?

Update on Tom Brown Endowed Chair – stay tuned

Delaware Valley Friends School Care Relationship– Now that the relationship is approved, but before there is a finalized committee, do we want to make anything happen from the ideas in the document?

It would be nice to have invitations to all Quaker schools in the Quarter for meeting for worship. We can let the Committee decide when the school should report. We would suggest no later than January 2020, but the committee can decide if it is earlier.

Coordinator report/oversight concerns, suggestions? None mentioned

Time for the next meetings – People appreciated meeting in the daytime. The next meeting will be scheduled for Sunday, February 3 at 1pm, ideally at The Hickman. Ray Hamilton will be away and suggested that The Hickman might work better.

Worship