

2018 Mid-Year Meeting
September 29, 2018, by international conference call

Present: Jennifer Kavanagh, co-clerk; Vanessa Julye, co-clerk; Nancy Haines, recording clerk; Rausie Hobson, promotions clerk; Trish Carn; Eric Muhr; Daniel Flynn; Gabe Ehri, treasurer; Chris Skidmore, assistant treasurer; Charles Martin; Iris Graville; Kristna Evans; Sarah Hoggett.

Regrets: Kersten Mangels, Mike Brooks, Joan Broadfield, Leslie Morris, Liz Yeats, Elizabeth Duke, Blair Seitz, Tina Coffin, Geoffrey Durham, Mary Klein, Leslie Morris, Janaki Spickard-Keeler.

We began with some moments of silent worship.

Jennifer Kavanagh served as clerk for the first part of the meeting.

18-42. Newsletter. Kersten Mangels has asked to step down as newsletter editor. She has not received any information to publish and there has not been a newsletter in the past year.

18-43. Treasurers report. Gabe Ehri presented the treasurer's report. He has not seen much activity since the annual meeting. All accounts have been settled from the 2018 Annual Meeting. We have about \$27,000 in the US accounts and are in healthy financial shape. He has received \$5,000 from Friendly Woman.

At the Annual Meeting, Gabe presented a balanced draft budget for 2019. He asked that approval be deferred until the mid-year meeting. He has the estimate from the 2019 conference center in Oregon and sees no reason to change the budget presented in April. The budget was approved.

18-44. Dues/Membership. The treasurers have received \$4,300 from dues. We agreed to send out the dues request with the information for the 2019 Annual Meeting. Chris Skidmore, Eric Muhr, and Gabe Ehri intend to look at the system for identifying who has and hasn't paid.

18-45. Website. Eric Muhr reported on the QUIP website. We are averaging 200 views per month with up to 60 views on several days. The site continues to be an important place to identify Quaker publishers and Quaker books and sharing information about past and upcoming meetings.

Eric is seeking information from Quaker bloggers, publishers, writers, and journals. He has only received a few including two blogs and about twenty book titles in the past year. Please send a brief write-up, short biography of author or description of company or journal, a digital photograph, and a link to your website.

Eric was asked if there is a clear listing on the website of what benefits people receive from membership and whether they get a receipt. There is a short list of benefits on the website. The treasurers send a receipt for the dues and Eric adds the names to the mailing list.

Eric will add a note that the newsletter is suspended temporarily and QUIP is looking for an editor.

We thanked Eric for all his work.

The QUIP Facebook page is administered by Beth Saunders. She also asks for content including mentioning new books. When she gets requests from non-members, she directs them to QUIP webpage.

18-46. Database. Rausie Hobson reported that she sent requests for information which would be helpful in designing the database to FUM, FGC, Barclay, and others and has only heard from Kristna Evans at FUM. Her son is willing to develop the data base but needs to know what categories we want, what options for exporting data, and how the data will be used. He could dump the data into a basic excel file. He is waiting for responses.

Chris has not yet contacted people in UK to see if they want to be listed (in accordance with GPR compliance.)

18-47. 2019 Annual Meeting. Next year's Annual Meeting will take place from March 28-31, 2019, at Canby Grove Riverfront Lodge, Canby, Oregon. The planning committee consists of Eric Muhr, Iris Graville, Daniel Flynn, and Charles Martin.

At the annual meeting the following topics were suggested:

How can QUIP be a worldwide body

Connections (social, geographic, genres, etc.)

Building bridges

Feed my sheep – materials for Quakers around the world; feeding a hungry world

Bridges not walls (or bridges and walls)

Daniel Flynn said that that he will be involved in a study tour and unable to attend; he asked to resign from the planning committee. Sarah Hoggett volunteered to serve on the planning committee.

Charles Martin suggested Marge Abbott as speaker. Gabe Ehri said that the book review editor of Friends Journal, Karie Firoozmand, is willing to give a presentation.

The committee has not yet had a chance to discuss the theme and speakers. We agreed that the planning committee can set the theme. Eric asked anyone with other suggestions to contact him.

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 added that he will help the committee set conference fees when we get full idea of actual costs of renting the conference center, meals, and speakers.

Eric signed the contract with Canby Grove on August 12. Gabe will verify that he sent a deposit check.

Attendees at the conference are encouraged to pay through the registration form using Paypal, which also allows people in the UK or Europe to pay in their local currency. Gabe and Eric will make sure that this is working; last year, Paypal worked imperfectly with multiple currencies. Gabe and Chris Skidmore will deposit any checks they receive. Payment must be made in full on registration.

Reduced rate, early bird registration will close on January 31, 2019, and the final date for registration will be March 1. The conference center needs to know the minimum number expected when the contract is signed and the actual count at least two weeks before the meeting.

Eric will coordinate transportation from the airport or train station. There is one major airport, Portland International Airport, and the domestic and international terminals are close to each other. The airport is about forty minutes from Canby Grove. He will also coordinate home hospitality for attendees, especially international visitors, who may arrive early or leave later.

Vanessa Julye clerked the remainder of the meeting.

18-48. Britain Yearly Meeting Quaker Recognized Body Application. At the Annual Meeting, we discussed whether QUIP should apply to be a Quaker Recognized Body by Britain Yearly Meeting. This is a process for recognizing organizations not run by BYM but serving Friends in the yearly meeting. Friends approved applying for recognition. Jennifer Kavanagh and Trish Carn are continuing to work on this.

18-49. 2019 European Union/Britain QUIP. At the Annual Meeting, Friends approved QUIP hosting a one-day gathering for European Friends in conjunction with Britain Yearly Meeting on Thursday, 23 May 2019, at Westminster Meeting. Jennifer Kavanagh will coordinate the meeting and has booked the meeting house. Trish Carn will assist. They have not set a theme or started planning the program. They may use the US theme once it is set and will report to the Europeans on what happened at the American-based meeting.

18-50. Table Display Report. Nancy Haines reported that she brought a tri-fold QUIP display and rack cards to the 2018 Friends General Conference Gathering. Several people stopped by to learn about QUIP. QUIP did not host an interest group this year, although several QUIP members gave author talks.

Cards were handed out at Britain Yearly Meeting, but there was not a display or interest group. If QUIP is recognized by BYM, we might have a table display next year.

18-51. Tacey Sowle Fund requests. Rausie Hobson reported that there has been no activity since the Annual Meeting. The application form is now online.

18-52. Spirit Rising Report. Brent Bill did not send a report, Vanessa will check with Brent and his report is attached to the minutes. The interest is still there based on “likes” on the Facebook page.

Kristna Evans from FUM asked how much FUM should pay to QUIP when they sell a copy of the book. She will ask Brent Bill or the FGC Bookstore how much they are paying.

18-53. International Picture Book. No one from QUIP has stepped forward to follow up on the suggestion of a picture book about Quakerism worldwide. Trish Carn will contact Gretchen Castle and see if there is any movement at her end.

18-54. Friendly Woman Legacy. Gabe Ehri reported that he has received \$5,000 from the Friendly Woman project, which remained when they ceased publication of the periodical. Suggestions for using the money will be brought to the 2019 Annual Meeting. One idea is to add all or a portion to the Tacey Sowle Fund. Another is to use some of the money to support underfunded women to be able to participate in the Annual Meeting. Gabe said that the letter from Friendly Woman does not explicitly tie the funds to women’s writing, and we do not have to report back to Friendly Woman about how we use the money.

18-55. Request from Pendle Hill. The publisher at Pendle Hill is looking for a way to send their pamphlets to prisoners. He did not request funding. Kristna Evans said that books and pamphlets can only be sent directly to prison from a bookstore or publisher. The organization Books to Bars in Philadelphia is working on sending books to prisons, so it is not necessary for QUIP to get involved.

18-56. Releasing Ministries. Viv Hawkins and Vonn New have started a website to crowd fund support for Quakers called to ministries. Vanessa Julye will follow up to see what the request to QUIP was and whether it should be on Annual Meeting agenda.

18-57. Nominating Committee. Jennifer Kavanagh’s term as co-clerk ends in 2019. Kersten Mangels is stepping down as newsletter editor. We approved a nominating committee consisting of Kristna Evans, Chris Skidmore, and Daniel Flynn to bring recommendations to the Annual Meeting. Kristna will convene the committee and asked that suggestions be sent to her.

18-58. Fundraising. QUIP only does fundraising if we have a specific project and we do not need to solicit donations at this time.

18-59. Advertising in Quaker periodicals. The QUIP budget includes \$350 for advertising. The planning committee can include in the conference fees the funds necessary to advertise the 2019 Annual Meeting. Gabe Ehri will work with the planning committee on determining the budget for the meeting, but, as publisher of Friends Journal, he has a conflict of interest in setting an advertising budget.

18-60. 2020 Annual Meeting Location. We discussed possible locations in the Midwestern United States. Quaker Hill may still be available. Kristna Evans and Nancy Haines will work together to identify other appropriate conference centers, perhaps further south.

The meeting ended with a period of silent worship.

Jennifer Kavanagh and Vanesa Julye, co-clerks
Nancy Haines, recording clerk.

QUIP Budget Proposal for 2019

Income	2018	2019
	\$	\$
Membership Dues	3,800	4,300
Donations	-	750
Annual Meeting Fees	6,000	11,350
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>9,800</i>	<i>16,400</i>
Expenses		
Annual Meeting	6,000	11,350
Scholarships/Bursaries		2,000
Operating Costs	100	100
Advertising	350	350
Office Costs	100	100
Other Costs	100	100
Officer Travel	2,400	2,400
Possible Projects & Outreach	500	-
One Time Transfer to Tacey Sowle Fund	250	-
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>9,800</i>	<i>16,400</i>
<i>Net Income</i>	-	-

