



The Green Street Messenger

monthly calendar & newsletter of...

Green Street Monthly Meeting of Friends
45 West School House Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19144

West Philadelphia Preparative Friends Meeting
1018 S 48th St (Squirrel Hill Apartment Bld.
Basement)
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Join us for...

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First Day Meeting for Worship	10:30 AM
First Day School	10:30–11:15 AM
First Day Meeting for Worship at West Phila. Mtg.	1:30 PM
Wednesday morning Meeting for Worship	8:30–9:00 AM with GSFS
First Sunday evening Meeting for Worship	6:30–7:00 PM at Stapeley Hall

May 2016

Sunday, 1st	9:30 AM Rise of Meeting 12:30	Breakfast with a Friend—David La Fontaine/Patrick Egan Coffee Hour—Walter H. Sullivan Care & Counsel Committee Meeting
Sunday, 8th	9:00 AM Rise of Meeting	Second Sunday Forum: <i>Topic to be announced</i> Coffee Hour— Volunteers needed
Saturday 14th	7:00 PM	Documentary and Discussion Series: <i>Defies Measurement,</i> <i>(Please see the About F/friends section)</i>
Sunday, 15th	Rise of Meeting 12:30	Lunch—Cheryl McFadden & Gabbreell James Meeting for business
Sunday, 22nd	9:15 AM Rise of Meeting	Friendly Bible Study Coffee hour—Sharon Mullally
Sunday, 29th	Rise of Meeting	Coffee hour— Volunteers needed



Minutes of Monthly Meeting for Business Held Fourth Month 17, 2016

At Green Street Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held at 45 West School House Lane, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Fourth Month 17, 2016: Business Meeting convened at 12:35 PM in prayerful silence.

16-04-01 The Clerk welcomed Friends by asking about where we find our spiritual roots and where we seek the Light.

16-04-02 Friends assented to the agenda.

16-04-03 Incorporation Process Report

Russ Endo reported. The last issue remaining in the incorporation process is in two parts.

The first part was to contact Philadelphia Yearly Meeting about their view on whether GSMM has the right to direct assets in the event of the Meeting's dissolution, and find the right language about the clause to be included in our Articles of Incorporation. After examining related entries in Faith and Practice, PYM's view was that GSMM has autonomy on how to distribute assets upon laying down of the Meeting.

The second part is to confirm the percentage of assets the Meeting wants to leave to Greene Street Friends School and to the YM. Friends approved 65% of assets remaining after real estate, buildings, and building contents would go to the school and 35% to PYM.

16-04-04 QVS Report

Elizabeth Croce, current QVS fellow, and Amy Greulich, Clerk of the QVS Service Local Support Committee, presented the request that GSMM host QVS for the 2016-7 year, with the slight change that GSMM partner with Germantown Monthly Meeting to share host duties. Details of the dual-hosting would need to be worked out.

In their report to the Clerk of GSMM, many QVS fellows said they felt welcomed and included in the community, though others did not feel that their "buddies" had been in close enough contact. Fellows also expressed a desire to be part of deeper work of community – to be invited to take part in committees, Hospitality, Worship and Ministry, and First Day School. Amy confirmed Friends' concerns that the first months of a QVS fellow are busily spent getting to know the ropes, but that after that period of orientation, more requests for time – from buddies or from the meeting – would be welcomed. Elizabeth expressed appreciation for being under the care of the Monthly Meeting and agreed that fellows would appreciate being invited to participate in the life of the MM. Non-Quaker QVS fellows especially would like to get more of an idea of what Quakerism is and what it does.

Friends expressed having a sense of community with QVS fellows in the beginning of the year as they were getting the house ready and welcoming the fellows to their new home. Friends expressed uncertainty about how best to reach out to their buddies without overwhelming them or taking more time away from their already busy lives.

The request to partner with GMM was met with positive feelings by Friends, with the note that we should be very intentional about planning the partnership, in order not to lose some momentum we have built in our relationship with QVS fellows. Friends also felt that our MM has been enriched by the relationship with QVS and we'd like to continue it. It would be good to have help with our committees from fellows as well, especially with First Day school.

The request to partner with GMM to host QVS again next year was approved.

The QVS guide to hosting will be widely distributed to the MM so that the meeting understands what the responsibilities and rewards of hosting entail.

16-04-05 Nominating Committee Report

Doris Clinkscale presented the second reading of names for committees.

Green Street Monthly Meeting approves the following Friends for service on the following committees:

School Board

	Shayna Bayard	first term	7/1/2016	6/30/2019
Q	Sarah Clarke	first term	7/1/2016	6/30/2019
Q	Anthony DiGiovanni	first term	7/1/2016	6/30/2019
Q	Russ Endo	second term	7/1/2016	6/30/2019
Q	Margery Felton	third term	7/1/2016	6/30/2019
	Koof Kalkstein	second term	7/1/2016	6/30/2019
Q	Christopher Mohr	first term	7/1/2016	6/30/2019
	David Moos	third term	7/1/2016	6/30/2019

Q	Sharon Mullaly	release after 8 years of service		
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Worship & Ministry

	Robert Dockhorn	release as of March 2016		
	Shani Taylor	2012	June 2019, no reappointment	
	Traci Hjelt Sullivan	2012	June 2017, no reappointment	
	Walter Hjelt Sullivan	2012	June 2018, no reappointment	
	Don Weightman	2014	June 2017, possibility of reappointment	

Trustees

	David LaFontaine	6/1/2016	5/30/2019	
	Doris Clinkscale	6/1/2016	5/30/2019	

Budget

	Russ Endo	6/1/2016	5/30/2019	
	Selette James	6/1/2016	5/30/2019	

Marille Thomas to serve as Quarterly Meeting Representative, starting June 2016, for three years to May 2019.

There is still uncertainty about the process of reappointment of School Board members. The question remains whether members still need to be reappointed by the meeting between terms. Anthony and Robin will speak with Koof Kalkstein, Clerk of the Governance Committee, to clarify that School Board's bylaws and meeting bylaws agree on this question, with an aim to preserving the care relationship between meeting and school.

16-04-06 Greene Street School Board Report

Anne Bayless reported. The School Board has approved a footprint in order to guide the architects in planning the new building: six classrooms and a middle-school sized gym; the issue of a music room is now being considered by the designers. In addition, the committee has identified a path for the school to borrow money in order to complete the building while not impacting tuition or financial aid. School committee approved a budget of \$8.5M for the building. The school will organize a meeting between architects and the MM in order to present the plans by mid-summer.

The School Board also approved the initiation of a summer program at GSFS called Horizons International, which will begin in summer 2016. It will entail a six-week summer enrichment program aimed at preventing “summer slide” in children in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods. The program will have a separate board that will hire an executive director and also be responsible for fund raising all the funds needed. \$60,000 has been raised for this summer's program, which will be an inaugural cohort of 16-20 kindergarten-aged children.

Finally, GSFS announces that it has offered a full scholarship to its first Germantown Scholar for the 2016-7 school year.

16-04-07 Care and Counsel – Recognition of Jim Glackin

Clerk reported. Jim Glackin has requested transfer of his membership to Richland Monthly Meeting. Friends approved the transfer.

The Clerk also asked how we can recognize Jim Glackin for his years of service to the meeting. One Friend suggested a letter, signed by meeting members and included in the newsletter and a framed copy to Jim. Bill van Stone will write the letter.

16-04-08 These minutes were approved.

16-04-09 Friends ended in worship

Meeting adjourned, agreeing to meet again at the appointed time on Fifth Month 15, 2016.

JoAnn Seaver, Clerk

Blythe Davenport, Acting Recording Clerk

About our F/friends

(News and announcements of concern to the Meeting)

The First Sunday Meeting for Worship at Stapeley

Stapeley residents will happily welcome anyone who wants to join them in their meeting for worship at 6:30.

Saturday, May 14, Documentary and Discussion Series: Defies Measurement, 7:00 PM at Germantown Life Enrichment Center, 5722 Greene St.

Defies Measurement strengthens the discussion about public education by taking a much-needed, fresh, hard look at what happens when the wrong people make decisions for schools. And, what it can look like when teachers choose to continue teaching in the way they know is best for kids.

Guest speakers: Robin Roberts, Opt-out Philly, Special Guest: TBA

Free admission and refreshments and childcare are provided.

Extended Meeting for Worship, June 4, 9:15 AM - 3:15 PM, Medford Friends Meeting

Would you like to deepen your experience of Worship? Have you wished that Worship didn't end

when the clock struck the hour? The Worship and Care Standing Committee and the Meeting on Worship and Ministry invite you to experience Extended Worship. Attend just a portion of the day or the full day. And remember to bring your lunch. If you will need childcare, email by Monday, May 23. Information: www.pym.org/event/2016-extended-meeting-for-worship-at-medford-meeting or Lola Georg, lolageorg@gmail.com

PYM Annual Sessions, July 27- 31, at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but Be Transformed so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Save the Dates: **Registration opens April 30.**

Friends of all ages will gather from throughout our yearly meeting for worship, Spirit-led discernment and sharing of our work and witness, fellowship, creativity, and community. Join us for the whole event, or just a day or two. Friends pay only for the cost of food and dorm housing, and financial aid is available so that anyone can attend.

Information: www.pym.org/annual-sessions or Tricia Coscia, sessions@pym.org, 215 241-7238.



The Fifth Query on Education

What is our Meeting's role in the life and support of Friends' education? If supporting or maintaining a Friends school, have we developed an appropriate relationship of Meeting and school? What is our role in the spiritual life of the school and its maintenance of Friends' principles?

What does our Meeting do to support education in the wider community?

What help do we provide for the children and adults in our Meeting to pursue the education they seek, whether academic, technical, or vocational? Do we make provision for children in our Meeting to attend a Friends school?

How do I show my concern for the improvement of public education in my community and in the world?

Am I aware of what Friends schools are doing and of their plans for the future? How do I show encouragement and support?



News and Announcements

Workshops and/or Short Courses at Pendle Hill

The Pendle Hill website now lists one day events, weekends and weeklong events. Please call Pendle Hill at (610) 566-4507 or (800) 742-3150, ext. 3, or visit wk.longww.pendlehill.org. Matching scholarships are available; please call. For more information, please go to their website, pendlehill.org, or call.

May 1, 4 PM, Valley Green, Fairmount Park, Young Adult Friends Worship Sharing in the Woods
Meet at Valley Green in the Wissahickon section of Fairmount Park

Valley Green Rd and Forbidden Drive, Philadelphia, PA

Young Adult Friends (age 18-35-ish) are invited to the Wissahickon section of Fairmount Park for some hiking and worship sharing. Let's get centered together in the great outdoors! Valley Green has restrooms and a snack bar. This is an alcohol-free event.

Details: www.pym.org/event/yaf-worship-sharing-in-the-woods/?instance_id=252

FUNdraiser to raise money to send kids from West Philly to Quaker Camp this summer. Saturday, May 7th, from 3-7 PM at 5318 Baynton St. in Germantown.

Quaker Voluntary Service Almuni and Local Support Committee Members Jossie Dowling and Genevieve Beck-Roe are hosting a FUNdraiser to raise money to send kids from West Philly to

Quaker Camp this summer. The Working Group on Diversity at Camps has been working in Philadelphia for 6 years to create better access and genuine diversity at Catoctin Quaker Camp. The results have been substantial increases in the number of campers and staff of color and deepening conversation around equity. Come support this important work by attending our Garden Party, Enjoy a beautiful setting, fun cocktails, delicious appetizers and inter-generational games. Find more info on our facebook page www.tinyurl.com/strideparty or contact Jossie at Dowlingjw@gmail.com

Young Adult Friends Spring Retreat, Spiritual Journeys & Self-Expression, May 13-15,

At Radnor Friends Meeting. Cost: \$35 (financial aid available).

Register online (deadline May 8): www.pym.org/event/yaf-spring-retreat-2016/?instance_id=293

Details: Elizabeth Piersol Schmidt, epiersolschmidt@pym.org or 215-241-7075.

Humor Corner: A Hindu take on the Light, and maybe even a Quaker Meeting?

A Hindu devotee asked God, represented by the multi-armed Lord Narayana, this question. "My dear Lord," he said. "I understand that you have innumerable inconceivable potencies. But out of all of them the energy of light seems to be the most amazing. Light pervades the spiritual world, it illuminates the material universes, and life is impossible without it." He continued, "I would like to know how you make it work."

"Oh, that's easy," was the reply. "Many hands make light work."

Quote Corner: A man (or woman) does not mind being blamed for his faults and being punished for them; but he becomes impatient if he is required to give them up.

From Reflections by Goethe Submitted by Mary Joy Benson

The **submission deadline** for the June newsletter is **9:30 am on Friday, May 20.**