

QUIP 2019 Mid-Year Meeting
September 28, 2019, by international conference call

Present: Natasha Zhuravenkova, co-clerk; Nancy Haines, recording clerk; Rausie Hobson; Gabe Ehri, treasurer; Iris Graville; Liz Yeats; Charles Martin; Trish Carn; Chris Skidmore, assistant treasurer.

Regrets: Brent Bill, Eric Muhr, Kristna Evans, Shirley Dodson, Geoffrey Durham, Judith Favor, Nadine Hoover, Sarah Hubner, Mary Klein, Tony Stoller, Jennifer Kavanagh; Joan Broadfield, Vanessa Julye.

We began with silent worship.

Rausie Hobson served for Vanessa Julye as clerk.

19-49. **Newsletter.** Iris Graville reported that they have not had a meeting. Joan Broadfield and Mary Klein are also on the committee. They will report at the annual meeting.

19-50. **Treasurers Report.** Gabe Ehri presented the treasurer's report. Only two memberships have been added since the annual meeting in Oregon; most members pay their dues at time of registration.

Chris Skidmore reported that there are at least 20 European members including three organizations.

Nancy Haines will write a dues request letter, to be mailed about December 1.

19-52. **Website Report.** Eric Muhr reported on the website.

1. The website garnered an average of 250 views per month over the last 12 months, an increase over the last year of roughly 25 percent. There are 19 subscribers to the blog (up from 11 a year ago), and this is where I'm posting new releases by Quaker writers, editors, and publishers. Any member can have a book added to the blog by sending me a blurb, a cover image, and any relevant information (such as where and how to purchase). I added eight titles this year. The blog is titled New & Recent Books in the main menu. The site continues to be an important place to identify Quaker publishers and Quaker books and sharing information about past and upcoming meetings.
2. We have a Writers page for writers and editors. Please check this page - <http://www.quakerquip.com/writers/> - and let me know if your information should be updated. If you aren't listed on this page and would like to be, please send a short bio, a link to your website (if you have one), and a digital photo.

We have additional pages for

- 2a. publishers - <http://www.quakerquip.com/publishers/>
- 2b. bookstores - <http://www.quakerquip.com/bookstores/>
- 2c. journals and periodicals - <http://www.quakerquip.com/journals-periodicals/>

3. This group asked me last year to set up a page for blogs. Any QUIP member

with a blog or blogs can have them listed and linked on this page - <http://www.quakerquip.com/blogs/>

4. I've received valuable feedback from about half a dozen of you regarding website content, placement, and design. Please feel free to email me any time you notice anything that could be improved or that should be changed. I really appreciate the help!

5. I was asked a year ago if we clearly listed on the website what benefits people receive from membership. That information is now available on the Join QUIP page - <http://www.quakerquip.com/join-quip/> - and I'd be glad to make any changes suggested by this group.

We accepted the report with gratitude.

19-53. Email Database Report. Joan Broadfield, Mary Klein, Iris Graville were assigned to work on the email database but have not been able to follow up on this task. Chris Skidmore said that the database is the responsibility of the treasurers and Eric Muhr. The database works, and we got notices of the midyear meeting.

Chris had asked everyone in Europe if they want to remain on the email list, in accordance with EU regulations. He removed those who did not. He does not think this has been done for the American members, and it is not required by law. Rausie Hobson will ask Eric if this has been done.

19-54. Books in Print Database Report. Rausie Hobson sent out emails to QUIP member publishers a couple of times after our meeting in England in 2018 but did not get a response. This database was originally designed to replace the catalog that QUIP used to issue. Needs and technology have changed, and she recommended that this project be laid down. Approved.

19-55. 2020 Annual Meeting. Nancy Haines reported for the site selection committee consisting of Nancy, Joan Broadfield, Iris Graville, and Liz Yeats. At the annual meeting, Friends did not approve using the facilities at the Camp Young Judea near Austin, Texas, because of their support of Zionism. The committee contacted other conference centers in Texas and the Midwest and were unable to identify a suitable new location. We recommended to the officers that we return to Quaker Hill Conference Center. The officers approved. Gabe Ehri sent in the deposit and Nancy completed the application.

The next annual meeting will take place from April 23-26, 2020, at Quaker Hill Conference Center in Richmond, IN. Nancy Haines, Iris Graville, and Brent Bill have agreed to serve on the planning committee for the annual meeting. Natasha will join the conversations. Nancy will convene and will send out email inviting others to join the planning committee.

Eric Muhr agreed to do the online registration form, make it accessible through the website and manage the registrations for the March 2020 annual meeting in Indiana. He and Gabe Ehri will be invited to join the planning committee.

We discussed the theme and topics for workshops and speakers.

Liz Yeats and Sarah Hoggatt are working on the ebook of *Spirit Rising*. This is the tenth anniversary of publication of this book that QUIP funded and coordinated with a group of young editors. They suggest having a big celebration at the annual meeting.

We talked about spending time on who we are as an organization and where we are headed.

The theme of “sharing our faith with the world” would enable us to celebrate where we have been and where we are heading. We approved this as a general theme, and the planning committee can change the wording if they wish.

The budget for the Annual Meeting includes funds for up to five speakers and workshop leaders in the form of stipends to be applied toward registration, room and board, and/or travel. Gabe Ehri will help the committee set conference fees.

Payment can be made using Paypal with an early bird discount to encourage people to get their registrations in. Final date for registrations will be set by the planning committee.

The planning committee will also coordinate transport arrangements.

19-56 **Quaker Recognized Body.** Trish Carn reported on QUIP’s participation in 2019 Britain Yearly Meeting Sessions as a Quaker Recognized Body. QUIP had a stall in the special interest group fair. Several people from European QUIP helped. There were more than twenty inquiries, but not many people picked up forms.

19-57. **2019 European QUIP.** Chris Skidmore reported. QUIP held a gathering the day before Britain Yearly Meeting, May 23, 2019. Jennifer Kavanagh and Trish Carn were the organizers and Chris Skidmore was the coordinator at the gathering. Vanessa Julye attended the meeting. The report and podcast links on the QUIP website – 24 Friends met at Westminster Friends Meeting House.

Chris announced that European QUIP members expect to meet at Britain Yearly Meeting to be held in Bath the first week in late July/early August, 2020.

19-58. **Table Display Report.** Nancy Haines reported that she brought a tri-fold QUIP display and rack cards to the 2019 Friends General Conference Gathering in Grinnell, Iowa, and to the North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative) sessions in Wilmington, NC. Rausie Hobson set up the display at Friends Church of North Carolina Yearly Meeting. Liz Yeats set up a display the at South Central Yearly Meeting.

19-59. **Tacey Sowle Fund Requests.** Rausie Hobson reported that she has not received any inquiries or applications. Applications and contact information are on website.

Liz Yeats mentioned a book by Dancan Sowa which has been translated into English and is used in public schools in Kenya. She may bring a request for funds to make the book available in the US.

19-60. **Spirit Rising Report.** Vanessa Julye sent a report. The FGC bookstore sold 39 copies of *Spirit Rising* since October 1, 2018. They have 58 copies at PSSC (Publisher Storage and Shipping, book distributors for FGC) and hundreds in the FGC basement.

The FGC bookstore sold 3 copies of *El Espiritu Se Levanta*. There are 46 copies at PSSC and possibly one box in the FGC basement.

Ben Snyder reported that FUM has 19 copies of *Spirit Rising* in stock and four copies of *Espiritu se Levanta*.

Liz Yeats reported that the ebooks for both the Spanish and English versions are in progress and should be complete by the annual meeting. FGC gave QUIP the files for *Spirit Rising*. Sarah Hoggatt is helping convert the books to ebook at no charge to QUIP. We expressed our gratitude for this gift.

19-61. **Nominating Committee.** The nominating committee, Eric Muhr and Charles Martin, recommend that Iris Graville be appointed the American co-clerk starting at end of annual meeting in 2020. Approved.

The following officers have terms expiring at the conclusion of the 2021 Annual Meeting and a nominating committee will be appointed at the 2020 annual meeting.

Recording Clerk	Nancy Haines	2021
Treasurer	Gabe Ehri	2021
Assistant Treasurer	Chris Skidmore	2021

19-62. **Advertising in Quaker Periodicals.** The QUIP budget includes \$350 for advertising. We should do both print and online advertising.

Liz Yeats and Joan Broadfield will talk with the representatives of *Friends Journal*, *Western Friend*, *Quaker Life*, and *The Friend* and get the information to the planning committee.

19-63. **2021 Annual Meeting Location.** We discussed possible locations in the Europe for the 2021 Annual Meeting including conference centers in Sweden, France, Netherlands, Ireland, and several in Britain. Chris Skidmore volunteered to research these and other sites and share the information with the officers. He will report back at the 2020 Annual Meeting.

A concern was expressed about ensuring that there are local people to help with arrangements.

19-64. **Gratitude.** We are grateful to Rausie Hobson for stepping up to clerk the meeting.

The meeting ended with a period of silent worship.

Natasha Zhuravenkova, co-clerk, and Rausie Hobson, temporary co-clerk
Nancy Haines, recording clerk.

Administrative Volunteers
2019-2020

Membership (data base, mailing lists): Gabe Ehri, Trish Carn (Europe)

Website: Maintenance and update: Eric Muhr

Correspondence (inquiries from website and other correspondence): Vanessa Julye, Natasha Zhuravenkova, Nancy Haines

Newsletter: Joan Broadfield, Mary Klein, Iris Graville

Social Media (Facebook and Twitter): Beth Saunders

Coordinating annual meetings: planning committee will need to prepare materials and announcements; site selection for 2020 – Nancy Haines, Joan Broadfield, Iris Graville, and Liz Yeats; registration forms and online registration – Eric Muhr

Promotions (displays, advertising, marketing materials): *Friends Journal* articles October and May – Rausie Hobson;

Administrative coordinator to keep things running smoothly: Rausie Hobson

Books in Print database: Rausie Hobson and Beth Saunders

Email database: Eric Muhr, Gabe Ehri, and Chris Skidmore

Development: to be appointed as needed

Grants and special projects: to be appointed as needed

Other functions not yet identified: the administrative coordinator and clerks will appoint someone as needed and may be discussed at the mid-year meeting

Officers and their terms:

Co-clerks	Vanessa Julye	2020
	Natasha Zhuravenkova	2022
Recording Clerk	Nancy Haines	2021
Treasurer	Gabe Ehri	2021
Assistant Treasurer	Chris Skidmore	2021