

*This version of the February Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights.  
The minutes in full detail will be brought to Quarterly Meeting in May at  
Makefield Meeting for consideration.  
Unedited version can also be read on the quarter's web site [www.quakersbucks.org](http://www.quakersbucks.org)*

**Clerk:** Rick Dow (Lehigh Valley)                      **Recording Clerk:** David Rose (Lehigh Valley)

**Roll Call of Meeting:** Bristol: 0, Buckingham: 2, Doylestown: 1, Fallsington: 3,  
Lehigh Valley: 3, Makefield: 2, Middletown: 5, Newtown: 3, Plumstead: 0,  
Quakertown: 1, Solebury: 1, Southampton: 1, Wrightstown: 2, Yardley: 3

**Minutes** for November 20th approved as presented.

**Minute of Appreciation** to Boris Simkovich for his service as Clerk. **Approved.**

#### **Stories of Vitality and Growth**

- **Lehigh Valley MM** Quaker History group has finished “Daughters of the Light” and provided a program about colonial era Quaker woman in the traveling ministry.
- **Wrightstown MM** The meeting was awarded a PYM to purchase a 61” monitor.
- **Buckingham MM** has started using a Google Group. Social Concerns will be inviting an imam and is hoping that more meetings will participate.
- **Doylestown MM** discovered that it has a Facebook page. There is a somewhat automatic creation of Facebook pages for organizations without their knowledge.
- **Southampton MM** has Tuesday night meeting for worship. A new attender has started attending with his family. Bryn Gweled Community is hosting a film series.
- **Middletown MM** Continues to hold pot-luck/Movie Night with many visitors from outside the meeting attending.
- **Newtown MM** has been asking itself on finding ways to keep in touch with new attenders and has started to gather them together for dinners with a longtime Friend.

**Coordinator's Report** given by Holly Olson (Middletown MM). Inreach events reported were attendance at Christmas programs, Holiday Sing at FH/V, the suspension of New Year's Day Skating party, racism workshop, Spiritual Formation program and funeral for Ed Twining. Outreach reports on upcoming Quakerism in a Nutshell, PYM conference calls on Peace and Justice, Worship and Pastoral Care and Outreach and Peace Fair.

**Treasurers Report** given by Ed Snyder (Yardley MM), Assistant Treasurer. He summarized the mid fiscal year statement as being within expected range. Line item for additional contributions is at 108% of budget which is largely due to the uncertainty in anticipating pledged amounts.

**Preliminary Budget 2017-18** presented by Ed Snyder. Proposed budget does not indicate an increase in pledges but will indicate an increase in expenses. Accumulated surplus will be drawn down to make up difference. Proposed budgets will be sent to Monthly Meetings with request for input to be sent to the Budget and Nomination Committee.

**Doylestown Annual Report** given by Wendy Steginsky Clerk. (Complete Report Available) Wendy highlighted the four broad framing topics selected by the Social Concerns Committee and the work that they did on each. The Finance Committee initiated a successful matching fund incentive for first time contributors and those who increased their pledge over last year. Special called meetings for worship were held after the Orlando Shooting and prior to the election. Meeting is reporting an uptick in the number of newcomers.

**Outreach Committee Report** given by Jess Walcott. Committee is growing. Jess discussed the tent and banners that the Quarter will be acquiring through the assistance of a PYM grant. There was discussion on the ability for each Meeting to post events on their own individual page on the Bucks Quarter web site. It was requested that there be another notice sent out regarding obtaining access to your meetings page.

**Makefield Annual Report** given by Boris Simkovich. Boris highlighted the focus that this small meeting has on the quality of worship. It is also a close and caring community. Every Sunday following worship, except for Business Meeting First Day, there is an Adult First Day program.

**Friends Home and Village Annual Report** given by Tyler Hoff (Yardley MM). The construction of the elevator through the center of the building is requiring many different adjustments to life in the home.

**Quakertown Annual Report** presented by Doug Meaker. Doug highlighted the impact that their small First Day School has had with the sending out to various legislators and groups the “minute” that they composed on prison reform. Meeting members are involved in work throughout the Quarter, the Yearly Meeting and abroad.

**Announcements:**

- Solebury MM Pancake Breakfast March 19<sup>th</sup> with very local syrup to be provided.
- Peace Center Selling “Hate Has No Home Here” lawn signs for \$5.00
- Save the Date: Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bucks Quarter Peace Fair.
- Meetings interested in supporting or declaring Sanctuary should sign up at “Faithful America” website.

**Meeting closed** at 2:55 p.m. with a period of silent worship