

**QUIP Spring 2026 Meeting
May 16, 2026 by Zoom
Minutes**

Natasha Zhurakenova and Emma Condori Mamani, co-clerks of QUIP (Quakers Uniting in Publications) welcomed those present, followed by a time of silent worship.

Regrets: Eric Muhr and Janaki Spickard Keeler

26-01 Natasha Zhurakenova introduced Finola O’Sullivan, moderator for the Panel **“Getting Published as a Quaker author of books and pamphlets today”**. Finola explained that each participant of panel would present their role within publishing (live on Zoom or pre-recorded). Time for questions was after all panelists had presented. Those recorded were unable to be present at this Zoom meeting but were agreeable to their portion being recorded by Finola:

“Getting published as a Quaker author of books and pamphlets today”

We heard from:

- 1 Eric Muhr, publisher, Barclay Press, Oregon, USA (Recorded on Zoom)
- 2 Audrey Greenhall, manager, FGC Quaker Books, and online bookstore
- 3 Nancy Haines and David Haines, authors and self-publishers, USA
- 4 Jennifer Kavanagh, author, based in London, England
- 5 Sergei Grushko, publisher, Friends House Moscow
- 6 Janaki Spickard Keeler, editor and author, Pendle Hill pamphlets (Recorded on Zoom.)

This was followed by a lively question and answer session, with participants offering information from their individual experiences of getting published. Advice was given on publishing with Ingram and Amazon, and on issues such as print on demand practices in different countries.

A recording of the panel will be made available on the QUIP website.

Business Meeting

Co Clerk Natasha Zhurakenova opened QUIP business meeting with a silent waiting worship.

26.02 Treasurer’s Report QUIP treasurer Nancy Haines screen-shared (attached to these minutes) the December 31, 2025 Annual Report. She stated that at the end of fiscal year QUIP remains in solid financial state. Due to this being an in-person meeting there were additional advertising costs, and the officer’s travel costs (Emma Condori Mamani and Natasha Zhurakenova). The Tacey Sowle fund awards were possible because of an approved transfer from the general fund. An additional \$1,500 transfer was approved at the fall QUIP meeting and donations, mostly collected from registrations, which brought the Tacey Sowle Fund balance at the end of 2025 to \$2,590. This report was approved/accepted.

26.03 QUIP Treasurer’s Report to May 1, 2025 QUIP treasurer screen-shared (attached to these minutes) QUIP Treasurer’s Report to May 1, 2025. She noted that the Tacey Sowle Fund balance at the end of 2025 was \$2,590. As is our custom we transferred \$500 to the Fund from the

operating budget and with several donations, the total is \$3,215. This leaves \$13,197 in the operating budget. This report was approved/accepted.

26.04 Draft Budget for 2026. QUIP treasurer screen-shared (attached to these minutes) a Draft Budget for 2026. This budget reflects the decision to hold two online QUIP meetings in 2026 and no in-person meeting. She noted that the projected income has an estimated income of \$2,000 and a shortfall is expected. QUIP counts on donations from members and does meeting registration using the “pay-as-led” principle, which is harder to project as actual income. She explained that QUIP has no staff and operates totally with volunteers. In the past QUIP had more members that were publishers, distributors, yearly meetings, etc. that had staff and membership costs were prorated on number of staff, etc. The world of Quaker publishing, publications, author royalties has changed. This report was approved/accepted.

26.05 Tacey Sowle Fund Co Clerk Natasha Zhurakenova verified that QUIP limits individual annual awards to \$1,000 per project per year, often due to the funds available at that time. This was **APPROVED**. Following was discussion as to whether to also state that although an applicant can apply for funds more than once, that the funds would not be awarded two years in a row. It was **APPROVED** to award a project no more often than every-other-year. The Co Clerk then had Rausie Hobson present the applicants to consider this year. Rausie explained that the application is very specific in description of project, probable use and expected cost; and assuming that only \$1,000 would help get the work written, published, distributed. The Tacey Sowle funds are intended to help the underserved areas of the world of publishing.

APPROVED \$1,000 for Samwel Masika to publish a book about mission work in the area of Samburu, Kenya. Application current and complete, requested \$1,000.

QUIP received a request from Georges Bani Banega, Great Lakes Region in Africa, who received a Tacey Sowle grant in 2025 for \$1800. Due to civil unrest in the country and the printing press destroyed, the work is not published yet and requested extra help. This was not approved at this time.

QUIP received a new application from Pacifique Manurakoze, Burundi. They are previous recipient of Tacey Sowle Funds in 2023. This request was Not Approved yet, and this application will be kept on file for consideration next year.

Rausie Hobson will forward Samwel Masika’s contact information to the Treasurer Nancy Haines. She will also contact each of the three applicants regarding the action taken at this meeting.

26.06 FGC Request to sell Spirit Rising at a discounted price. Finola O’Sullivan explained this item. The current selling price of Spirit Rising is \$17.50. The FGC offices and Bookstore will be moving to a much smaller location and have too many copies of the book Spirit Rising on hand. They would like to offer advertise it for sale at a discounted price of \$5.00. This was a QUIP project (ISBN) that was published by FGC. After much discussion it was approved to ask FGC if the discounted price could be \$8-10, instead of just \$5.00. **APPROVED to offer it at a**

discounted price. Emma Condori commented that many of the younger Bolivian Quakers read English, and the discounted price would be appreciated. Also asked: will it be possible to have it done as a print-on-demand publication, when the in-print copies are sold?

Spirit Rising, Spanish version, is only available as print-on-demand; and so FGC does not have a backlog of unsold copies, and it not part of this request for a discounted price.

27.07 Request to use selection in Spirit Rising. Peter Paar had a poem included in the QUIP book Spirit Rising: Young Quaker Voices. The Poem, "You Say You Love Me (God's Lament)" appears on p 334 of the book. He has been contacted by Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM) to request his permission for this poem to be included in their upcoming publication *Our Quaker way: the spiritual discipline of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain* (working title). He is happy to agree to this, but wants to check that, as publisher of the book in which the poem appears, QUIP also does not object. **APPROVED.** Recording clerk will respond to his request, asking that he include the Spirit Rising source in the citation.

Emma Condori Mamani conducted the rest of this business meeting.

27.08 New European co-clerk needed: Natasha Zhurakenova has served as Co Clerk of QUIP for at least the past six to eight years. Terms usually last two to three years, but due to COVID and no volunteers for the position we are truly grateful for her service. A new Co Clerk is needed to serve with Emma Condori Mamani, preferably from the European area. The floor was open for nominations: Pennie Quentin was asked, but declined. Daniel Flynn was asked and his response was conditional at this time; he could reconsider in fall 2026. No action taken at this time.

27.10 Fall 2026 Meeting Date: two days, online only: Friday- Saturday October 23-24, 2026 - Pending the availability of the Clerk, Secretary/Recording Clerk and both Treasurers (US and European) this date was **APPROVED for QUIP fall 2026:** October 23-24.

27.09 “Publishers of Truth Concern”: Jennifer Kavanagh shared the concern about the depth of the commitment of her yearly meeting (British Yearly Meeting) to being “Publishers of Truth”. The library never really recovered from Covid, then was closed for ‘digitalization’, and is now open just a few days a month by appointment. For researchers needing to research Quaker history materials found only in the yearly meeting library and archives, this is not enough. It is not useful to be told that the books can be bought elsewhere or to use other libraries. With Woodbrooke gone, there is no other place, especially in the United Kingdom, for research or access to Quaker documents. The Bookshop is managed by the café by staff who are not familiar with Quaker interests nor book or pamphlet titles. Currently the yearly meeting is focusing on publishing from material from committees. Quacks is a self-publishing firm. Quaker Quicks books are published by a non-Quaker commercial publisher. QUIP **APPROVED** minuting this concern.

27.10 QUIP APPROVED a minute of support for the concern that all Quaker archival collections be accessible to researchers and the public, encouraging Quakers to keep learning from authentic documents and authors to keep writing from this Truth.

Emma Condori Mamani closed this Business Meeting with worshipful prayer. Attenders were asked to return in 15 minutes for the “Show and Tell” event.

“Show and Tell” moderated by Rausie Hobson. Each participant below shared a short description their publication(s), often sharing covers through computer cameras or with slides sent to the Zoom tech. These included:

- David Haines’ book: Are Love and Unity Preserved Amongst Us? The Eighteenth-Century Discipline and Queries of North Carolina Quakers, Pleasant Green Books, 2026.
- Lorraine Caputo: Poetry chapbook “Orinoco Plains”, November 2025.
- Tom Gates’ book: Turning Toward the Victim: The Bible, Sacred Violence and the End of Scapegoating in Quaker Perspective, Wipf and Stock, 2025.
- Shulamith Clearbridge’s book: Goodnight: Interfaith Prayers & Meditations Before Sleep, Wipf and Stock, 2025.
- Nancy Haines’ book: Forged in the Spirit :Quaker Pioneers on the Eno, Pleasant Green Books, 2026.
- Jennifer Kavanagh’s pamphlet: Letting Go: Steps in the Spiritual Life. Pendle Hill pamphlet #498, 2026
- Martin Melville read his poem: “Sawmill”
- Megan Hollingsworth: Chapbook “Heavy Poems that Count”
- Geoffrey Durham book (presented by Finola O’Sullivan): Questions about Quakers

Having finished the planned activities and business session Co Clerk Emma Condori Mamani ended this 2026 Spring meeting of QUIP, Quakers Uniting in Publications, with thanks to Natasha Zhurakenova for her years as Co Clerk. Emma encouraged all of us to “keep writing” and then offered a vocal closing prayer of thanks.

QUIP Treasurer’s Annual Report, December 31, 2025

Prepared by Nancy Haines, Treasurer and Finola O’Sullivan, Assistant Treasurer

Balances

QUIP remains in solid financial shape. Bank balances as of December 31, 2025, are as follows:

Account	Balance	Currency	Exchange Rate	US \$
US Bank	\$ 7,111	USD		\$ 7,111
PayPal	3,391	USD		3,391
UK Bank	3,850	GBP	1.344	5,177
Total				\$15,679

Tacey Sowle Fund

At the 2025 Spring meeting, we approved grants to George Bani Bibenga for \$1,800 and to Evans Lugosa Lisimba for \$1,000. The balance in the Fund was insufficient and we transferred \$205 from the general fund, leaving a balance of \$0 (zero) in the Tacey Sowle Fund. An additional \$1,500 transfer was approved at the fall QUIP meeting and donations, mostly collected from registrations, bring the Tacey Sowle Fund balance at the end of 2025 to \$2,590.

George Bani Bibenga to print copies of *The Problem of Peace and Social Cohesion in the Region of the African Great Lakes Countries (Burundi, DRC and Rwanda)*.

Evans Lugosa Lisimba to reprint copies of reprint his book *Evolution of Quaker Theology*.

Annual Meeting Income and Expenses

Income from registrations	\$ 4,230
Expenses	
Upmeads conference space and lodging	\$2,900
Other lodging	660
Barn	1,350
Meals and coffee service	620
Tech support	2,000
<u>Miscellaneous (estimate)</u>	<u>100</u>
Total expenses	\$7,630
Balance (shortfall)	(3,400)*

The officers and planning committee made the decision to invite Friends to join “pay-as-led” and we have sufficient funds to cover the shortfall.

Income and Expenses

The following summarizes our income and expenses for 2025 in US dollars.

Exchange rate – 1 GBP = 1.344 US as of December 31, 2025.

Income:

Dues from US accounts	1,035 (20 members)
Dues from non-US members	390 (5 members)
Donations	380
Royalties	41
From Woodbrooke**	1,074
<u>From Annual Meeting</u>	<u>4,230</u>
Total income year to date	\$7,150

Expenses:

PayPal Fees	121
Woodbrooke	13 (Emma Condori clerking workshop)
Advertising *	
Friends Publishing	385
The Friend	1,053
David Ashby design	108
Officer travel	
Emma Condori	1,070
Finola O’Sullivan	757
Domain	38
Emma Condori **	1,074
Tacey Sowle Grants	2,800
Annual Meeting expenses	7,630
<u>Paypal fees</u>	<u>194</u>
Total expenses year to date	\$ 15,243
Shortfall	(8,093)

* Advertising includes ads in Friends Journal online and The Friend as well as the design and printing of advertising cards to handout at Britain Yearly Meeting. Advertising for the Fall meeting in Friends Journal and The Friend will be invoiced at the end of September, so these costs are not reflected in the expenses to date.

** Emma Condori did translation work for Woodbrooke. They were only able to pay her in British currency. Since the task falls under our general purpose, the officers approved receiving the funds from Woodbrooke into our UK account and paying Emma from the US account to her US bank account.

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Paypal	4,229	USD		4,229
UK Bank	3,850	GBP	1.344	5,177
			Total	\$16,412

Tacey Sowle Fund

The Tacey Sowle Fund balance at the end of 2025 was \$2,590. As is our custom we transferred \$500 to the Fund from the operating budget and with several donations, the total is \$3,215. This leaves \$13,197 in the operating budget.

Draft Budget for 2026

Income –

Operating expenses	\$1,500
Donations	500
<u>Royalties</u>	<u>40</u>
Total	\$2,040

Expenses

Paypal fees	\$ 100
Advertising	1,000
Domain	38
Transfer to Sowle	500
Tech support	1,000
Miscellaneous	<u>300</u> (printing, supplies, Paypal fees, etc.)
Total	\$2,938

Balance (\$ 898)

Note: The dues/subscriptions estimate may be too high. The total amount given for operating expenses to date in 2026 is \$474. In 2025, we received \$1,426 and in 2024, we received \$1,540.