



London Grove Monthly Meeting

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June 2015 Bulletin

Sixth Month Queries about Equality

How does our Meeting help to create and maintain a society whose institutions recognize and do away with the inequities rooted in patterns of prejudice and economic convenience?

Is our Meeting open to all regardless of race, ability, sexual orientation, or class? What steps are we taking as a Meeting to assure that our Meeting and the committees and institutions under our care reflect our respect for all and are free from practices rooted in prejudice?

Do I examine myself for aspects of prejudice that may be buried, including beliefs that seem to justify biases based on race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, class, and feelings of inferiority or superiority?

What am I doing to help overcome the contemporary effects of past and present oppression?

Am I teaching my children, and do I show through my way of living, that love of God includes affirming the equality of people, treating others with dignity and respect, and seeking to recognize and address that of God within every person?



June 2015 Calendar

- Thursday 6/4** 7:30 pm Property Committee
- Sunday 6/7** 9:30 am Meeting for Worship; Children’s First Day School
 10:30 am Meeting for Worship for Business
 1-4 pm Convergent First Day School
 Wilmington Friends Meeting (See page 7)
- Thursday 6/11** 7 pm Care & Membership Committee
- Sunday 6/14** 9:30 am Meeting for Worship; Children’s First Day School
 10:30 Children’s Day Celebration (See page 7)
 Refreshments by Religious Education Committee
 7 pm Worship & Ministry Committee
- Tuesday 6/16** 7 pm Kindergarten Committee
- Thursday 6/18** 9:30 am Library Committee
- Sunday 6/21** 8:30 am Peace & Social Justice Committee
 9:30 am OUTDOOR Meeting for Worship
 10:30 am Refreshments outdoors
- Sunday 6/28** 9:30 am Meeting for Worship
 10:30 am Refreshments outdoors
 6 pm Adult Potluck Supper hosted by Grace and Bill Pfeifer
 (Please let them know if you plan to attend)

Childcare and Flowers Volunteer Schedules

Date	First Hour	Second Hour	Flowers
June 7	Doug Myers	Kim Brosnan-Myers, Alexia Vaughan	Margaret Walton
June 14	Kelli Trice		Rebecca Mitchell
June 21	Margaret Walton		Barbara Haines
June 28	Grace Pfeifer		Sam Cypressi

Clerk's Summary of Fifth Month Third Day 2015 Meeting for Business

While continuing worship on the third day of the fifth 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 fifth month business were read as recorded and **APPROVED** with appreciation.

RESPONSE TO FIFTH QUERY, EDUCATION: Karen Conlan, Clerk of the London Grove Kindergarten Committee, presented the committee's response to the query and their Annual Report, noting that the Quaker principles of respect, community, equality, peace and stewardship are visible and vibrant parts of the curriculum. A supportive, positive, and encouraging relationship is well appreciated between Meeting and the school. Meeting for Worship occurs every Thursday at 11:30 AM; all are welcome. The report was **ACCEPTED** with appreciation and comments from Friends regarding their gratitude for the Kindergarten staff's conscientious efforts to have the shared facilities always cleared for Meeting use on First Days and week day events.

THE AUDITORS ANNUAL REPORT: Harold Brosius prepared a report from the auditors finding all accounts in order. The report was read by the clerk and **ACCEPTED** by Meeting.

STANDING REPORTS: The **Treasurer's Report**, presented by Treasurer Doug Myers, showed a closing balance of \$103,296.72. We are 33% of the way through the year and have received 32% of our budgeted contributions. Ordinary Income totaled \$6559 and expenses were \$3282. The report was **ACCEPTED** as presented with appreciation.

RE COMMITTEE INFORMATION AND REQUEST: Susanna Davison, Clerk of Religious Education Committee, stepped forward at the request of Committee of Clerks to explain the recent change in Pennsylvania's legislation requiring that by July 1, 2015 background checks be in place for all staff and volunteering adults caring for children in any and all organizations. We have received guidance from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting on understanding the new requirements as well as their offer to coordinate the process of background checks based upon their experience in doing clearances for volunteers in Junior Yearly Meeting. Susanna proposed seeking background check permission from London Grove individuals willing to help with the care of our children. Meeting **APPROVED**. Collected names will be sent to PYM where the process will be initiated through email. The cost for each background check is \$32.00. Treasurer Doug Myers explained that the 2015 Budget can support the costs of the background checks for individuals. Meeting **APPROVED**. Individuals willing to pay for their own background check, may, but are not expected to, reimburse the Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: LIBRARY COMMITTEE : Denis Newbold presented the Annual Report from Library Committee, offering both interesting statistics and new additions to the collection. (See page 5) The collection consists of 1178 "adult" books, 114 Pendle Hill pamphlets, 77 young adult books, and 387 children's books. We should note that the 3x5 Card Catalog system has been retired and replaced by Excel spreadsheets searchable by author, title, and subject on the library's computer. A bound print-out of the catalogue, sorted by author, is in the Adult Library. Meeting **ACCEPTED** the report with appreciation.

WESTERN QUARTER REPORT: Mark Myers brought Meeting up to date on the Western Quarterly Meeting of April 19th held at West Grove Meeting. London Grove's Gail Newbold led a stimulating adult program about Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT), which was well received and appreciated. The business session included discussion on the unified budget process, noting that this process has never operated as intended and may not be helping the effort for simplicity and transparency. However, it will continue. Of significant surprise was Marlborough Meeting's request to be released from WQM to join Ohio Conservative Yearly Meeting, with WQM's blessing. A WQ clearness committee will meet with Marlborough members. Meeting Annual Reports were requested with only Kendal offering one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLERK'S REPORT: The clerk commented that Committee of Clerks had an interesting discussion about London Grove's committee structure, possibilities and limitations, spurred by Outreach Committee's review of their purpose and function now that our 300th Celebration Year has concluded. Each committee clerk has been asked to facilitate a similar discussion. Committee of Clerks also affirmed the continuation of a summer social time after Meeting for Worship with light refreshments prepared each First Day by a committee.

With the business completed, Meeting closed in silent worship.

Summarized by *Karen-Lee Brofee, Clerk of LGMM*

PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR 6th MONTH MEETING FOR BUSINESS

1. Minutes of 5th Month's Meeting with a Concern for Business
2. Response to the Query: Equality
3. Standing Reports: Treasurer's Report; Recorder's Report; Keeper of the Calendar Report
4. Annual Reports: Memorial Committee
5. Special Project: Helen Corson Remembered (Peace Committee and Care & Membership Committee)
6. Building Security: Kindergarten Committee and Property Committee
7. Update on Childcare Needs and Background Checks: Religious Education Committee
8. Consideration of a Meeting Annual Report for Western Quarter
9. Clerk's Items

Library Committee Report: NEW ACQUISITIONS BY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

1. **Peace: 50 Years of Protest** by Barry Miles
2. **The New Jim Crow** by Michelle Alexander
3. **A Lenape among the Quakers: The Life of Hanna Freeman** by Dawn Marsh
4. **I Am Malala** by Malala Yousafzai and Cristina Lamb
5. **A Peace of Africa: Reflections on Life in the Great Lakes Region** by David Zarembka
6. **The Pigment in Your Imagination** by Joy Zarembka
7. **Mahatma Gandhi and His Apostles** by Ven Mehta
8. **Philosophy of Religion: Classical and Contemporary Readings** by John Hick



More pictures from the Plant Sale are on the next page





Religious Education Committee Report

Wilmington Monthly Meeting will host the next Convergent First Day School (as advertised above). Please note the time! This event is for families and does not replace First Day School, as is usually the case with convergences. It could, however, replace Sunday dinner!

London Grove First Day School will wrap up the 2014-15 year with our traditional Children's Day celebration of children of all ages, held after opening exercises on Sunday, June 14. In addition to thanking Friends who taught both children's and adult classes this year, we will repeat our new feature by sharing pictures of babies new to the Meeting.

There will be Bibles (New Revised Standard Version) presented to rising middle schoolers; Faith & Practice for those entering high school and Letters to a Fellow Seeker: A Short Introduction to the Quaker Way for graduating high school seniors. We also hope there will be news of college level First Day School alumni. Weather permitting, an ice-cream social will follow the brief program.

Worship & Ministry Committee Report

Weather permitting, outdoor meeting for worship will be held on June 21, July 19, and August 16, with rain dates the following weeks.. There will be no opening exercises, nor First Day School, during the summer months. Beginning on the third Sunday in June, we will be on our summer schedule. We will have Meeting for Worship, followed by the introduction of guests, after the meeting breaks. A social time will follow, with light refreshments outdoors, once again weather permitting.

Religious Education Committee seeks people to be summer worship coordinators. There is a red clipboard in the library to sign up, or contact Ginny Green.