

Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting
Minutes
18th Day, Fifth Month, 2024
Michigan Friends Center, Chelsea, Michigan

Kevin Miller (Clerk) opened the Meeting at 11:00 a.m. with silent worship
Roll Call:

Ann Arbor	5	Birmingham	0	Detroit	1
Grand Rapids	1	Holland	0	Kalamazoo	2
Red Cedar	1	by Zoom	2		

1) Friends reviewed and *approved* the minutes of the 9/16/2023 Meeting for Business of the Quarterly Meeting

2) For Treasurer Jeff Cooper, John Williams presented a 10-month fiscal year **Treasurer's Report**, showing receipts of \$9,619, disbursements of \$10,195, a corresponding deficit of \$576, and an ending general fund balance of \$2,934. Holland Monthly Meeting has yet to contribute.

3) The Finance Committee presented a **draft budget** for the 2024-2025 year. The projected revenue is \$9,704 with expenses at \$10,480 leaves a deficit of \$776 for the year. The per member contribution remains at \$36. Adult program expense was reduced by \$400 to \$600. The Committee again felt the Quarterly Meeting could sustain a modest deficit but feels this will be the last year of planned deficit and is concerned about the size of the AFSC contribution. Friends are encouraged to share concerns and suggestions with the Finance Committee. At the suggestion of a Friend in attendance from Kalamazoo, we discussed a donation from the Quarterly Meeting to support an underground railroad museum in Schoolcraft (just south of Kalamazoo) and perhaps hold the September meeting of the Quarter in Kalamazoo so Friends might be able to visit the museum. The Finance Committee will consider monetary support for the museum.

Richard Tucker reports that the **land stewardship blessing ceremony** planned as a program following our last Meeting for Business last September did not occur due to illness of planned attenders. Some Friends attending an improvised attempt to stage such a ceremony felt it was unsuccessful. Richard and others are exploring with indigenous groups and other interested parties and individuals further development of such a planned ceremony to be held in conjunction with a future meeting of the Quarterly Meeting in September or May.

4) The **Nominating Committee** reports it is still looking for new Co-Clerks for the Quarter. Kevin Miller has agreed to continue as Clerk until that position can be filled for this coming year. A new Recording Clerk for a one-year term is needed. Friends are encouraged to present names of those who might serve by contacting the convener of Nominating Committee, Ellerie Brownfain - ellerieb@gmail.com.

Susan Hartman (Ann Arbor) has agreed to serve a three-year term on the Finance Committee. John Williams (Ann Arbor and Clerk) and Terry Grant (Red Cedar) are also serving on that committee. For one year, Peggy Daub will continue as communications coordinator and Jeff Cooper will continue as Treasurer.

The Nominating Committee has struggled this year with one member having been ill. Another member to the Committee is needed so that we will have three. Current members with remaining years of service are Ellerie Brownfain (1) (Birmingham) and Phil Volk (2). The Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting will name a volunteer who steps forth to the Nominating Committee. Friends with interest in serving or ideas about others who might serve could contact the Clerk, Kevin Miller – kevinfmiller@gmail.com

5) Joe Mills report that attendance from the wider Quarterly Meeting at the last two gatherings in early August at **Quaker Park in Battle Creek** was quite low, partly due perhaps to threatening weather. Among suggestions to increase attendance were making a special effort for young Friends to attend and use of social media to encourage Friends to indicate in advance their intentions of attending which may motivate others to attend. Comments were shared about younger Friends coming to the Friends Lake Community and perhaps extending that interest to Quaker Park. Friends *decided* to continue the worship in Quaker Park in Battle Creek as in the past. The Quarter will be more conscientious about getting out publicity for the event. The Quarterly Meeting will rent a Porta John again. Anyone interested in an electronic sign up process should contact Clerk Kevin Miller who will assist with that process.

6) Richard Tucker reports that the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of **Michigan Friends Center** are being revised to remove the Quarterly Meeting's role in appointing members to a nominating committee which appoints Center board members. Further revisions are also being made to bring the governing documents up to date in general and perhaps make changes to the distribution of assets upon dissolution of the Center. Friends Lake Community is also involved in the revisions so more time to complete the revisions is needed.

A budget was shared for Michigan Friends Center showing current annual income at \$33,000 and a deficit of \$6,115. Friends in the Quarter are providing much of the donated funds to Michigan Friends Center but are becoming less involved in its operations. A new worship group may be forming at the Center again.

7) The next meeting of Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting with a session on Meeting for Business will occur on Saturday 9/ 21/ 2024 at a location to be decided.

The Meeting concluded at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Joseph Mills, Recording Clerk

GPQM Treasurer's Report, 7/01/23 - 5/07/24

BALANCE IN CHECKING, 7/1/2023 **\$3,510.06**

Income

Assessment = \$36 per member

	# Members	Budget	Actual Received	Amount Received
Monthly Meeting				
Ann Arbor	122		\$4,392.00	
Birmingham	14		\$504.00	
Detroit	22		\$792.00	
Grand Rapids	12		\$432.00	
Holland	1		\$0.00	
Kalamazoo	26		\$936.00	
Red Cedar	68		\$2,448.00	
Total: Contributions Received	265	\$9,720.00		\$9,504.00

Gatherings

Fall Gathering			\$115.00	
Mid-Winter Gathering			\$0.00	
Spring Gathering			\$0.00	
Total for Gatherings		\$300.00		\$115.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$10,020.00		\$9,619.00

Expenditures

	Budget	Actual	Amount Spent
Administration	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Adult Program			
Summer Gathering		\$125.00	
Fall Gathering		\$400.00	
Mid-Winter Gathering		\$0.00	
Spring Gathering		\$0.00	
Total for Adult Program	\$1,000.00		\$525.00
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	
Alternatives to Violence Project	\$400.00	\$400.00	
Total: Contributions to Orgs	\$9,650.00		\$9,650.00

Bank fees \$0.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **\$10,880.00** **\$10,195.00**

Income less Expenditures **-\$860.00** **-\$576.00**

BALANCE IN CHECKING, 5/07/24 **\$2,934.06**

Change in balance		-\$576.00
Outstanding checks		\$0.00
Outstanding deposits		\$0.00
Actual balance		\$2,934.06

GPQM Draft Budget, 2024 - 25

	Budget 2022-23	Actual 2022-23	Budget 2023-24	Actual 2023-24	Draft Budget 2024-25
Income					
Meeting Contributions	9,720	9,576	9,600	9,504	9,504
Assessment per member	36		36		36
Other (Adult Program)	300	0	300	115	200
TOTAL INCOME	10,020	9,576	9,900	9,619	\$9,704
Expenses					
Administration	30	20	30	20	30
Adult Program, gross	1,000	420	1000	525	600
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	400	400	400	400	400
Total to Organizations	9650	9,650	9,650	9,650	9,650
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,880	\$10,090	\$10,880	\$10,195	10,480
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	(\$860)	(\$514)	(\$980)	(\$576)	(\$776)