

Quaker Life Council Minutes

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Present: Cathleen Marion, George Rubin, Amy Brooks, Marge Dawson, Anthony Stover, Bryn Hammarstrom, Melanie Douty-Snipes

Ex-Officio: Zachary Dutotn,

Regrets: Kate Bregman, Ayesha Imani, Julia Carrigan

Tentative Agenda topics

Decision: Anthony Stover as Alternate Clerk

Decision: PYM Harrassment policy and procedure.

Update: Multi-Cultural Audit Steering Committee Report

Update: March 23rd Sessions Details

- a. Wade Wright: Have spiritual grounding during sessions
- b. Abington Minute of Concern read by Deb Heijl, Leg Pol. Collaborative

Members began with worship. Clerk Amy Taylor Brooks welcomed members and asked for introductions and joyful noises. Members minuted appreciation to QLC member Julia Carrigan, student at George School. Members understand her occasional absences due to school responsibilities and hold her appreciatively in the Light.

April QLC Meeting: Members considered and shared insights on whether to have the next QLC meeting on the scheduled April meeting, which is Easter weekend. Members APPROVED keeping the meeting on 20 April 2019.

Alternate Clerk: Members considered and gratefully and enthusiastically APPROVED having Anthony Stover serve as Alternate Clerk of QLC.

Program Committee: Clerk Cathleen Marion recommended that three Collaboratives be laid down:

A. Atlantic Coast Quaker Activists: requested to be released from being under the care of PYM.

B. Seeking Individual Calls to Ministry: inactive for the past year.

C. Public Education: inactive.

Members considered the recommendation, asked questions, and **APPROVED** the recommendation.

Members considered and **APPROVED** the formation of a new Collaborative: The Abolition of Nuclear Weapons.

PYM Harassment Policy and Procedure: Members reviewed the PYM Harassment Policy and Procedure. The procedure was developed by program staff in 2105 for all PYM events. Staff solicited policies from other Friends organizations and meetings. Staff also consulted Young Friends. Members tentatively APPROVED the Policy contingent on having the PYM attorney review it. Members recommended that it be called **Anti-Harassment Policy and Procedure**.

Multi-Cultural Audit Steering Committee Report: Clerk Amy Taylor Brooks asked Friends to read the Report. Members should also read the Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting Minute that recommends laying down the MASC, receive the MASC report, and read the FGC multi-cultural report before discerning on how to move forward addressing racism within PYM. Members shared insights about listening deeply to each other and continuing to care for each other despite disagreements.

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March 23rd Sessions QLC Report: The report will be made available to PYM members. There will be a minute of concern read by Deb Hejl of the Legislative Policy Collaborative from Abington Quarter regarding family detention at the southern United States border. There will also be a Minute of Religious Service for Eileen Flanagan read. The body of PYM will possibly be asked a query and to share with the person next to them. The query will be composed by Anthony Stover and Melanie Douty-Snipes and other interested Friends.

Zachary will compose a document that lists the Collaboratives of QLC, the financing they receive, and the budget of QLC.

An experienced Friend recommended having regular Meetings for Discernment at PYM sessions. It would provide time to discern clarity on issues Friends struggle over. They also recommended that Continuing Sessions in the autumn and spring be a weekend event.

Respectfully submitted,

Gray Goodman, Recording Clerk

Items to Cover in April

Decision: Minutes of travel/religious service sprint update (Zachary)

Decision: New Committees: Ministry & Care and Aging Concerns

Decision: SPRINT: New idioms of Quakerism experimenting
(Phil Anthony, David Harrington Watt, Jim Strong, Walter J Sullivan?)

Decision: Joint sprint/Council self-assessments
(2 from each Council, Zachary, Linnell)

Called QLC Meeting Sunday afternoon March 10th 4 p.m.

Update: Recurring topical meetings proposal