

Minutes

Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting

September 21, 2019

Michigan Friends Center, 7748 Clarks Lake Road, Chelsea Michigan 48118

Representatives Attending From:

Ann Arbor Monthly Meeting:

Birmingham Monthly Meeting:

Detroit Monthly Meeting:

Grand Rapids Monthly Meeting:

Kalamazoo Monthly Meeting

Red Cedar Monthly Meeting:

Query (from Philadelphia Faith and Practice):

How does our meeting encourage its members to seek opportunities to meet and work with Friends world wide?

In what ways does our Meeting respond to opportunities to join with other Meetings in worship, in social action and in spiritual dialogue?

What opportunities have I taken to know people from different religious backgrounds, to worship with them, and to work with them on common concerns?

What opportunities have I taken to know, to work, and to worship with Friends outside my own Meeting?

Approval of Minutes

1. May minutes accepted with two corrections:

- 7. add term years to the list of proposed nominees to officer and committee positions

- 5. strike "in favor of the existing membership of Mi Friends Center" from "Their intention in preparing the budget was to eliminate the Meeting's contribution to the Friends Lake Cooperative Community in favor of the existing membership of Mi Friends Center"

2. Treasurer Report

Jeff Cooper reported that little had changed in the report since the May meeting since there had been little financial activity. Total income \$13, 204.00. Total expenditures \$12,243.74. Income less expenditures \$960.26

The report was accepted with change to the column headed "# of members" add asterisks footnote "*as recorded by LEYM"

3. Proposed budget

Bob Orr reported

Accepted with changes and explanations

-will take out \$250 of adult program budget as portajohn is not needed at Quaker Park August quarterly meeting

-proposed maximum of \$3,900, minimum \$2,000 in the bank will trigger change in amount of member assessment requested from Monthly Meetings. Current assessment is proposed at \$40.00, down from \$43.00 in last year's budget..

- In the list of Contributions under Expenses, add location of organizations listed

4. Nominating Committee report for officers for 2019/20 Accepted

RaeLynn Joyce: nominating committee

Ann Sprague: nominating convener

Bob Orr: finance convenor

5. Ad hoc bylaws and GPQM purpose/vision restructuring committee

Final draft of by-laws was submitted by the adhoc purpose/vision restructuring committee. Due to communication issues, many meetings have not seen the documents, and were unable to review for this meeting. Meeting requested that documents be sent again to member meetinghouse clerks for review with their members.

Sense of the meeting was that GPQM has received proposed by-laws and policies and procedures from adhoc-committee. Any changes will be submitted to clerk and officers by November 30 with intent for approval at May meeting.

Commendation made to By-Laws subcommittee for their excellent work in forming by-laws and policies.

The following suggestions were submitted for consideration, as the co-clerks develop a final draft for the May meeting:

- changes made in Articles 4 and 5 have been inserted and appear in final draft
- committee tried to streamline and would love to move on
- question how by-laws reflect relationships between GPQM and other organizations, like MFC and AFSC
 - perhaps include in by-laws that GPQM may choose to be involved with other organizations
 - initial paragraph describes purpose; specifics about relationships belongs in a different document
 - what are limitations of by-laws and policies and procedures in regard to GPQM relationships with other organizations?
 - relationship between MFC and GPQM needs homework before next meeting
- come to spirit of agreement about the by-laws for next meeting
- notice for May meeting go on website 6 weeks prior to meeting

6. Update on Detroit Friends School - Joe Mills

After November, remaining assets of will be available for distribution

Proposal for start-up of a new school was read

- concerns raised about GPQM involvement
- update in May

7. Tustin Worship Group seeking to be under the care of a meeting

- LEYM advancement committee requests advice on Tustin and Manitou worship group in need of care under a Monthly meeting
- Grand Rapids meeting no longer has care of Manitou
- Grand Rapids wants to visit Tustin to consider what their relationship might be

8. Birmingham meeting

As result of objections to the 2019 revised Philadelphia Faith and Practice Birmingham Meeting adopted Philadelphia Faith and Practice 2002 as official Advice and Queries.

Recommend meetings look closely at Faith and Practice and adopt 2002 version

9. Report from MQEA

Peggy Daub requests comments to Michigan Public service Commission re DTE Energy's 15 year plan

10. Announcement, concerns

Midwinter gathering is in need of a host

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Wicking (GPQM Co-clerk, in absence of Recording Clerk)