

The Green Street Messenger



Green Street Monthly Meeting of Friends
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West Philadelphia Preparative Friends Meeting
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First Day Meeting for Worship	10:30 AM
First Day School	10:30–11:15 AM
First Day Meeting for Worship at West Phila. Mtg.	10:30 PM
Wednesday morning Meeting for Worship	8:30–9:00 AM with GSFS
First Sunday evening Meeting for Worship	6:30–7:00 PM at Stapey Hall

January 2020

Sunday, 5th	9:30 AM	Breakfast – VOLUNTEER NEEDED Hospitality – VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Sunday, 12th	9:15 AM Rise of Meeting	Second Sunday Worship & Ministry Hospitality – Viv and Lola
Sunday, 19th	Rise of Meeting 12:30 PM	Lunch – Quaker Voluntary Services Monthly Meeting for Business
Sunday, 26th	9:15 AM Rise of Meeting	Friendly Bible Study Hospitality – Quarterly Meeting Potluck Coordinator Needed

Minutes of Monthly Meeting for Business Held Twelfth Month 08, 2019

Attendance: Traci Hjelt Sullivan, Walter Hjelt Sullivan, Bill van Stone, Gabriel Ehri, Jerry Williams, Peggy Walters, Lola Georg, Viv Hawkins, Sister Mary Joy Benson, Susan Christian, Russ Endo, Sandra Rodriguez, L. Lanza, Bob Dockhorn, Eppchez Yes, Robin Mohr, Malia Neal

Friends gathered at 12:37 pm for a period of silent worship.

The Clerk read the proposed agenda and Friends approved.

Revisions for “Care of Ministry Guidelines to Support, Grow and Care for Leadings and Ministries”

Lola Georg explained that Care of Ministry Guidelines were approved at Business Meeting in June 2019 and that version did not have a section covering Discontinuance of Care of Ministry. An additional section #6 covering Discontinuance of Care of Ministry was developed in the meantime. The Guidelines were provided in advance of this Business Meeting via the Green Street Google Group and presented today. Friends approved adding the additional section #6 to the guidelines. Lola will circulate the approved Guidelines via the Green Street Google Group and provide a copy to the Meeting Secretary.

Pop Up SUPPER in our Meeting for the community with a focus on Horizon families

Malia Neal, Executive Director of the Horizons Program at Greene Street Friends School, presented an opportunity for Green Street Meeting to support a Pop Up SUPPER in the Meetinghouse. Malia provided a short summary of Horizons at GSFS, and then the Supper program that was originally started by Debra Roberts in 2008. The Supper Program has continued today as a Community Meal at St. Martins in Chestnut Hill, Grace Epiphany in Mount Airy and Christ Church in Germantown. The idea is to provide a meal and fellowship with the neighboring community. Malia envisions a partnership among Horizons, GSFS and GSMM and a need for 10-15 volunteers. Community Meal would provide \$200-\$300 for purchasing food. Invitations would be sent to Horizon families and there would be outreach invitations/advertisements in Germantown for anyone who wished to participate. The Pop Up SUPPER is envisioned as a one-time event in Jan/Feb and could develop into something that is ongoing. The Meeting viewed what Malia presented as an opportunity for collaboration with the School and as a way to share the Meeting’s resources (Meetinghouse and kitchen) with the community. The Meeting approved supporting the Pop Up SUPPER, and having Sandra Rodriguez, Walter Hjelt Sullivan and Anthony DiGiovanni work with Malia on behalf of the Meeting.

Nominating Committee

Walter Hjelt Sullivan presented the proposed nominations on behalf of the Nominating Committee.

For a second reading in a new position:

Recording Team: Viv Hawkins for an 18-month term through 6/30/2021. Friends approved.

For a first reading in a new position:

Assistant Clerk: Gabe Ehri for a six-month term through 6/30/2020

Care and Counsel Committee: Lola Georg for a three-year term through 6/30/2023. Lola will be the in-coming clerk of the committee. Gabe will continue to serve as clerk of the committee for a short transitional term. His term on the committee is changed to end 6/30/2020.

Meeting Rentals Advisory Committee: Anthony DiGiovanni for a six-month term through 6/30/2020, representing Property Committee and replacing Michael Van Hoy who is stepping down.

Worship and Ministry: Kathy Angell for a three-year term through 6/30/2023; Walter Hjelt Sullivan for a one-year term through 6/30/2021; Lola Georg's term is changed to end 4/30/2020; Lucy Duncan has asked to be released from service due to other commitments.

As is custom, Friends were asked to contact Nominating Committee with questions or concerns re: first reading nominations.

Walter presented the idea of Nominating establishing a Friends of W&M Committee group with the goal of achieving increased diversity on the facing bench during worship. Friends endorsed this idea.

Budget Committee Presentation of Proposed 2020-21 Budget

Russ Endo, resident poet of GSMM, provided some introductory thoughts on the budget as follows. "Each time we do the budget, we listen to the budget and see what it is telling us. Hopefully it gives us a snapshot of our time in time. We produce big output beyond the walls of our Meeting in our Quaker care relationships, our support of EMIR, our contributions to others, which consists of 43% of our total expenses. Our endowment reserves fund provides almost all of the 57% of Meeting's income input. The 18% of the budget income provided by Meeting member and attender contributions has increased gently, which helps both tangibly and spiritually. We need our physical input to produce our spiritual output; conversely our spiritual production and connections transmute from the physical into the physical and spiritual, such as the Meeting's gift to help our School's recent new building and the joy in the kids and parents and teachers that I just saw earlier this week inside the community space at pickup time. Care relationships helps SPICES at GSFS and Horizons and returns to us. Thomas Shoemaker, the Meeting member who donated our dining room so that GSFS students at the time could have a place to eat, gave the grandfather clock in the Social Room along with two statements: the first, on the outside plate, from the perspective of the clock, reads: "I serve you here although I am old / One hundred years the time I've told / I ask not share of fame or gold / Therefore, example take of me / Now let thy service all be free / And serve thy God as I serve thee." The second, on a paper tacked by Shoemaker in the inside, reads: "'Time flies, you say!' / Alas, it is not so / T'is time that stays, / T'is only we who go." This proposed budget is budget committee's perspective of our Meeting in this moment of time. I am thankful for our treasurers who have helped keep our Meeting's clock running."

Jerry Williams presented the proposed budget for 2020-21 and rich discussion ensued around the Meeting Secretary title and hours, formation of a personnel committee, the PYM covenant and looking at the budget with the lens of percentages versus amounts. The Meeting approved the formation of a personnel committee for the Meeting Secretary consisting of the Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer; that the proposed budget be carried over for additional discussion at January Business Meeting; and that budget committee send out an electronic version of the proposed budget prior to January Business Meeting.

The time being late, it was agreed to hold over the proposed agenda item "Draft Core Values for Community Investment" to another Business Meeting. The Meeting ended at 3:18 pm after a period of silent worship.

Recording Clerk: Anthony DiGiovanni

Clerk: JoAnn Seaver

News & Announcements

Volunteers Needed for Hospitality 2020

Please sign up for breakfast or hospitality in the first Sunday in January or we will need to CANCEL it.

Thanks to VIV and Lola for signing up for hospitality on 1/12/20.

The young people of the Quaker Voluntary Services have agreed to be responsible for lunch before our Business Meeting on 1/19/20.

It would be great if a couple of experienced people would volunteer for the pot luck lunch on 1/26/20 when we are hosting our Quarter.

Please contact our clerk: maryanoland@gmail.com.

Friends may need to be assigned for that lunch.

Happy New Year!!