

Quaker Life Council Minutes

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Present: George Rubin, Gray Goodman, Sue Dietze. Cathleen Marion, Julia Carrigan

Ex-Officio: Zachary Dutton, Christie Duncan-Tessmer, Chris Lucca, Terry Cooke, Johnathan Rhoads

Regrets: Kate Bregman, Ayesha Imani, Amy Taylor Brooks, Bryn Hammarstrom, Anthony Stover, Melanie Douty-Snipes, Marge Dawson, Andrew Anderson

Agenda

1. Decision: Minutes of travel/religious service sprint update (Christie), Advance Doc Attached, Letters of Introduction and Addressing Minutes

2. Decision: SPRINT: New idioms of Quakerism experimenting (Christie), No Advance Doc

3. Decision: New Committee, Ministry & Care (Christie), Advance Doc Attached, Ministry & Care Committee

a. Decision: SPRINT clarifying present Conflict Resolution Resources for Monthly Meetings

b. Decision: SPRINT: Review State of Meeting Reports + Committee/Collaborative Reports

Members began with a period of worship. Alternate Clerk Cathleen Marion welcomed members. The committee was meeting via ZOOM video conferencing technology.

11:15 a.m.: Minutes of travel/religious service update: See attached document. Christie reviewed the document with members. It clarifies policies and procedures regarding Letters of Introduction, Minutes of Concern, and Minutes for Religious Service, and Minutes of Travel for Religious Service. The document also clarifies the procedure for how an individual from a group that is not a monthly meeting can submit a minute. Finally, the document explains the procedure for recognizing ministry that is associated with a profession.

Clarification of Terms

Policy: Councils and Committees set policy.

Procedure: The entity that is responsible for instituting a policy develops its own detailed procedure for carrying out the policy, which councils and committees may review but need not approve

Practice: Informal routines that an entity might have that are too detailed to inform a Council.

Members **APPROVED** the document with the addition that there be a general deadline for submitting minutes before a PYM session. It would be best for the Clerk of PYM and QLC to have enough time to consider a minute and act on it. QLC also has the responsibility to respond to a minute in a timely manner.

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Members **APPROVED** having General Secretary Christie Duncan-Tessmer and PYM Clerk Christopher A. Lucca work on the exact wording to the above addition.

11:45: New idioms of Quakerism Experimenting: Members **APPROVED** having Christie Duncan-Tessmer and Zachary Dutton find people to create a SPRINT that will examine how to further promote and support Quakerism in the future.

UJIMA Friends Peace Center is an example of a wonderful, successful path of Quakerism that does not fit into the traditional entities describe in the current Faith and Practice. What new policies and procedures can we create for pathways to membership?

12:00: QLC Ministry & Care Committee Proposal: See attached document. There is a need for examining conflict resolution resources, promoting state of the meeting reports, caring for Friends over 35, and supporting Monthly Meetings worship and ministry. The Committee could organize and coordinate the Ministry & Care Thread.

Members **APPROVED** forming a Ministry + Care Committee that would be under the care of the QLC and report to QLC. Members asked PYM staff to begin forming a list of names of people who could serve. QLC members should pass names onto to Governance Committee. Gray Goodman is the clerk of Governance.

Members **APPROVED** having the new Ministry + Care Committee compile, review, and write summaries of the State of the Meeting Reports, QLC Committee Annual Reports, and PYM Collaborative Annual Reports.

Members **APPROVED** the request of PYM Clerk Christopher A. Lucca that QLC take up the Multicultural Audit Report, its connection to Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, and the next steps that PYM should take. Terry Cooke and Johnathan Rhoades, both alternative clerks will work with QLC.

Friends ended the meeting with a period of worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Gray Goodman,
Recording Clerk