



London Grove Monthly Meeting Bulletin

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Query for Fifth Month: Education

What is our Meeting's role in the life and support of Friends' education? If supporting or maintaining a Friends school, have we developed an appropriate relationship of Meeting and school? What is our role in the spiritual life of the school and its maintenance of Friends' principles?

What does our Meeting do to support education in the wider community?

What help do we provide for the children and adults in our Meeting to pursue the education they seek, whether academic, technical, or vocational? Do we make provision for children in our Meeting to attend a Friends school?

How do I show my concern for the improvement of public education in my community and in the world?

Am I aware of what Friends schools are doing and of their plans for the future? How do I show encouragement and support?



Photo captured from the Westtown School Website

May Child Care and Flowers

Date	First Hour	Second Hour	Flowers
5/3	Chris Hinks	Matos family	Scott Rhodewalt
5/10	Kelli Trice	Karen Lee Brofee	Susanna Davison
5/17	Rebecca Mitchell	Martin & Sandy Reber	Pat Mooberry
5/24	Jessie Mooberry	Betsy Walker Dawn Thompson	Lexie Vaughan
5/31	Terry Anderson	Gail & Denis Newbold	Baz Powell



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Western Quarterly Meeting <http://westernquarterquakers.org/>

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[London Grove Monthly Meeting](#), [Philadelphia Yearly Meeting](#), [Friends General Conference](#) and [London Grove Friends Kindergarten](#) each have Facebook pages also. Check them out!

Bulletin deadline is usually the third Monday of each month. We make exceptions, though. Just ask.

Clerk's Summary of Fourth Month Twelfth Day 2015 Meeting for Business

While continuing worship on the twelfth day of the fourth month, the following business was conducted with Karen–Lee Brofee serving as clerk, Bob Frye as Assistant Clerk and Gail Newbold as Recording Clerk.

MINUTES: Minutes of the third month business were read as recorded and approved with appreciation.

RESPONSE TO FOURTH QUERY: Jill Benjamin, Clerk of Care and Membership, presented the committee's response to the Fourth Query and provided the committee's Annual Report. This pastoral care committee includes 14 active members who strive to attend to the needs of our community. The committee's response to the query noted "Considering all that is good about our community, we can become even better when we grow by allowing ourselves to ask difficult questions when the occasion arises—questions asked with direct, but loving, concern—not confrontation."

Meeting accepted the response and report with appreciation.

BURIAL GROUNDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT: Charles Brosius presented a thorough and informative Burial Grounds Committee Annual Report. Amidst the well presented descriptive and fiscal data, Meeting learned that the graveyard has a total of 1629 grave sites with 857 remaining available. We experience approximately 7 burials a year, which calculates to approximately enough space for the next 108 years. Meeting accepted the report with appreciation.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT: Baz Powell stood in for Hospitality Clerk Mary Jo Ciganek to present the committee's annual report. She described the committee's activities and named members. Meeting accepted the report with appreciation.

STANDING REPORTS: The Treasurer's Report, presented by Treasurer Doug Myers, showed a closing balance of \$100,014.23. We are 25% of the way through the year and have received 28% of our budgeted contributions. The Education Outreach fund received \$1595 in contributions in the name of Jim Brofee and \$5569 in distribution from the trustees. The report was ACCEPTED as presented, with appreciation. The Recorder's Report, delivered by Recorder Betsy Walker, noted the passing of Donald Pusey and Jim Yeatman. The Keeper of the Calendar Report, delivered by Anna Myers, noted two activities which occurred in the last month, including a memorial service on April 11th and a marriage on March 23rd. Anna was thanked for her Friendly presence at these and so many London Grove activities. The Finance Committee recommendations to Western Quarter regarding fiscal matters, presented during Third Month's Business Meeting, was approved by Meeting.

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LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE: Bob Frye, serving as clerk of the Leadership Committee (combined committees that processed outreach financial requests and conference funds), described the work of the committee in establishing the guidelines for gifting funds of support for education and outreach projects to London Grove individuals. Meeting discussed the concepts presented and gave approval for the committee to continue in the described direction as a “work in progress,” with periodic reports and updates coming before the Meeting as they are available.

SAFETY AND SECURITY AT LONDON GROVE : PYM has informed all Meetings that Pennsylvania legislation (PA Child Welfare Law) now requires any and all paid and volunteering individuals who work with children to have completed background checks and assume responsibility as mandated reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect. PYM will help to facilitate the process and recommends that forms be submitted by May 15th, in order to meet the compliance deadline of July 2015. RE Committee and Committee of Clerks will take up this discussion. In addition, Kindergarten Committee is working with Property Committee in discussing ways by which to increase student safety at the building during school hours.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLERK’S REPORT: The clerk reminded Friends of Western Quarter’s William Jackson Education Fund and its availability for the 2015–2016 school year. Friends were also reminded of this year’s Friends General Conference, to be held at Western Carolina University (near Asheville North Carolina) July 5 to July 11. Friends may seek support for registration from the Leadership Committee.

With the business completed, Meeting closed in silent worship.

Summarized by Karen–Lee Brofee, Clerk of LGMM

PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR 5th MONTH MEETING FOR BUSINESS

1. Minutes of 4th Month’s Meeting with a Concern for Business
2. Response to the Query: Education (Kindergarten Committee)
3. Standing Reports: Treasurer; Recorder; Keeper of the Calendar; Western Quarter
4. Annual Reports: Auditors Report
5. Library Committee
6. Committee of Clerks Items for Meeting Information
7. Concerns of Meeting
8. Clerk’s Items

A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OUR MEMBERSHIP...LONDON GROVE LEADERSHIP FUND

Members of London Grove recognize our responsibility to encourage and support one another. Through the London Grove Leadership Fund we intend to offer financial support to Members, their families, and Attenders through Leadership Grants for educational and community service activities. We do this because of our historic emphasis on education, as well as our fundamental belief in supporting members' leadings to be a positive influence in the broader community. These grants demonstrate our commitment to develop leaders in our community, both today and tomorrow.

Our membership approved the roll-out of this new program at the 4th Month Meeting for Business. All Members and qualifying Attenders¹, regardless of financial circumstance, are encouraged to participate.

THE PROGRAM:

London Grove will reimburse requesting families with grants of up to \$1,000, for the following:

1. Scholastic support materials as required by any accredited primary, secondary, or post-secondary school in which the student is enrolled. Examples can include: Electronic hardware (computer, tablet, etc.); software, textbooks, musical instruments, art supplies, equipment.

Other supplies and fees necessary for participation in relevant courses/programs will also be considered for Leadership Grants. At this time we do not envision reimbursing tuition costs.

2. Member/Active Attender participation in a conference, workshop or seminar relevant to the life of London Grove and consistent with Quaker values.

3. A specific service project or opportunity to offer Friendly witness in which the requesting Member/Eligible Attender is an active participant as the result of a direct leading. The requestor will be required to demonstrate active service in the program/project, and the activity needs to be consistent with our core values.

We are truly excited about offering this new Leadership Fund to our members. It demonstrates our commitment to each other as a vital, caring community. Please feel free to contact any of the Leadership Fund Committee members with any questions or suggestions you may have. Thank you.

Jill Benjamin Tom Brosius Bob Frye Doug Myers Richard Wortman

¹ Attenders must be active participants in the life of London Grove Meeting for more than one year.