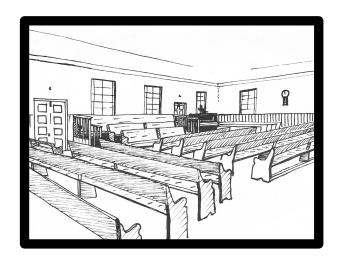
#### **OCTOBER 2021**

Westfield Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

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



## The Tenth Query

Witnessing in the World: Ministry of Outreach

- a. How does our meeting communicate Friends presence and principles to the wider community?
- b. How does our meeting join with other faith communities in worship, in spiritual dialogue and in social action?
- c. What are we doing to invite persons to attend our meetings for worship, to welcome them when they come, to listen sensitively to their needs and hesitations and to encourage their continued attendance?
- d. How do I share my spiritual life and experience with others?
- e. Does my life as a Friend attract others to our religious society?
- f. What opportunities have I taken to worship with people from other religious and cultural backgrounds and work with them on common concerns?

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## **Westfield News and Notes**

## How we discern as a community builds our community -

Seeking together, sharing aloud our curiosity and our continuing revelation, resumes 3rd and 4th weeks of Oct and Nov from 11-11:45 with Barry Morley's "Beyond Consensus" Pendle Hill pamphlet. Worship and Religious Education Committee will see to getting you a pamphlet if you let Connie know. You can come without having read in advance and hybrid (online after Zoom worship) participation is encouraged!

## What's New at Westfield Friends School?

There are so many interesting and exciting activities occurring at the school on a weekly basis.

I would like to share an easy way to subscribe to the Westfield Friends School Weekly Wire, which is an emailed newsletter that comes out every Thursday during the school year. It highlights events, latest news, a 'View From My Window' column by Margaret Haviland, and faculty 'Owl Corner' blogs.

To subscribe, click here Weekly Wire. You'll be asked to fill out your first and last name and your e-mail address (each has a red dot, indicating required information) so you can get the Weekly Wire in your inbox. You may unsubscribe at any time.

Margaret Haviland and I appreciate the warm relationship developing between the Meeting and the School. I hope that you will consider subscribing to the WFS Weekly Wire. I also hope that we will continue to build our Meeting/School relationship.

Stephanie Judson,

Clerk, Westfield Friends School

## **Need Reimbursement for an Expenditure?**

In consideration of the ongoing limitations due to Covid and its variants, there is now a way to be reimbursed without going into the meetinghouse to obtain the required form. Simply use your phone to take a picture of your receipt and send the receipt along with the check request form that is available from Connie, to Josh Cope at josco98@yahoo.com. You can still obtain a paper copy of the check request form in the envelope outside the office. Place the form with receipt attached in the Treasurer's folder next to the fireplace.

**Know Thy Neighbor: Dismantling Racism** 

October 17: 2:00 pm-3:00 pm Dr. Teresa Nance, Guest Speaker

**Know Thy Neighbor** is a continuing series of conversations intended to share our history and to open discussions exploring civic and cultural engagement issues with the community. As

our faith communities, schools, organizations and businesses grapple with their individual histories and look to create policies and cultures that are more inclusive and equitable, we find ourselves in great need of professional leadership and deep wisdom. We are struggling. We are hopeful. We believe in continuing revelation. To register, go to <a href="https://www.merionfriends.org/know-they-neighbor-dismantling-racism">https://www.merionfriends.org/know-they-neighbor-dismantling-racism</a>. The Zoom link will be sent prior to the event.

## **Children & Families Community Playdate: Apple Picking!**

Join with PYM Families for an afternoon of Fall fun at Linvilla Orchards (<a href="https://www.linvilla.com/">https://www.linvilla.com/</a>)! Children & Families staff Mars Hohenstein and Crystal Hershey will be there to guide the group through an afternoon of fellowship, play, and apple picking! This is an adult/child event for children in 5th grade and younger—Families with children younger than Kindergarten are invited to the Community Playdates, and friends are always welcome.

## A Quaker Way of Living with Dying eRetreat

#### October 25 - November 18

The A Quaker Way of Living with Dying eRetreat from Friends General Conference invites you to explore and practice the spirituality of death. Growing old, even when that means facing physical or other changes, can help us focus on what is essential. This eRetreat was previously offered with the title Aging, Death, and Dying. Cost: \$45 Venue: Zoom Email <a href="mailto:spiritualdeepening@fgcquaker.org">spiritualdeepening@fgcquaker.org</a>.

## Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business October 10, 2021

Meeting for Business will begin at 11:00 am following Meeting for Worship. The agenda follows:

- Silent Worship
- Reading of Query on Witnessing in the World: Ministry of Outreach
- Approval of September Minutes
- Committee Reports

Peace and Social Concerns—Moon Outreach—Gail

- Report: Westfield Friends School
- Committee Updates
- Announcements
- Silent Worship









## Celebrate October Birthdays

Ian Culcasi, Oct. 2 Ellen Pi DiPiazza, Oct. 8

Noah Frizell, Oct. 2 Joshua Cope, Oct. 10

Ariyon Fountaine, Oct. 2 Tarryn C. Kelemen, Oct. 14

Grace Yolanda Biddle, Oct. 5 Howard Parry, Oct. 22

William Steel, Oct. 6 Laurie Quinn, Oct. 22

Douglas Tracey, Oct. 6 Dennis Creter, Oct. 23

Catherine Tatum, Oct. 7 Susan Tracey, Oct. 24

Ann Kinsey Cross, Oct. 8 Brian Gordon, Oct. 30







will Join

Westfield Monthly Meeting & Westfield Friends School

Outdoor Worship

on

World Quaker Day Sunday, October 3, 2021 @ 10 AM

Please email Connie Beetle, Adm. Asst. @ westfieldmonthlynj@gmail.com to let her know if you will be joining us for lunch.

Seating will be provided for friends to gather in front of the Meetinghouse.

Covid Protocol Will Be In Place

## **Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting**

Sunday, October 24, 2021

10 AM - Worship; 11 AM - Program

# "The Underground Railroad in South Jersey And Its Importance Today"



Featuring
Linda Shockley, Executive Board President, Lawnside Historical
Society



Oral history identifies Peter Mott as an agent and conductor for the Underground Railroad, working from his home and Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church in present day Lawnside. Freedom seekers would continue their journey north via Evesham, Haddonfield, and Pennsauken. The Lawnside Historical Society has restored Mott's home for use as a museum of the Underground Railroad and the Lawnside community, the only historically African-American incorporated municipality in the northern USA.

Please pre-register for this online program: (link)

For more information, email <u>Haddonfieldquarterly@yahoo.com</u>

## **WESTFIELD MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS 6/13/2021 MINUTES**

**Present:** Karen Nulton, Lorna Frizell, Josh Cope, Connie and Bill Beetle, Gail Fountaine, Shirley Hunn, Rose Ketterer, Joan Spagnoletti, Nancy and Michael Robinson, Suzanne Day

Query 6 on Stewardship of Resources read aloud by clerk

Minutes of 5th month, having been circulated in advance, were accepted.

**Nominating Committee** - Suzanne Day read from displayed roster of service positions and committees, mentioning that more than 30 different Friends are engaging with our communal work. Note that Gail Fountaine's name is spelled with it's final "e." The report was accepted with appreciation.

**Naming Committee** - Suzanne rotates off. Doren and Shirley remain. Our incoming clerk of meeting will see to an ad-hoc naming committee for the third position.

**Returning to Worship inside our Meetinghouse** - Suzanne ran through displayed guidelines recommended by Worship and Religious Education Committee with support of Property Committee (which are appended to these minutes) and Friends <u>approved</u>. Start of hybrid (on-line and in-person) worship will be 6/20, without use of kitchen or fellowship room until further discernment.

**Property Committee** - Bill Beetle had circulated last month policies and procedures for use of our meetinghouse by outsider groups. Questions explored to whom and how requests for use would be accommodated. Mike Lane agreed to be the recipient of requests for use. We agreed that good records and adequate insurance coverage are needed, but questions remained about requiring sponsorship by a member of meeting. Bill noted that the sponsor might be a meeting committee, such as Care Committee for a wedding. The meeting expressed appreciation for the careful preparation of these protocols and gave tentative approval for moving forward to see how they'll work in practice.

Brick steps are crumbling outside the door to the right of our facing benches, and would be hazardous if they were to be used as a fire exit. Bids are being sought and Property Committee was asked to include minority contractors in the search. Since the full extent of the cracking will not be known until the work is underway, up to \$6500 was approved for work to be completed this summer.

#### Proposed 2021-2022 Budget - Joshua Cope

Finance Committee had presented proposed budget in May. Requests for clarifications led Finance Committee to make some accommodations. However, our Treasurer by this time was no longer present and the Meeting agreed to operate on the budget as proposed in May until we approve our new fiscal year's budget in September.

Our agenda having been covered, Friends transitioned into worship. Suzanne Day, recording clerk Karen Nulton, presiding

## **OCTOBER 2020**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 World Quaker Day MFW at 10:00 am Light Refreshmen ts	4	5	6	7 Girl Scouts 6:00 pm Social Room	8	9
10 Meeting for Business 11:00 am	11	12	13 Spiritual Oasis 1 pm	14	15	16
17 Meeting for Worship 10:00 am	18	19	20	21	22	23
Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting	25	26 Peace & Social  Concerns 6:00 pm	27	28	29	30

## **Dates to Remember**

October 3 World Quaker Day

October 10 Meeting for Business at 11:00 am

October 13 Spiritual Oasis on Zoom at 1:00 pm

October 24 Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting

October 26 Peace & Social Concerns at 6:00 pm

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