

*Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting*  
*Minutes*  
*20th Day, Fifth Month, 2023*  
Ann Arbor Friends Meetinghouse, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
(Hybrid)

Clerk Maryann Concannon opened the meeting at 10:00 am with silent worship and a query relating to simplicity and self sufficiency and sharing of resources

Roll Call:

Ann Arbor	12	Birmingham	0	Detroit	0
Grand Rapids	0	Holland	0	Kalamazoo	2
Red Cedar	4				

1) Friends reviewed and *approve* the minutes of the 9/17/2022 Meeting for Business of the Quarterly Meeting with the clarification that the Institute for Global Education contribution was added to the contribution to the Alternatives to Violence Project.

2) Jeff Cooper presented a 10-month fiscal year **Treasurer's** Report, showing receipts of \$9,576, disbursements of \$10,00 with a corresponding deficit of \$514, and an ending general fund balance of \$3,510. Holland Monthly Meeting has yet to contribute.

3) John Williams for the Finance Committee presented a **draft budget** for the 2023-2024 year. The projected revenue is \$9,900 with expenses remaining nearly the same as this year leaves a deficit \$980 for the year. The per member contribution remains at \$36. The Committee again felt the Quarterly Meeting could sustain a modest deficit. The draft budget is attached.

4) Kevin Miller & Peggy Daub presented a **Nominating Committee** report. Friends *approve* Phil Volk (Ann Arbor) joining the Nominating Committee and approve the following assignments for the upcoming fiscal year:

Joseph Mills (Kalamazoo), Recording Clerk,  
Terry Grant (Red Cedar), Finance Committee,  
Peggy Daub (Ann Arbor) Communications Coordinator, and  
Jeff Cooper (Ann Arbor) Resident Agent.

Appointment of a co-clerk is pending. Friends are encouraged to consider further service to the Quarterly Meeting.

5) Cassie Cammann enthusiastically reported on her attendance at a **Friends Peace Teams** gathering in Philadelphia in early May. Friends Peace Teams operates in five regions over the globe working in conflict areas to build cultures of peace, justice, and reconciliation. It is also working on decolonization. Leadership has become localized in the areas where it has programs. Friends are asked to go on line to obtain information and to consider donating.

6) Richard Tucker reports that **Michigan Friends Center** is transitioning back to full operations. The budget will be returning to balance position, rental inquiries are up, and marketing is expanding. Michigan Friends Center and Friends Lake Community are working more closely together. Friends will be invited to share memories for a publication on the Center's history. Friends *approve* Maryann Concannon and John Williams forming an ad hoc committee to explore and make recommendation for changes in the Articles of Incorporation for Michigan Friends Center on the number and selection of board members and the Quaker connection. We also *approve* Peggy Daub, Maryann Concannon, Phil Volk and others approved by the Clerk to work on an indigenous land acknowledgment for the Center.

7) Peggy Daub spoke about **Michigan Quakers for Environmental Action** and shared an introductory pamphlet describing its mission. We are asked to share this information with our Meetings and other Friends. MQEA encourages Friends to let officials know that citizens want environmental legislation to move forward.

8) **Announcements:**

a) The traditional gathering of Friends in Quaker Park in Battle Creek will occur on First Day 8/6/2023. We *approve* procuring a porta john for the occasion.

b) The fall Meeting for the Quarter will take place on 9/16/2023 at Michigan Friends Center. We hope to have a hybrid option for the business portion of the meeting for Friends who can not attend in person. Michigan Friends Center plans to arrange a land blessing ceremony in conjunction with our meeting, but this at will not be hybrid. More information will become available closer to September.

Respectfully submitted, Joseph Mills, Recording Clerk

# GPQM Draft Budget, 2023 - 24

	Budget 2021-22	Actual 2021-22	Budget 2022-23	Actual 2022-23	Draft Budget 2023-24
<b>Income</b>					
Meeting Contributions	8,900	8,973	9,720	9,576	9,600
Assessment per member	31		36		36
Other (Adult Program)	300	0	300	0	300
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$9,200</b>	<b>\$8,973</b>	<b>10,020</b>	<b>9,576</b>	<b>\$9,900</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Administration	30	20	30	20	30
Adult Program, gross	1000	0	1,000	420	1,000
Youth Program	200	0	200	0	200
Contributions to Organizations					
Michigan Friends Center	1200	1200	1200	1200	1,200
AFSC, Michigan Office	8050	8050	8050	8050	8,050
Alternatives to Violence	200	200	400	400	400
Institute for Global Education	200	200	0	0	0
Total to Organizations	9,650	9,650	9650	9,650	9,650
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>10,880</b>	<b>\$9,670</b>	<b>\$10,880</b>	<b>\$10,090</b>	<b>10,880</b>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>(\$1,680)</b>	<b>(\$697)</b>	<b>(\$860)</b>	<b>(\$514)</b>	<b>(\$980)</b>