



London Grove Monthly Meeting

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February Bulletin

2nd Month Queries Deepening Our Faith: Meeting for Business

- Is our meeting for business held in worship in which we seek divine guidance?
- How do we sustain prayerful consideration of all aspects of an issue and address difficult problems with a search for truth that is unhurried by the pressures of time?
- Do we recognize that we speak through our inaction as well as our action?
- *Do I regularly attend meeting for business? If unable to attend, how do I fulfill the responsibility to understand and embrace the decisions made?*
- *How do I affirm and support God's presence in the process of discernment and reaching a decision?*
- *Do I remain open to personal transformation as the community arrives at the sense of the meeting?*

"QuakerSpeak", a project of *Friends Journal*, is celebrating its fifth year of putting engaging 5-minute videos about Quaker topics online. To visit QuakerSpeak, go to: <http://quakerspeak.com/>

February 2019 Calendar

2/2	1:00 PM	Memorial Service for Baz Powell in Meeting House
	2:00 PM	Memorial Service for Philip Gilbert at Crosslands
2/3	8:15 AM	Religious Education Committee
	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School: Margret Walton--"Communion"
	10:45 AM	Meeting for Worship for Business--Child Care available
2/7	7:30 PM	Property Committee
2/10	8:30 AM	Peace and Social Justice Committee
	9:00 AM	Worship and Ministry Committee will be hosting the 2nd Coffee & Donuts social time, giving F(f)riends time to gather before Meeting for Worship. A good opportunity to meet, greet, and welcome visitors
	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School: Claire Brandenburg
	10:45 AM	Donald LaBranche, Bible. Multiple Translations
2/14	7:00 PM	Worship and Ministry
2/17	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School: Class Discussion--"Worship"
	10:45 AM	Stories and Culture of Indigenous Peoples
2/20	7:00 PM	Care and Membership Committee
2/24	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship; Children's first Day School: Class Discussion--"The Inward Light"
	10:45 AM	Discussion led by Care & Membership Committee
	12:00 PM	Soup Lunch to continue discussion, and to socialize. Please join in.

Childcare and Flowers Volunteers

Date	Volunteer bringing Flowers	Childcare Volunteers FIRST HOUR	Childcare Volunteers SECOND HOUR
Feb 3	Jill Benjamin	Margaret Walton	Margaret Walton
Feb 10	Susanna Davison	Alexia Vaughan	Alexia Vaughan
Feb 17	Mary Jo Ciganek	Dave Watkins	Dave Watkins
Feb 24	Anna Myers	Carolyn Muller	Carolyn Muller

First Month 2019 Meeting for Worship for Business Summary

Twenty-seven Friends took up the business of London Grove Monthly Meeting on 1/6/2019.

Betsy Walker presented the Annual Recorder's Report. Our total membership on 12/31/2018 was 291: Adults numbered 278 and there are 13 children, two of whom became adults in the past year.

Treasurer Doug Myers reported that we are 100% through the year and have received 110.2% of budgeted contributions. Friends were glad to learn that Doug had moved the Karpov Outreach Fund, totaling \$22,836.27, from the Vanguard account to Friends Fiduciary Trust, just before the recent stock market decline. December income was \$70,720.09. The month's expenses totaled \$61,205.43. That included major Property Committee expenses for mowing and snow removal; payment of Meeting's annual insurance premium, as well as 4th Quarter covenant payments to Philadelphia Yearly and Western Quarterly Meetings.

Friends approved the proposed balanced budget for 2019, which is slightly under \$110,000, including an increase of \$2,185 from the 2018 budget. Operating reserves continue to be increased, approximately \$4,500 per annum funded by operating surpluses. Finance Committee is steadily pursuing the Meeting's goal of having on hand reserves of \$50,000 (half of the annual budget) to meet cash flow needs and unanticipated expenses.

Heather Hayes presented the Annual Worship & Ministry Report. The committee will soon inaugurate occasional pre-worship coffee hours and will continue to sponsor worship sharing opportunities during Adult Religious Education on 5th First Days. They are working to improve the flow from Meeting for Worship into Opening Exercises with adequate time for Friends to greet newcomers and each other.

Care & Membership Committee presented a Minute of Appreciation for Georgia Delaney's inspiration in forming our very active London Grove Quakers Care Committee. Friends approved the minute. Coincidentally, Georgia read a thank you note from Kennett Food Pantry for 165 cans of corn or cranberry sauce we had donated to this year's Christmas food baskets.

Summarized by Susanna Davison, Clerk, London Grove Monthly Meeting



**QUAKER
VOLUNTARY
SERVICE**

Position: Quaker Voluntary Service Fellow

Community, Social Justice, Transformation Spirituality

Job Description: Quaker Voluntary Service is a year-long Fellowship program in which young adults between the ages 21-30 build intentional community, work full time at social service and social change agencies, and explore themes of spiritual and personal growth with local Quakers.

An ideal QVS Fellow is committed to working with diverse Community members, brings a willingness to explore and practice spirituality, and is prepared to work in a professional setting. QVS Fellows should be ready to ask challenging questions of themselves and each other about how to live simply, with integrity and justice, while doing meaningful and mutually empowering service with marginalized populations. QVS fellows will work at partner site placement organizations addressing a wide range of social and environmental issues including, but not limited to: economic justice, racial equity, housing and homelessness, education, immigration, environmental sustainability, human rights issues, mental and physical disability, and youth justice.

Fellowships are available in **Atlanta, GA, Boston, MA, Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN, Philadelphia, PA, Portland, OR.** QVS provides: housing and utilities, a public transit pass, grocery allowance, support securing health insurance and mental health resources as needed, student loan counseling and assistance, a simple living stipend, access to conferences and trainings, dedicated time for reflection and community building, access to an equity fund for fellows having identities that have been historically marginalized, and robust support from staff and volunteers

The program year is from August 26, 2019 - End of July, 2020.

How to apply: Apply by **March 15, 2019** www.quakervoluntaryservice.org/apply

You will also need to have reference forms from a current or past supervisor, a spiritual mentor/companion, and a housemate by the March 15 date, which can take a while, so you are encouraged to begin the process now. You can find those forms here:

www.quakervoluntaryservice.org/references/

For more information, including a list of our partnering agencies, please visit our website at www.quakervoluntaryservice.org

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