

**Concord Quarter/Delaware Valley Friends School Care Relationship Committee
December 14, 2020 Via Zoom**

Present: Susan Brodesser (Clerk, Birmingham Mtg), Steve Kupferschmid (Willistown Mtg by phone), Ginny Sutton (Westtown), David Calamaro (DVFS), Gray Goodman (DVFS), Lynne Piersol (CQ Coordinator)

Excused: Christa Harp (DVFS)

1. Worship, and we held Christa in the Light.
2. Agenda: Approved with typos corrected
3. September 14, 2020 minutes: Approved
4. Committee members/attendees check ins: DVFS members shared that the upper school is in hybrid mode, while the middle and lower school are in person full time. It has been a massive shift with lots of flexibility needed. The teachers are finding ways to work successfully and feel supported. Everyone is ready for a break. We are appreciative of how much work that is. The rest of us are still working and volunteering and helping grandchildren with Zoom school and dealing with the challenges of the pandemic. Willistown Meeting is now closed for in person worship until at least January, as is Birmingham after December 20, although they will continue with virtual worship. Westtown invites everyone to their Christmas eve family-friendly program which Lynne will include in the December CQ Announcements.
5. Update on Quaker Life Committee: Gray Goodman shared that the students are meeting with clubs and committees online. Two clubs have requested to become committees and an application process has been developed for this. The students are looking at a different way of organizing the committee structure since their Executive Committee is too big. Although overall participation is reduced, the leaders are working very hard. The Quaker Youth Leadership Conference is a national meeting including 20 Friends' High Schools from across the country. Since DVFS has more than 6 great candidates they could send, they developed a process to choose who goes. They were given written questions asking why they want to go, what strengths they would bring, and what they hope to bring back to DVFS.
6. Follow up on possible opportunities:
 - a. For Quarter members to participate in DV's Meetings for Worship: Since DVFS has been working with a consultant to process the election this fall, and the times were sometimes during worship times, the schedule has been in flux. After the winter break they plan to have a regular time. They are hoping to move Meeting for Worship to Wednesdays at 10:20am - for 15-20 minutes. David will let us know when that starts and then folks would be welcome to join virtually.

- b. To attend Admission Committee presentations: These are on the website and we can attend those. They could help us understand the big picture about the school. We should RSVP with Mary Ellen Trent so she knows to expect us.
 - c. To be part of panels that hear seniors' internship reports - high school internships are drying up even without Covid. Internships will look very different. But they will be doing something and probably presentations. David will let us know if there is opportunity for us to listen if that would be useful.
 - d. To assist with Quaker Studies classes: David and Gray will explore ideas in this area. They want to rethink how they do this topic throughout the different grades and look at what understandings they hope a graduate will leave with. Being part of a Quaker school is important; how do they continue to incorporate the Quaker piece.
7. Report from school to be presented at virtual Concord Quarterly Meeting on January 24: They will have 15 minutes to report how things are going during Meeting for Business which will be from 8:30-9:45am. David and Gray will work on this and share the name of the presenter with Lynne for the agenda. There may be a PowerPoint.
8. Lynne sending Quarter information to school: Lynne continues to send the monthly announcements and quarterly newsletters to several at DVFS, although she is not aware of anyone attending any events or worship so far. She shared briefly about the Quarterly Meeting program in January which will be on Environmental Stewardship with Amelia Kegan from Friends Committee on National Legislation at about 11:15.
9. Other: Ginny Sutton shared that they are having a series at Westtown starting in January, "Planting Seeds, Growing Quaker Leadership" and it will be open to others. Topics will include clerking, recording clerking, clearness process, and Quaker history and practice. The sessions will also be recorded. Gray thinks faculty might be interested. Details will be shared with the school. The link will be on the Westtown Meeting website.
10. Next meeting: April 12, 2020, 3:15pm.
11. We closed with worship.