

Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting Minutes

18 th Day, 9th Month, 2021 by Zoom

Clerk Maryann Concannon opened the meeting at 10:00 am with a Query “What is the Spirit leading me to do about the historic and ongoing racial pandemic across my meeting, my community, my work environment, and my country?” Friends shared a variety of responses.

Roll Call:

Ann Arbor	7	Birmingham	2	Detroit	5
Grand Rapids	1	Holland		Kalamazoo	3
Red Cedar	3				

1) Friends reviewed and approve the minutes of the 5/ 15/ 2021 Meeting for Business of the Quarterly Meeting.

2) Jeff Cooper presented **Treasurer’s Report** for the last fiscal year ending 6/30/2021, showing receipts of \$9,800 , disbursements of \$10,670 and an ending general fund balance of \$4,721. The report is attached and was *accepted*.

3) Friends *approve* the **budget** as originally presented at our 5/ 15/ 2021 meeting for business as the final budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The per member contribution is reduced to \$31 (290 members). The budget allows for a deficit of \$1,680 to reduce the Quarterly Meeting’s general fund balance to about \$3,100. The budget is attached

4) Peggy Daub presented a **Nominating Committee** report. Maryann Concannon was appointed by the Executive Committee to serve as Co-clerk of the Quarterly Meeting . Friends *approve* her continuing appointment as such through 6/ 30/ 23.

5) Our Clerks report concerning the Nominating Committee that no replacement for Susan Hartman on the Committee has been found at this time. The Clerks will continue to search and will share the need for Susan’s replacement with all Friends in the Quarter. Susan is stepping off the Committee at this time.

6) We discussed holding a **Mid-winter gathering** this year. Ideas shared include possibly a hybrid form of gathering and combining such a gathering with a workshop of Yearly Meeting or another Meeting group perhaps dealing with Native-American themes. Ellerie Brownfain, Deb Wickersing, and Maryann Concannon have volunteered to be part of a planning group for a mid-winter gathering.

7) Richard Tucker reported for **Michigan Friends Center**. A merger between Michigan Friends Center and Friends Lake Community appears likely. The Quarterly meeting has had difficulty finding Board members for Michigan Friends Center. A merger would affect issues concerning the Quarterly Meeting’s relationship to and roll in a new organization. An Ad hoc committee formed by the Quarterly Meeting for a year to see us through the merger process was recommended. Friends interested in serving on

such a committee should contact Elliott Brannon. We agreed that our Clerks will appoint a formal committee, and will approach the Ann Arbor Meeting for additional committee members.

8) Friends express considerable support for **Michigan Quakers for Environmental Action (MQEA)**. The main purpose of MQEA is to provide information to Michigan Quakers on how they might effectively advocate for environmental legislation and policy in the state. Both the Quarterly Meeting and MQEA recognize that efforts to mitigate climate change and protect the environment can come out of spirit-led impulses toward protecting the earth and ensuring equitable access to clean water, air, and soil.

Friends approve that Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting affiliate with Michigan Quakers for Environmental Action by holding it in its spiritual care. The Quarterly Meeting will allow MQEA to use its communications structure to reach out to member Meetings, worship groups and the public. MQEA is invited to report at the Quarterly Meeting's business meetings. We expect MQEA to keep spirit-led principles at its foundation and will act in accordance with Quaker ideas and testimonies.

9) Scott Miller presented a most stimulating program on his farming and anti-racism. He is making a commitment towards reparations giving up to 25% of his agricultural production to families in need. He emphasizes involvement and witnessing to anti-racism through work and action with a Quaker ethic as opposed to just shared education. He envisions forming an Urban Embassy in rural Hastings, Michigan to reach out to the wider community about his work and ideals in this area. He would like more people to come to his farm to learn about farming to expand this process and welcomes Friends to help get the word out. His program is called the Sandhill Project.

Respectfully submitted, Joseph Mills, Recording Clerk

GPQM Treasurer's Report, 7/01/20 - 6/30/21

BALANCE IN CHECKING 7/01/20 \$5,591.06

Income

Assessments (Suggested \$34 per member)

	# Members	Budget	Payment Received	Amount Received
Monthly Meeting				
Ann Arbor	121		\$4,114.00	
Birmingham	12		\$420.00	
Detroit	22		\$748.00	
Grand Rapids	17		\$578.00	
Holland	2		\$200.00	
Kalamazoo	28		\$952.00	
Red Cedar	82		\$2,788.00	
Total: Contributions Received	284	\$9,860.00		\$9,800.00

Gatherings

Fall Gathering			\$0.00	
Mid-Winter Gathering			\$0.00	
Spring Gathering			\$0.00	
Total for Gatherings		\$300.00		\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$10,160.00		\$9,800.00

Expenditures

	Budget	Actual	Amount Spent
<i>Administration</i>	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
<i>Adult Program</i>			
Fall Gathering		\$0.00	
Mid-Winter Gathering		\$0.00	
Spring Gathering		\$0.00	
Total for Adult Program	\$1,000.00		\$0.00
Youth Program	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contributions to Organizations			
Michigan Friends Center	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	
AFSC	\$8,050.00	\$8,050.00	
Institute for Global Education	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Alternatives to Violence Project	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Detroit Friends Meeting		\$1,000.00	
Total: Contributions to Orgs	\$9,650.00		\$10,650.00
<i>Bank fees</i>			\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,880.00		\$10,670.00

Income less Expenditures

-\$720.00 **-\$870.00**

BALANCE IN IN CHECKING, 6/30/21

\$4,721.06

Change in balance	-\$870.00
Outstanding checks	\$0.00
Outstanding deposits	\$0.00
Actual balance	\$4,721.06

Final
GPQM Draft Budget, 2021 - 22

Expenses	Budget 2019-20	Actual 2019-20	Budget 2020-21	Actual 2020-21	Draft 2021-22
Administration Other (bank fees)	30	20	30	20	\$30
Adult Program, gross	1000	713	1000	0	\$1,000
Youth Program	200	0	200	0	\$200
Contributions to Orgs					
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
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,880	\$10,383	\$10,880	\$9,670	\$10,880
Income					
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			
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,880	11,776	\$10,160	9,800	\$9,200
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	\$0	\$1,393		\$130	