

**2020 QUIP Annual Meeting
Sharing Our Faith with the World**

Meeting by Zoom, April 25, 2020

Present at one or more sessions: Natasha Zhuravenkova , Vanessa Julye, Nancy Haines, Gabriel Ehri, Rausie Hobson, Iris Graville, Joan Broadfield, Liz Yeats, Charles Martin, Brent Bill, Kristna Evans, Sarah Katreen Hoggatt, Jennifer Kavanagh, Brenda Beadenkopf, Judith Favor, Windy Cooler, Philip Maurer, Daniel Flynn, Beth Saunders, Janaki Spickard Keeler, Sheila Davis, Trish Carn, Chris Skidmore, Tina Coffin, John Coffin, Gertrude Beal, Rex Ambler, Judith Roads

20-1. Welcome and introductions. Co-clerk Vanessa Julye opened the meeting with worship followed by introductions

20-2. Newsletter/press release. Joan Broadfield reported that she, Iris Graville, and Mary Klein determined a schedule and produced two newsletters. They expect to send out the next newsletter in late May and another in the fall. They are looking for content and feedback.

20-3. Show and Tell. Judith Favor talked about her book, *Sabbath Economics: A Spiritual Guide to Linking Love with Money*, due to be released in July.

Brenda Beadenkopf talked about her book about her father, an organizer in nonviolent direct action and his involvement with Martin Luther King. *A Quaker Behind the Dream: Charlie Walker and the Civil Rights Movement. Volume 1, 1920-1955*, was recently published. *Volume 2, 1955-1958* will be available in the summer.

Kristna Evans announced that she has gotten a grant from the Mosher Book and Tract to market the Spanish translation of John Woolman's Journal to the general Spanish-speaking Christian public. She is working with Susan Furry on her forthcoming book, currently titled *First Be Reconciled: What Christians Need to Know About Judaism*.

20-4. Friends Journal “Quaker Works” Update. Rausie Hobson wrote a column for the October, 2019, *Friends Journal* column “Quaker Works”. Rausie agreed to write a column for the upcoming year.

20-5. Regards and Regrets. Regrets were received from Eric Muhr and Mary Klein.

20-6. Review of the Administrative Process. Rausie Hobson reviewed the list of administrative tasks. Nancy Haines will post a list of positions.

20-7. Quaker Recognized Body. Trish Carn reported that QUIP has been designated a Quaker Recognized Body by Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM). This is a process for recognizing organizations not run by BYM but serving Friends in the yearly meeting. QUIP can now have a display at Yearly Meeting sessions. In May, 2019, QUIP had a display panel at BYM sessions.

20-8. Website. We expressed our gratitude to Eric Muhr for the wonderful job he has been doing on the website.

20-9. 2019 European QUIP meeting. Chris Skidmore reported that the European QUIP members had a gathering the day before Britain Yearly Meeting, May 23, 2019. Jennifer Kavanagh and Trish Carn were the organizers, and Chris was the coordinator at the gathering. Twenty-four Friends met at Westminster Meeting House. The day consisted of presentations and workshops together with the usual sharing of recently published books and projects underway. Among the topics were what constitutes a “Quaker” book, how to approach Quaker biography referencing William Penn, the experience of producing a first book, and a presentation by Harvey Gilman on the subject of “Words.” Several of the presentations are available as podcasts on the website. Vanessa Julye participated.

20-10. Nominating Report. We agreed to appoint a committee for 2021 to nominate Friends to replace officers whose terms end in 2021: Recording Clerk, Nancy Haines; Treasurer, Gabe Ehri, and Assistant Treasurer, Chris Skidmore. Joan Broadfield, Trish Carn, and Liz Yeats volunteered and Joan will convene. Jennifer Kavanagh will assist Trish in identifying UK Friends, especially for the position of assistant treasurer. Joan asked that Friends let her know about their skills and interests. At the 2019 mid-year meeting, we approved Iris Graville as the incoming co-clerk, replacing Vanessa Julye at the end of this meeting.

20-11. Spirit Rising Spanish Translation (*El Espiritu Se Levanta*) Update. Sarah Katreen Hoggatt reported. They have gotten the permissions and files for converting the book to an e-book. It is a complicated book, but it is coming along. Trish Carn volunteered to assist Sarah. We will consider including remuneration for Sarah when we approve the budget. We will also talk at a later time if we want to do another book or a supplement.

20-12. Show and Tell. M. Gertrude Beall talked about her two books: *Tales from the New Garden Friends Graveyard* with Max Carter and a second printing of *The Underground Railroad in Guilford County* in recognition of the 200th anniversary of first person who was helped on the Underground Railroad in North Carolina.

Charles Martin, publisher of Inner Light Books presented the books he published in last year: *A Word from the Lost* by David Lewis about James Naylor; *William Penn’s Holy Experiment* by James Proud; Marcelle Martin’s, *A Guide to Faithfulness Groups*; and, just released, David Johnson, *Surrendering Into Silence: Quaker Prayer Cycles*. This is Charles’ last year as a publisher. He is working with Eric Muhr to import Inner Light Books as imprint of Barclay Press. Charles is working on two books he would like to finish by the end of the year.

Janaki Spickard Keeler, pamphlet coordinator at Pendle Hill. She reported that they are continuing to publish six pamphlets per year. Recent titles include: *On Vocal Ministry* by Barry Crossno and J. Brent Bill; *Spiritual Gifts, the Beloved Community, and Covenant* by Emily Provance; and *A Culture of Faithfulness* by Marcelle Martin. Upcoming pamphlets include *Mind the Oneness: The Mystic Way of the Quakers* by Rex Ambler and a look back at Pendle Hill’s ninety years of publishing by Doug Gwynn. She welcomes manuscripts of 7000-9000 words.

Sheila Davis talked about a journal article on her research on critical race theory and public health. How do you uplift marginalize communities in public health research?

Brent Bill presented two publications from Quaker Press: Brian Drayton’s *On Living with a Concern for Gospel Ministry, Second Edition* and they are working on a Spanish translation; and

The Kendal Sparrow: a Novel of Elizabeth Fletcher by Barbara Schell Luetke. Brent authored a book for the Quaker Quicks series: *Hope and Witness for Dangerous Times*.

Natasha Zhuravenkova clerked the remainder of the meeting.

20-13. **Show and Tell.** Jennifer Kavanagh talked about her new novel, *The Silence Diaries* and her card game, *The Prayer Game*.

Gabe Ehri, executive director of Friends Publishing reported that they continue to publish *Friends Journal* monthly. May issue done remotely. Rebecca Hamilton-Levi has replaced Jon Watts as producer for *QuakerSpeak* and they are experimenting with remote video interviews. They are preparing a new podcast series starting later this year, *Quakers in Business*, with Andrew Young. Friends Journal is looking for writers interested in freelance assignments.

Liz Yeats said that the Quaker Religious Education Collaborative has posted on their website a resource library of materials for children and adult religious education. Twenty-one yearly meetings participate including Friends from Africa and Latin America. Their booklet, *Quaker Meeting and Me* is out-of-print and they are working on publishing an online version.

20-14. **2019 Mid-year Meeting Report.** Natasha Zhuravenkova reported on the 2019 midyear meeting, held by conference call on September 28, 2019. The minutes of last year's midyear meeting are posted on the QUIP website.

20-15. **Table Display Report.** Nancy Haines reported that there are no plans for displays this year, as most in-person conferences are cancelled because of the coronavirus crisis. Nancy, Liz Yeats, and Rausie Hobson will develop a virtual display for online conferences.

20-16. **Report From the 2020 Planning Committee.** Nancy Haines reported that the Annual Conference was cancelled and the deposit of \$400 was forfeited to Quaker Hill Conference Center. Registration fees will be refunded. The three plenary speakers agreed to give their talks via Zoom. These will be available at no cost. QUIP will pay them an honorarium. The schedule will be:

May 9 – Marcelle Martin

May 23 – Tom Hamm

June 6 – Ashley Wilcox

20-17. **Treasurer's Report.** Gabriel Ehri, QUIP treasurer, reported that the organization is in sound financial condition. As of April 25, 2020, we have \$26,000 in our accounts. Income and expense reports to date are not yet available and will be posted when completed. Honoraria and registration fee refunds will be sent soon.

20-18. **Budget for Fiscal 2021.** Gabe Ehri presented the budget for fiscal year 2021. Attached. The cost has been estimated for next year's annual conference at Woodbrooke based on cost at the QUIP meeting at Glenthorne. Approved.

Friends approved adding \$500 in this year's budget for Sarah Katreen Hoggatt to complete the e-book version of *Spirit Rising* for ebook project.

We discussed purchasing a zoom account and agreed to continue using the accounts owned by others. We are grateful to *Friends Journal* for allowing QUIP to use their zoom account.

20-19. 2021 Annual Conference Theme & Location. Chris Skidmore reported on plans for the 2021 QUIP annual conference to be held at Woodbrooke Quaker Conference Centre, Birmingham, UK, April 8-11, 2021.

A concern was raised about environmental and financial cost of travel for face to face meetings. Friends also said that gathering together contributes to spiritual deepening and asked what do we lose when we don't meet in person. After a discussion, we asked next year's program committee to consider including more virtual programming including live streaming. This topic needs to be further explored at future meetings.

Various ideas for the theme were discussed including: publishing in this changing world, the environmental impact of publishing methods, why do we write, read, and publish. Friends leaned toward a theme encompassing the joy of reading and writing in times of crisis. The planning committee can use these comments in developing the theme.

The following Friends agreed to serve on the planning committee – Jennifer Kavanagh, Daniel Flynn, Rausie Hobson, Trish Carn, Natasha Zhuravenkova, and Iris Graville. Chris Skidmore will handle administration. Jennifer hopes to engage some younger members in the UK and can invite others. Trish will convene the planning committee starting in the fall.

20-20. Quaker Quicks Series Report. Jennifer Kavanagh reported on the Quaker Quicks series that John Hunt is publishing under the Christian Alternative imprint. Jennifer is helping them look for writers and topics. So far, there are eight titles in the series with three more next year. Jennifer's recent addition to the series is *Practical Mystics: Quaker Faith in Action*.

20-21. Advertising in Quaker Periodicals. Friends approved delegating the decisions about advertising to the planning committee

20-22. Tacey Sowle Fund Request and Report. The Tacey Sowle Fund was established to provide assistance in publishing books from underserved communities. An application form is on the website. Rausie Hobson reported that there are no requests this year.

20-23. Dues/Membership. Gabe Ehri

Friends agreed to continue the dues policy of asking individual members to give as led and able in a spirit of generosity and abundance. Emails will be sent out reminding Friends of their dues and invoices will be sent for institutional members with the following suggestions:

Individuals - \$40 per year per person will meet budget, but pay as led

Institutions – no paid employees in publishing - \$75 (for up to two members)

With paid staff in publishing - \$150 (for up to two members)

20-24. 2020 Mid-year Meeting. The mid-year meeting will be held by conference call or zoom on October 17, 2020.

20-25. Appreciation for Vanessa Julye. We are grateful to Vanessa Julye for her service as co-clerk for the past six years. She has taken on the work with joy and enthusiasm and has faithfully

represented us in America as well as the United Kingdom. Friends especially noted with pleasure the organization and efficiency she brought to agenda setting and clerking the meetings.

20-25. **Pray for Emma Condori Mamani.** center in trouble in La Paz, Bolivia. She is isolated with a food shortage of teachers and center has no income.

The meeting was adjourned with a brief period of worship.

Administrative Volunteers
2020-2021

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

Website: Maintenance and update: Eric Muhr

Correspondence (inquiries from website and other correspondence): Iris Graville, Natasha Zhuravenkova, Nancy Haines

Newsletter: Joan Broadfield, Mary Klein, Iris Graville

Social Media (Facebook and Twitter): Beth Saunders

Coordinating annual meetings: planning committee for 2021 – Jennifer Kavanagh, Daniel Flynn, Rausie Hobson, Trish Carn, Natasha Zhuravenkova, and Iris Graville. Chris Skidmore will handle administration.

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

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	Iris Graville	2023
	Natasha Zhuravenkova	2022
Recording Clerk	Nancy Haines	2021
Treasurer	Gabe Ehri	2021
Assistant Treasurer	Chris Skidmore	2021