

The Green Street Messenger
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Meeting for Worship

10:30 AM Via Zoom/83195217639

July 2022

Sunday, 3rd	10:30 AM	Via Zoom/83195217639
Sunday, 10th	10:30 AM	Via Zoom/83195217639
Sunday, 17th	10:30 AM 12:30 PM	Via Zoom/83195217639 Monthly Meeting for Business (Via Zoom)
Sunday, 24th	10:30 AM	Via Zoom/83195217639
Sunday, 31st	10:30 AM	Via Zoom/83195217639

Minutes of Green Street Monthly Meeting for Business Held Sixth Month 19, 2022

Present: JoAnn Seaver, Jean Harris, Sharon Mullally, Robin Mohr, Susan Christian, Cheryl McFadden, Ashanta Washington, Gabriel Ehri (clerk & recording), Ellen Sleeter, Sam Connell, Mike Connell, Laura Lanza, Chris Mohr

1. 2022.06.01 Friends gathered at 1:00pm ET
2. 2022.06.02 We started our meeting with a period of open worship.
3. 2022.06.03 We read our grounding query: How does this decision support Green Street Friends Meeting in its goal to transform into an actively anti-racist faith community?
4. 2022.06.04 Nominating Committee Report: Gabe Ehri presented the following nominations for a second reading.
 - a. **Friends approved the following nominations:**
 - i. **Julian Dockhorn, Care & Counsel Committee for a three-year term through 6/30/2025**
 - ii. **Karen Campbell - Q, Green Street Friends School Board, for a three-year term through 6/30/2025**
 - iii. **Susan Hight - Q, Green Street Friends School Board, for a three-year term through 6/30/2025**
5. 2022.06.05 Susan Christian presented a recommendation from Care & Counsel Committee that meeting member Jean Harris be permitted to maintain dual membership in Green Street Monthly Meeting and Ujima Friends Meeting. Friends discussed the request with appreciation for Jean for bringing this request with transparency and integrity. **Friends approved the recommendation.**
6. 2022.06.06 Susan Christian reported on the activities of the Care & Counsel Committee over the last year. She shared that some members of the Care & Counsel Committee have been going through hard times and have not been able to reach out to people in their circles of care as they might have hoped. She asked that all of us feel deputized in remembering that we are members, one of another, and to let Care & Counsel Committee know of Friends who may be in need of prayers or financial support. The Committee has funds available for necessitous cases and for conference support.
7. 2022.06.07 Gabe Ehri noted that Ashanta Washington will be ending her service to the meeting in the role of Secretary at the end of June 2022. **Friends**

minuted their gratitude to Ashanta for her work. Gabe shared that a working group has been formed to address this transition. The group is composed of the Secretary Supervisory Committee plus Anthony Di Giovanni, clerk of Property Committee. The group will explore the secretary job description and also whether contracting all or part of the role to Greene Street Friends School might be a way forward. Friends with thoughts about the transition or the role are invited to be in touch with Gabe, as this is an opportune time to discern any changes that might benefit the meeting. The clerk asked for questions or comments. A Friend asked about the check fraud matter, which was referenced in emails to the listserv. Treasurer Mike Kelley responded that he will be sending a detailed written report to the meeting soon about the matter but assured Friends that all the stolen funds have been returned to us by the bank. Mike stated that he has no reason to believe that any meeting officers, employees, or contracted vendors, were culpable in the check fraud. Secretary Ashanta Washington suggested that the timing of the fraud was suspicious to her, in that it coincided in time with the onboarding of a new treasurer, engaging the services of an outside accountant for consulting, and her notifying the Treasurer and outside bookkeeper it was time to reorder checks. A Friend inquired about conversations regarding the secretary position that occurred on the listserv. The clerk responded that if emails to the listserv suggest the meeting take actions, it is right order for any actions considered to arise out of the discernment of our committees and be brought forward as recommendations in monthly meeting for worship with attention to business, for our communal discernment—at which time there would be openness to considering any action brought forward to the meeting.

8. 2022.06.08 A communication to monthly meeting from Worship and Ministry Committee about lacking the volunteers necessary to continue hybrid worship in July was read, and then an update was shared that volunteers have been found and hence hybrid worship will continue at Green Street Friends Meeting in July. A Friend asked why we do not simply return to joining with Germantown Meeting for July and August as was the tradition for many years. This Friend feels the loss of this tradition is a loss for both meetings. Many Friends agreed. Ashanta shared that the secretary of Germantown Meeting contacted her in recent weeks to ask whether we were meeting in person, via zoom, or hybrid, and Ashanta shared our schedule with them. Friends expressed that having a month off from the pressures of hosting worship, and all it entails, could be a relief. **Friends minuted a desire to meet jointly with Germantown Meeting in the summers and ask Worship and Ministry Committee to explore resuming the joint meeting as soon as this is possible. Friends**

suggest this could begin by splitting August 2022 worship between the two meetings.

9. 2022.06.09 We closed with a period of open worship.

News & Announcements

Meeting for worship is at 10:30. All are welcome.