



Bulletin London Grove Monthly Meeting

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The Fifth Query: 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?

Adult First Day School This Month

May 6, 2012 - Meeting for Worship for Business

May 13, 2012 - *“Our Life as a Worship Community”*: The Worship & Ministry Committee has been leading a dialogue looking at how we spend our Sunday mornings together. In the first session, we looked at the overall experience of First Day - what we value, what keeps us coming back. In the second session we considered different elements of our Sunday mornings arising from questions and suggestions that we often hear. These included the timing of announcements, the saying of the Lord's Prayer, the desire for more social time, etc. We will hold the third part of our discussion today. *Please join us!*

May 20, 2012 - Bible Study with Bob Frye: “Cranky Jesus”

May 27, 2012 - Looking at our Testimonies: Integrity

May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
				Property Committee 7:30 PM		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30 AM Worship & Children's First Day School 10:30 Meeting for Business and children's activities Noon Worship & Ministry Comm.			London Grove Book Club 7:30 PM	Care & Membership Committee 7:00 PM		London Grove Plant Sale 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30 AM Worship & Children's First Day School 10:30 Adult First Day School and children's activities		Library Committee 9:30 AM	Peace and Social Justice Committee 7:30 PM			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:30 AM Worship & Children's First Day School 10:30 Adult First Day School and children's activities	Religious Education Committee 7:15 PM <i>Deadline for material for June Bulletin, send to londongroveinreach@verizon.net</i>					
27	28	29	30	31		
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Western Quarter - www.localquakers.org .

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting - www.pym.org

London Grove Monthly Meeting, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting , Friends General Conference and London Grove Friends Kindergarten each have Facebook pages also.

Childcare for May 2012

Date	Assist Preschool Class or baby-sit (9:30)	Assist with children's activities or baby-sit (10:40)
May 6, 2012	Alexia Vaughan	Linda Currie Tamara Brosius
May 13, 2012	Heidi Benson	Jim Brofee Karen Lee Brofee
May 20, 2012	Angela Benjamin	Karen Conlan Dawn Thompson
May 27, 2012	Dawn Thompson	C. James Yeatman Ruth S. Thompson

If you cannot make your assigned day and time please arrange for a substitute.

The Worship and Ministry Committee's May meeting will be Sunday, May 6th, following Meeting for Business. This is a one-time change in light of Mothers Day. We will resume our regularly scheduled meetings on the second Sunday following worship (or Adult FDS) in June.

Clerk's Report

Decisions by Meeting – April 2012

The following decisions were made during Meeting for Business held on April 1, 2012:

Meeting approved the Minutes of our March 4, 2012 Meeting for Business.

Meeting approved the appointment of an Oversight Committee for the Marriage Under the Care of the Meeting of Kevin Thompson and Vanessa Charles. Members of the Oversight Committee include Margaret Ingalls Walton, Thomas and Tamara Brosius.

Meeting directed the Treasurer to contact the Hood & Draper families with suggestions about the use of undesignated memorial funds contributed in memory of Carol Hood and Barbara Draper's mother; and request their guidance as to any preferences they may have for the use of the money. Suggestions from Meeting include the Property Committee and the Conference Fund but not the Burial Ground Fund.

Meeting approved the use of the meeting house for the following:

- Sharon Charles Piano Studio for a recital on Sunday, May 20, 2012.
- Memorial Service for Gheretein Yeatman Kline Brown on Saturday, June 16, 2012.
- Tyndale Society for a conference on Saturday, September 8, 2012.
- Opening the meeting house to the public on Chester County Day, Saturday, October 6, 2012

Treasurer's Report – March 31, 2012

The beginning balance was \$36,114.97. Total income for the month of March was \$24,711.72. Total expenses were \$14,562.95 including our contributions to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and Western Quarterly Meeting. The net ordinary income for the month was \$10,148.77, with an ending balance of \$46,263.74.

Contributions received to date are \$20,853.75 (19% of budget, while 25% of the year has passed). May we provide a "Friendly Reminder" to everyone that making contributions regularly throughout the year makes it easier for us to manage our cash flow needs.

Preliminary Agenda – Meeting for Business – May 6, 2012

- Minutes of April 2012 Meeting for Business
- Response to the Fifth Query – Kindergarten Committee
- Treasurer's Report
- Annual Reports – Meeting Inreach, Hospitality, Library, Conference Fund
- Quaker Quest Committee

Food for thought ... as Quakerism Faces the Future:

"We Friends must move on; we shall never be like our forefathers – we should not be. But as we move, we need to be inspired and guided by the spirit which made them pioneers. We need to give attention to the development of leaders. We shall find enough followers if we can provide leadership"

- Jane Rushmore, *The Quaker Way*, 1952

London Grove Book Club

The London Grove Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, May 9 at 7:30 PM. We will be discussing the Pendle Hill pamphlet #296, "The Testimony of Integrity" by Wilmer Cooper.

Kindergarten Committee

If meeting members would like to donate baked goods for the Kindergarten Bake Sale - please bring them Friday May 11, between 9 AM and 12 Noon. We only have 25 families baking this year, so if you are in a baking mood, we could use a boost.

Kindergarten will also be holding a White Elephant Sale as part of the Bake Sale / Plant Sale. Please drop off items anytime during the week of May 7.

Plant Sale Committee

Please mark your calendars for the week of May 5 to May 12.

Saturday, May 5 at 8:30 AM we will meet at the Meeting House to set up tables. Last year we had an unprecedented 24 people to help and we finished the WHOLE JOB by noontime. It was FANTASTIC!! Please, please let's do it again!

The whole week from May 7 to May 12 there will be work to do.

Clipboards will be circulating in the Meeting House for you to sign up for convenient times for you to HELP.

WE ALL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING AS MANY OF YOU AS POSSIBLE SHARING YOUR TIME AND ENERGY TO HELP MAKE OUR PLANT SALE A SUCCESS!

Last year we were able to contribute \$20,257 to many Quaker and local organizations because of all the support from our London Grove members and friends in the community.

Betsy Walker, chairperson of the Plant Sale Committee

This year at the London Grove Plant Sale we will have a special area called "from our backyards, the roots of the LG Plant Sale" paying homage to the early sales when the only plants offered for sale were dug from member's backyard gardens. Friends and attenders are invited to "pot up" any plants from your yard that you might like to contribute. If one decides to do this, it strongly is suggested to dig and pot sooner than later so that the plants can acclimate themselves to being in a pot and be looking good by the sale on May 12. Please label them with the name and any additional planting conditions such as light requirement or soil wetness or dryness.

Jill Benjamin for the Plant Sale Committee

News from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

Mary Jeanes College Loan Fund applications are due on May 1st. For decades PYM has offered interest-free student loans through the Mary Jeanes College loan program. Students who are interested in applying need to complete the application form and submit all supporting documents by May 1, 2012 (no exceptions for late materials are made).

Students may reapply for an additional loan each year he/she is in college, and must begin repayment within one year of graduation. The amount awarded per student depends upon demonstrated need. New applicants are required to submit their prior year's tax return, but PYM does not require a social security number (this may be blacked out for security reasons). All applications are held confidentially. The same form also applies to the Anne Townsend Grant program (all students are considered for both) although Anne Townsend grants are very limited and restricted to students pursuing higher education of a practical nature.

For additional information contact Grace Cooke at 215-241-7224 or gcooke@pym.org. Application forms may be downloaded from the PYM website at <http://www.pym.org/programs/education-and-schools>.

Call for PYM Volunteers: Spring – Summer 2012. Many people contribute to the work of our Yearly Meeting community – and you can too! Sharing your gifts will help our collective spiritual community flourish. Current needs and opportunities include:

- Annual Sessions Volunteers: Help Annual Sessions run smoothly! If you plan to attend and want to volunteer, sign up during registration at www.pym.org/annualsessions. To help in advance, contact Tricia Coscia at tcoscia@pym.org or 215-241-7238.
- Office Volunteers: The PYM office has several areas of need requiring a range of skills and time commitment. For more information visit www.pym.org/volunteering or contact Hannah Mayer at hmayer@pym.org or 215-241-7240.
- Phonathon Volunteers: The Annual Fund Phonathon is an important way to support our yearly meeting's finances while connecting and engaging with Friends. You can make calls at Friends Center or from your home! Contact Jennie Sheeks at jsheeks@pym.org or 215-241-7115.
- Content Curators: The PYM website is undergoing significant enhancements and we need help with auditing, cataloging, retrieval, review, saving and upkeep of electronic documents, photos and artwork on our new web content management system. If you are comfortable using a computer to locate, copy and save electronic files, we need your help! Contact Naman Hampton at nhampton@pym.org or 215-241-7041.

For more information about volunteer needs and opportunities, please see our web page at <http://www.pym.org/volunteering> to download a copy of the PYM Volunteer Pamphlet or contact Hannah Mayer at hmayer@pym.org or 215 241 7240.

PYM Annual Sessions: Living the Holy Experiment

July 25-29, 2012 at Arch Street Meeting House - Philadelphia, PA.

Join Philadelphia Yearly Meeting in celebration of our Quaker history in Philadelphia and ongoing exploration of our witness in the wider world.

- KIDS through 8th grade attend FREE thanks to funding from the Education Standing Committee and scholarships available for Young Friends.
- Worship Sharing Groups
- Meetings for Worship for Business in the historic Arch Street Meeting House
- Work Grants and Scholarships available for all ages to help with the cost of attendance.

Annual Sessions registration is open now!

For more information, contact Tricia Coscia, Sessions Coordinator at 215 241-7238 or sessions@pym.org. Also visit our web page at www.pym.org/annualsessions

Sharing our Experiences at Annual Sessions, July 25-29, 2012, Philadelphia. Sessions Planning Group is organizing Holy Experiments - group activities on Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons that will stretch us to consider what Penn's Holy Experiment means for us today. Holy Experiments will include opportunities for worship, fellowship, fun, learning and service through themed programs. Visit <http://www.pym.org/holy-experiments-learning-and-working-together> to learn more. If you are interested in this effort or have a leading you want to share please contact Margaret Mansfield at mmansfield14@gmail.com

Kids Free at Annual Sessions, July 25-29, 2012, Philadelphia. For the second year in a row, thanks to support from the Education Standing Committee, children entering 8th Grade and younger may attend Annual Sessions for free! The Education Standing Committee has budgeted \$8000 that will provide scholarships to cover the program fee, housing and the meal served at Arch Street Meeting House each day. Additional scholarships are also available for Young Friends and adults, so the cost of Sessions should not keep anyone away. Come gather with us for fun, fellowship, worship, and to discern God's Big Idea – what is the work that the young people of PYM are called to do?

For more information, contact Tricia Coscia, PYM Annual Sessions Coordinator, at 215/241-7238 or sessions@pym.org. To learn more, please visit <http://www.pym.org/childrens-middle-school-and-young-friends-sessions>

Friends open up their Philadelphia homes to provide “radical hospitality”! An exciting opportunity offered by 2012 Annual Sessions is the possibility of Philadelphia area Friends providing hospitality to our fellow PYM Friends who will be traveling from other areas. The Sessions Planning Group calls this effort “Radical Hospitality.” (Radical as in favoring significant change in how we have been doing things, while going back to our roots when local Friends opened their homes to those who traveled from afar to attend Yearly Meeting).

The Radical Hospitality Committee is looking for hosts within easy walking, transit, or driving distance to Center City Philadelphia; who would enjoy providing hospitality to others for the 2012 sessions. Would you be interested in hosting? Or being hosted? Or, would you be willing to help us call and identify potential hosts? Please contact: Hollister Knowlton (hollisterknowlton@gmail.com) or Paula Cell (hpcell2@gmail.com) to let us know if you’d like to help or what sort of accommodations you need or can offer. Or call: Tricia Coscia, Sessions Coordinator, at 215-241-7238.



GreenWalk Action

GREEN WALK FOR JOBS AND JUSTICE

The walk starts April 30. Day-by-day schedule is at the website.

Walk your chosen distance; participate for about one hour at a PNC Bank branch' or support/sponsor with a donation; or Green Pledge.

Gail Newbold, London Grove, and George Lakey, Central Phila. Meeting are the two Anchor walkers (whole Walk); Dale Hendricks, London Grove, is walking several days.

Join: www.eqat.org/walk Take the Pledge and more info: www.GreenPNC.org

Details subject to change. Check the websites for confirmation.

We are part of a larger movement.

- Sharing the state and national impact of carbon addiction and extreme energy extraction technologies (mountaintop removal, hydro-fracking, deep ocean drilling, and tar sands oil) on the economy, environment, and democracy.
- Press conference with our friends and allies.
- Acting in the Spirit of Quaker Nonviolence.

Young Adult Friends (YAF) Spring Retreat on May 18-20, 2012 at a Newtown Friends Meeting. Join Young Adult Friends (age 18-35ish) for our annual Spring Retreat, organized by the PYM YAF Working Group. Expect workshops, worship sharing, games, and fellowship as we build our community and explore questions like “What does it mean to be a Quaker?” “How do we find/create our spiritual homes?” “How do I listen to the Divine?” YAFs are at different places on our journeys, and we come together for rejuvenation, relaxation, and to deepen our connection to one another and the Spirit. Good food and fun are also assured, and all YAFs are invited - first timers or regular attenders! The cost of the weekend is \$35 and financial aid is available. More information is online at www.pym.org/yaf or contact Elizabeth Piersol Schmidt at YoungAdultFriends@pym.org or 215-241-7075.