

Quakerphernalia

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

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August 2007

- August 2 7pm Peace Fair Planning Committee Meeting at Buckingham (Note date change)
Aug 7,14,21,28 7pm Circle of Light Needle Workers at Makefield Meeting ~ 215-589-3499 ~ Kim for info
August 15-19 Middletown Grange Fair ~
Call Holly Olson to Volunteer at the Quaker Tent ~ It's Fun...Really it is!!!
Aug 20th 1-3pm Creative Hands at Wrightstown Meeting ~ 215-860-5554 ~ Pauline for info
August 24 Quarterly Worship & Ministry at Plumstead Meeting ~ Never Been? Oh, you should!!
August 26 Quarterly Meeting at Lehigh Valley Meeting ~ So Worth the Trip!!

Looking Ahead

- Sept 8 Yardley Meeting Flea Market...Hop on Over!!
Sept. 29 11am-4pm The Peace Fair ~ On the Grounds of Buckingham Friends Meeting and School
June 17-24 2008 Quaker Pilgrimage to England ~ Contact Sarah at sarah@friendscouncil.org

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

August ~ Yardley September ~ Buckingham October ~ Doylestown

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

**IT'S QUARTERLY MEETING WEEKEND !!!
EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND BOTH
THE WORSHIP & MINISTRY PROGRAM AND QUARTERLY MEETING
THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL TIME TO ENJOY FELLOWSHIP WITH FRIENDS**

WORSHIP AND MINISTRY PROGRAM AT PLUMSTEAD MEETING

FRIDAY AUGUST 24th, 6:00pm

For directions to Plumstead: www.quakersbucks.org. Click on Quarterly Worship and Ministry

If you do not have access to a computer: call Holly at 215-860-9747 or 215-453-7358.

6:00 Brown Bag Dinner

7:00 Program: Paul McCold will speak to the concern of justice with a discussion following.

SUNDAY AUGUST 26th ~ QUARTERLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP & BUSINESS

~ ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP ~ SHARE YOUR LIGHT ~

HELP US DISCERN GOD'S TRUTH IN OUR DECISION MAKING PROCESS

For directions to Lehigh Valley MM: www.quakersbucks.org. Click on Quarterly Meeting for Business.

If you do not have access to a computer: Call Holly at 215-860-9747 or 215-453-7358.

AGENDA

9:00: Registration, refreshments and fellowship 9:30: Meeting for Worship 9:50: Childcare & Rel. Ed.

10:45: Program for older children and adults facilitated by Annette Benert

12:00: Brown Bag lunch with desserts and beverages provided by Lehigh Valley Friends

1:00: Meeting for Business ~ Childcare provided by the Adult Presence Committee.

Annual Reports to be Presented: Middletown, Solebury, Southampton, Wrightstown, Yardley MMs, and Chandler Hall **Regular QM reports to be presented:** Coordinator and Treasurer

~ There will be a guided discussion on our relationship as a Quarter
with Friends Home/Village & Chandler Hall ~

PROGRAM FOR QUARTERLY MEETING ~ MULTIGENERATIONAL

Do you and your children struggle with violence in the world?

Friends will reflect on, "How Our Meeting Communities Help Us to Live Peaceably in a Violent World." Lehigh Valley Friends will facilitate a time of discernment on how our meetings, as spiritual communities, nurture our ability to live peacefully in the midst of violence. Friends of all ages who wish to participate will be asked to compose themselves into small groups of diverse meetings and ages, who will enter into half an hour of worship sharing on two questions:

1.) How does my Meeting community nurture my spiritual life so that I can continue to live as a spiritual being in the world beyond my Meeting?

2.) How does my Meeting community help me to cope with violence of word and deed in our schools, our workplaces, our communities, our country, our world?

This period of worship sharing will conclude with each group's summarizing their insights for the others, followed by a general discussion of the issues that this process has raised.

~ Annette Benert, and the RE Committee for Lehigh Valley Monthly Meeting



LIVES PASSING

Doylestown Friends suffer the loss of **Larry Miller**, peace activist, author, traveler, nurturer.

“Larry’s spirit danced in the Light.”

A Memorial Meeting for Worship was held July 21st in the Wright Meeting Hall at Chandler Hall.



GEORGE SCHOOL CHILDREN’S CENTER

George School Children's Center has a few more spaces for pre-kindergarten students next fall! Prospective students must be at least four years old by September 1, 2007. Parents with interest may call Anne Drybala @ 215-579-6561 for more information or to schedule a visit.

MIDDLETOWN GRANGE FAIR AUGUST 15 ~ 19 WRIGHTSTOWN

Come join Friends, friends and neighbors at the Grange Fair! Visit with all Gods critters in the choir! When you are finished perusing the wonders of creation, riding the rides and appreciating the 4-H projects, come to the Quaker tent located between the Republican tent and the Nursing Mothers tent, it is a wonderful place to reconnect with Friends around the Quarter. If you are a member or attender of any Meeting and are able to **volunteer as a greeter** any day(s) and/or evening (s), please **contact** Holly Olson, coordinator This is a fantastic way to show that Quakers are alive, well and have a powerful message to share. **Free parking is available, inquire when you call to volunteer.**



CALLING ALL RETIRED CELL PHONES

Bring your retired cell phones and accessories to the Worship and Ministry gathering on the 24th or Quarterly Meeting on the 26th. You may give them to Carole Wicker, Clerk of BQ Worship & Ministry or Holly Olson, Coordinator. Please feel free to give them to Holly anytime you see her in her travels.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP AT CAMP ONAS

Summer is a great time to worship and visit with Friends in other Meetings. It’s also a great time to worship with the campers and staff at Camp Onas. Each week, board represented Meetings are asked especially join in worship. Below are the August dates for represented Meetings.

August 5 - Doylestown

August 12 - Fallsington, Newtown

For more information contact Sue Neiger Gould at Onas 610-847-5858 or friends@camponas.org

THE QUAKER SCHOOL AT HORSHAM HOLDS NEW BUILDING DEDICATION

On June 13, a **big thing happened** for The Quaker School at Horsham. After over a decade of very hard work by many dedicated friends and Friends, George Rowe was able to cut the ribbon and officially open the new school building! Co-founder, Beverly Morgan was there alongside George as they were 25 years ago when the school opened with two students.

Below is the speech given by Bev Morgan at the dedication:

“I am very happy to be with you for this wonderful celebration of achievement. It seems to me that this is not just a building, - but it is a Place. A place as a garden is a place. There seeds are sown, nurtured, weeded or kept in abeyance, and small plants are cultivated. And in the end, when the young plant is ready comes the harvest.

It is similar, it seems to me, to another Quaker project a long time ago that took a lot of vision and planning. For William Penn did years of thinking and planning for Pennsbury Manor. He did it mainly by letters from England to his overseer. It took many years, and even for him, the funds didn’t come steadily or easily. He wanted to get his vision of a home in the colonies just right, to be a stepping off place and center for a better society. The new Quaker School at Horsham mirrors the vision, the dedication and the hopes of William Penn so long ago.”

TQS is a pre-first through ninth grade school specializing in the education of children with language based learning differences.

For more information contact Mia at 215-674-2875.

MINUTES FROM QUARTERLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS HELD AT FALLSINGTON MEETING 20 FIFTH MONTH 2007

This version of the May Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights. The minutes in full detail will be brought to Quarterly Meeting in August at Lehigh Valley Monthly Meeting for consideration.

Clerk: Bethann Morgan of Buckingham Monthly Meeting

Recording Clerk: David Rose of Lehigh Valley Monthly Meeting

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

Minutes of previous Quarterly Meeting, 18 Second Month 2007, read and approved as written.

U.N Convention on the Right of the Child: Patricia Howe, attender of the Pennswood WG and member of Doylestown Monthly Meeting (MM), presented the minute laid over from last Quarterly Meeting, which is to be forwarded to Interim Meeting (IM), urging the United States to support the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

After some discussion regarding the impact, or lack of it, that passage of “The Rights of the Child” would have, or what impact the passing of a resolution by (IM) in support of these rights would have, it was suggested that the minute, if approved by IM, be sent back to the Quarterly Meetings (QM) for consideration and that each QM communicate with their individual MMs to encourage them to each write to their national legislative representative. After a moment of silent worship, the Minute was approved with one Friend standing aside.

MINUTE 1

As a people with an historic commitment to the rights and sanctity of the individual, we call on our President and Congress to join with the rest of the world in ratifying the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

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Coordinator's Report: Presented by Holly Olson of Middletown MM and is available. The report provided a listing of the wide range of activities that the Coordinator is involved with. Specific attention was paid in the report on her impressions attending Philadelphia Yearly Meeting March Sessions and the responses from those that attended "Play Day Gathering" on April 28th.

Fallsington Monthly Meeting Annual Report: Read by Lisa Collins, Clerk of Fallsington MM.

The report described some of the fruits of the Deepening and Strengthening Program of PYM that the Meeting has just completed.

Bucks Peace Center: BJ Davis, Executive Director of The Peace Center, gave an update and expressed appreciation for our continued support through the recent difficult times. BJ described some of the programs they provide to the community.

Oversight Committee Annual Report: Report read by David Rose of Lehigh Valley MM and is available.

In response to the mention in the report of the presence of the Coordinator at Residential Yearly Meeting, it was noted that the final registration date is June 26. We were reminded to make attenders at our individual Meetings aware of Residential Yearly Meeting.

Lehigh Valley Monthly Meeting Annual Report: Report given by Dina Wills, Clerk, and is available. The report provided a description of the process that the Meeting has been engaged in during the past year to resolve differences regarding the preparation of young Friends for worship.

Bristol Monthly Meeting: Paul Shaffer, Clerk, gave the report. Complete report is available.

The great news in this report is that Bristol Meeting is now open every First Day.

The work of the Peace Center has been made possible by contribution from Bristol for which it received the Peacemaker Award.

Friends Center: Pat McBee of Central Philadelphia MM gave an update on the work for the "greening" of Friends Center

- Request for a contact in each meeting
- June 14th Open House about the greening of the roof.
- This Thursday there will be a meeting with Sam Snipes of Fallsington Meeting who will be making suggestions to individuals to invest in this renovation of Friends Center in the amount of gain they have received from funds invested in Friends Fiduciary. It was noted that the existence of a "green" building is a testimony of right living with the earth.

Report from Budget and Nominating Committee: Presented by Walter Farley of Bristol MM and is available.

Chandler Hall Auxiliary is the "pass through" for assistance provided by the Quarter for the use of individual Friends. Further discussion on issues raised in the report that were specific to the budget were requested by the Clerk to be held until the proposed budget was presented. As required by the upcoming change of Treasures, the Bank Resolution was minuted and approved.

Minute 2

At a scheduled Meeting for Worship and Business held at Fallsington Friends Meeting House, it is resolved: Bethann Morgan, Clerk (presiding officer) and David Rose, Recording Clerk (secretary) be empowered by the said Meeting for Business to authorize and sign any and all documents necessary to empower the incoming Treasures, as of July 1, 2007, Karen V. Shaudys, and/or the Clerk, Bethann Morgan, to withdraw, deposit, and further manage any bank accounts. Singularly, either of the signatures of the Treasurer, or Clerk is to be valid.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was read by Judy Kashoff of Buckingham MM and is available. Noted was the covenant with PYM has not been yet fulfilled as there are still monies outstanding from some Monthly Meetings.

Proposed Budget for 2007-2008

The proposed budget was not balanced. A number of Friends present would not approve the budget in its present incarnation. Proposals were offered to increase revenue and/or reduce expenditures.

Reducing and/or eliminating contributions to Friends Home and Village and Chandler Hall was discussed. A review of the history of the contribution to Chandler Home and Friends Home and Village noted that the old quota system was the reason we were able to budget for a surplus which was divided up between these Quaker Organizations. It was noted that Bucks Quarter served as the "pass through" for the Bristol MM contribution to Friends Home and Village. If Bristol is willing to use the Quarter again, this line item could be eliminated. The budget could be balanced if each MM increased its contribution by 3%. As this would result in MM budget deficits, opposition was expressed. Three different proposals for balancing the budget were discussed and the Meeting was not in the position to decide on any one of them. Friends spoke against the idea of postponing the decision on the budget which resulted in a suggestion from the Treasurer that was briefly discussed and accepted.

MINUTE 3

Proposed budget for 2007-2008 approved with line items for Chandler Hall and Friends Home and Village removed with the understanding that they will be held over for discussion at next Quarterly Meeting. In addition, Program for Peace line item reduced by \$300 and Outreach reduced by \$500. Additional contribution from Middletown of \$1000 added to revenue.

A Friend noted that Monthly Meetings need to be brought under the care of this concern for these Quaker resources in our Quarter; otherwise we will still not be able to find a solution.

Buckingham Monthly Meeting Annual Report: Given by Katherine Kay, Clerk, and is available. She highlighted the outcome of the search for a caretaker, which resulted in an outcome better than any could have hoped for.

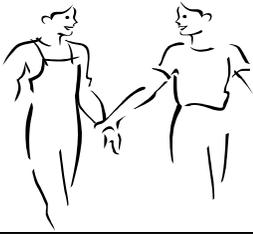
Report of the Clerk of the Quarter to PYM: Report read by Bethann Morgan. Report was approved and will be forwarded to PYM.

Meeting closed at 3:45 PM with a period of silent worship.

Next Quarterly Business Meeting to be held on August 26th at Lehigh Valley Monthly Meeting.

Please send announcements for Quakerphernalia by the 15th day of the preceding months publication via email to Holly Olson, coordinator at hollybqc@verizon.net

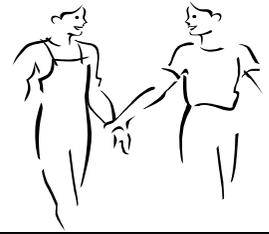
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Tel: 215-348-4031.

Caring Companion Needed ***Please Notice Change in Needs***

Companion needed to share weekends with a fun, energetic and pleasant Friend. Minimal meal preparation needed. Hours may vary.

For more information: Chris Langhart,
215-598-8246 between 10am and 10pm.

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Ads are \$25 per month or \$240 for a one year commitment.

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