

Quakerphernalia

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

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AUGUST 2012

- August 4 9am BQ Budget and Nominating Meets at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
August 9 7pm BQ Oversight Committee Meets at Buckingham Meetinghouse
August 15-19 Middletown Grange Fair!! Call Holly to Volunteer as a Greeter in the Bucks Quarter Tent :-)
August 16 1pm Friends Home and Village Board Meeting at Friends Village
August 20 6pm Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington
August 23 7:30pm Bucks Quarter Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meetinghouse - Everyone Welcome
August 26 9am-3pm Bucks Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship and Business at Bristol Meetinghouse

Looking Ahead

- Sept 8 Yardley Meeting Flea Market (rain date Sept 15)
Sept 22 The Bucks Quarter Peace Fair at Buckingham Friends Meeting and School
Oct 12-14 Couples Enrichment Workshop at Camp Onas 267-885-2037 or 215-345-5309
Nov 3 Bucks Quarter Workshop on Having it Your Way...Planning Your Future. For those 18 years old and up.

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

August ~ Newtown September ~ Solebury October ~ Wrightstown

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

**SUNDAY AUGUST 26 ~ QUARTERLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP & BUSINESS
BRISTOL MONTHLY MEETING 9:00 - 3:00PM**

JOIN FRIENDS AND SHARE YOUR LIGHT !

**PARKING WILL BE IN THE MASONIC LODGE PARKING LOT ON 240 MARKET STREET
LOOK FOR SIGNS**

Schedule of Events:

9:00: Refreshments and registration **9:45 - 10:45:** Meeting for Worship

10:00 to Noon: Children's Program: The Peace Center will be on hand for the Children's program to help them learn what it takes to be an 'upstander' when faced with bullying in their school or neighborhood. Through discussion and activities, children will role-play situations where skills are needed to survive recess, bus rides and cafeteria time, where most bullying takes place.

10:45 - 11:00: Break

11:00- Noon: Friends will gather with Melinda Bradley and Michael Gibson for an introduction to the religious education resources Godly Play® and Faith & Play™. These curricula use storytelling to make space for children to explore connections to their lives and their own experience of the Divine. We will begin with a multigenerational experience hearing and wondering about a story, and then the children will return to their morning program and adults will engage in further discussion about the resources and how they are used in meeting communities.

Noon to 1:00 pm: Lunch provided by Bristol Friends

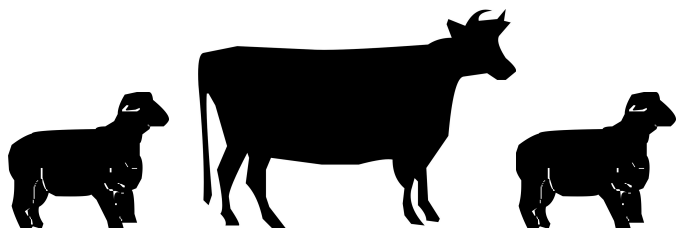
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm: Business Meeting. We will hear stories and reports from.

Bristol Meeting is located at Market and Wood Streets Bristol PA 19007

**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.



THE GRANGE FAIR IS COMING!!

The Middletown Grange Fair in Wrightstown will be held August 15 through 19th. Bucks Quarter has a tent at the fair and Friends generously serve as greeters. Holly Olson sets the volunteer schedule. If you are able to help at the tent for a two hour shift of your choice please call Holly at 215-860-9747.

Beginning in August, Holly will make phone calls to ask for volunteers and the time slots get trickier. The tent opens at 10AM and shuts down at 10PM. If you've never helped before, it's very easy and Holly will make sure that you are teamed up with someone who has helped in the past.

Serving as a volunteer is a lot of fun and the fair is lots of fun. Come to the fair for the afternoon or evening and volunteer for two hours while you're there!! You may park at Wrightstown Meeting and walk across the ball fields to the fair. Parking at the fair is around \$10 now. Parking at Wrightstown Meeting is good way to offset your gas cost!

Please contact Holly with any questions. 215-860- 9747 or hollybqc@verizon.net

RECYCLE YOUR BICYCLE

The sixth annual used bicycle collection at Pennswood Village in Newtown, PA will be held on Saturday, September 29 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Bikes for the World will ship donated bicycles to Third World countries, where they are reconditioned and distributed at modest cost to low income people in need of reliable transportation.

Anyone with a no-longer-wanted bicycle in repairable condition is urged to donate the bike to this worthy cause. Children's and adult bikes, as well as portable sewing machines in working condition are accepted. A \$10 donation with each bike or sewing machine is suggested to defray part of the cost of shipping to overseas charity partners.

Bikes can be donated prior to that date by appointment only. Contact George Kurz, 215-579-6974, ghkurz@comcast.net, or Jon Harding, 215-860-0408, Jhardingjon@gmail.com.

QUAKERPHERNALIA LOOKING DIFFERENT?

Holly is working with a new program, please bear with her as she works this through :-)

LIVES PASSING

Wrightstown Friends suffer the loss of **Bertha Conyne** who passed away on June 23rd. Abington Quarter suffers the loss of **Grace Rose Blumberg**, Home and Care Coordinator who passed away on June 24th following a short illness.

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

PEACE FAIR SEEKING CRAFTSPEOPLE, NON PROFITS, VOLUNTEERS

THE 13TH ANNUAL PEACE FAIR is looking for authentic crafts, non-profit exhibitors and volunteers to join us on September 22, 2012. Participants each year include organizations like the Bucks County Area Agency on Aging, Camp Onas, LEPOCO, the United Nations Association, the Peace Center, and A Woman's Place; and potters, weavers, woodworkers, artists and others who exhibit and sell their works. There is good food, live entertainment, poetry, kids' games and a host of other activities to keep about 1500-2000 visitors happy and engaged as they learn about what Bucks county area non-profits are doing to help make a better world.

This year we are encouraging vendors, exhibitors, and workers to dress in period costumes, if they have them, to add to the old-fashioned, small-town atmosphere of the Fair. There will also be a Peaceable Kingdom pet show for kids and grown-ups to show off their most cherished or unusual pets.

Located in Lahaska at Buckingham Friends Meeting (next to Peddler's Village), the Peace Fair is an event for the whole family, from toddlers to grandparents.

Area non-profits who want to spread the word about their work, residents who wish to bring their crafts, and volunteers who wish to work during the summer or on Peace Fair day should contact Peter Ray at Buckingham Friends Meeting peter.ray@comcast.net; phone 215-795-5816). For more information, visit www.peacefair.org, or check out our Facebook page.

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 Bristol Monthly Meeting for consideration.

BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING

First Day, May 20, 2012

Held at Wrightstown Monthly Meeting

Clerk: Amy Ward Brimmer (Fallsington) **Recording Clerk:** David Rose (Lehigh Valley)

Meeting began with a period of worship at 1:05 PM

Roll Call of Meetings: Bristol 4, Buckingham 1, Doylestown 2, Fallsington: 7, Lehigh Valley 2, Makefield 2, Middletown 2, Newtown 1, Plumstead 0, Quakertown 1, Solebury 1, Southampton 0, Wrightstown 4, Yardley 1

Minutes of February 2012 Quarter Meeting approved with corrections:

Stories of Vitality and Growth around the quarter were shared.

Report of Coordinator: Holly Olson (Middletown MM) gave the report (written report available). Inreach section gave an overview of the Meeting Support groups that have meet during the past few months. Outreach section noted that the Middletown Grange Fair is coming up in August and that volunteers will be needed to staff this outreach effort. Email or call Holly to volunteer.

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Quarterly Meeting Minutes Cont.

Lehigh Valley MM Annual Report given by Fran Dreisbach. The report provided the follow-up to the Quaker Quest program that was held last year. Meeting members are connected through a variety of social opportunities and shared concerns.

Fallsington MM Annual Report given by Melanie Douty-Snipes. Meeting has confronted the issue of declining attendance and has formed an Outreach Committee. Both internal and external communication has been improved. Financial issues created a budget process that was a community building experience through a special session to answer, "What Are We Called to Do?"

Bristol Friends Annual Report given by Paul Shaffer with excitement, enthusiasm, and optimism. Events at meeting extended from the old, a "rededication" of the burial place of a Civil War colored soldier by re-enactors to the new, the installation of central air. The meeting has established a relationship with the Hispanic population by providing a meeting place for a newly established Puerto Rican church.

Treasurer's Report given by Treasurer Tim Dwyer (Bristol MM). After discussion on the amount currently in reserve and the outstanding financial commitments from Monthly Meetings, the Clerk expressed the general sense of the Meeting to encourage the Treasurer to send a prudent amount of our outstanding commitment to PYM prior to the end of the fiscal year. Amount to be left to the discretion of the Treasurer.

Budget FY 2012-13 presented by Betsy Bayardi (Wrightstown MM) clerk of Budget and Nominating. This year the dependent variable in creating the budget changed from the Quarter to the PYM Contribution. This meant that the budget process considered the Quarter obligations prior to considering the PYM contributions. The following two issues were presented for decision:

- Budget as presented for FY 2012-13: **Approved.**
- Budget presented based does not include final amount from two Monthly Meetings. If Meetings decide to contribute over amount given in the budget, the increase will be put in the line item for PYM Contribution: **Approved**

If there is a budget surplus at the end of the current fiscal year, consideration of applying it to the PYM contribution will be taken up at August Quarterly Meeting.

Nomination: BQM should have a person in line as a "Rising Clerk" to assume the Clerkship. To assume the Clerkship in 2014 Boris Simkovich (Makefield MM) was recommended. Recommendation accepted and **Approved.**

Clerk's Report to PYM highlighted by the Clerk. Amy commented about the wide variety of ways that we work to create community and nurture each other in Bucks Quarter. She said she wanted to lift up our Coordinator, Holly, because much of what we are able to accomplish is due to her.

Called session of April 1st regarding the PYM Budget. The Clerk was pleased with the process and felt that we sought to be guided by the Spirit. The minute was accepted by PYM and will be part of the process for approving the budget by being sent out with the draft budget to all monthly meetings. It was noted that some of the things we asked for have already begun being implemented by Financial Oversight and Financial Stewardship.

Minute from Lehigh Valley Monthly Meeting, regarding Pennsylvania House Resolution 535, was read by David Rose (Lehigh Valley MM). The minute points out that the wording of HR 535, declaring 2012 the "Year of the Bible" violates the Pennsylvania Constitution on religious liberty by declaring the Bible, through government proclamation, the "Word of God" and directing all citizens, regardless of their personal religious belief, to "study and apply the teachings of the Holy Scriptures". The **Minute was approved** and will be forwarded to PYM for its consideration. Quarter Clerk will contact PYM Clerk to determine way to proceed.

Quaker School in Horsham Summary Report given by George Rowe. The report listed some of the events that are used to honor a particular segment of their community.

Chandler Hall Annual report given by Betsy Bayardi. Some of the challenges that they are facing result from the reduction in housing prices. Many people arriving are already past the stage of manor care living.

Oversight Committee Annual Report given by David Rose (written report available). The report indicated that this year the Meetings scheduled for Performance Evaluation input will be Quakertown NJ, Solebury and outstanding commitment to PYM prior to the end of the fiscal year. Amount to be left to the discretion of the Treasurer.

Southampton

Quarterly Meeting concluded at 3:30 pm with a period of silent worship.

Next Quarterly Meeting will be held on August 26th at Bristol Meetinghouse.

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