

**Minutes of Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting held February 24, 2013
at Moorestown Meeting
(attendance appended below after minutes)**

After opening worship and introductions the clerk read a letter from Haddonfield Meeting on the subject of gun violence. A minute from Medford Meeting on the same subject was read by the Quarterly Meeting stated in the minute. It was suggested that the words Haddonfield Quarter members be changed to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting members. This minute was endorsed and will be sent on to Yearly Meeting so that Interim Meeting can address the concerns stated in the minute. Friends reminded us that the minute calls for support of these concerns “with a Quarter-led plan of joint action in a timely manner”. Friends asked that mental health concerns be addressed along with the need for increased funding of mental health. Friends wished to refer the concern to a Quarterly Peace and Social Concerns committee, which does not presently exist.

The Quarter’s Committee on Worship and Ministry reported that the initial Spiritual Formation Retreat was held at Westfield School the weekend of Feb. 15th through 17th. Alice Andrews reported the group of 14 met “with the intention of deepening our spiritual awareness and supporting fellow participants in their journey. Our facilitators from the PYM Spiritual Formation Working Group led us through exercises that helped us connect where we have been to where we are going. Working in small groups we were able to get to know each other and support each other while answering queries that took us deeper into our own spirituality. Most of us came away from the weekend encouraged and committed to developing a daily spiritual practice and helping our fellow travelers along the way. We were impressed with the grounding of our facilitators and the way that they were able to begin building the feeling of community in a short period of time.”

The clerk reported that the original papers endowing the Burlington Meeting House have been shared and show that Burlington Quarter and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting are equal original signers. Therefore, Burlington Quarter will be in conversation with Philadelphia Yearly Meeting toward resolving outstanding issues.

The HQM Personnel Committee report by Karen Nulton explained this transition year of contracted services and that the Committee has asked Monthly Meetings what each needs from the Quarter. We are now 2/3 through the transition from having had full time staff to having volunteers take on more of what we do as a Quarter.

Personnel learned the Garden Project is governed by Friends Transition Support Services, a project of Haddonfield Meeting. Likewise, Friends Prisoner Support Fund is a project of Westfield Meeting. Personnel Committee is clear that if these or other Monthly Meeting projects want the Quarterly Meeting’s financial support, then their governing boards and sponsoring Meetings should make a timely proposal to the Quarter. Justin Loughry, clerk of Friends Transition Support Services, spoke in appreciation of this process and their Board’s plan to meet soon and engage with this process.

The matter of unpaid hours worked by the Quarter's Independent Contractor (IC) were once again addressed. The contract clearly required and paid for only fourteen hours per week. Personnel Committee instructed the IC to limit work to that time frame. Additional hours were volunteered and, while appreciated, will not be paid.

The summary of Monthly Meeting answers to the questions Personnel Committee posed to Monthly Meetings is a work in progress. Meetings need to see how they and other Meetings responded and have an opportunity to refine their responses. Friends remarked more communication among monthly meetings is needed, that we need to decide what we want to do before we know how to spend our money and that we need five year goals. The original narrative responses and the summarizing grid composed by Personnel Committee members are attached to these minutes. (**Attachments One and Two**) Friends asked to see the full responses from all the monthly meetings. Friends are asked to review the narrative and correct the grid by filling in additional items. Corrected grids should be returned to Clerk Rose Ketterer at roseket@aol.com.

The suggestion of having a committee to devise a five year plan of action for the quarter was proposed and approved. The nominating committee will be asked to bring forth names of people willing to serve on a planning committee.

Clerks of other monthly meeting committees were encouraged to meet at the Quarterly level to exchange ideas and explore possibilities for supporting each other and the Quarter. A contacts listing showing current clerks of committees in the monthly meetings needs to be refreshed and circulated. The clerk will send last year's list separately to Monthly Meeting clerks for corrections. This would help in promoting communication.

Michael Lane of Westfield meeting volunteered to move forward with a Quarterly property committee with volunteers and references to support monthly meetings with limited resources in maintaining their buildings. He would like some volunteers to help with this project. Please call him at (856)-499-4143 if interested.

Lee Parry, acting recorder
Rose Ketterer, clerk

ATTENDANCE

Cropwell MM

Deborah Saunders

Haddonfield MM

Priscilla Adams
Pam Anderson
Judy Barnes
John Donch
Kathy Donch

Mary Noland
Sarah Greenblatt
Linda Lotz
Sheryl Harrison
Melonie Monk
Justin Loughry

Medford MM

Alice Andrews
Sharon Christenson
Sue Dietz
Harry Forrest
Lois Forrest
Meryl Klieger
Barry Klieger
Marylou Morrow
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