

**At a meeting of Warwick Friends held at the Quaker Centre
on Sunday June 3rd 2018**

Present: 9 Friends were present for our meeting, starting at 12 noon.

Minute 18/37 We appoint John Sheldon as acting assistant clerk for the duration of this meeting.

Minute 18/38 *Advices & Queries* No 38 was read aloud during worship today, June 3rd.

Minute 18/39 Past and future area meetings

Area meeting was held on May 19th at Sutton Coldfield Meeting house at 2pm. Jane Holt reported back to us the following Sunday.

We appoint Gill Smith to represent us at area meeting to be held at Solihull Women's Institute on Saturday 16th June from 2 - 5pm. We ask Gill Smith to report back to us as soon as possible after the meeting.

Minute 18/40 Request for finance for Children's Glitter Tattoo Activity at Leamington Peace Festival 2018

Providing John Harding is content we agree to fund the cost of glitter and tattoo stencils on Quaker themes, up to a limit of £50, from our outreach budget, as a free activity for children, run by volunteers on our Peace Festival stand. We thank Ruth Gaston and Alice Yaxley for this suggestion and trust that they will instruct volunteers in the process! We understand that the stencils will be re-usable and that this could be an ongoing activity in future years.

Minute 18/41 Minute from Elders and Overseers re the Nominations Process

We have a minute from Elders and Overseers as follows:

'Process for handling objections to nominations: We are concerned that this situation was not well handled recently and we are anxious that there should be a better handling of any future problem of this nature. We agreed that an Overseer should go out of BM with any nominees whilst decisions are made. We are also agreed that in the case of a nominee not being found acceptable the reasons should not be in confidence and should be given to the nominee in an open and kindly way as soon as they return to the BM. We were unable to resolve whether it is acceptable for nominees to remain in BM during the process.'

We received the minute and ask Elders and Overseers to continue their discernment on this matter taking into account advice from Area Meeting and comments made at this meeting:-

- the need for greater clarity about the role of the Nominations committee and the status of the nominee
- ideally decisions should be taken at the business meeting but if further consideration on that name is necessary it should be referred to the next business meeting not the nominations committee
- the importance of maintaining truth and integrity in our comments
- the usefulness of the phrase 'I think our Friend's talents lie elsewhere'
- making the nominations available one month beforehand if possible for consideration by the meeting.

Minute 18/42 Fundraising Committee Report (verbal)

We have heard that the fundraising committee has not met for some time because, with the treasurer, they took a decision to concentrate their efforts on raising funds for the garden. Also, in the last year, the treasurer started to bring in a change in the way we give, with greater use, as needed, of the Area Meeting Schedule. It seemed that a fallow year would be worthwhile, especially as the garden appeal continues.

We support the idea that the fundraising committee should continue, even if it remains inactive for a while and thank friends who serve on this committee for their efforts on our behalf.

Minute 18/43 General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) - Progress

We note the problem with sharing "The One List" (Ref Continuing Minute 18/17) has now been resolved. We thank the overseers (Helen Pemberton) for their work in bringing the list up to date and remind everyone mailing out to the meeting (the Clerks, The Friendly Link editor, the Treasurer ...) to only use "The One List" in the future - not ones they have created themselves.

We note that, following discussion at last month's area meeting, CEQ's Data Protection Policy, Privacy Statements and Consent Forms are now with the CEQ trustees for approval. We will revisit our own policies and procedures including our use of a directory once these have been agreed and published. There will be a session on the GDPR at upcoming area meetings including in Warwick in July. We thank Dave Rawcliffe for his efforts on behalf of our meeting.

God willing we shall meet again on Sunday July 1st commencing 12 noon after Meeting for Worship, with agenda items and papers to the clerk by Thursday 21st June.

Diana Biddlestone, clerk

John Sheldon, assistant clerk

Continuing Minutes

Existing

13/37: WQM Members and Attenders List

14/03 (part) Review of Meeting List (see also 13/37 above)

16/28 (part): Fund-raising committee – annual report – re. use of contribution schedule

18/17: Advice re management of emails and current address list