

**Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Administrative Council**  
**Saturday, February 19, 2022 (via Zoom)**  
**Approved Minutes**

Attending: Andrew Anderson (Treasurer), Frank Barch (Co-Clerk, PYM), Chuck Devers, Christie Duncan-Tessmer (General Secretary), Jeanne Elberfeld, Linell McCurry (Associate Secretary for Business and Finance), Melissa Rycroft, tonya thames taylor, Cathy Toner (serving as recording clerk), Jim Waddington (Clerk), Tom Zemaitis.

Regrets: John Marquette, Nikki Mosgrove, Roy Zatcoff

1. Meeting began with silent worship.
2. Appointment of recording clerk for February – Cathy Toner.
3. The minutes from January’s meeting were **approved.**
4. Appoquinimink Preparative Meeting report  
Appoquinimink Meeting was founded in 1783. It was important to the Abolitionist Movement and is a noted historic site in Delaware. The Meeting caretakers asked us to hold the Meeting in the Light because it is struggling. Jim read the request from the Meeting, which included background on preserving the site as well as the Zoar Methodist Episcopal Church next door which they take care of. Admin Council expressed support for efforts around the preservation of historic properties and the importance of property committee work. Tony Capozzoli serves as clerk of the property committee. Jim, Bianca Aniski, Chuck Devers, and John Marquette serve on the committee, and they are looking for additional members.
5. Committee & Sprint Business
  - **Governance Committee** member for approval: **Bruce Haines was approved.**
  - **Granting Committee** member for approval: **John Hayden was approved.**
  - **Arch Street Meeting House Preservation Trust** board member for approval: **Janet Braker was approved.**
  - **Deep Listeners Sprint** report – Frank reported that we found two members of PYM to serve as deep listeners and we are waiting for one more to commit.
  - **Climate Stewards Charge Sprint** – Admin Council reviewed the Climate Witness Stewards’ Duties and Charges and discussed the work to date. Discussion ensued on clarifying the authority/accountability language. With appreciation for the thorough and comprehensive work, the Sprint team was asked to refine a few phrases about

accountability. The Sprint team will revise accordingly and send the revisions back to Admin Council.

6. Advocacy Policy

Christie and Jim reported that they and Zachary Dutton, Associate Secretary for Program and Religious Life, met with leadership of the various PYM Collaboratives to review the advocacy policy and give examples of implementation. Following their report, **the policy was approved with two words added: "of Friends" after testimonies as per the previous minutes.** Appreciation to Jim, Linell and Christie for their deep listening and work on this. The approved **PYM Policy on Advocacy** reads:

**PYM, including groups and meetings in PYM, may advocate for issues and concerns that are rooted in spiritual discernment and the testimonies of Friends.**

**PYM, including groups and meetings in PYM, may not engage in direct or grassroots lobbying or in political campaigning.**

**PYM communications channels, programs, or events may not be used by individuals or groups to "call for action" on specific legislation or on candidates for public office.**

7. MOU between PYM and Arch Street Meeting House Preservation Trust was **approved.**

8. The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Toner, recording