



## London Grove Monthly Meeting

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### February Bulletin

#### 2nd Month Queries on Meeting for Business

Is our meeting for business held in the spirit of a meeting for worship in which we seek divine guidance?

Are we careful to keep in the spirit of worship each of the concerns that emerge, whether of nurture, of Spirit, of social concerns, of property, or of finance?

Are Meeting decisions directed by prayerful consideration of all aspects of an issue and are difficult problems considered carefully with patient search for truth, unhurried by the pressures of time?

How do we respond if we notice the meeting has lost an understanding of the presence of God?

Do we recognize that we speak through our inaction as well as our action?

*Do I regularly attend meeting for business and in a spirit of love and unity? If unable to attend, how do I attend to my responsibility?*

*Do I consider prayerfully the many concerns that are lifted up on any issue, acknowledging that the search for truth in unity involves what God requires, being open to personal transformation as the community arrives at the sense of the meeting?*



## February 2017 Calendar

<b>2/2</b>	7:30 pm	Property Committee
<b>2/5</b>	8:15 am	Religious Education Committee
	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School
	10:35 am	Meeting for Worship for Business
<b>2/9</b>	7 pm	Care & Membership Committee
<b>2/11</b>	9:30 am	Worship & Ministry (NOTE: This meeting will be held at the Kendal Farmhouse)
<b>2/12</b>	8:30 am	Peace & Social Justice Committee
	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School
	10:35 am	Opening Exercises; Adult First Day School, Bible Study: What Jesus Wants
<b>2/16</b>	9:30 am	Library Committee
	7 pm	Kindergarten Committee
<b>2/19</b>	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School
	10:35 am	Opening Exercises; Adult First Day School
	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School
	10:35 am	Opening Exercises; Adult First Day School,
<b>2/26</b>	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School
	10:35 am	Opening Exercises; Adult First Day School, Quaker Studies: Helen Corson



### Childcare and Flowers Volunteers

Date	First Hour	Second Hour	Flowers
2/5	Doug Myers	Kim Brosnan-Myers	Rebecca Mitchell
2/12	Alexia Vaughan	Alexia Vaughan	Donald LaBranch
2/19	Jill Benjamin	Grace Pfeifer	Georgia Delaney
2/26	Terry Anderson	Rebecca Mitchell	Eleanor Carnes

## 1st MONTH MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS SUMMARY

Betsy Walker offered her annual Recorder's Summary. Membership declined in 2016 by four – from a total of 308 members in 2015 to 304. Of these, we now stand at 287 adults and 17 children. We had three deaths, one resignation and no new members joined during the year. Recorded deaths were Louise Price, Suzanne Sinclair Haring and Robert Shaffer.

The monthly Treasurer's report was made by Doug Myers. December began with a balance of \$90,365 and closed with \$97,863. We had total income for the month of \$39,494 and expenses totaling \$31,996. For the year, income from contributions fell a bit short – 96% of 2016 Budget. Doug Myers also gave the second reading of the proposed 2017 Budget. Noting the slightly lower pattern of giving, the Finance Committee lowered the budget by approximately \$3,500 (-3%) compared to the 2016 Budget. Members approved the new Budget with thanks for the hard work involved.

The Annual Report of the Worship & Ministry Committee was offer by Clerk Heather Hayers. The committee is comprised of seven members, and meetings are well attended with a collaborative, positive spirit. The committee lost five members (and gained one), this past year, so a fair amount of reorganizing and redefinition of purpose was undertaken. Members now define the purpose of the committee as nurturing the spirituality of the Meeting. The starting point for this is focused on spiritual development of individual committee members themselves. The committee seeks to deepen the connections between members and the Divine.

Denis Newbold provided an update from Care & Membership Committee regarding the request for marriage under London Grove's care by Rebecca Yerkes and Sarah Gregg on 7/7/2017. A Clearness Committee was formed and has met with the couple. Care & Membership will report their recommendation at our next Meeting For Worship With Attention To Business. Another request for marriage under London Grove's care has been received, was read, and turned over to Denis Newbold. It was written by Kimberly Lloyd and Jeffrey Russell. Care & Membership has formed a Clearness Committee to meet with the couple in the near future.

A detailed report on plans for the 1/15/17 Western Quarterly Meeting to be hosted by us was given by Margaret Walton (WQM Liaison), Barb Pusey (Refreshment & Lunch Coordinator), Barbara Walker (Adult First Day Coordinator), and Leona Provinski (Children's Program Coordinator). The adult program will be themed "Coming Together With Love As One", and will feature a guest speaker – Jerry F. Poe. The Children's Program theme will explore our Equality and Community Testimonies through activities related to the Dr. Seuss Book, The Sneetches.

David Watkins (FCNL Liaison) introduced the organization's new promotional theme – lovethyneighbor (no exceptions). Bumper stickers and buttons are available in the Library.

Finally, an update on the Jane P. Rushmore minute and action items arising out of 12th Month's Business Meeting was made. Relevant Monthly Meetings have been contacted and the minute is on the Western Quarterly Meeting's 1/15 agenda. Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is prepared to receive the minute from WQM, if approved.

Summarized by Robert Frye, Clerk  
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