

## Minutes of Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting

Saturday, September 20, 2014

Friends School in Detroit, 1100 Saint Aubin St., Detroit, Michigan 48207

Attending:

From Ann Arbor Monthly Meeting: Susan Hartman, Joan Sampieri, Christa Williams, John Williams, Peggy Daub, Jeff Cooper, Lisa Klopfer, Richard Tucker, Helen Fox, John Deikis, Tom Blackwell  
From Birmingham Monthly Meeting: Inge Brieger, Geoff Brieger, Ellen Barnes, Marvin Barnes, Julie Poll, Ellerie Brownfain, Jonah Brownfain, Pam Melick  
From Detroit Monthly Meeting: Carmen Kelly, Mike Kelly, Sam Hays, Kate Ben-Ami, Pam Melick, Joel Ottenbreit, Sharon Ottenbreit, Cristin Graham, Nora Graham, Celeste Graham  
From Pine River Monthly Meeting: Don Nagler, Nancy Nagler  
From Red Cedar Monthly Meeting: Erick Williams, April Allison  
From Friends School in Detroit: Marta Rhea-Johnson, Jane Fran Morgan, Toby Barlow

[1] The business meeting began at 10:45 following silent worship.

[2] Roll call:

Ann Arbor	-	11
Birmingham	-	7
Detroit	-	7
Grand Rapids	-	0
Holland	-	0
Kalamazoo	-	0
Pine River	-	2
Red Cedar	-	2

[3] Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the Meeting of May 17, 2014 were approved with one correction: "Olney Friends School" in item 13 should read instead "George School". A corrected version is available at the web site [leym.org/gpqm/minutes](http://leym.org/gpqm/minutes).

[4] Nominating Committee

Mary Takahashi is unable to serve as Clerk this year due to her husband Kyo's death. Ellerie Brownfain has agreed to be nominated to serve as Clerk for the coming year through August 31, 2015. The Meeting approved with gratitude and will be supportive of Ellerie throughout the year. At this time there was no nominee for Assistant Clerk. Later in the Business Meeting, Susan Hartman was nominated as Assistant Clerk for the coming year. Again, the Meeting approved with gratitude. The Nominating Committee consists of Don Nagler, Jonah Brownfain, Jenn Seif and April Allison.

[5] Treasurer's Report

Inge Brieger presented the Treasurer's Report for the year ending June 30, 2014 (attached). All assessments have been received and all budgeted items have been paid, with the exception of the Youth Program, for which no bill was received. Receipts for the year were \$14,137.00, expenditures were \$14,861.97 leaving a checking account balance as of June 30, 2014 of \$2,159.42. The report was approved.

[6] Finance Committee

In Joe Mills' absence, Inge Brieger presented the proposed budget for 2014-15 (attached) from the Finance Committee, consisting of Joe Mills, Erick Williams and Joan Sampieri. Changes relative to last year's budget are that the Adult Program is reduced to \$1,200 and a \$100 donation to Inclusive Justice Ann Arbor is eliminated. The assessment remains at \$43 per person. The budget was approved as proposed.

[7] Friends School in Detroit

Jane Fran Morgan, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of Friends School in Detroit, presented the School's report. The School opened this September with an enrollment of 82 students, with 17 faculty members and an average annual tuition payment of \$6,500. Roof and kitchen repairs are in progress. The school recently received a gift of 20 laptop computers.

A draft profit and loss statement for the preceding school year shows a net loss of \$213,776.31 for the year July 2013 to June 2014. This is prepared on an "accrual" basis, hence includes accounts receivable and accounts payable rather than reflecting the current cash position. A comparable number for the previous year is not currently available. Information from the 2012 audit has been requested but is not yet available to Friends School. Anecdotal evidence suggests that the School's financial position has improved. Several Friends are deeply concerned about the continuing lack of financial information.

Trustee Toby Barlow observes that the upcoming 50th anniversary of the school provides an opportunity to raise the school's visibility — to potential parents, to the Detroit business community and to national Quaker organizations. He believes the school has a fantastic story to tell, especially in the current renewal climate of Detroit.

Friends expressed appreciation for the dedication and effort of current and former Board members and current and former school staff in maintaining the school.

[8] Appointment of Trustees

Two continuing members of the Board of Trustees of Friends School in Detroit were approved for additional three year terms, Jane Fran Morgan and Mark Thames. Friend Marvin Barnes stands aside.

[9] Ad hoc study group for the Relationship between the Quarter and Friends School in Detroit

Susan Hartman read a "Draft Guidelines" document from the ad hoc study group for the Quarter's relationship with Friends School in Detroit. Members of the study group are: Ellerie Brownfain, Jeff Cooper, Susan Hartman, Mike Holaday and Linda Mills. Friends approved continuing the process begun by the ad hoc study group, taking into account the views expressed about ways to bring the process forward with the School's Board of Trustees.

[10] Minute of Concern

The Quarter feels a concern for the value of timely and accurate financial reporting from the School's Board of Trustees.

[11] GPQM ad hoc Re-Visioning Committee

Pam Melick presented a report from the GPQM ad hoc Re-Visioning Committee, consisting of April Allison, Ellerie Brownfain, John Deikis, Pam Melick, Joe Mills and Don Nagler. Following a survey and personal contacts, they identify that "A primary goal of GPQM is to nurture the spiritual life of Friends within its meetings and worship groups." Their further specific recommendations are restricted to the pieces that the ad hoc committee feels clarity on. The Meeting approved that the ad hoc committee should continue working on the remaining questions and observations from their report.

[12] MidWinter Gathering

Red Cedar Monthly Meeting offers to arrange a program and a childrens' program and host the Quarter's MidWinter Gathering early in 2015. The Meeting accepted with gratitude.

[13] Announcements

Detroit Monthly Meeting will hold a farewell celebration next Sunday, September 28, for long time members Margaret and Leslie Walden who are moving to Cleveland.

A memorial meeting for Kyo Takahashi will be held on Saturday, November 8.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting for Business will be held on Saturday May 16, 2015 at Michigan Friends Center in Chelsea. Richard Tucker has agreed to arrange an afternoon program that day. The Clerk will request that written committee reports be distributed in advance of the meeting so as to reduce the time spent on business.

## **Treasurer's Report: September 20, 2014**

All assessments have been received.

All budget items have been paid, except **Youth Program** for which I have not received any bills.

\$1,000 was paid to Michigan Friends Center toward their remodeling project as approved 9/21/2013 at GPQM Fall Business Meeting. This is not a budgeted item.

**Income:** \$14,137

**Expenditures:** \$14,861.97

Difference - 724.97

**Bank Balance:** 6/30/2013 \$2,884.39  
(Checking Acct.)

6/30/2014 \$2,159.42

Difference - \$724.97

\*See attached Financial Records 2013/2014

<b>GPQM</b>						
<b>FINANCIAL RECORDS</b>	<b>2013/2014</b>					
<b>INCOME</b>	<b># Members</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Date Rec'd</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Difference</b>	
<b>MONTHLY MTG</b>	<b>Self reported LEYM</b>			<b>Rec'd</b>		
Ann Arbor	124	5,332	1/9/14	5,332		
Birmingham	18	774	1/9/14	774		
Detroit	21	903	10/8/13	903		
Grand Rapids	23	17	714	2/5/14	989	275
Holland	4	172	3/7/14	200	28	
Kalamazoo	33	1,419	3/27/2014	1,419		
Pine River	15	645	12/31/13	645		
Red Cedar	89	3,827	11/18/13	3,827		
May Quarterly:						
\$ collected - expenses			5/17/14	48	48	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>13,786.00</b>		<b>14,137</b>	<b>351</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>*Cashed by Bank</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Date Sent</b>	<b>Amount Sent</b>		
Administration-Checks	*	30	10/9/13	53.37	23.37	
State of Michigan	*		9/21/13	20	20	
<b>Adult Programs:</b>		1,290			-171.40	
Fall Mtg - Lunch	*		9/21/13	18.60		
Mid Winter-Travel-M.Kelley	*		1/22/14	500		
Honorarium-Mike Kelley	*		3/1/14	500		
Contribution-D. Eisenbese	*		4/16/14	100		
Youth Program		200			-200	
Friends Lake Community	*	870	1/9/14	870		
Michigan Friends Center	*	600	1/9/14	600		
Friends School in Detroit	*	2,250	11/30/13	2,250		
FSD McCree Program Ad	*	250	3/12/14	250		
AFSC	*	8,050	1/9/14	8,050		
FCNL	*	350	2/5/14	350		
Intsitute for Global Educ.	*	200	2/5/14	200		
Inclusive Justice-Ann Arbor	*	100	2/5/14	100		
Mich Friends Ctr-Remodeling	*		10/3/13	500	500	
Mich Friends Ctr-Remodeling	*		4/26/14	500	500	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14,190</b>		<b>14,861.97</b>	<b>671.97</b>	
<b>BANK BALANCE:</b>	6/30/13	2,884.39				
(Checking Acct)	6/30/14	2,159.42				
	Difference	-724.97				

## GPQM Budget 2014-2015 (7/1/14 - 6/30/15)

	2013-2014 Actual	2013-2014 BUDGET	2014-2015 Proposed Budget	Budget Difference
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Assessments	14,137	13,786	14,061	
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<b><u>Disbursements</u></b>				
Administration	73	30	30	
Adult Program	1,118.60	1,290	1,200	-90
Youth Program		200	200	
Friends Lake Community	870	870	870	
Michigan Friends Center	600	600	600	
Friends School Detroit				
Regular	2,250	2,250	2,250	
McCree Program Ad	250	250	250	
AFSC	8,050	8,050	8,050	
FCNL	350	350	350	
Institute for Global Education	200	200	200	
Inclusive Justice-Ann Arbor	100	100		-100
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TOTAL Disbursements	13,861.97	14,190	14,000	-190

**NOTE:** Adult Program was reduced because we spent less than budgeted.  
 Inclusive Justice was eliminated because it no longer is an AFSC program.

Assessment: is proposed to remain at \$43/unit