

Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting Minutes
20th Day, Ninth Month, 2025
Michigan Friends Center

Clerk, Kevin Miller, opened the meeting with silent worship at 10:15 a.m. with comments relating to an agenda.

Roll Call:

Ann Arbor	8	Birmingham	4	Detroit	
Grand Rapids	1	Holland		Kalamazoo	3
Red Cedar	1		by Zoom	5	

1) Friends approved the minutes of the 5/ 25/ 2025 Meeting for Business of the Quarterly Meeting following their reading by the Recording Clerk.

2) We approved Jeff Cooper and John Williams continuing to serve as Treasurer and as a member and convener of the Finance Committee respectively

3) Friends shared in a worship sharing type format their views and opinions on the future of Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting. Thoughts shared include:

- Lake Erie Yearly Meeting is strong and may be providing more of the social interaction among Friends in the area that the Quarterly Meeting use to provide. Perhaps the Yearly Meeting can take over some of the Quarterly Meeting roles such as membership at Michigan Friends Center and addressing environmental issues through MQEA which is important. The Friends Lake Community would like to preserve a Quaker presence.
- The failure to fill leadership positions along with lower attendance suggests the need to lay down the Quarterly Meeting. We could take a hiatus and suspend all operations of the Quarter but we will still need formal closure or a resolution. We need to want something to happen and not just feel responsibility for something to happen. Out of the ashes, another Quarterly Meeting may rise.
- Broad in-person socialization among Friends in the wider Michigan area is important; many Friends are not able to attend the annual meeting of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting. Monthly Meetings without the Quarterly Meeting can enhance socialization by inviting to their events Michigan Friends in general. One gathering annually at Michigan Friends Center seems important. Currently, a camping weekend at Friends Lake is being considered,

- The failure of Detroit Friends School was a great loss that may have impaired community-building in the Quarter.
- There are many Quarterly Meetings in the country, and many are inactive. It is not a failure to lay down or suspend a Meeting, but it is a failure not to operate it.
- We need simplicity in operating the Quarterly Meeting. We need not be a granting organization for AFSC as monthly meetings can support such ventures. We need not maintain corporation status to operate. We can do away with some committees and business sessions can be held before or after a program session. We need to lighten the load of leadership positions.
- We may need Yearly Meeting approval to lay down the Quarterly Meeting and we should at least consult with it about laying down.

4) Friends are in unity that it is time to begin the process of laying down Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting. Friends agreed to form a committee consisting of Peggy Daub (Convener), Jeff Cooper, Ellerie Brownfain, Joseph Mills, Terry Grant, John Williams, Geoff Brieger, and Susan Hartman (if willing) to start and manage the process of laying down Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting and winding up its affairs.

5) A general budget for the 2025-2026 year was approved. We will continue to fund contributions in full one last time but will spend down reserves and reduce program expenses such that per member contribution will be reduced by approximately \$9 to \$27. Further details are left to the new committee charged with starting the laying down process.

6) Jeff Cooper presented a Treasurer's Report for the last fiscal year ending 6/30/25, showing received member contributions of \$9,648, expenditures of \$9,650 for organization contributions, \$445 for Administration and Program, leaving an ending fund balance of \$2,487. The report is accepted and is attached.

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship at 12:45pm
Respectfully submitted, Joseph Mills, Recording Clerk

GPQM TREASURER'S REPORT 6/30/2025

BALANCE IN CHECKING, 7/1/2024 **\$2,934.06**

Income

Assessment = \$36 per member

	# Members	Budget	Actual Received	Amount Received
Monthly Meeting				
Ann Arbor	122		\$4,392.00	
Birmingham	13		\$468.00	
Detroit	22		\$792.00	
Grand Rapids	11		\$396.00	
Holland	1		\$0.00	
Kalamazoo	27		\$972.00	
Red Cedar	73		\$2,628.00	
Total: Contributions Received	269	\$9,504.00		\$9,648.00

Gatherings

Fall Gathering			\$0.00	
Mid-Winter Gathering			\$0.00	
Spring Gathering			\$0.00	
Total for Gatherings		\$200.00		\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$9,704.00		\$9,648.00

Expenditures

	Budget	Actual	Amount Spent
Administration	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Adult Program			
Summer Gathering		\$125.00	
Fall Gathering		\$300.00	
Mid-Winter Gathering		\$0.00	
Spring Gathering		\$0.00	
Total for Adult Program	\$600.00		\$425.00
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 **\$10,480.00** **\$10,095.00**

Income less Expenditures **-\$776.00** **-\$447.00**

BALANCE IN CHECKING, 6/30/25 **\$2,487.06**

Change in balance	-\$447.00
Outstanding checks	\$0.00
Outstanding deposits	\$0.00
Actual balance, 6/30/25	\$2,487.06