

**At a meeting of Warwick Friends held at the Quaker Centre
on Sunday July 1st 2018**

Present: 13 Friends were present for our meeting, starting at 12 noon.

Minute 18/44 *Advices & Queries* No 8 was read aloud during worship today, June 2nd.

Minute 18/45 Past and future area meetings

Area meeting was held on June 16th at Solihull Women's Institute 2pm. Gill Smith reported back to us the following Sunday.

We appoint Edward Creasey to represent us at area meeting to be held here at Warwick FMH on Thursday July 19th from 6pm to 9pm. We ask him to report back to us as soon as possible after the meeting.

Minute 18/46 Nominations Committee Report

We received the report of our Nominations Committee (filed with these minutes) and thank them for their efforts in a difficult role.

We note their concern that Friends are less likely to want to join committees or undertake other appointments than in earlier years and suggest that Nominations Committee continues to develop their process using any or all of the ideas in their report. We all have a responsibility to encourage the engagement of attenders and members and Friends are welcome to speak about their roles both during and after meeting, if so led.

We note that a Kindlers Workshop, on the theme of 'Nurturing the Meeting' is to be held on Sept 22nd and we hope that this might be a crucible for discernment on this matter. If appropriate, a threshing meeting might be held subsequently. The whole process could make a timely spiritual review of our Meeting.

Minute 18/47 Funeral Advisors' Conference Report

We have received a report from John Sheldon, our funeral advisor (filed with these minutes) on the funeral advisors' conference, held at Woodbrooke, which he attended.

We ask that he writes a short article for the Friendly Link and also that he speaks briefly after meeting, to alert Friends to the matters raised.

We are encouraged to learn that he is willing to organise a meeting of Funeral Advisors from the Area Meeting in order to discuss these matters and to collate a guide to practical matters regarding Quaker funerals eg. the scattering of ashes, burials and permissions to do so. We hope that we will take forward an idea to hold an event for ourselves and the wider community, which informs us on alternative funeral arrangements and matters pertaining to them. At this time we do not know who would organise this or when, but it could be developed after the work on Quaker funerals, led by John Sheldon.

Minute 18/48 Treasurer's Half-yearly Report

The Treasurer presented her half-year report, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. Income is steady. Our excellent tenants are leaving the flat this month and Margetts are instructed to relet it. Our expenditure is below budget for the first 6 months but is expected to rise in the latter part of the year with work being undertaken to the Children's Room.

As at the end of May, we have 26,700 pounds in our current account available for our general spending. We agreed that we should transfer 7000 pounds from that account to our CAF Gold Account once the flat is re-let. Once that transfer is done, we will have set aside the full amount of our reserves as agreed at our Business Meeting in March.

Minute 18/49 GDPR - Progress and the distribution of paper contact lists

Our web-manager, Dave Rawcliffe, is pleased to inform us that the 'One List' is now up and running. This will be maintained by Helen Pemberton so any changes to personal data should be communicated her.

Our clerking team and Friendly Link Editor have access to this list so any important messages which need to be distributed to the Meeting should be sent via them.

God willing we shall meet again on Sunday Sept 2nd commencing 12 noon after Meeting for Worship, with agenda items and papers to the clerk by Thursday 23rd August.

Meg Harper, clerk

Diana Biddlestone, 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