

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:concordquarter@pym.org) or 610-864-3802.