

2017 Mid Year Meeting
October 14, 2017 by international conference call

Present for all or part of the meeting – Vanessa Julye, co-clerk; Jennifer Kavanagh co-clerk; Nancy Haines, recording clerk; Gabe Ehri, treasurer; Eric Muhr, website; Lyn Cope; Rausie Hobson, administrative coordinator; Daniel Flynn; Kristna Evans; Charles Martin

Regrets – Trish Carn; Chris Skidmore, assistant treasurer;

Vanessa Julye, co-clerk, opened the meeting with worship.

17-43. **European QUIP.** Jennifer Kavanagh reported on the European QUIP Special Interest Group held during Britain Yearly Meeting, July 29 – August 5, at the University of Warwick. “We had an excellent special interest group meeting - thanks very much to those who attended. There were about 40 of us from different countries, and different parts of the writing/publishing/editing/librarianship spectrum.

Apart from getting to know each other a little and sharing some concerns, we made two decisions:

1. For the next annual meeting of QUIP, to be held 26-29 April at Glenthorne, we chose the theme of "Writing at the Edge". We might modify this a little or use it as a subtitle, but it was great to get a general theme.

2. Five people have agreed to form the planning committee for this event

We also got some ideas for workshops, and would welcome other ideas, offers to lead sessions and other help.”

17-44. **Treasurers Report.** Gabe Ehri, treasurer, reported that there have been no expenditures from the American account. He has received membership dues and gifts.

Glenthorne has been reserved for the 2018 QUIP Annual Meeting. Chris Skidmore has paid a deposit and additional third is due in January. We need to use at least 33 beds to reserve the whole house; 43 are available. Glenthorne offers full board with box lunches except on Sunday when a meal will be provided. QUIP may need to bring extra refreshments to supplement the packed lunches

Gabe and Chris Skidmore are starting to develop the conference fee and will have a recommendation in a few weeks. Room and board for three nights will be about 240 pounds double occupancy, and 261 single. Additional fees will cover program costs, invited presenters, expenses, etc. They expect the cost of the gathering will be around 300 pounds. They will send their recommendation to the officers and planning committee by email for review and approval.

Vanessa Julye and Gabe Ehri have completed the paperwork to be listed as signatories on the Cooperative Bank account in the UK.

17-45. 2018 Annual Meeting. Jennifer Kavanagh reported that the spring 2018 QUIP annual meeting will take place from April 26-29 at Glenthorne Conference Centre in the Lake District of UK. The theme will be “**Writing at the Edge**”. The planning committee consists of Chris Skidmore, Gil Skidmore, Trish Carn, Daniel Flynn and Jennifer Kavanagh.

They held a planning meeting by Skype and suggested that the schedule include five hours of business over three sessions. There will be four plenary talks or panels and two or three concurrent workshops

Dinner is served from 7-8:30 at Glenthorne which makes planning evening programs difficult. The committee agreed to continue to close each day with an epilogue.

Suggested topics for discussion/workshop/speakers include

Living at a time on edge politically and socially with a panel of social activist writers [possibly Craig Barnett (blog: transitionquaker); Vanessa Julye]

Edge between new and old ways of publishing

Different languages in writing as more Europeans are publishing and doing translations [possibly Dan Flynn, Liz Yeats, Kerstin Mangels, Sergei Grushko, Benigno Sanchez-Eppler, Peter Daniels; Gretchen Castle gave Dan a list of names to contact about translating]

Inspirational speaker about writing. [Asked Harvey Gillman, others?]

Dialogue between journal editors on different sides of the Atlantic.
[Gabe Ehri is interested; perhaps Tony Stoller]

Something about fiction and being a Quaker novelist [perhaps Tracy Chevalier]

Rex Ambler recently published a pamphlet on Living in Dark Times

Spiritual life and movement, walking meditation [Jennifer offered to lead a meditation walk.]

Chris is coordinating with Swarthmore Hall to offer a tour of 1652 country between the Annual Meeting and Britain Yearly Meeting. He will find out the cost and information will be provided on the QUIP website.

17-46. Budget for Annual Meeting. Gabe Ehri had already addressed part of the Annual Meeting budget in the treasurer’s report. Officer travel is included in QUIP operating budget.

We talked about compensation for workshop leaders, speakers, and panels. We agreed for this year to offer one night's room and board and local travel expenses.

We agreed that the officers can make a decision on a case by case basis about providing scholarship support. This is becoming more of a concern as the membership changes from organizations to mostly individual writers who pay their own expenses.

Nancy Haines and Kristna Evans will develop a draft policy on presenter compensation and attendee scholarships to be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

17-47. **Website.** Eric Muhr reported that the new website is functional; Jennifer said it is a terrific improvement and offered thanks from all of us. He is trying to get books posted as information comes in. Friends are reminded that it is each member's responsibility to provide information about books, journals, publishers, and bookstores to Eric to be added to the website.

He is having trouble translating the online searchable database of books from the previous site, but the data is not lost. He suggested that a future business meeting discuss whether or not to revamp, rework, or recreate that information.

17-48. **2018 Annual Meeting Arrangements.** Eric Muhr will set up the website for the meeting and handle online registrations. After the cost is approved, Eric can get registration pages online probably by first week of November. He will need information from the planning committee on programs and speakers. He has a draft page set up which he can send to the committee.

Chris Skidmore and Gabe Ehri will be responsible for handling payments which must be made in full upon registration in pounds or dollars; Chris will determine how to accept Euros. Visa cards can be used through the US QUIP website. Most payments will be made by Paypal, but someone will need to be designated to receive cheques made out to QUIP.

We urge Friends to register by January 15, 2018, so Chris can let Glenthorne know whether we can use the whole house. The final date for registrations will be April 1, 2018.

Trish Carn will coordinate transportation within the UK. She will determine if Glenthorne is prepared to ferry from train and bus stations in Windermere. Directions to Glenthorne are on the website.

After a half hour break, Jennifer Kavanagh, co-clerk, opened the second session with worship

17-49. **Table Display Report.** Nancy Haines reported that she brought a tri-fold QUIP display, rack cards, and display copies of *Spirit Rising* in English and in Spanish to the 2017 FGC Gathering and the 2017 FUM Triennial. Many people stopped by to learn about QUIP. At the FGC Gathering, QUIP also held an interest group on Quaker publishing.

Rausie Hobson set up the display at the FWCC Section of the Americas meeting in March.

Trish Carn developed flyers to hand out at Britain Yearly Meeting.

17-50. **Tacey Sowle Fund.** Rausie Hobson reported that we have not received any requests or inquiries since the Annual Meeting. The fund should be promoted more. Rausie will develop information about the fund and how to apply. Eric will include this information on the website.

Kristna Evans, publications manager at FUM, sees a lot of opportunities to support publishing in Latin and South America and Kenya.

17-51. **Spirit Rising.** Rausie Hobson reported on the distribution of *Espiritu Se Levanta*. 100 additional copies were reprinted after our last annual meeting to be distributed free. She took copies to FWCC and Mexico. Eric Muhr has distributed one box of book shipped to him by Charles Martin. Rausie still has two boxes of copies; Kristna Evans may be able to give them out through FUM channels.

17-52. **Friendly Woman Legacy.** Gabe Ehri reported that there has been no progress to date on getting the funds transferred. He will send a further inquiry, but says that this does not need to be on future agendas until the funds do come in.

17-53. **Nominating Committee.** The following terms end with the close of Annual Meeting: Recording Clerk-Nancy Haines; Treasurer-Gabe Ehri; Assistant Treasurer-Chris Skidmore (after the 2018 Annual Meeting books are closed). The treasurer should be American. The recording clerk can be from any country.

Chris offered to serve as another term. Nancy is willing, but has served two terms as recording clerk. Gabe is not yet ready to decide.

The officers will appoint a Nominating Committee. Vanessa Julye will ask Liz Yeats, Jennifer Kavanagh will ask Zelig Gross; Rausie Hobson will ask Beth Saunders. Other names may be considered. After the meeting, Jennifer said she would ask Peter Daniels.

17-54. **Fundraising.** We have no major project for which we need to raise funds; Spirit must lead us to a project then we can raise money.

Vanessa Julye asked if we want to set up a fund to provide financial support for writers who want to come to QUIP but can't afford to. This will be a business item at the Annual Meeting.

17-55. **Advertising in Quaker periodicals.** Our budget includes \$350 for advertising the Annual Meeting, which will not go far. The deadline for Friends Journal is October 16. Gabe Ehri will reserve a space, and we authorized \$100. The planning committee will determine where else to advertise including *The Friend*, *Among Friends*, *FUM Connections*, and *Western Friend*. They will also put notices in other Quaker newsletters, some of which do not charge.

Jennifer Kavanagh will ask Trish Carn to develop an ad for the periodicals.

Beth Saunders can put information on Facebook and other social media once the ad copy is sent to her.

17-56. **2019 Annual Meeting.** We agreed that the 2019 Annual Meeting will be held in Oregon. Eric Muhr will explore possible locations and dates in April or May. He has started looking at two conference centers in Oregon: Menucha and Tilikum.

17-57. **Dues.** We agreed to continue the policy of individuals paying as led; Gabe Ehri will provide suggested amounts to meet the QUIP budget. Institutions will be invoiced, and he and Chris Skidmore will make sure the letters go out in a timely manner. There will also be a place on the registration form for paying dues, but not everyone registers for the Annual Meeting.

We closed with worship.

Nancy Haines, recording clerk.

Administrative Volunteers

2017-2018

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

Website: Maintenance and update – Eric Muhr

Correspondence (inquiries from website and other correspondence): Vanessa Julye, Jennifer Kavanagh, Nancy Haines

Mass emails: content from clerks, treasurer, promotions, planning committee; sending out emails – Lyn Cope; Tina Coffin – *editing mailings*

Preparing newsletter - Kerstin Mangels & Tina Coffin

Coordinating annual meetings – planning committee will need to prepare materials and announcements; site selection for 2018 – Jennifer Kavanagh; registration forms and online registration – Eric Muhr

Promotions (displays, advertising, marketing materials): Friends Journal articles October and May – Rausie Hobson; 2017 Annual Meeting report – Beth Saunders; *promotions coordinator still needed*

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
	Jennifer Kavanagh	2019
Recording Clerk	Nancy Haines	2018
Treasurer	Gabe Ehri	2018
Assistant Treasurer	Chris Skidmore	2018

