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Seeking the Light While Keeping the Lights On - Eric Metzker, Willistown Meeting

Does your Meeting struggle with staffing its committees or achieving a feeling of accomplishment in your spiritual and service activities? Managing our finances, fixing our lovely old buildings and tending our burial grounds can seem to take all of our precious time and energy. Staffing a First Day school can be quite a strain on a shrinking volunteer pool, but at least it seems high on the values list.

These are issues being faced by many Meetings throughout PYM. They're difficult to face. They're not the happy subject we wish for at First Day School picnics at this time of year. But it's going to take attention, creativity, love and light to keep Friends Meetings alive and vibrant.

We are going to need to help our small but mighty groups of volunteers to be more effective and more 'filled up' spiritually. A good friend of mine often reminds me to fill myself up before I pour myself out again. So we at Willistown Friends Meeting are exploring ways to decrease the less fulfilling, energy-draining tasks to make room for the more fulfilling activities. For example, we are meeting to consider combining committees. We are also considering the level of our joy when setting our agendas for the year - i.e. to determine whether our schedule fills us up with joy or drains us.

We may also need to consider what our goals are for the Meeting, consolidate them down to a manageable number and allow tasks that don't directly serve those goals to go undone. It may require us to think about using our resources in another way. It may even finally drive us to

look outside of our Meeting (and outside of our Society) to learn from others - Quaker and non-Quaker alike.

There are simply so many choices of how to spend one's time during the week and on a Sunday that Quakers need to consider what we uniquely provide that will attract seekers and retain members. Those outside choices allow

potential members to maximize enjoyment while minimizing contention and conflict. Building our community while under stress (financial stress, the stress of reduced membership, the stress felt by the over-committed family) may not create an appealing setting for a seeker who might arrive with the same stresses in their personal life. The perceived conflict level in the meeting may be high enough that these potential members may feel the need to seek Light elsewhere. This condition

should be an alert from the Universe, the Light, and from God to those of us on nominating committees. We need to be mindful of the balance of effort required to get the peace, harmony and recharge that members and attenders need to carry them through the week.

So how do you make the most of your time, energy and treasure in your Meeting?

Join us at Willistown Friends Meeting on July 26th, to share your insights and successes to help us seek the Light while doing the minimum to keep the lights on.

Eric is the current clerk of Worship and Ministry and past clerk of Nominating Committee at Willistown Meeting



2015 Fall Continuing Sessions Coming to Westtown School

Part of the reorganization approved at last summer's annual sessions was the laying down of Interim Meeting sessions to be replaced by day-long Meeting for Business events open to the whole PYM community. These events are known as Continuing Sessions. The inaugural Continuing Sessions will be held at Westtown School on Saturday, November 7, 2015. It will be an extension of the best parts of Annual Sessions packed into a day-long event. We'll begin and end in worship, we'll help define the mission and priorities of our yearly meeting, and we'll have fun as we seek spiritual deepening. There will be programs for adults and for High School-, Middle School-, and Elementary-School-age youth.

Monthly meeting communities of Concord Quarterly Meeting are invited and encouraged to offer up their homes as a gesture of hospitality to others in our extended family of Friends. Please consider hosting Friends traveling a long distance to attend Continuing Sessions on the nights of Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7. If you are interested, get in touch with Charlie Spadoni, Concord Quarterly Meeting Coordinator, at concordquarter@pym.org. At our Quarterly Meeting in July we will discern the best way to support this very critical event.

First Day School Needed for Westtown Meeting

Westtown Meeting is looking for someone to work with our kindergarten to 4th grade Friends for First Day School. First Day School will start in September and go through early June. There are currently 4-6 students on most First Days. They have spent a year on Old Testament stories of importance to Jewish, Christian, and Muslim communities, and a year on the New Testament. We would like the coming year to focus on Quaker testimonies and influential Friends.

People may contact me before July 10, 2015 at deb.wood@westtown.edu or 484-639-8536. - Deb Wood, Westtown Meeting

Ropes/Orienteering Event Challenges Concord and Western Quarter Youth



Early in the morning of the beautiful spring day of April 26, 2015, twenty-eight children of members and attenders of nine monthly meetings (five from Concord and four from Western) gathered at The Cabin on Westtown School's campus to prepare for an all-day event: ½ day of maneuvering through that school's ropes course and ½ day of orienteering. Although children in the 3rd through 12th grades were eligible to participate, only children in the 3rd through 10th grades registered.

In the morning the children were under the supervision and direction of Christine Costa Henwood, Westtown School's outdoor education coordinator, and her staff. Chris started her program on the grounds near The Cabin where she had the children participate in various games that offered them the opportunity to get to know one another and build rapport. Then they all trooped to the ropes course that is located in the woods out of sight of The Cabin. There Chris divided the children into three groups. For two hours each group wended its way through a series cables, ropes and obstacles that are used to test the physical strength, agility, balance and flexibility of the participants.

When the children returned to The Cabin, they were happy and excited about their adventure where they had built up a strong appetite. A lunch consisting of grilled hotdogs (meat and vegetarian) prepared by chef Aaron Resnik (Goshen MM), peanut butter and jelly sandwiches prepared by Sarah Kastriner (Kennett MM), carrots, grapes, potato chips, pretzels, and "bug juice" helped to satisfy that appetite. After lunch, Charlie Spadoni (Birmingham MM) instructed the children for 30 minutes on the basic skills a person needs to compete in orienteering – a competitive sport in which participants find their way to various "control points" using a map and compass. He taught them how to orient themselves using the sun, how to use a compass to orient a map, how to read the terrain features and contour lines on a map and how to judge distances. He also went over with them the rules of orienteering, how to read the control point descriptions (that include universal orienteering symbols) on



the control sheet he distributed and how to register at each control point by punching the relevant punch blocks on the control sheet. He also explained to them that at each control

point they would find an answer to a question about Quakerism or Westtown School that they would have to enter into their control sheet. One about Quakerism, for example was "Which one of the following is NOT a Quaker testimony? Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Commitment, Equality, Stewardship?"



Sarah Kastriner (Kennett MM) then assigned the children to teams of three except for one of four. She did it based in part on their respective ages, maturity levels and interactions during their ropes course adventure.

The teams departed two minutes apart to find sequentially up to fifteen control points (the younger children were expected to find only the first 10) that were located in woods and fields in the northern 300 acres of Westtown's Property. Fortunately for the children, they had a very good map to use because Mary Frank, a member of the Delaware Valley Orienteering Association, was gracious enough to walk those 300 acres, select where control points should be placed, and overlaid trails and control points on an aerial map of the property. Mary also prepared the control sheet that had the rules and control description symbols.

An adult or a student member of Westtown School's Quaker Leadership Program accompanied each team, and they all returned within 1- ½ hours after departure (although a few unknowingly tried to get lost). By 2:45



p.m., 28 very tired children were ready for a snack of cookies and then a ride to home-sweet-home. Before they left, some of them were overheard to say that they looked forward to participating in the event next year. Later asked for their response to the event, two of the Resnik teens were enthusiastic: Jocie said, "I enjoyed being with other Quaker kids and working together to solve the challenges." Livia's comment was, "I enjoyed meeting new people and working together."

There were many people involved in planning (which took six months) and putting on the event. Betsy Swan (Willistown MM) came up with the idea of having a ropes course program. Marissa Resnik (an 8th grader from Goshen MM) working with Pat Daly (Goshen MM) and KerryLynn Resnik (Goshen MM) came up with the idea of having an orienteering program. KerryLynn and her husband Aaron were members of the team that planned the event. Pete Lane (Westtown MM) led that team, recruited Mary Frank of the DVOA to help out, and provided the aerial map. Finally, Westtown School was very helpful in making their campus, facilities, and outdoor education coordinator available for the event.

*Sarah Kastriner, Western Quarter Coordinator
Charles Spadoni, Concord Quarter Coordinator*

PYM Nominating Committee Moving Forward in the 5-Year Plan

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Nominating Committee has been working under the Five Year Plan approved last Annual Sessions that helps us to be "a faith community committed to deepening spiritually, welcoming newcomers, building supportive and inclusive community, and providing loving service and faithful witness to the world."

The new Nominating Committee will be made up of Friends named by each of the 13 Quarterly Meetings. (Concord has appointed Peter Lane of Westtown Meeting as our representative). Seven other "At Large" Friends may be appointed by the Administrative Council to have a possible complement of 20 members.

With a deep appreciation of the continuing work of all of the Standing Committees, we are preparing to lay them down by the end of September. The Friends who have labored under our eight Standing Committees have served us well.

The new Administrative and Quaker Life Councils will now support the work of our Yearly Meeting. The Administrative

Council will care for the "stuff" of the Yearly Meeting – finances, staff, and property. Quaker Life will oversee education, peace, and witness programs.

The Nominating Committee has worked diligently to find 15 Friends for each of the two Councils. We approached potential members with the excitement that they would be building something new with the hope of enabling our Yearly Meeting to "speak out in unity about our core beliefs, experiences and practices" and to "recognize that we need each other in order to respond to the challenges and opportunities of a changing religious and social world."

The Nominating Committee is a delightful group of Friends from all Quarters of our Yearly Meeting. There is an enthusiasm and a diligence evident in our working together that is strengthened in our fellowship and worship. We get a lot of work done with regular monthly meetings and conference calls. We plan to present 30 names for the two councils at our upcoming Annual Sessions. – *Thomas Swain* – *Thomas is the clerk of PYM's Nominating Committee*

Concord Quarterly Meeting Calendar of Events

Each Thursday	The Hickman holds mid-week meeting for worship from 6:30-7:15 p.m. in The Hickman Living Room. All are cordially invited to attend.
Each Wednesday July 1 thru August 26, 2015	Westtown Meeting's Lake Supper at The Cabin (6:30-8:30 p.m.) Westtown School (east entrance) Potluck supper and more. All members of Concord Quarter are cordially invited to participate on any date. A special invitation is being extended to the members of the following monthly meetings on the following days: Birmingham (July 8); Goshen (July 15); West Chester (July 22); Willistown (July 29); Middletown (August 5); Concord (August 12); Wilmington (August 19).
July 11, 2015 (Rain Date: July 12, 2015)	The Hickman Summer Block Party (Saturday) will be held between 2:00-5:00 p.m. in front of The Hickman building, 400 N. Walnut Street, West Chester, and it will feature musical entertainment by The Sin City Band and family-building activities. There is no admission fee, and it is open to the community.
July 26, 2015	Concord Quarterly Meeting (Sunday) 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Willistown Meeting
Jul 29-Aug 2, 2015 August 8, 2015	PYM's Annual Sessions (Wednesday to Sunday) Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA Birmingham's Annual Chicken Barbecue and Bluegrass Dinner (Saturday) 4-7:00 p.m. Ticket Costs: \$16 in advance and \$18 at the door for adults; \$8 for children 8 and younger. For tickets and additional information contact Marcia Cole-Quigley at marcia.cq@gmail.com or phone Birmingham Meeting at 610-793-1734
August 12, 2015 (Rain Date: August 13)	The Hickman Summer Concert Series (Wednesday) It features The West Chester Band and starts at 6:30 p.m. on The Hickman patio. There is no admission fee, and it is open to the community.
October 4, 2015	Concord/Western Quarters Hayride & Bonfire (Sunday) 5-8:00 p.m. Stratton Family's Wynoor Farm, 1631 East Street Road (just east of the intersection of Routes 352 and 926, Thornbury Township, PA
October 17, 2015	Thomas Swain's Workshop on Spiritual Gifts (Saturday) 9:00 – 4:00 p.m., West Chester Meeting
November 1, 2015	Concord Quarterly Meeting-Sponsored Open House for Parents of Children Attending Quaker Schools (Sunday) 10:00 a.m. Wilmington Meeting
November 7, 2015	PYM's Continuing Sessions (Saturday) Westtown School

Concord Quarterly Meeting

July 26, 2015

Willistown Monthly Meeting

8:15-8:30 Sign-in
8:30-9:45 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
10:00-11:00 Meeting for Worship with Willistown Meeting
11:15-12:15 Program
12:15 -1:00 Fellowship with Lunch provided by Willistown Meeting



Seeking the Light While Keeping the Lights On

Adult Friends will explore our shared and unique experiences in service to our Meetings. What is working in your Meeting? In Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Burial Grounds, Outreach, Peace and Social Justice? What Lights you up? Friends will come together to share challenges and appreciate successes as priorities, needs and participation changes across our Quarter and our Society.

Children's Program

Please join Claudie Brock to explore The ABC's of William Penn. Her book will introduce and educate our young Friends about this well-known, multilingual, great statesman, philosopher, writer, and founder of Pennsylvania.

Location: Willistown Meeting 7069 Goshen Road Newtown Square, PA 19073

For more info and a map to the meeting go to <http://concordquarter.org/meeting-maps/>
You can also email Charlie Spadoni, Coordinator, at concordquarter@pym.org

Minutes of Concord Quarterly Meeting Held At West Chester Monthly Meeting - April 26, 2015

Opening Worship: The meeting opened with a period of worship at 8:25 am.

Welcome: The clerk welcomed the 24 Friends who were present as the meeting began; there were over 45 with us by the time the meeting concluded. Individuals were present from the following member monthly meetings -- Birmingham, Concord, Goshen, Middletown, West Chester, Westtown and Willistown. Wilmington was not able to be present. Two newcomers were welcomed.

Coordinator's Report - Bruce Harrison (Westtown)

A report from Charles Spadoni on the Quarter's and the Coordinator's activities over the last three months was received with appreciation and is appended as Attachment 1. As the coordinator was helping to run a Quarter youth event, the report was presented by the clerk. (Approximately 31 youth were attending the ropes event at Westtown.)

Treasurer's Report – Financial Statements 03/31/2015 - Bruce James (Westtown). See Attachment 2. The full report is attached to the official copy of these minutes and is available on request.

Treasurer's Budget Report - Bruce James (Westtown)

An increase of 2.5% in the budget is recommended in order to reflect the increased income the Quarter has actually been receiving recently for the Tuition Endowment Fund. There has been a small surplus in the Coordinator's item due to a miscalculation of taxes and to Spadoni's working somewhat fewer hours than planned. The Treasurer recommended that a portion of this surplus be contributed to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and the balance go to the Tuition Endowment Fund. Some Friends wished that any surplus be dedicated to Quarterly Meeting purposes. These recommendations will be considered by the Planning Committee preparatory to a decision at the next Quarterly Meeting, when feedback from member meeting treasurers also can be received.

Financial "Friendly Review" Report – Tom Haviland (Westtown) and Bob Kolimaga (Goshen)

The review is attached to the official copy of the minutes and is available to members for examine upon request. The review is not an audit as understood professionally, although trained persons were involved. The conclusions were positive, although there are some minor improvements that could be made. Our Treasurer has done a good job. The Quarter minutes its appreciation to Haviland and Kolimaga for a fine report.

Nominating Committee Report - Thomas Woodward (Goshen) The committee report is appended below as Attachment 3.

Approval of Charles Spadoni to be a member of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee and the Planning Committee asked approval for Charles Spadoni to join Nominating through June 2016. It was noted that such an appointment is irregular, as Spadoni is the Quarter Coordinator and thus is an employee. Friends accepted the special needs Nominating has at the moment and they value Spadoni's judgement. They therefore approved the appointment on an exceptional basis. It was noted that the Planning Committee, which is nominated by constituent meetings, not the Quarter, is the supervisor of the Coordinator.

Assistant Clerk's Duty to assist with the distribution of tuition aid was eliminated from that job description, as this function is done by the Treasurer and the Coordinator.

PYM Nominating Committee Representative. An exceptional appointment of Pete Lane to a third 3 year term was approved.

Quarterly Meeting Officers. The nominations of Deb Wood for a one year term (ending 6/2016) as Assistant Clerk (following which she will become clerk for two years, and then again become assistant clerk for one year) and Tom Haviland for a three year term (ending 6/2018) as Treasurer were approved.

Discussion of Recent Outreach Undertakings - Bruce Harrison (Westtown)

Three meetings are organizing days for outreach to parents of the many Friends schools in the Quarter. The Willistown Meeting event was not well attended, as it was a snowy day. The next ones are at Birmingham and Wilmington. There is provision for children at these events.

Joys and Challenges Reports

Birmingham MM - John Lavin The report was received with appreciation and is appended as Attachment 4.

West Chester MM - Deb Lyons The report was received with appreciation and is appended as Attachment 5.

Announcements of Upcoming Events - Bruce Harrison (Westtown)

- **Planning Committee Meeting**, May 3, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at The Hickman
- **CQM Sponsored Open House for Parents of Children Attending Quaker Schools**, May 3, 2015, 10:00 a.m. Birmingham MM
- **Tubing on the Brandywine**, Sunday, June 28, 2015
- **Concord Quarterly Meeting**, July 26, 2015, at Willistown MM
- **Thomas Swain's Spiritual Gifts Workshop**, Saturday, October 17, 2015, at West Chester MM

The meeting ended with a period of worship at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted, Bruce Harrison, Clerk

David Leonard, Recording Clerk

Attachment 1

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

I regret that I am not able to join you today at Quarterly Meeting with attention to business. I am otherwise engaged supervising a youth program sponsored jointly by Concord and Western Quarters that is being held at Westtown School under the guidance of Christine Costa Henwood, Westtown School's outdoor education coordinator. The program is described in more detail in the April newsletter, but here is a description of it in a nutshell. In the morning Chris will be leading the 31 children who registered in activities on a ropes course. After lunch, the children will be heading out to find a series of "control points" through a course surveyed by, among others, KerryLynn Resnik and her daughter Livia (Goshen), Pete Lane (Westtown), Mary Frank of the Delaware Valley Orienteering Association, Melissa McLaughlin of Westtown School, and me. So if you have trouble finding your children after the event is scheduled to end, it could be that they are somewhere on Westtown School's campus trying to find some mythical control points.

The next open house for parents attending Quaker schools in the Quarter's geographic area will be held on May 3, 2015, at Birmingham Monthly Meeting. That meeting has decided to expand the open house to include others as well. I look forward to seeing the results of its undertaking. Hopefully, the lessons learned from it and the one held at Willistown on March 1, 2015, will help improve the subsequent ones. The open house next following Birmingham's is to be held at Wilmington Monthly Meeting on November 1, 2015.

We have made arrangements for holding our tubing-on-the-Brandywine outing (which includes a picnic) on June 28, 2015 at Kennett Meeting's Maryetta Clendenin's property that abuts the West Branch of the Brandywine Creek. This year the FGC Gathering will not conflict with the tubing event, so we hope many more Friends will be there. Now that Western Quarter has two new energetic coordinators (Sarah Kastriner and Robin Harper (for the youth program)), I suspect that there will be a lot of people from Western Quarter for you to meet.

Please put on your calendar Thomas Swain's workshop on spiritual gifts that will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2015, in this meetinghouse. When Thomas holds the workshop, he will have returned from his ministry in Great Britain and will be primed and ready to go.

The next meeting of the Quarter's Planning Committee will be held at The Hickman's parlor at 7:30 p.m. on First Day, May 3, 2015. Any member of Concord Quarterly meeting who is interested in the Quarter's activities is welcome to attend that meeting. I hope you can join us. In Faith, *Charles B. Spadoni, Coordinator*

Attachment 2

CONCORD QUARTERLY MEETING TREASURER'S REPORT: Q3: 03/31/2015 03/31/2015 Q1 and Q2 April 24, 2015

(Full report available to members on request to Coordinator)

Friendly Review: Treasurer supported a review of CQM financials. A separate report is available.

Next Year's Budget

Income

- Overall budgeting a 2.5% increase in the budget. This is more due to capturing historical contributions, rather than an actual increase in the budget.
- Coordinator contributions are reduced, because of more accurate estimate of the actual tax burden.

Expenses

- Coordinator expenses are budgeted at the current expenditure rate: 15hr/wk, not 20hr/wk. If this changes in the coming year, the result would be reduced surplus that is applied to the TEF.
- Operations expenses are budgeted at a higher level, more due to capturing historical expenses, rather than a change in the expenses. This is offset by the reduction in the Coordinator spending.

Report: Financial Statements

Attached to the official minutes is next year's budget and the financial statements for Q3 and YTD.

NOTE: The promotional sign was not in the budget, and was paid for using reserve funds (from prior year surplus).

Respectfully submitted, Bruce James, Treasurer

Attachment 3

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Coordinator as Member of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee would like to have Charles Spadoni, Coordinator and member of Birmingham Monthly Meeting, be an at-large member of the Nominating Committee. Therefore, it recommends that the Quarterly Meeting approve Charles' appointment to that committee and to serve on it while he is employed as Coordinator until June 30, 2016.

Term of Representative to PYM's Nominating Committee

Currently, the Quarter's representative on Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Nominating Committee may serve for one term of three years followed by an additional three-year term for a total of six consecutive years. Unless that term is extended, Pete Lane, who as of June 30, 2015, will have served as the Quarter's current representative on that committee for six consecutive years, will be barred from continuing to serve in that capacity even though he is willing to do so. The Nominating Committee recommends that such term be extended for one additional three-year term so that Pete will be able to continue to serve. Such extension would make the term of such representative consistent with the terms of the offices of Treasurer and Recording Clerk.

Deletion of Duty of Assistant Clerk

One of the duties of Assistant Clerk is to “[w]ork with the treasurer to distribute funds for tuition aid.” Since the Coordinator performs that duty and the Assistant Clerk does not, the Nominating Committee recommends that such duty of the Assistant Clerk be deleted.

Nominations

The Nominating Committee nominates the following persons to serve in the following position and for the periods following their respective names:

Name	Monthly Meeting	Position	Term
Pete Lane	Westtown	Representative on PYM’s Nominating Committee	Three years ending June 30, 2018
Tom Haviland	Westtown	Treasurer	Three years ending June 30, 2018
Deb Wood	Westtown	Assistant Clerk	One year ending June 30, 2016

Attachment 4

Birmingham MM Joys and Challenges

Our Meeting has the joy of having our Young Friends participate in this report. They report that our community is vibrant and active through caring for those in need, preparing monthly fellowship luncheons that make space for keeping our connections with each other strong, learning more about members through anniversary luncheons, and participating in our two intergenerational charity fundraising events: the Chicken Barbecue and Harvest Buffet.

Young Friends felt our Meeting is challenged by a lack of middle and high school age children and also a general decline in membership.

I cannot disagree with anything our Young Friends shared. We have the joy of many dedicated individuals that work hard to maintain the life and property of our Meeting. We have an actively supported First Day School with many Members contributing to it. We are able to meet the maintenance needs of our historic meetinghouse.

Our Meeting is certainly challenged with membership as our Young Friends observed, but I would add also that we are challenged to engage most of the Members that still count themselves as part of our Meeting, but we rarely see or hear from. We must be engaging to both the Meeting Members we do have as well as be open and inviting to new seekers and attenders. Our Meeting is currently wrestling with a concern that our budget adequately reflects our values.

Faithfully submitted, John Lavin

Attachment 5

West Chester MM Joys and Challenges

“Live up to the Light thou hast, and more will be granted thee.” That advice, recorded by nineteenth-century Friend Caroline Fox as having come to her in the silence of Meeting for Worship, seems an appropriate theme for reflecting on the past year at West Chester Monthly Meeting.

When you come into our Social Room, take a look at the bulletin board near the coat rack. You’ll see something we had long wanted but never managed to produce until now: a display of photos—and names!—of Meeting members and attenders. It’s colorful, it’s lively, and it’s easy to expand as we welcome people to the West Chester Friends community. It’s also a great remedy for that awkward “I know I should remember her name” feeling. And it’s increasingly important for a very encouraging reason: more people coming—and coming back!

A companion innovation is on the big table at the rear of the Meeting room: a user-friendly guest book with a page for each individual or family coming to worship with us for the first time.

We also have - at last! - a lively and still-improving Web site, being engineered by tech-savvy members of the Meeting community in collaboration with our Care of Meeting committee, and being curated by our similarly tech-savvy Meeting secretary.

Underlying much of this growth is the revitalization of our First Day School under the leadership of Teacher Bonnie McLennan and assistant teacher Laura Alexander, providing a creatively consistent mix of learning and activity that has helped us attract and retain several young families. When the side door opens and the First Day School comes in for the last few minutes of Meeting each First Day, the smiles are contagious.

The youngsters aren’t the only ones learning. Downingtown Meeting-based Friend Alex Miller’s six-session Friendly Quaker Orientation course has drawn a capacity crowd, some from West Chester and some from elsewhere, including seekers, folks new to Quakerism, and seasoned Friends.

We continue to be blessed by the ability to collaborate with our Quaker Block neighbors, West Chester Friends School and the Hickman. As the Hickman deals with the challenges of replacing its Sharpless-Hall building, we are grateful for the Hickman’s inclusion of Meeting in its thinking and planning. We are hopeful that the Hickman’s negotiations with Borough Council will result in an ordinance that will benefit all three Quaker Block neighbors.

We are grateful that there are new faces on our committees as more Friends feel comfortable taking a more active role in the Meeting. We are also hopeful that our attenders will, in due season, feel drawn to becoming members and sharing their Light with us. Faithfully submitted, Deborah Lyons

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