

NOVEMBER 2021

**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 Eleventh Query

Witnessing in the World: Education

- a. What does our meeting do to support and improve public education?
- b. What help do we provide for the children and adults in our meeting to pursue their educational goals?
- c. What is our meeting's role in support for Friends education? If our meeting is connected to a Friends school or schools, does this relationship nurture spiritual life and the manifestation of Friends principles?
- d. Do we enable children in our meeting to attend a Friends school? Does our meeting work with the family to consider all available means of support?

- e. *How do I show my concern for the improvement of public education in my community?*

- f. *Do I demonstrate my encouragement and support for Friends education through awareness and service?*

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Westfield Monthly Meeting News and Notes

Friendly Circle

Friendly Circle will meet on Sunday, November 21st, following Meeting for Worship. We hope you will attend either in-person or on Zoom.

Economic Equity in Action

To increase access to Westfield Monthly Meeting's purchasing and service contract opportunities, please send information on minority firms to the Meeting at westfieldmonthlynj@gmail.com

Fall Continuing Sessions

Fall Continuing Sessions will be held November 5-7 on Zoom. Friday, November 5, our Fall Sessions will begin with Creative Musical Fellowship. We'll be led in song by Molly Hicks (Old Haverford Meeting). She is both a songwriter and musical therapist. All ages are invited to a celebration of community that values the silences between sounds as space for reflection.

Fall Continuing Sessions on Saturday begins with Meeting for Worship followed by **Mindfulness Meditation** with Deborah Cooper, M.Ed. In the afternoon there will be Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business from 1-4 pm.

Sunday, November 7th, from 1-4 pm features an in-person event at Arch Street Meetinghouse. Artist and Author, Anastasia Higginbotham, makes her books by hand in collage on grocery bag paper, using only recycled materials, and she'll be sharing a collage workshop with participants. It will be an afternoon of fun, creativity, and community.

Financial Support for Aging Adults

What PYM funds are available? What can they be used for? Who can apply? What's involved with the application process? Are there alternative funding sources like Medicaid? What are the rules for Medicaid support? On Wednesday evening, **November 10th, at 7:00 pm**, George Shaefer, PYM's Care and Aging Coordinator, will make a presentation addressing these questions on Zoom.

With retirement and aging comes our responsibility to meet the financial challenges that are unique to this experience. Especially regarding long-term care and medical living arrangements. George Shaefer will speak about the financial resources available to Friends as they look to move into a care community or age in place. His presentation will be followed by a Q&A session. For more information contact concordquarter@pym.org. Register at <https://concordquarter.org/aging-concerns/2021/financial-support-aging-adults>.

Global Connections—COVID Revisited: Are We Safe Yet?—Monday, November 15, 2021 from 4-5 pm.

Robert Siegel (former Senior Host of NPR's All Things Considered) interviews **Dr. Irwin Redlener** (Director, Pandemic Resource & Response Initiative, Columbia University), **Dr. Nahid Bhadelia** (Founding Director, Center for Emerging Infectious Diseases Policy and Research, Boston University), **Dr. Kavita Patel** (Fellow & Managing Director of Clinical Transformation, Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform, Brookings Institution), and **Dr. Michael Drescher** (Director, Emergency Medicine and Trauma, Israel's Rabin Medical Center), 11/15, 4 pm EST, Free Registration: <https://rb.gy/vzfvcb> (<https://rb.gy/vzfvcb>).

Head of School News
October 11, 2021

Admissions:

- We are hosting a high school fair on October 17 (rain date October 24th) at Haddonfield Friends School with HFS and Friends School Mullica Hill. We have also invited Frankford Friends Schools and Greene Street Friends 7th & 8th grade students and their parents. We anticipate 21 high schools will send Admissions representatives

Development

- The Annual Fund is ahead of where it was in October 2021
 - This includes a number of gifts that have come in honor of Bill Probsting.
- The Golf Outing on September 20th had 67 golfers registered. 85 people attended the cocktail hour. Though there were fewer golfers than the previous year, in every other category the 2021 outing exceeded last year's numbers.
- Special thanks should be extended to Janet Stevens for spearheading the effort and Tim Latimer for taking the lead in organizing and liaising with the Riverton Country Club. Lily Taylor was an organizing wonder. Daniele Lucas with help from Colin Lucas were also extraordinary in their help. Other parents who provided help as members of the committee were Mandy and Steve Sigman and Kristin LoSassos.
- This is grant writing season, Lily Taylor has completed and submitted grants for the D'Olier Foundation to support the Burlington County Scholars Fund, the Ellis Family Foundation to support the Burlington County Scholars Fund, and the Tyson Fund to underwrite the remodeling of the Lower Level of the Main Building to support expanded art programming and provide a well-appointed science lab and classroom

COVID-19

- All Faculty have been vaccinated against COVID-19 or completed the exemption process
- No parent without proof of vaccination will be allowed in the building in compliance with Executive Order 253. We are holding social events outside for all and will have the Thanksgiving Meeting for Worship and the Winter Holiday program on ZOOM.

Personnel

- We hired an additional assistant for the PreSchool - Allison Mailley.
- Jillian Stanton is once again the Director of Admissions, this is a part time position.
- Janeen Smith has agreed to serve as interim Director of the Preschool until the return of Jess Durdin from her maternity leave
- Most school employees completed CPR/AED training and certification during the In-Service on Friday 10/8. A side benefit of the training was that Cinnaminson Fire and Rescue did the training, meaning they got to know us and we got to know them
- Still Needed
 - School Counselor- We will have one in place by October 25th.

Facility:

- The fence work around the main playground (behind the auditorium) was completed. This means we no longer have any temporary orange fencing and we have provided better separation between students and cars within the campus. The final side of the fence along the property line the runs parallel to Hilltop Road will be completed with the next round of security funds

- The Preschool play yard got a much needed freshening with new mulch and grading over the long weekend.
- We are working with Haines Garden Center to provide us with large planters each season
- For the solar project we are waiting on bids for a new roof on the sections of the building that will have the panels and that were not a part of the Gym/Auditorium and Atrium work from 2007. The cost of the roof would be rolled into the financing and increase the kilowatt hour cost by a bit. This would lower our overall anticipated savings for electricity but allow the school to replace a roof past its 30 year life at a very favorable price and finance plan. We will make a final decision on whether or not to go forward with this project once we have all the information.
- The Main Building lower level project consisting of the two new art spaces, science prep room, and new science class room is still almost completed. Supply chain issues mean that we are still waiting on cabinets for the art room, new stools for the art room and countertops in the science room and prep room.

Program and Parents

- We will hold a series of low key BYOC play dates each of the next Saturdays. On 10/16 the BYOC will be for Preschool parents and children, on 10/23 Prek-5th grade will have their BYOC on 10/30 Parents and Guardians Council will hold a trunk or treat for all grades.
- 8th grade students wrote new queries for the school for the month of October, these remain focused on integrity.
 - How can I hold myself and others accountable for being our authentic selves?
 - What does integrity look like in the midst of change?
 - How do I practice integrity in the digital world?
- All Middle School students enjoyed their day at Camp Dark Waters.
- We are slowly developing regular jobs for students: 8th grade is responsible for picking up the playground each morning before heading into classes. 1-3 grade students are now assigned jobs to wipe off tables and get them ready for the middle school students. 4th and 5th grade students are to clean the playground at the end of recess. 7th grade students are now to keep the flowers watered. We are about to start a rotation of grades doing a once a week trash pickup on the campus. We are about to start a lunch food waste reduction challenge.
- Students continue to learn new songs from the new songbook. Some are in preparation for the revamped Thanksgiving Meeting for Worship which will feature six songs.
- We have had two speakers this fall. Vedra Chandler, WFS alum spoke to students about her journey from WFS including being in the traveling Broadway production of Hair and a member of the international cast of Cirque Du Soleil. Now she and her family have returned to her Camden Home where she works to help the arts serve social justice work. Most recently she helped bring the New View Camden Project together. The students loved signing with her and having her sing to them. The second speaker was Bobby Trice of the Friends Committee on National Legislation. He shared with students what FCNL does, how it moves its work forward. Most interesting to the 5th-8th grade students was his discussion of how he came to work at FCNL and which issue most speaks to him and he would like to see move forward.
- Second Grade students are now involved in the picture book study of the Global Read Aloud. This year's artist illustrator is Duncan Tonitua. His work aligns nicely with Latinx American Month. One of his books is a biography of Sylvia Mendez whose case

fighting school segregation paved the way for *Brown V Board of Education*. *Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation* (Jane Addams Award Book (Awards)) [Tonatiuh, Duncan]

- 6th and 7th grade students with Valerie Parry and Carl Abramowitz are reading *Barren Grounds* by David Robertson as a part of the Global Read Aloud. They are focusing on the history of treatment of First Nations Children in Canada as well as First Nations resilience and resistance.

NJAIS:

- The Visiting Committee is still planning an in person visit
- Chair, David Lowry, Retired Head of School, The Elisabeth Morrow School, he is a Quaker visited the school on Monday, October 4th. He enjoyed his visit and we agree on details of the visit.

**Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
November 14, 2021**

Meeting for Business will begin at 11:00 am on Zoom and in-person. The agenda follows:

- **Silent Worship**
- **Reading & Reflection on the Query on Witnessing in the World: Education**
- **Approval of October Minutes**
- **Westfield Friends School—Trustee Report**
- **WEBSITE-- Ad Hoc Committee**
- **COVID Guidelines—Resuming Pot Luck Lunch**
- **Committee Updates:**
 - Property Committee: Project Leadership
- **Announcements**
- **Silent Worship**



*Thankful for Friends
born in
November*

Craig Ross, November 5

Juliana Cope, November 7

Gennyfer Hanvey, November 7

Alaine Rogers Gordon, November 11

Anne Creter, November 15

Polly Stevens, November 18

Barbara Zimmerman, November 19

Timothy Latimer, November 22



WESTFIELD MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS 9/12/2021 MINUTES

Present: Josh Cope, Gail Fountaine, Joan Spagnoletti, Nancy and Michael Robinson, Suzanne Day, Gail Fountaine, Margaret Haviland, Stephanie Judson, Rose Ketterer, Dean Kinsey, Lorna Frizell, Karen Nulton, Mike Lane, Peter Taylor

Meeting (on Zoom at 11am) began in silence within which our clerk read **queries on Grounding for Transformed Lives: Equality and Justice**. Friends who shared aloud observed -

- Connecting values and actions are really hard! If we were to share more with one another about our daily choices, we might more often make the choices which are better for the future.
- While engaging in a difficult conversation, it's hard to notice where intervention would have been helpful - those insights often arrive later.
- Evolution comes in increments. For example, insight comes when someone calls attention to hurtful words. We grow from "Oh, Wow!" moments.

Westfield Friends School - Margaret Haviland reported on the opening of the school year with 148 students enrolled, 36 of those in the Pre-School (2 and 3yr olds)

Budget for 2021-2022 fiscal year

Joshua Cope displayed and explained the proposed budget, including revisions made since draft was circulated. It reflects our current need for growth, drawing on our reserves (General Fund) as well as steady current donations.

Thanks expressed, the budget was Accepted.

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Scheduling our Meetings for Business

Twenty-two responded to the survey following our June meeting and there wasn't a clear day or time preference. After considerable effort, we agreed to meet 2nd Sundays at 11 am via Zoom for 5 more months, when we will re-visit the question.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS and Announcements

World Quaker Day

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Property Com updates

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Worship & Religious Education

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Suzanne Day, Recording Clerk. Joan Spagnoletti, Presiding Clerk

Westfield Monthly Meeting of Friends - Treasurer's Financial Report

Annual Budget for 2021-2022 -- Cash Basis

<u>Income</u>	Proposed
Donations	
Unrestricted Contributions	32,000
Bank Interest	
Cemetery Restoration Fund	Cemetery Income 1,000
Cemetery Operations (Cemetery Fund)	
Burial Fees	Cemetery Income 2,500
Burial Site Purchases	
Total Restricted Income	99,764
Total Unrestricted Income + Contributions	112,664
TOTAL INCOME	212,428

<u>Expenses</u>		Expense
<u>Category (Activity, Need)</u>	<u>Vendor/Supplier</u>	
Cemetery Restoration Fund		<u>4,000</u>
Scholarships		
WR Lamb		
Westfield Education Fund	Actual Amount TBD	<u>37,722</u>
		37,722
Care Committee		
Publications		125
Flowers to Members		200
Events and Gifts		600
Care of Needy Friends	Estimate based on last year	<u>13,000</u>
		13,925
Outreach		
Flyers		2,400
Buy and mail cards for members		250
World Quaker Day		600
Regular story hour or equivalent outreach for young families		<u>5,000</u>
		8,250

Website

Website		<u>5,000</u>
		5,000

Peace & Social Concerns

Bread of Life Food Pantry		1,200
Friends Committee on National Legislation		250
NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking		250
NAACP Legal Defense Fund		500
Black Lives Matter		<u>500</u>
		2,700

Stewardship

Coordinator		11,500
Office		
Bookkeeper		1,600
Credit Card/Bank Fees		50
Supplies		1,800
Postage		900
Telephone		<u>900</u>
		16,750

Bequests

Haddonfield Quarter		4,000
PYM		20,000
Meeting Contribution to School (Educ. Grant)		20,000
		<hr/> 44,000

Property

Building Maintenance and Repair		
Caretaker	Mike Lane	5,000
Supplies	General Chemical & Supply	500
Repair Materials		3,000
Unforeseeable Emergency Needs		3,500

Capital Improvements

Energy Efficiency Upgrade Program Payments	PSE&G (334/month)	4,008
Capital Improvement Fund (accrual for future need)	<i>to be determined (incl. 21K for roof)</i>	5,000
Roof (if needed)	<i>pending roof inspection</i>	23,500
Apply Capital Improvement Fund to Roof	<i>pending roof inspection</i>	(5,000)
Brick Steps Reconstruction		2,425

Building Operations		
Energy	PSE&G	7,000
Water/Sewer	Cinnaminson Twp.	1,300
Security/Safety	Bevan Security Services	600
Heating/Air Conditioning		500
Property Insurance	Hanover Ins. Co./Barclay Ins.	3,500
Property management		
Cemetery Operations (Cemetery Fund)	<i>to be determined</i>	10,000
Tree Maintenance	<i>to be determined</i>	10,000
Grounds Maintenance (Meeting, Cemetery and School)	Young's Landscape Mgt.	26,000
Snow/ice Removal (Unrestricted Fund)	DY Snow Services	<u>9,000</u>
		109,833
Worship & Religious Education		
Printing/Publications		300
Conferences/Workshops		300
Childcare		<u>2,000</u>
		2,600
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<hr/> 244,780
NET INCOME		(32,352)
NET UNRESTRICTED INCOME		<hr/> (29,869)

NOVEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Girl Scouts Social Room 6:00 pm	5	6 Fall Continuing Sessions
7	8	9	10 Spiritual Oasis 1:00 pm	11	12	13
14 Meeting for Business 11:00 am	15	16	17	18 Girl Scouts 6:00 pm	19	20
21 Friendly Circle Following MFW	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Dates to Remember

November 6—Fall Continuing Session on Zoom, 9:00 am—4:00 pm

November 10—Spiritual Oasis at 1:00 pm

November 14—Meeting for Business at 11:00 am in-person & on Zoom

November 21—Friendly Circle following MFW in-person & on Zoom

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