

Concord Quarter Coordinator Report for July 21, 2019

I answer a lot of questions! They range from where can a meeting get funding for repairs, to what other meetings might be considering on a particular issue, to where is there a week day meeting, to a request to publicize a meeting event.

Publicizing events includes putting them on the Concord Quarter website calendar, including them in the Monthly Announcements, or perhaps sending them out to a particular group of committee clerks, such as Peace and Social Concerns or Property. I also post our own events on the PYM website (Quarterly Meeting in April then became one of the events highlighted by PYM!) and on our Facebook page. Planning Committee has approved some funds to boost events on our FB page, which I did for Amanda Kemp's program. I attend all the committees of the Quarter including Planning Committee, Working Group on Aging Concerns, Nominating Committee, and the newest, the Delaware Valley Friends School/Concord Quarter Care Committee and take all the minutes. I also write for the newsletter, most recently about the Friends General Conference's Institutional Assessment and what PYM could take away from it. I consulted with members of the Assessment's Implementation Team as part of my research.

Events supported include the workshop "The End is Dear" on May 4 on hospice organized by the Working Group on Aging Concerns at Goshen Meeting. Attendance was lower than we would have liked, but those present heard an excellent program by Pat Myatt, a hospice social worker who had a wealth of information, stories and experience to share. The Working Group is now reaching out to see what topics the Concord Quarter community might like to see in a workshop, as well as continuing to strengthen our own knowledge and resources as Aging Concerns Facilitators. We next meet on September 4. Join us!

I'm also now certified in the American Heart Association's First Aid/CPR thanks to Birmingham Meeting which organized a training on June 15.

Tubing on the Brandywine was joyous occasion on June 23 with Friends from Western and Concord Quarters enjoying the beautiful day on the water, food provided by our host, MaryEtta Clendenin and attendees, and the music of Rich Ailes and Pete Lane. Those present had a wonderful time.

Recently I attended Friends General Conference Gathering as I do pretty much every year. This year I learned about the Spiritual Deepening eLibrary which has free resources online. I'll be sharing more about it with the Quarter.

Moving forward, Western Quarter and I are making plans to meet to plan more joint activities, including the Hayride and Campfire Potluck on October 6 and the Parents Morning Off in December. I'd also like to get the First Day School people in the Quarter together, perhaps with Melinda Wenner Bradley who is available to us as a resource. And I'll be attending PYM Annual Sessions July 24-28 and will bring back information, ideas and resources to the Quarter.

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