

*Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting*  
*Minutes*  
*16th Day, 9<sup>th</sup> Month, 2023*  
held at Michigan Friends Center, Chelsea, Michigan  
(in person and by zoom)

Clerk Kevin Miller opened the Meeting with attention to business at 10:30 am.

Roll Call:

Ann Arbor	8	Birmingham	3	Detroit
Grand Rapids	1	Holland		Kalamazoo
Red Cedar	2			2

1) Friends considered the matter of **reviewing the minutes** of the Spring 2023 Meeting for Business of the Quarterly Meeting but declined to do so as they were only placed on the website. In the future, minutes will also be emailed to the list of members that the Quarterly Meeting has. It was brought to our attention that we need to consider and decide on a mid winter gathering and the details thereof.

2) **Nominating Committee** has worked diligently to find a co-clerk but the need remains. Friends are encouraged to ask to ask for volunteers in their Meetings who may be willing to serve. We need to reach out to Friends who we think are suitable. Friends are welcome to contact Phil Volk of the Nominating Committee at [philvolk@yahoo.com](mailto:philvolk@yahoo.com) with the names of perspective candidates.

3) Jeff Cooper presented a **Treasurer's Report** for the last fiscal year ending 6/30/2023, showing receipts of \$9,576, disbursements of \$10,090 (deficit of \$514) and an ending general fund balance of \$3,510.06. The report is accepted and attached.

4) The Finance Committee presented a **proposed budget** for the current fiscal year which was the same as the draft presented at our 5/20/2023 meeting. The budget runs a small deficit with projected income of \$9,900 and disbursements of \$10,880. The per member contribution remains at \$36. Friends approved the budget and it is attached.

5) The Ad hoc Committee on the relationship between Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting and **Michigan Friends Center** reports that Michigan Friends Center and the Quarterly Meeting for some time have not been in compliance with bylaws requirement of the Center in appointing members to its board of directors. The Committee feels that Michigan Friends Center should have a larger community profile and perhaps a bit less of a Quaker one. The Committee suggests that the Quarterly Meeting remain an organizational member of Michigan Friends Center which will enable it to use the center for an annual fee. However, the Committee further recommends that the Quarterly Meeting ask the Center to withdraw the Quarterly Meeting's right to appoint members of

a nominating committee which appoints Center board members. Friends approve this suggestion and direct the Clerk to notify the board of Michigan Friends Center accordingly, asking it to consider this request.

6) Friends considered a draft of a statement of **Land Acknowledgment and Stewardship Intentions**. After much meaningful discussion and sharing, we approved the draft with a few changes. The final version is attached. Friends acknowledge that this is an ongoing process and more work in this area is needed.

The Meeting with Attention to Business concluded at 12:20 pm

Respectfully submitted, Joseph Mills, Recording Clerk

## **ATTACHMENTS**

### **Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting, Land Acknowledgment and Stewardship Intentions**

#### **Land Acknowledgement**

The Quaker community of Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting resides on the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary lands of the Anishinaabe Nation, known as The Three Fires Confederacy, comprised of the Odawa (Ottawa), Ojibway (Chippewa) and Bodewadmi (Potawatomi). We recognize that Indigenous Peoples viewed the land and waters where they lived as their spiritual home and the source of life for them and all beings.

These lands were taken in the 1807 Treaty of Detroit by the United States government, under that Euro-American system which understood land to be legal property and an asset of economic value. In the years that followed, European farmers and traders settled here, and took over and shaped the land in ways that did not respect the rights and traditions of the Indigenous nations.

#### **Stewardship Intentions**

Today we recognize and strive to honor the Indigenous heart of this land and water. We renew our commitment to stewardship of this environment through our words, policies, and actions. We will seek to work with the descendants of the original inhabitants of this land to learn how best to repair the damage that has been done and to safeguard it in the future.

Adopted by Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting, September 16, 2023

## GPQM Treasurer's Report, 7/01/22 - 6/30/23

**BALANCE IN CHECKING, 7/1/2022**

**\$4,024.06**

### **Income**

*Assessment = \$36 per member*

	<b># Members</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual Received</b>	<b>Amount Received</b>
Monthly Meeting				
Ann Arbor	122		\$4,392.00	
Birmingham	13		\$468.00	
Detroit	22		\$792.00	
Grand Rapids	14		\$504.00	
Holland	1		\$0.00	
Kalamazoo	26		\$936.00	
Red Cedar	69		\$2,484.00	
<b>Total: Contributions Received</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>\$9,720.00</b>		<b>\$9,576.00</b>

### *Gatherings*

Fall Gathering			\$0.00	
Mid-Winter Gathering			\$0.00	
Spring Gathering			\$0.00	
<b>Total for Gatherings</b>		<b>\$300.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$10,020.00</b>		<b>\$9,576.00</b>

### **Expenditures**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>
<b>Administration</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Adult Program</b>			
Summer Gathering		\$120.00	
Fall Gathering		\$0.00	
Early Spring Gathering		\$300.00	
Spring Gathering		\$0.00	
<b>Total for Adult Program</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>		<b>\$420.00</b>
<b>Youth Program</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Contributions to Organizations</b>			
Michigan Friends Center	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	
AFSC	\$8,050.00	\$8,050.00	
Alternatives to Violence Project	\$400.00	\$400.00	
<b>Total: Contributions to Orgs</b>	<b>\$9,650.00</b>		<b>\$9,650.00</b>

*Bank fees*

\$0.00

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES** **\$10,880.00** **\$10,090.00**

### **Income less Expenditures**

**-\$860.00** **-\$514.00**

**BALANCE IN CHECKING, 6/30/23**

**\$3,510.06**

Change in balance	-	\$514.00
Outstanding checks		\$0.00
Outstanding deposits		\$0.00
<b>Actual balance</b>		<b>\$3,510.06</b>

**GPQM Budget, 2023 - 24**

(approved 9/16/2023)

	<b>Budget 2021-22</b>	<b>Actual 2021-22</b>	<b>Budget 2022-23</b>	<b>Actual 2022-23</b>	<b>Draft Budget 2023-24</b>
<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>