

*Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting*  
*Minutes*  
*15<sup>th</sup> Day, 5<sup>th</sup> Month, 2021*  
by Zoom

Clerk Elliott Brannon opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m. with a Query related to the Environment and Sustain ability with its impact on the poor. How can we work for social justice in response to climate change? We then settled into a few minutes of worshipful silence.

Roll Call:

Ann Arbor	9	Birmingham	1	Detroit	3
Grand Rapids	3	Holland		Kalamazoo	4
Red Cedar	1				

1) Friends reviewed and *approve* the Minutes of the last September meeting for business and of the December special called meeting reducing the number of trustees for Friends School in Detroit.

2) Deb Wickersham led us in sharing reflections on our Midwinter Gathering. Friends felt the gathering was highly successful. Over 20 participants sat in a worship sharing format, reflecting on the effects of the pandemic on our spiritual lives. We recognize the importance of being connected and hearing each other.

3) Joseph Mills reported that the Board of Trustees of *Friends School in Detroit* with its reduced size has not had to meet. We are waiting until December 2023 to distribute the approximate \$110,00 of remaining funds being held to indemnify School trustees in case claims to the Charlotte Mason School. The School has been notified of the plan for final distribution of funds.

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4) Jeff Cooper presented a *Treasurer's Report*. No activity in program. All constituent Meetings have paid at least their minimum contribution amounts. For the fiscal year to date we have an operating surplus of \$130 with a current bank balance is \$5,721. Friends accept the report.

5) John Williams suggested the Quarterly Meeting make a contribution to *Detroit Friends Meeting for its new Meetinghouse*. Its new meetinghouse will be in the City of Detroit on 14<sup>th</sup> Street in a minority area, pending an environmental assessment. The plan is for a carbon neutral building with a geothermal heat pump and solar panels. Total cost will approach \$850,000. Friends *approve* Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting donating \$1,000 to the Detroit Friends Meeting for its new meetinghouse.

6) Bob Orr presented a *Draft Budget* for 2021-2022 which is identical to the current year's budget. The per-member assessment has been reduced from \$34 to \$31. It allows for a deficit of \$1,680 and would result in an ending bank balance for next year of just over \$3,000. The draft budget is attached.

7) Friends approve a *Nominating Committee* report presented by Susan Hartman (attached) Joe Mills and April Allison are appointed for one year continuing terms as Recording Clerk and Communications Coordinator respectively. Jeff Cooper and Mark Donovan are appointed to three year renewal terms as Treasurer and member of the Finance Committee respectively. Robert Orr will serve a clerk of the Finance Committee. The Quarterly Meeting is still in need of a new co-clerk. A new member of the Nominating Committee is needed to replace Susan Hartman. Deb Wicking outgoing co-clerk, and Susan will continue to serve until their replacements are approved. Any Friend who might be willing to serve in either of these capacities should contact Susan Hartman. A copy of the report showing all officers and committee composition is attached. April Alison reported on her role as Communications Coordinator. She has been quite busy with attention to the newsletter, Facebook, and our website.

8) Richard Tucker gave an update on *Michigan Friends Center*. The Center has been quite inactive with the pandemic with very little programing and rental activity. Rental income has fallen dramatically and operating costs are being reduced. The Center obtained two Federal payroll protection grants. The Center has been active in technological upgrades with a new website, communication upgrades for the building, and an online financial management system. The Center is also developing more advanced marketing strategies. It is planning to launch on line programs. Michigan Friends Center is working to enhance collaboration with Friends Lake Community This could lead to a merger or other more closely aligned structure between the two groups. New Quaker members are needed on the Board of Michigan Friends Center; Friends who might be interested in serving should contact Richard Tucker.

9) Peggy Daub reported on *Michigan Quakers for Environmental Action* (MQEA). This organization grew out of Ann Arbor Meeting's Earthcare Committee to provide Michigan Friends with information on how to advocate for environmental legislation and policies in the State of Michigan. MQEA sends periodic mailings to about 80 Friends throughout the Quarterly Meeting area. The group has been active in lobbying and encouraging Friends to contact legislators on energy and environmental issues. MQEA desires to explore affiliation with Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting. It feels that such affiliation will emphasize that it is a state wide organization and wants to involve more Friends in the planing group. Also use of the Quarterly Meeting website and communication structure might encourage more activity among Michigan Friends. Being under the Care of the Quarterly Meeting would not necessarily require appointments by the Nominating Committee; the goal is to enhance spirit led action to protect creation. Friends were generally welcoming of an affiliation and suggest seasoning with the bringing back a specific proposal for affiliation in September. Friends are encouraged to provide feedback to MQEA members

10) The *Quarterly Meeting moving forward*. We discussed fostering hybrid meetings for the Quarter in the future. This would save on driving and address winter weather concerns, We recognize some Friends are uncomfortable with the zoom format and prefer in person meeting. The zoom technology is not always dependable. Our clerk will set up a meeting for Friends to discuss this further.

11) Our traditional annual meeting at Quaker Park in Battle Creek will occur on First Day 8/ 8/ 2021. Details will follow.

Respectfully submitted, Joseph Mills, Recording Clerk

**GPQM Draft Budget, 2021 - 22**

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Budget 2019-20</b>	<b>Actual 2019-20</b>	<b>Budget 2020-21</b>	<b>Actual 2020-21</b>	<b>Draft 2021-22</b>
Administration	30	20	30	20	\$30
Other (bank fees)					
Adult Program, gross	1000	713	1000	0	\$1,000
Youth Program	200	0	200	0	\$200
<b>Contributions to Orgs</b>					
Michigan Friends Center	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200
AFSC, Michigan Office	8050	8050	8050	8050	8050
Alternatives to Violence	200	200	200	200	200
Institute for Global Education	200	200	200	200	200
Total Contributions to Orgs	9650	9650	9650	9650	\$9,650
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$10,880</b>	<b>\$10,383</b>	<b>\$10,880</b>	<b>\$9,670</b>	<b>\$10,880</b>
<b>Income</b>					
Meeting Contributions	10,780	11,336	9,860	9,800	\$8,900
Assessment per member		39		34	31
Other (Adult Program)	0	340	300	0	\$300
Other (Reversed check)	100	100			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$10,880</b>	<b>11,776</b>	<b>\$10,160</b>	<b>9,800</b>	<b>\$9,200</b>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,393</b>		<b>\$130</b>	

**Nominations to fill 2021-2022 GPQM officer and committee positions**

- \_\_\_\_\_ for a two-year term as Co-Clerk
- Joe Mills (K) for a one-year term as Recording Clerk
- Jeff Cooper (AA) for a three-year term as Treasurer
- Mark Donovan (K) for a three-year term on the Finance Committee
- Robert Orr (D) to serve as Clerk of the Finance Committee for one year
- April Allison (RC) for a one-year term as Communications Coordinator

Responsibilities would commence on July 1.

The full roster, if proposed slate is accepted:

<b>Position</b>	<b>July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Co-Clerks (2 yr overlapping)</b>	Elliott Brannon( AA) (yr 2 of 2 yr term) & _____ (yr 1 of 2 yr term)	We are still searching for a co-clerk.
<b>Recording Clerk (1 yr renewable)</b>	Joe Mills (K)	Renewed term
<b>Treasurer (3 yr renewable)</b>	Jeff Cooper (AA) (yr 1 of 3 yr term)	Renewed term
<b>Finance (3; 3 yr staggered)</b>	Mark Donovan (K) (yr 1 of 3 yr term) Robert Orr (D), Clerk (yr 2 of 3 yr term) John Williams (AA) (yr 3 of 3 yr term)	Renewed term
<b>Resident Agent</b>	Jeff Cooper (AA)	(no term on this position)
<b>Nominating (3; 3 yr staggered)</b>	_____ (yr 1 of 3 yr term) Peggy Daub (AA) (yr 2 of 3 yr term) Raelyn Joyce (K) (yr 3 of 3 yr term)	Nominating committee does not replace itself. Clerk also needs to be named.
<b>Communications Coordinator (1 yr renewable)</b>	April Allison (RC)	Renewed term

Submitted by Nominating Committee:  
Susan Hartman (AA), Raelyn Joyce (K), Peggy Daub (AA)  
May 15, 2021