

BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING
First Day, Eleventh Month 21, 2010
Held at Middletown Monthly Meeting

Clerk: Christopher Lucca
Recording Clerk: David Rose

Meeting began with a period of worship at 1:10 p.m. preceded by the singing of the song “God did not bring us out this far to take us back again” led by members of the Bucks Quarter singing group.

Clerks Comments: Chris Lucca offered words of appreciation to Lehigh Valley MM for hosting the last Quarterly Meeting and for the support that he has personally received.

Agenda approved.

Roll Call of Meetings Bristol:1, Buckingham: 1, Doylestown: 3, Fallsington:3 Lehigh Valley:2 Makefield:3 Middletown:3 Newtown:3 Plumstead:3 Quakertown:2 Solebury:0 Southampton:3 Wrightstown:0 Yardley:1

Minutes of August 2010 Quarterly Meeting approved.

Stories of vitality and growth: The Clerk provided time for sharing. Stories from around the Quarter included increases in attendance and participation, reviving of Meeting Christmas dinner, and the story of an attendee at Doylestown Meeting who is a speaker on non-violence with the unique distinction of being the son of an imprisoned terrorist.

Report of Coordinator: Holly gave the report. The complete report is available. The In-Reach section reported on various programs attended and plans for upcoming programs. She noted the current low registration number for the upcoming Quaker Parenting Initiative (QPI) to be held in January at a site to be selected. Numerous Outreach activities were reported with the highlight noted that the number of churches participating in “Bucks Food For Friends” has increased to ten (10) from a start in 2008 of an individual leading supported by the Quarter.

Auditors Report: Report given by Doug Meaker (Quakertown Meeting). All three auditors met and reviewed the books for the period covering Doug Meeker serving as Interim Treasurer. Records are satisfactory and report to be presented at February Quarterly Meeting will contain some recommendations to improved record keeping.

Announcements: Time was provided for announcements of upcoming programs and activities.

Tim Dwyer (Bristol Meeting) gave the **Treasurer’s Report**. Complete detailed report is available. According to the Treasurer, expenses and income are currently as expected for this period of the fiscal year. In addition to the financial activity statements, the Treasurer provided a list of the anticipated payment schedule for each Monthly Meeting in the Quarter. Report received.

United Friend School Annual Report: Nancy Donnelly of Unami Monthly Meeting presented the report, from which she highlighted what she called “The State of Quakerism at United Friends School”. Every year there is a Testimony Exploration which this year is about the testimony of Stewardship. Numerous ways that the testimony of Stewardship is being explored through the school year were recounted in the report, an example of which was a multi year stream study that has developed into having the students present a proposed ordinance to town council regarding the health of a stream that runs through the borough of Quakertown.

Budget and Nominating Report: Report read by Doug Meaker. Complete report is available. The Quarter has received a request from PYM that BQM provide the anticipated covenant figure for the coming fiscal year. After discussion, it was decided that the treasurer will contact the meeting treasurers to request an anticipated level of contribution. In other business:

- Marion Hepburn (Solebury MM) presented for appointment to the Audit Committee: Approved.
- Minute requested for service given by Robin Meaker: Approved. The following minute was drafted and read
 - **MINUTE I:** Bucks Quarter is grateful to Robin Meaker for her service to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting as our representative on the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee recognizing both her recent term of service as well as her years of dedicated work to promote our Quarters participation in the workings of the committees and working groups of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.
- A minute of appreciation for Bob Atkinson will be requested at next business meeting.

Annual Report of Newtown MM given by Betsy Crofts. Complete written report is available. Betsy Crofts spoke of an upcoming series of talks to be given at the Meetinghouse and the adjustments made necessary due to the loss of weekend parking at the sold auto dealership. Upcoming Quarterly Meeting session will be held at Pennswood Village with the youth program to be held at the Newtown Friends School.

Friends Counseling Services member Dale Myrtetus (Middletown Meeting) provided background about the counseling service which is provided through PYM and also distributed literature to be taken back to Monthly Meeting.

Worship and Ministry report given by Bethann Morgan (Buckingham Meeting). She gave special recognition to those few who stay consistently involved with providing a service at Chandler Hall. Her report noted that there a fewer people available to do the work necessary to keep the work of the committee alive. Bethann urged that the meetings send a representative to the upcoming meeting of Worship and Ministry in January to discuss the future of the committee. A minute of appreciation for the work of Bethann Morgan on this committee was suggested by a Friend. Minute approved. The completed minute will be read at next Quarterly Meeting by Beth Taylor.

Friends Camp Association Annual Report given by Paul McAndrew (Lehigh Valley Meeting). The news from Camp Onas is much better then could have been expected a couple of years ago during the start of the financial crisis. The Annual Report was provided which gave a complete breakdown of camper demographics, including the names of the Friends Meetings from which Young Friends were from. The report also provided a summary of the activities and programs that occurred at camp this past year.

Plumstead Monthly Meeting Annual Report given by Beth Taylor. Complete report available. The completion of a separate classroom for First Day school is greatly enjoyed by the children and the adults. Participation in the Plumstead Township Historical Society scavenger hunt resulted in over three hundred (300) visitors in one day.

Quaker School at Horsham Annual Report given by Phil Henderson (Doylestown Meeting) and Ruth Joray, Head of School. Complete detailed report is available. The School is doing very well with a stable current environment. The school is taking this opportunity to reevaluate the strategic mission of the school. All students served have a learning disability and learning is an exhausting process for them. The school has many linkages with other schools which provide student teachers, many of which continue their involvement with the school upon completion of their student teaching. .

Annual Report for Solebury MM to be rescheduled to next Quarterly Meeting as there was no one present to give the report.

Closing Comments: The clerk highlighted the importance of getting Monthly Meeting representatives on the Budget and Nominating Committee.

Meeting closed with a period of worship at 3:25 p.m.

