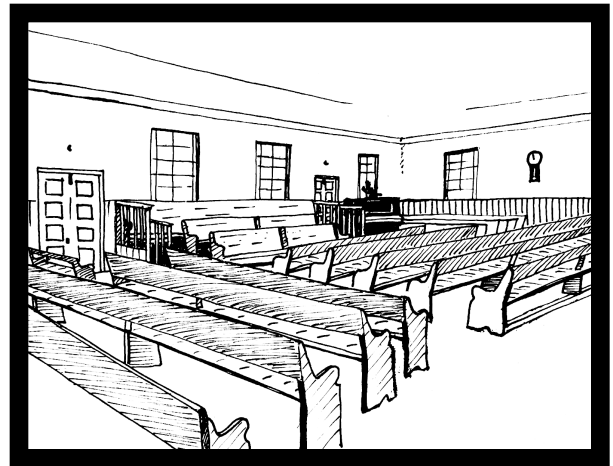


FEBRUARY 2022

**Westfield Monthly Meeting
of the
Religious Society of Friends**

**Meeting for Worship
First Day (Sunday) 10:00 AM in
Meetinghouse & on Zoom
Children are Welcome**



**The Second Query
Deepening our Faith: Meeting for Business**

- a. Is our meeting for business held in worship in which we seek divine guidance?
- b. How do we sustain prayerful consideration of all aspects of an issue and address difficult problems with a search for truth that is unhurried by the pressures of time?
- c. Do we recognize that we speak through our inaction as well as our action?

- d. *Do I regularly attend meeting for business? If unable to attend, how do I fulfill the responsibility to understand and embrace the decisions made?*
- e. *How do I affirm and support God's presence in the process of discernment and reaching a decision?*
- f. *Do I remain open to personal transformation as the community arrives at the sense of the meeting?*

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Directory Updates

Welcome to our new attenders Peggy Johns, peggyjohns@gmail.com and Yolanda Johns, yolandajohns@outlook.com. Both reside at 2067 Harbour Drive, Palmyra, NJ 08065.

Spiritual Oasis

Spiritual Oasis will meet February 10th at 1:00 pm. For Zoom link, text 856-261-4721.

Friendly Circle

Friendly Circle will meet at 11:00 am, February 20th following Meeting for Worship. Chris Pensiero will lead a discussion of Pendle Hill Pamphlet # 443, "Individual Spiritual Discernment". Everyone is invited to attend. You can read the pamphlet for no cost at pendlehill.org/pamphlets, navigating to #443.

There will be no Friendly Circle on February 27th as everyone is encouraged to attend Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting for the annual business meeting following worship with the Quarter.

Free In-Home Covid Tests

Free in-home Covid test kits are available from the federal government by going to www.covidtests.gov.

Bread of Life Food Pantry

Friends who would like to donate to the Bread of Life Food Pantry may drop their donations of non-perishable food on Wednesday from 1-3pm and on Thursday from 7-8 pm. For those in need, the Bread of Life Pantry is open the first and third Saturday of the month from 10am-12pm.

Tuition Aid for PYM Friends' Children in PYM Friends Schools

Monthly Meeting Members with children in Friends Schools seeking tuition aid from PYM are reminded to contact our Meeting clerk, Joan Spagnoletti, joanespagnoletti@gmail.com. Details: www.pym.org/grants/tuition-aid/

2022 Spring Continuing Sessions of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM)

March 25, 26, & 27 Register at pym.org/sessions and mark your calendars!

Everyone is encouraged to attend, even if it is only for a portion of the day.

In Memory of Louise Alger Coe Hager

Louise Hager was a life-long member of Westfield Monthly Meeting. Although she moved to Maryland many years ago, she kept in regular contact with the Meeting. Louise loved traveling the world by plane, cruise ship and river boat, and when not on a trip, she filled her life with singing, playing the piano, sewing, embroidery, reading, gardening, and caring for backyard birds.

Louise taught Kindergarten for 25 years in New Jersey. She passed away

**Thread Virtual Gatherings
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting**

Restorative Racial Justice: From the Personal to the Systemic

February 5, 2022 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Our faith calls us to racial justice and to healing the wounds of racism. Every day we see the realities of inequality and injustice.

The morning session, facilitated by .O of Central Philly Meeting, will examine some of the ways that centuries of trauma and systemic racism condition and shape our personal patterns of emotional response and interpersonal interaction.

The afternoon session 3 Collaboratives, Middle East, Eco-Justice and First Contact Reconciliation, will share how systemic racism shows itself within the areas of their focus.

Clerking Skills! Governance and Stewardship

February 19, 2022 from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Kathleen Karhnaak-Glasby, Clerk of Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting, will lead a workshop in the morning on serving as clerk when you're not retired! That is, how to serve as clerk meaningfully and with joy when you have limited time to devote to it.

Pat McBee, experienced in pastoral care and clerking, will lead a workshop in the afternoon on the critical role of grounded and skillful participants in Quaker business process. How can we help our members develop deep skills of

Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting Annual Business Meeting

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Due to COVID, this will be a virtual meeting

10 AM Worship

11 AM Quarter's Annual Business
Meeting

Please pre-register to receive Zoom info; you will receive the zoom information one day prior to the meeting.

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<https://www.southjerseyquakers.org/haddonfield-quarter-business-mtg/> ne, ns,

Settling into opening worship, clerk read aloud the queries for 12th month:

Witness and Civic Responsibility. Responses shared aloud included

- In our full name, Friends of Truth, there's the sense that there's not only one way forward, but that we're challenged to find our way forward.
- "Salvaging the Sense of the Meeting" Pendle Hill Pamphlet that Friendly Circle has been examining explores pathways toward recognizing our communal way forward.
- WFS Board of Trustees heard from two enthusiastic WFS teachers about Project-Based Learning. They begin with questions and involve students in building the skill-sets, the bridges, toward completion of their projects.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting for Business held 11-14-2021 accepted.

Westfield Friends School Report - Stephanie Judson, clerk of the WFSchool Board of Trustees, reviewed the written report that was circulated before our 11/14 Meeting for Business and invited questions.

-The New Jersey Association for Independent Schools, (NJ AIS) in reviewing the WFS application for accreditation, noted we lacked a policy on DEIB (Diversity, Equality,

Inclusion, Belonging). Stephanie read the policy the Board approved at the December Board meeting; it is appended to these minutes.

-The WFS Development Committee plans a January 25 event to include local business owners and business owners within the WFS and WMM communities. A pamphlet will be prepared to facilitate utilization of these services and businesses.

-Finally, the Board appreciates the Meeting's significant spiritual and practical support.

Naming Committee for Nominating Committee

Alvin Figueroa and Michael Robinson serving as *ad hoc* naming committee to bring up to 3 our standing Nominating Committee, recommend Mike Lane and Karen Nulton.

(Suzanne has rotated off and Doren has asked to be released.)

These nominations will be carried over for a month before approval.

Worship and Religious Education - Suzanne Day explained that the COVID Guidelines our Meeting approved in June included that the Guidelines would be revised as conditions changed. When the weather became cold, June Guidelines no longer represented the needs of the community and now Meeting has asked our committee for refreshed Guidelines.

Nancy Robinson read the proposed Guidelines developed by the Committee [which had been summarized on signs posted at entry, and which are appended below these minutes.] One member's anguish over masking and many members' respect for communal caring and data-driven regional conditions led our clerk to ask the committee to return next month with Guidelines which specifically note current and local COVID recommendations. It was agreed to begin at once having those at meeting in person sign in for possible contact-tracing. The clerk asked for a time of quiet.

Outreach Committee - Gail Fountaine, who sends birthday cards to members, plans to use WFS students' art instead of purchasing commercial cards. She asked for approval of the copying and paper supply costs. Approval of the Meeting is not necessary as long as the cost is covered by the Outreach Committee's budget. The members appreciated Gail's idea of utilizing WFS artwork.

Gail also invited those interested to attend a presentation by SG23 Design, a potential vendor we might engage to manage our WMM web-presence for a fee.

Some members recommended a Facebook presence for sharing community news, such as RiverTownsPeople.

Peace and Social Concerns - Moon Beiferman-Hanies, noting the committee now meets 3rd Tuesday evenings, asked about our engagement with Bread-of-Life Food Pantry. Any donations brought to Meetinghouse she will see to getting delivered.

She also brought forward the Meeting support for the John Woolman Memorial. During this fiscal year, any committee can make a contribution from their budget. For the Meeting to make a contribution, a proposed amount needs to be brought to the Meeting as the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget is prepared in the Spring

Property Committee Bill Beetle announced that our PSE&G estimated monthly cost will be \$100 less each month than anticipated when budget was approved. The project contractor provided actual new equipment costs to calculate WMM/WFS cost shares.

The clerk asked for closing silence, recognizing that some good work is underway and hoping we can care for one another with unconditional love.

Suzanne Day, recording clerk Joan Spagnoletti, clerk

APPENDED:

Recommendations 12/12/2021

- Outside glass doors to foyer a sign will state both our welcome AND our request that all who enter be up-to-date with vaccinations and willing to follow our safety protocols. These GUIDELINES demonstrate our caring for one another's well-being.
- Masks will be worn by everyone in the Worship room and in entry hall.
- Those who choose to use the kitchen, social room and library are asked to observe safe distancing precautions.

Policy Approved by Westfield Friends School Board of Trustees December 9, 2021

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging at Westfield Friends School

Reflecting our Quaker principle of "answering that of God in everyone," Westfield Friends School is committed to building a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community. We strive to have everyone at the school feel that they belong. Our school affirms diversity in all of its many dimensions. We seek continuing revelation to grow and evolve in our thoughts and actions. We actively seek students, families, faculty,

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

February 13, 2022

Deepening Our Faith: Meeting for Business

Agenda

- Silent Worship
- Reading of Query/ Worship Sharing
- Accepting January's minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- WMM-WFS Annual Report Statement from Meeting (see below)
- Approval of Grant Requests
- Outreach Committee

- Worship and Religious Education - PYM questions on the spiritual state of the Meeting
- What bridges can I as an individual and we as a community build to encourage non - active members to more fully participate in the life of the Meeting?
 - a. How do we define non-active members?
 - b. Why do I remain an active member of the community ?
- Announcements
- Correspondence Received - Newton Meeting
- Silent Worship

WMM WFS Annual Report

The members of Westfield Monthly Meeting believe in the transformative power of a Quaker education. By providing spiritual guidance to Westfield Friends School, we endeavor to support the school's mission of an education which honors the Divine essence in all, and which reflects the identity, warmth and guiding beliefs of a Friends community. This unity of Spirit and our cooperative endeavors serve to strengthen both communities' commitment to our testimonies of simplicity, peace, integrity, community and equity.

FEBRUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Property Committee 6:30 pm	9	10 Spiritual Oasis 1:00 pm on Zoom	11	12
13 Meeting for Business 11:00 am	14	15 Peace & Social Concerns 7 pm on Zoom	16	17 Worship & Religious Education 8:00 pm	18	19
20 Friendly Circle 11:00 am	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Quarterly Meeting	28					

Dates to Remember

February 10 Spiritual Oasis at 1:00 pm on Zoom

February 8 Property Committee at 6:30 pm on Zoom

February 13 Meeting for Business at 11:00 am on Zoom

February 15 Peace & Social Concerns at 7:00 pm on Zoom

February 17 Worship & Religious Education at 8:00 pm on Zoom

February 20 Friendly Circle following MFW on Zoom

February 27 Quarterly Meeting following MFW at 10:00 on Zoom

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