

Quakerphernalia

The Newsletter of Bucks Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

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FEBRUARY 2012

Feb 4 9am	BQ Budget and Nominating Committee Meets at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
Feb 5 2pm	Camp Onas Info Day at Camp Onas
Feb 9 7pm	BQ Oversight Committee Meets at The Jackson House (Buckingham Friends School)
Feb 16 1pm	Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village
Feb 18 10am-Noon	BQ Pastoral Care Committee Members Meet at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
Feb 20 6pm	Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington Meetinghouse
Feb 20 8pm	Lucretia Mott at the Newtown Theater
Feb 22 9:30am	Open House at United Friends School www.unitedfriendsschool.org
Feb 23 7:30	BQ Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meeting House

Looking Ahead

March 3	Quaker College Fair
April 29 1:30PM	John Calvi to Speak at Doylestown Meeting (Page 2)

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

February ~ Yardley March ~ Buckingham April ~ Doylestown

Worship 11:00**Arrive 10:45**

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19 ~ QUARTERLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP

FELLOWSHIP & BUSINESS

SOLEBURY MONTHLY MEETING 9:30 - 3:00PM

JOIN FRIENDS AND SHARE YOUR LIGHT !

Schedule of Events:

9:30: Refreshments and registration

10:00-10:45: Meeting for Worship

10:00-Noon: Children's Program: The children will join in the regular first day school activities exploring the Parable of the Talents through stories, art, games and other activities.

11:00-Noon: Adult Program: Pooh Collins, a member of Solebury Friends Meeting and an Art and Religion teacher at Buckingham Friends School, will be making a presentation on an integrated art/religion curriculum that she has developed. It is unique to BFS and is a blend of academic and artistic expressions of our world's different belief systems.

Noon to 1:00 pm: Simple lunch of soups, breads, desserts and beverages provided by Solebury Friends

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm: Business Meeting. We will hear stories and reports from Doylestown, Makefield and Quakertown Meetings, as well as Friends Home and Friends Village, United Friends School, the Bucks Quarter Outreach Committee, BQ Treasurer, Budget and Nominating Committee and BQ Coordinator. The Budget and Nominating Committee will present any nominations to PYM for approval as well as the preliminary budget for 2012-1013.

**The unapproved Minutes from the November Quarterly Meeting
are located on page 3 of this newsletter.**

Solebury Meeting is located at 2680 Sugan Road, New Hope, PA 18938

**Note: All agenda items for Quarterly Meeting
must be to the clerk, Amy Ward Brimmer one
week prior to Quarterly Meeting.
awbrimmer@gmail.com**

SHARE YOUR STORY AT QUARTERLY MEETING

This space on the QM business agenda is for Meetings to share a quick story about an inreach or outreach event that caused you to feel the vitality and/or growth that is in your meeting.

LIVES PASSING

Middletown Meeting suffers the loss of **Grace Pickering** who died on December 13. Solebury Friends suffer the loss of **Jean Toddie** who also died on December 13. Wrightstown Friends and the George School community suffer the loss of **Dusty Miller** who died on January 3.

PASTORAL CARE GATHERING

Periodically, members of Monthly Meeting Pastoral Care Committees gather to talk about, brain storm, and support one another in their rich and sometimes difficult service to their meeting communities.

If you are a member of your meeting PC committee or are simply lead to be in service to Friends, please join us on **Saturday February 18th at the Wrightstown Meeting social hall** from 10am until noon.

The topic for this gathering is, "The Nitty Gritty of Pastoral Care: Being Involved in Each Other's Lives".

Wrightstown Meeting is located at 535 Durham Rd, Newtown, PA 18940

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Tuesdays at Southampton 7:30 PM
Wednesdays at Lehigh Valley 5:00 PM
Wednesdays at Makefield 7:00 AM
Wednesdays at Middletown 7:00 PM
Wednesday at Plumstead 8:30 AM

QUAKER COLLEGE FAIR

Parents of 11th grade, college-bound students:
Please save March 3rd
for the next Quaker College Fair –

"Where will I most thrive, and how can I connect to that place?" Arch Street Meetinghouse. Uniquely centered on values-based higher education and its life-long benefits, the Quaker College Fair supports students and their families in the college discernment process. For more information contact Grace Cooke at Gcooke@pym.org or call 215-241-7224 or visit <http://www.pym.org/committee/quaker-college-fair>

BUCKS FOOD FOR FRIENDS

Bucks Food For Friends wishes to acknowledge the generous contribution by Yardley Meeting which was received after the printing of the December Quakerphernalia.
Thank you Yardley Friends.

CAMP ONAS

Plan now for a fun-filled summer camp experience at Camp Onas! The active and creative program stresses sharing, cooperation, understanding, simple living, and most essential of all, fun! Campers can come for 2 or 4 week sessions starting June 24 and running into August. A one-week session for 7,8 and 9 year old campers is available to introduce younger campers to overnight camp. Special rates for Quaker kids and financial aid is available.

Please check the Onas web site at www.camponas.org for dates, rates and session availability.

Info Days at Camp Onas are Sunday February 5 and March 4 at 2pm. Contact the camp at 610-847-5858 or friends@camponas.org for more information and a brochure.

"LUCRETIA MOTT:

ABOLITIONIST AND SUFFRAGETTE"

The Newtown Historic Association will be hosting a joint program with the Newtown Library Company on **Monday February 20th at 8:00 PM** at the historic Newtown

Theatre on State Street. The featured speaker will be a re-enactor portraying Lucretia Mott, Quaker abolitionist who originally spoke at the Newtown Theatre in June 1855.

The theater is located at 120 N. State Street

JOHN CALVI

TO SPEAK AT DOYLESTOWN MEETING

Doylestown Friends Meeting is honored to sponsor a forum about one of the most pressing moral issues of our time... John Calvi of The Quaker Initiative to End Torture .

When: Sunday, April 29, 2012, 1:30 p.m.

Where: Doylestown Friends Meeting, 95 E. Oakland Avenue, Doylestown, PA

This is a free forum, open to the public.

Child care will be provided

John Calvi and QUIT are committed to raising awareness of the practice of state-sponsored torture, and to helping persons whose lives have been damaged by such practices. John has been a tireless advocate for the abolition of torture, and has also devoted his energies to working directly with victims of torture.

State-sponsored torture is perpetrated against our presumed enemies in war, and also in our own corrections system. Increasingly, persons of conscience are protesting our government's participation in this brutalization of other persons. Learn more about this vital issue, and about how you can support the campaign to end the use of torture.

For more information call Doylestown Friends Meeting at 215-348-2320

PENDLE HILL WORKSHOPS

Feb 10-12: 100 Things to do Before You Hit 100

Feb 24-26: Whites Confronting Racism and Working for Racial Justice

Mar 2-4: Effective Approaches for Working with Groups

Mar 9-11: The Contemplative Spirituality of Toni Morrison

Mar 16-18: Compassionate Communication

Mar 23-25: Contemplation and the First Book of Revelation

Mar 30-April 1: Clerking Exploring More Deeply.

This workshop is for those who have some experience with clerking.

FRIENDS COUNCIL ON EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

Feb 2-4: Quaker Youth Leadership Conference at Friends Academy.

Feb 7-Mar 13: Mindfulness in Teaching & Learning, CORE skills and Habits of Mind at George School

Feb 13-14: Educators New to Quakerism at Pendle Hill.

Feb 24: Librarians Peer Network at Moorestown Friends School

For details, go to www.friendscouncil.org and click on Winter Programs for Faculty, Staff, Heads and Trustees located to the right of the screen.

This version of the November Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights. The minutes in full detail will be brought to Quarterly Meeting in February at Solebury Meeting for consideration.

**BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING
RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
MEETING FOR BUSINESS
FIRST DAY, 20 ELVENTH MONTH 2011
HELD AT QUAKERTOWN NJ MEETINGHOUSE**

Clerk: Chris Lucca (Yardley MM) **Assistant Clerk:** Amy Ward Brimmer (Fallsington MM)
Recording Clerk: David Rose (Lehigh Valley MM)

Friends gathered at the appointed hour of 1:00 pm and settled into a period of silent worship.

Business Issues and Clerk's Comments given by Chris Lucca. Appreciation expressed to Plumstead MM for hosting the May Quarterly Meeting.

Agenda reviewed and approved.

Roll Call of Meeting: Bristol:1 , Buckingham:1 , Doylestown:1 , Fallsington:2, Lehigh Valley:2, Makefield:0 , Middletown:2 , Newton:6 , Plumstead:1 , Quakertown:4 , Solebury:2 , Southampton: 0 , Wrightstown: 3, Yardley:2.

Minutes of Fifth Month Quarterly Business Meeting reviewed. **Minutes approved.**

Stories of Vitality and Growth

Wrightstown has a Sunday where the Nursery School families are invited Worship and Dinner.

On "World Day for Peace" Quakertown had a rededication of the Peace Pole where each person had a wish for peace that was attached to the pole which was followed by a potluck dinner.

Meet, Greet, and Eat Day at Newtown MM for member to meet new attendees. Seventy persons attended. Challenge of growth at this meeting will require a long range plan to keep the heart of those attending.

Bristol MM hosted "Occupy Wall Street" walkers on their way to Washington.

Fallsington MM participated on Historic Fallsington Day. Gave out "Quaker" oatmeal cookies and had the display from PYM on Quakers and the political process. "Outreach and Communication" committee is a new committee that was involved in the preparation.

Southampton MM has started a Tuesday evening meeting for worship.

Buckingham MM hosted the Bucks Quarter Peace Fair. September 22, 2012 is the date for next year.

Quakertown MM has a presence on Facebook.

Yardley MM working on the Children's Religious Education curriculum and is experiencing a growing group of youngsters.

Members have received training from PYM in Godly Play and Faith and Play.

Report of Coordinator: Report given by Holly Olson (Middletown Meeting). Complete report is available. The "Inreach" portion of the report was an account of the various activities that the Coordinator was involved that have occurred or are scheduled. "Outreach" portion report noted changes in the practice of staffing the BQM table for street fairs around BQM. "Intervisitation" portion listed the various Quaker programs and meetings attended with a positive review given for the Speakers Series at Doylestown and the Peace and Justice Film Series at Buckingham. There was a meeting of Religious Education Committee Clerks which was very helpful to all who attended. Report was accepted with appreciation

Newtown MM Annual Report given by Joe Evans, clerk. Written report is available. This is a growing and vital meeting with 288 members. This large number had required that more social events be organized to create the opportunity for everyone to get to know each other. Fundraising dinners for social organizations created by children is one ways that this is accomplished. Matching Funds provided by three families helped the meeting achieve a surplus in their budget.

Announcements: Rick Howe reported that on December 3 there will be a march for jobs in Bristol. There is a new group called Occupy Bucks County with a plan to stage events around upper Buck. Holly reported that Abington Quarter is invited to the New Year's Eve Skating Party. She also read the minute that was passed at Interim Meeting in support of the Occupy Philadelphia. Information was provided on the activity going on in Philadelphia between the Friends Center, AFSC and the Occupy Movement and ways that Friends can become involved.

Treasurer's Report given by Tim Dwyer (Bristol Meeting). An explanation was provided regarding the over budgeted expense under BQM Administrative costs as the purchase of a computer and Quick Books program to be used by the Treasurer. Changes will be made to our reporting once we change to Quick Books. Report received.

Budget and Nominating: A verbal report was given by Betsy Bayardi (Wrightstown Meeting). She pointed out that we have a very narrow window to stay on target financial. The changes in record keeping still being completed have caused a delay in getting the auditing done. Speaking of Nominations, she spoke of the duties of the Quarter Nominating Committee in filling the spots on the PYM Nominating Committee. There are two openings at present. The Quaker School at Horsham is also looking for Board Members to represent Quakers.

Plumstead MM Annual Report given by Bob Happ. Despite its small size, especially when compared to Newtown MM, there are a number of community and spiritual activities taking place, not limited to but including a person driving off the road into their shed.

Worship and Ministry report does not have a representative present to give their report. Chris gave an update on their intention to provide support by visiting meetings.

Camp Onas report given by Bob Holt, Assistant Clerk of the Board and member of Solebury Meeting. He spoke of the Strategic Plan and some of the new activities provided to campers. Suzan Neiger Gould, Director, will be leaving and there is a search for a replacement. Camp registration is at capacity.

Yardley MM Annual Report given by Ed Snyder, clerk. The resolution of the "dam" issue was reported. Ed showed how graphics that were used to illustrate the financial situation which resulted in an increase in donations.

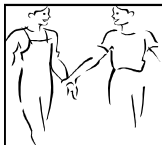
Following Minute of Appreciation for outgoing Clerk Chris Lucca was offered by Bethann Morgan:

Minute 1

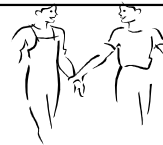
Friends gathered at BQM Eleventh Month 20, 2011, expressed deep gratitude for Chris Lucca's hard work, dedication, and light-hearted style as he served as Clerk for us the past three years. Friend Lucca inspired and revived connections between meetings in the form of periodic gatherings of Clerks and of Friends serving Worship and Ministry. These meetings have created powerful ripples of spiritual nurture in our meetings.

Meeting closed at 3:00 pm with a period of silent worship.

Next meeting to be held at Solebury MM, February 19, 2012



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