

Bucks Quarterly Meeting for Worship for The Purpose Of Business
 21st Day, Second Month, 2021
 Hosted by Solebury Friends Meeting

#	Agenda Item	Person	Suggested	
			Start	Time
1	Opening Worship		12:45 PM	5
2	Welcome and Review & Approval of Agenda	Leo Fitzpatrick	12:50 PM	5
3	Role Call of Meetings	Betsy Bayardi	12:55 PM	5
4	Review and Approval - Minutes of Previous Meeting	Betsy Bayardi	1:00 PM	5
5	Nomination for Recording Clerk - Terry Christensen	Betsy Bayardi	1:05 PM	5
6	Stories of Vitality & Strength		1:10 PM	10
7	Report - Quarter Coordinator	Wendy Kane	1:20 PM	10
8	Friends Home & Village - Annual Report	Chiyo Moriuchi	1:30 PM	10
9	Discussion on Eldership	Bethann Morgan	1:40 PM	15
10	Doylestown Meeting - Annual Report	Joe Simek	1:55 PM	5
11	Treasurer's Report - + Preliminary Budget FY21-22	Ed Snyder	2:00 PM	10
12	PYM Nominating: Call for Nominations	B Bayardi / D Smith	2:10 PM	5
13	Break		2:15 PM	5
14	Friends Camp Association - Annual Report	Scott Hoskins	2:20 PM	5
15	Outreach Committee - Review & Discussion	Doug Meaker	2:25 PM	15
16	Makefield Meeting - Annual Report	Jerry Taylor	2:40 PM	5
17	Quakertown Meeting - Annual Report	Pat Stover	2:45 PM	5
18	Announcements		2:50 PM	5
19	Closing Worship		2:55 PM	5

Reminder: next Quarterly Meeting is 16th Day, 5th Month, 2021 at Southampton Meeting

*The suggested times for agenda items are offered to guide us in our work
 These suggestions should never hinder, however, the expression of the Spirit among us*

**Bucks Quarterly Meeting
Of the Religious Society of Friends
November 15, 2020
Held under the care of Quakertown Friends Meeting via Zoom**

Clerk: Leo Fitzpatrick (Wrightstown)

Recording Clerk: Betsy Bayardi (Wrightstown)

Friends gathered at 1:05 pm and settled into a period of worship.

Welcome given by Wendy Kane, Coodinator

Agenda: Accepted as presented with a change in order to allow Newtown Meeting the opportunity to report early.

Annual Report Newtown Meeting (full report attached): This year can be characterized by challenge and adaptability. Zoom calls bought in folk from a distance and now supports all aspects of Meeting life. In these troubled times, Newtown has focused its efforts this year on two areas – climate change and social justice. The weekly vigils on State Street highlight racial equality – Black Lives Matter. Our commitment to climate change led us to consider how to use our grounds. Knowing our meeting campus is small we were led to approach Newtown Friends School about a possible array of solar panels. Note that NFS is under the care of Newtown Meeting. The student body at the school is 12% Quaker.

Roll Call of Meetings Bristol: 0, Buckingham: 4, Doylestown: 0, Fallsington: 3, Lehigh Valley: 2, Makefield: 1, Middletown: 4, Newtown: 8, Plumstead: 1, Quakertown: 6, Solebury: 2, Southampton: 4, Wrightstown: 6, Yardley: 3.

Minutes of the August 2020 Quarterly Meeting were approved with one addition: “Southampton Meeting has been holding a vigil once a week for the last 22 weeks. The vigil supports the Black Lives Matter movement. Members of the community who drive by the gathering site increasingly are honking their horns in support.”

Coordinator’s Report (see full report attached): In the midst of increasing COVID-19 infection rates, Friends are trying to discern how to return to worshipping in our beloved meetinghouses. We continue to follow recommended guidelines to keep our communities safe and healthy. Bucks Quarter remains vibrant and spiritually grounded despite barriers to gathering in our meetinghouses for in-person worship. Each of our 14 worship spaces presents individual challenges regarding how to appropriately distance during worship, requiring mask wearing and achieving necessary air flow and air purification. Many meetings have developed virtual worship via Zoom call. An unanticipated blessing from Zoom has been the ability of many Friends at a distance to join worship. We now have an ad hoc technology committee to assist with installing new technologies into our meetings. Our monthly meeting clerks meet quarterly to share experiences and offer suggestions to one another.

Stories of Vitality and Growth:

- A motorist who often passes the Southampton vigil wrote the Meeting a thank you note, expressing thanks to the group for speaking truth to power.
- Lehigh Valley Meeting is involved in providing funds for transitional housing for recently released prisoners and for stocking a local food pantry.

David A. Smith Appeal for PYM volunteers: David encouraged everyone present to consider some form of service to PYM. While those present suggested a major article in Quakerphernalia to recruit participants, several suggestions emerged to highlight the benefits of PYM service at the time. First, the use of Zoom calls greatly reduces the need to travel to Philadelphia or Burlington. Second, making reference materials available online allows people more time to digest the content. Some members expressed that the lack of Interim Meeting makes it harder to get to know people. Please contact David Smith or Betsy Bayardi if you are interested.

Minute of Concern from Middletown Meeting (see minute attached): The minute was read by Leo Fitzpatrick and was followed by a period of silent worship. This is the second time the minute was presented for discussion. The minute addresses an allegation of sexual harassment that was brought forward by an actor who performed with the Meta Theater Group at Buckingham Meeting last winter. The minute expresses remorse that when people read the different accounts

of the episode, it appears we are siding with the person who initiated the inappropriate behavior rather than the person who was offended and upset. One Friend present at this Quarterly Meeting described the incident and the events that followed as “a breakdown in process at every level.”

- However well intentioned or gently put forward the initial encounter was, it showed poor judgment on the part of the male initiator
- When the issue was to be discussed at the next Quarterly Meeting, the individual attended the meeting but was told his role was to LISTEN only.
- Many of the people present at that Quarterly Meeting were not aware of or only vaguely informed of the behavior issue.
- The person accused of the inappropriate behavior ignored the request for silence and commenced a vocal and emotional defense of his actions and complained about how poorly he was being treated.
- The man became so emotional that some people approached him to offer comfort.
- No individual present had the eldering skills to remind him of the errors in his actions, while at the same time recognizing his distress.

Many Friends present at this Quarterly Meeting asked what specific actions were being requested? One action would be training on eldering skills. George Schaefer is the PYM expert on eldering. Wendy will contact George for assistance. Wendy Kane will also reach out to FGC to see if they have resources. All agreed that too often our collective response to a difficult situation is to do nothing. To do nothing is to fail as Friends. As one Friend reminded us, “We gotta wade in the water, wade in the water, God’s gonna trouble the water.”

Break 1:55

Treasurer’s Report: Ed Snyder reviewed the financial statements for the period July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020. All financial indicators are appropriate for this time of year. Expenses are moderate because of the pandemic’s putting limitations on travel. Funds from the Kirkbride Estate are supporting development of the Quarter’s website. The website is in keeping with the Kirkbride requirement that the money be used to support and grow Quakerism in Bucks County.

Budget and Nominating: The Committee is actively recruiting a Recording Clerk. Please call Wendy or Betsy Bayardi if you are interested.

Peace Fair Committee Annual Report: (see report attached): Tim Cunningham reported that the 2020 Peace Fair was a casualty of the COVID-19 pandemic. The committee began its work in early March just as the severity of the pandemic was becoming apparent, and by June it was clear that it would not be possible to hold the event safely. The committee chose not to plan a virtual event as it was not an area of their expertise. No significant funds were spent on preparation. The committee remains hopeful that the Peace Fair will return in September 2021.

Annual Report Plumstead Meeting (see report attached): Members at Plumstead took full advantage of their beautiful campus as a setting for outdoor worship this summer. The children commented, “Why can’t we always worship this way?” Members brought masks and their own chairs. Recently, the campus is closed because of the cold weather. Plumstead members send prayers that everyone remains well and safe in this difficult time.

Meeting closed with silent worship at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Bayardi,
Recording Clerk

Report of the Coordinator to Bucks Quarterly Meeting
February 21, 2021
Under the Care of Solebury Monthly Meeting
Held Virtually via Zoom

Although the pandemic continues, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Vaccines have been approved and those vaccines are getting into peoples' arms. Friends first closed their meetinghouse doors in March of 2020, and only a handful have been able to reopen safely. Although we are weary, we continue to follow recommended restrictions in order to keep our communities safe and healthy. We also continue to find new ways to gather together in the Spirit. Friends are worshipping and meeting together on virtual platforms and have discovered creative and innovative ways to keep their communities together. We will emerge from this time stronger and more spiritually grounded than ever.

Inreach

Care of Meetings

One benefit of attending most meetings for worship virtually is the drastic reduction in my carbon footprint. I continue to visit monthly meetings on a rotating basis either via Zoom or in person. I have observed that each meeting has their own post-worship practice for keeping their communities connected. Most common is having each Friend say hello, and give a little update on how they are doing, including any announcements they would like to share. This time of connection can last up to 30-45 minutes, and appears to be enjoyed by all.

As a result of COVID-19 restrictions, the holiday season was subdued this year. Plumstead Meeting's Thanksgiving meeting for worship was held in-person, but without the accompanying potluck. Many meetings held scaled down virtual celebrations, and I attended as many as I could: candlelight services at Buckingham, Yardley, Newtown and Southampton, and Holiday Meeting for Worship with Harpist at Middletown Meeting. Many came up with a new virtual twist to their usual holiday celebrations - delivering cookies to meeting members, recording programs, and virtual sing-a-longs.

Miscellaneous Inreach

At the conclusion of November's Quarterly Meeting, a need was identified to continue the conversation about how to make our meeting spaces safe and welcoming for everyone. A small group of Friends came together to discuss possible next steps for achieving this goal. The group discerned there were two areas to explore: the use of elders and eldering during our meetings, and more training surrounding racial awareness and cultural sensitivity. We decided to address one area at a time, beginning with eldership, the outcome of which was a Bucks Quarter sponsored workshop on Eldership, held virtually on January 30.

The workshop was facilitated by George Schaefer, PYM Care & Aging Coordinator, who gave a well-received presentation to 45 Friends from twelve Bucks Quarter meetings and five meetings outside the Quarter. George covered topics such as the history of eldering and elders, and how the role of an elder can be beneficial at both the Quarterly and Monthly meeting levels. Workshop attendees expressed gratitude

to the Quarter for organizing this informative workshop. The group of concerned Friends will continue to meet to discern how to continue moving the work forward.

The 2021 edition of Bucks Quarter Calendar & Appointments has been completed and distributed to monthly meetings. Please contact the Coordinator if you would like to have a digital copy of the booklet. An abridged version – without personal contact information – is available on the website.

Quarter Committee Meetings

Clerk's meeting: A Clerk's meeting was held on January 11. Friends continue to find these meetings helpful and would like them to continue on a quarterly basis. In between meetings the group communicates via a Google Group. We welcome new clerks for 2021: Louise Young, Lehigh Valley Meeting, Lisa Wildman, Doylestown Meeting, and Linda Jacobs Snyder, Yardley Meeting. The clerks support one another on a variety of subjects including racial justice, blended meetings, religious education and care of members. The next Clerk's meeting is scheduled for April 2021.

Event Attendance

Within the Quarter:

- Yardley Meeting Adult First Day School presentation by George Schaefer, PYM Care & Aging Coordinator on Conflict Resolution
- Yardley Women's Group
- Newtown Meeting & Pennswood Village Women's Group
- All holiday events at our monthly meetings that I could manage

Through Philadelphia Yearly Meeting:

- PYM Quarter Leadership Meeting
- PYM Continuing Session with Attention to Business
- PYM Program Committee
- PYM Gathering of Friends interested in Hybrid Meetings
- PYM "Addressing Anti-Blackness" Thread Gathering
- PYM Spiritual Formation Committee meeting

Greater Quaker Community:

- The Peace Center workshop entitled, "Racial Equity, Cultural Humility"

Outreach

The Bucks Quarter Outreach Committee met and welcomed a new member from Lehigh Valley Meeting, Nancy Johnston. The committee is without a clerk, and there currently is not a member who is willing to take on the role. The committee is discerning how to move forward, and to that end, Doug Meaker, Quakertown Meeting, will be speaking at Quarterly Meeting about Outreach's current responsibilities and will ask Friends what their expectations are for the committee moving forward. I continue to solicit participation from meetings, highlighting the fact that the committee now meets virtually, paving the way for more distant meetings to participate. This lack of leadership and direction is concerning.

Website

The upgraded website has been live for three months and I have just begun to look at the website analytics. It appears that most people are accessing our website directly; specifically:

- 55% Direct
- 22% Social
- 20% Search
- 3% Referral

94% of users are from the United States; the other 6% are from a variety of countries and regions, and are most likely robots. Over the next few months I will begin to explore Search Engine Optimization (SEO) so that our website is more easily found by seekers.

Currently Quakerphernalia can be accessed on the website, as well as a year of previous editions. Stories of Vitality are posted at least twice monthly, and these stories are then pushed to the Quarter Facebook page. The events calendar contains all Quarter-wide events that the Coordinator has been made aware of.

Facebook

Bucks Quarter has had an active facebook page for many years; if you have not done so, search for “Bucks Quarterly Meeting” and “like” the page. This is one of our avenues of both inreach and outreach; posts from other Quaker organizations are shared to be viewed and considered, inspirational quotes are posted to uplift the Spirit, and Quarter-wide events are publicized.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Kane
Coordinator, Bucks Quarterly Meeting



FRIENDS HOME & VILLAGE
(Since 1897, Character and Caring)

Our mission - is to provide moderately priced, small community retirement living in a caring environment

Annual Report to Bucks Quarterly Meeting February 21, 2021 – Solebury Friends Meeting

Who we are:

Since 1897 Friends Home & Village (FHV) has been a caring community for older adults of modest means. Founded by Bucks Quarterly Meeting, and legally still the “Friends Boarding Home of Bucks Quarterly Meeting”, we have a proud 124 year history of putting Quaker belief into practice.

Quakers have been at the forefront of innovation in care for the elderly. Paxson Hall, in the center of Newtown Borough, was established in 1897. The Friends Village campus on Lower Dolington Road opened in 1981 with the spirit of an intentional community with residents doing much of the gardening and maintenance.

FHV’s small size gives it a distinctive intimate and family-like character. We enjoy a dedicated staff with very low turnover so each person is well known. We are, perhaps, the most Quakerly institution in Bucks County with a Quaker CEO/Executive Director, and Quakers comprising 80% of our Board and 16% of our residents.

Why choose FHV?

FHV works to keep its residents independent. Living in community is an important support for maintaining good health. Human relationships are critical to health and typically, the number of a person’s relationships and social interactions decline with age. Moving to a residential community is a proactive step to maintain health and independence. Our goal at FHV is for every resident to remain independent and engaged with the world. People are living longer with chronic conditions, but those conditions don’t mean they are “disabled” or unable to enjoy and participate in life. We provide support to manage the inconveniences of aging, so residents can maintain their autonomy.

FHV is a rental model. In keeping with the testament of Simplicity, we provide simple, comfortable, functional, and attractive accommodations and common areas. You do not pay for extensive amenities or luxurious apartments. While most people will need some form of assistance, 48% of people turning 65 will not need *any* long-term care over their lifetimes (AARP Fact Sheet March 2017). FHV helps its residents with transportation, housekeeping/maintenance, and meals – the kinds of things all of us need periodically, and older friends need more often. Residents of FHV’s personal care apartments also receive help with Activities of Daily Living (“ADL”’s) and medication management.

Important Strategic Mission:

FHV’s mission is more important today than ever. A recent study estimates that by 2029 there will be 14 million “middle-income” seniors – those having approx. \$25,000 - \$75,000 in annuitized resources – and 54% of them won’t be able to afford the support they need. Medicaid pays for care for those with no assets. The wealthy, of course, can access a variety of communities and care. Those in the middle, however, have been ignored by senior housing developers and policy-makers. This is the market that FHV serves.

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FHV during the pandemic:

FHV has had no cases of COVID-19 among residents. FHV came together as a community to ensure we stayed healthy. Residents adjusted to new restrictions and changes in services. Staff followed new schedules, adjusted to different roles/positions and abided by expert guidance. We adjusted vacation and sick day policies and tested regularly. Everyone wore masks. Our small size and dedicated staff proved to be our strength and protection.

Focus for 2021:

We seek to be a vibrant, purposeful Community. We are creating a new position of Community Wellness & Engagement Coordinator. This person will be a combination counselor, volunteer & activities coordinator and wellness instructor/coach. We are also going to put greater emphasis on our care coordination function – something we have long done, but not highlighted. We are reviewing our dining offering and improving our technology infrastructure so that we can take advantage of innovations that can improve the lives of older adults.

Your Support is Needed:

- 1) Volunteer
- 2) Come work for us
- 3) Consider FHV for yourself, your family members and/or your friends
- 4) Recommend candidates to join our Board. We are particularly interested in those with legal, health (mental and medical) and financial expertise.
- 5) Provide Meeting Financial Support and Individual Donations.

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FACT SHEET
Data as of 12/31/2020

UNITS

Business Line	# of units	# vacant	% occupied	Current # of residents
FH- Personal Care	18	4	78%	15
FH- Cottages	14	0	100%	14
FH campus total	32	4	89%	29
FV – West Wing	11	2	82%	9
FV – Cottages	27	7	74%	23
FV campus total	38	9	78%	32
FHV total	70	13	81%	61*

**excludes 2 adult children of Independent Living residents*

RATES: 2021 monthly rates range from \$2,230 to \$4,055 with community fees from \$6,000 to \$36,000

SERVICES:

Personal Care – 3 meals/day; Medication Management; Assistance with hygiene, laundry, housekeeping

Independent Living – 1 meal/day; Bi-weekly housekeeping and annual major cleaning. Maintenance of building & appliances; Groundskeeping; Extra services available for fee.

- No skilled nursing; No secure dementia unit
- Residents must be ambulatory and able to independently evacuate in case of emergency

RESIDENT PROFILE:

	Personal Care	FH-IL	FV- WW	FV-IL	FHV Total
Male : Female	7:7	3:12	1:8	8:15	19:42
Average Age at Entry	85	86.8	87.3	86.2	86.2
Range of Ages	66-102	72-93	79-95	69-100	66-102
Avg Age of Residents	84.8	86.5	87.1	85.9	86.0
Avg Length of Stay	2.8	4.3	3.4	4.9	3.6
Longest Stay	5.6	12.3	4.5	24.7	0.0-24.7
# Quaker	1	0	1	8	10

ORGANIZATION:

Annual Total Operating Expense: \$2.8 million

Sources of Income:
 10.0% - Application & Entrance Fees
 66.0% - Room & Board (100% private pay)
 4.5% - Grants/Donations/Misc
 19.5% - Endowment/Investment

Employees- Full Time / Part Time / FTEs: 19/36/35

CEO/Executive Director: N. Chiyo Moriuchi (since August 2019)

Year Founded: 1897 Paxson Hall completed: 1899 Friends Village completed: 1981

Board: 10 members; 80% Quaker; Terry Christensen (Chair)

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Doylestown Friends Meeting

2020 Annual Report

2020 was a year of adaptation for Doylestown Friends Meeting as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Three months into the year, it became evident that we had to alter our operations, rethink our roles and responsibilities, and maintain hope in light of the obstacles that had to be overcome. The physical closure of the meetinghouse required us to embrace technology as the means to remain connected. We were led to question our existence and our future relevancy became a major focus. Major highlights from the year include:

Engaging Our Children:

Technology was the key to our First Day School program, with each month focusing on a different type of stewardship: environment, our democracy, our community, our family, ourselves, etc. The teacher for each month mailed an envelope to each student, with instructions and materials for fun lessons each week around the monthly topic. Lessons included watching YouTube links, making music, creating posters or craft items, cooking/baking, or interviewing family members. We met monthly via Zoom, to share projects done the previous month and talk about the stewardship focus of the next month.

Providing Meaningful Programs:

A collaboration with the Pastoral Concerns, Worship and Ministry, and Peace and Social Concerns Committees led to the designation of the fourth Sunday of every month at the rise of Meeting for the "Fourth Sunday Forum". Each committee agreed to be responsible for a program every three months in 2020. A TV screen was mounted in anticipation of the forum series, but with the closing of the meetinghouse, we utilized Zoom technology. During the year the forums included:

- A discussion of the book "**White Fragility**" by Robin DiAngelo
- **Frequently Asked Questions about Quakerism** (using a *QuakerSpeak* video of the same name)
- **Quakers and War**
- **Comfort and Pleasure** through art: literature, music, visual arts, yoga, and other creative endeavors in coping with the challenges of isolation and separation
- **Quaker Activism: a responsibility or a spiritual experience;** and
- **Losses suffered during the pandemic**, a reckoning with racism, bitter political divisions, and their impacts on our faith and spiritual journeys.

The meeting's Christmas Eve program consisted of a candle lighting, readings, Christmas songs, and moments of silence and was conducted flawlessly via Zoom. We had members and attenders from our Meeting community participating from far away; at one point there were 50 participants!

Planning for a New Worship Option:

A 3-month long process of discussion and discernment, related to transitioning back from virtual to in-person worship when pandemic conditions permit, led to the approval of a hybrid form of worship providing audio-only access to individuals who cannot attend in-person as a temporary measure during our return to a full reopening.

Caring for our Members and Attenders

Our attention was directed to checking in with as many members and attenders as we could reach to talk to about their situations and outlooks. We tried to stay in contact with Meeting community members during the year, particularly those who have not been participating in the zoom meetings for worship.

Stewardship of our Property:

The year took a toll on the meetinghouse. The porch roof of the meetinghouse was damaged by a falling limb during the removal of a diseased tree. After considerable delays caused by insurance negotiations and finding an appropriate contractor, the roof has been repaired. Water leakage into the basement has been an on-going problem for some time, but a permanent solution has been elusive. A waterproofing firm has been selected to make necessary repairs, and the installation of a sump pump will begin shortly. The Property Committee investigated the reconstruction of the brick sidewalk and curb along East Oakland Avenue; and this work will proceed in Spring 2021.

Increasing Peace and Social Concerns Programs and Awareness:

Friends Committee on National Legislation remains our primary focus, and the Peace and Social Concerns Committee's efforts included the submission of suggestions for legislative advocacy to FCNL. Issues of concern were wide ranging, and included:

- legislation for a more **Independent Media**
- **Criminal Justice Reform** (focusing on redemption rather than retribution)
- **Immigration Legislation** (seeking civil, rather than criminal, law approaches)
- **Climate Change Legislation** (targeted to helping the most vulnerable)
- **National Data Legislation**
- Repeal of **2002 Authorization of Military Force**
- Legislation to mandate the establishment of **Public Banking** in all fifty states and funds to start them
- Repeal or replacement of the **International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA)** to rein in Executive foreign policy overreach by use of sanctions

In response to the national unrest caused by police brutality and the systemic racism in American society that has resulted in numerous racial injustices, we achieved a corporate response. We acknowledged, on our website and through a minute, that we are a largely Euro-American white community but are committed to interrupting the pattern of white privilege we inherited. We stood in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and embraced the diversity of all peoples and committed to breaking down institutional racism.

8:31 AM
01/20/21
Cash Basis

Bucks Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2020

	<u>Dec 31, 20</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
First National Checking	69,672.15
Total Checking/Savings	<u>69,672.15</u>
Total Current Assets	69,672.15
Other Assets	
Friends Fiduciary Corporation	53,414.61
Total Other Assets	<u>53,414.61</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>123,086.76</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Kirkbride Estate	23,960.43
Unrestricted Net Assets	108,016.26
Net Income	<u>-8,889.93</u>
Total Equity	<u>123,086.76</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>123,086.76</u>

Bucks Quarterly Meeting of Friends Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July through December 2020

	Jul - Dec ...	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Bud...
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Interest and dividends				
FFC	885.74	1,770.00	-884.26	50.0%
Total Interest and dividends	885.74	1,770.00	-884.26	50.0%
Monthly Meeting contributions				
Pledged	115,229.50	271,245.00	-156,015.50	42.5%
Total Monthly Meeting contributions	115,229.50	271,245.00	-156,015.50	42.5%
Other contributions	1,100.00			
Quakerphernalia advertising	560.00	1,500.00	-940.00	37.3%
Total Income	117,775.24	274,515.00	-156,739.76	42.9%
Gross Profit	117,775.24	274,515.00	-156,739.76	42.9%
Expense				
Administrative				
Budget and Nominating Committee	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
Clerks, treasurers, auditors	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Total Administrative	0.00	550.00	-550.00	0.0%
Contributions				
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting	96,568.00	193,133.00	-96,565.00	50.0%
Total Contributions	96,568.00	193,133.00	-96,565.00	50.0%
Gifts/Donations				
Camp Onas	300.00	150.00	150.00	200.0%
Chandler Hall	300.00	150.00	150.00	200.0%
Friends Home and Village	300.00	150.00	150.00	200.0%
Total Gifts/Donations	900.00	450.00	450.00	200.0%
Programs, Activities, Outreach				
Operating	945.22	7,000.00	-6,054.78	13.5%
Other				
Advertising	250.00	2,200.00	-1,950.00	11.4%
Liability Insurance	-42.45	860.00	-902.45	-4.9%
Outreach Committee Activities	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
Programs for Peace	200.00	1,700.00	-1,500.00	11.8%
Quakerism Classes	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Young Friends and Other (net)	0.00	350.00	-350.00	0.0%
Total Other	407.55	7,610.00	-7,202.45	5.4%
Personnel	34,243.39	65,772.00	-31,528.61	52.1%
Total Programs, Activities, Outreach	35,596.16	80,382.00	-44,785.84	44.3%
Total Expense	133,064.16	274,515.00	-141,450.84	48.5%
Net Ordinary Income	-15,288.92	0.00	-15,288.92	100.0%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Unrealized gain/loss (FFC)	9,302.99			
Total Other Income	9,302.99			
Other Expense				
Kirkbride expenses	2,904.00			
Total Other Expense	2,904.00			
Net Other Income	6,398.99			
Net Income	-8,889.93	0.00	-8,889.93	100.0%

BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING BUDGET FOR 2021-2022 F/Y

Last update 2/15/2021

	Budget FY 20-21	Projected FY 20-21	Budget FY 21-22	Change from FY 21-22 budget
1 REVENUE				
2 Monthly Meeting "Pledged" Contributions	271,245	271,245	271,245	0
3 Additional Contributions				0
4 FFC Int & Dividend Income	1,770	1,780	1,810	40
5 Interest Income, other	0	0	0	0
6 Quakerphernalia Ads	1,500	1,000	1,000	(500)
7 Grant Income	0	0	0	0
8 Other contributions	0	0	0	0
9 Total Revenue	274,515	274,025	274,055	(460)
11 EXPENSES				
12 Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Contribution	193,133	193,133	193,133	0
14 BQM Administrative				
15 Clerks, Treasurers, Auditors	500	500	500	0
16 Budget & Nominating Committee	50	50	50	0
17 BQM Worship & Ministry (Piano tuning)	0	0	0	0
18 Total, Administrative	550	550	550	0
20 Programs, Activities, Outreach				
21 Program Administration (Coord)				
22 Personnel	65,772	70,858	66,750	978
23 Operating (postage, printing, phone)	7,000	3,000	4,000	(3,000)
24 Total, Program Admin.	72,772	73,858	70,750	(2,022)
26 Other: Programs, Activities, Outreach				
27				
28 Programs for Peace - Peace Fair, Bethlehem walk	1,700	200	1,700	0
29 Outreach Committee Activities	2,000	500	2,000	0
30 Advertising	2,200	1,700	2,200	0
31 Liability Insurance	860	940	940	80
32 Quakerism Classes	500	0	500	0
33 Young Friends and Other Activities (net)	350	0	350	0
34 Total, Other Activities	7,610	3,340	7,690	80
36 Total, Programs, Activities, Outreach	80,382	77,198	78,440	(1,942)
38 Gifts/Donations				
39 Friends Home/Village	150	300	150	0
40 Camp Onas	150	300	150	0
41 Chandler Hall	150	300	150	0
42 Other Donations	0	0	0	0
43 Total, Gifts	450	900	450	0
45 Restricted Expenses				
46 Total Restricted Expenses	0	0	0	0
48 Total Expenses	274,515	271,781	272,573	(1,942)
50 REVENUE LESS EXPENSES	0	2,244	1,482	1,482

Friends Camp Association
Report to Bucks Quarterly Meeting
February 21,2021

First and foremost, Camp Onas will be open this summer. Plans for how we intend for that to happen, including Session Dates, Rates, and when Registration is set to begin were announced on the Camp website on Feb. 14th. (Happy Valentines Day!)

Second, Camp Onas intends to follow safety recommendations and mandated guidelines due to Covid-19; as a result, we foresee that Camp Onas will be running sessions at a net loss this summer. The Board and the Directors feel strongly, however, that providing as many campers as allowed within those restrictions with a positive summer experience will be essential to the ongoing health of the camp community, campers and families alike, especially after a year of quarantine and remote social interaction.

Third, the need to replace the 50-year-old Shower Houses has been identified over the past several years, and plans for that essential project will advance with construction set to begin in the fall of 2021. Funds have previously been set aside for this project. In addition, we are seeking grants and dedicated donations (bank financing is available for any remaining balance, if needed).

Fourth, operating at a loss for the second summer in a row will be challenging. The pandemic has impacted many families' ability to pay the full costs, and the need for campership support will be even greater than before. While the loyalty and generosity of Camp families and (f)Friends continue to make a difference, Onas also seeks donations from the wider Quaker community to help us weather the storm.

Scott Hoskins
Clerk, Friends Camp Association Board

Makefield Monthly Meeting Annual Report

February 16, 2021

While 2020 has been a trying year for the Country, Makefield Friends Meeting feels blessed being able to meet in person at the meetinghouse while providing a Zoom link for those who preferred to join us from home. Some members have had health issues but are doing well. For this we are very grateful. We currently have 22 members and 2 active attenders.

We completed the exterior renovations to the meetinghouse with the addition of storm windows and painting the exterior trim. We also replaced the windows in the caretaker house. These changes improve the comfort of everyone in both buildings and will save us money on heating costs going forward.

We lost two old ash trees, one of which was a focal point, being in the circle next to the meetinghouse. In search for a replacement tree we found that Haverford College was propagating the legendary Penn Treaty Elm. Haverford donated a 4-foot-tall fourth generation scion that we planted in November. We plan to have a dedication this spring and Bucks Quarterly Meeting is invited to attend.

One of our attenders moved to New York State and announced her engagement. During this pandemic, our members at the Friends Village Campus visited with their neighbors outdoors at appropriate social distance when the weather was fine. They are also involved in a big project to move the vegetable garden out of the shade and install raised beds as well as a *real* deer fence.

Most importantly, we have had a deeply spiritual year. We relish our silent worship and enriching afterthoughts. The quotes posted on our message board, unique to Makefield Meeting, have prompted enlightening discussions. Our Adult First Day program held every Sunday (except business), has discussed issues of social justice, our beliefs, and experiences. We held an unusual program listening to YouTube videos of inspirational music. Some sang along with their microphones muted as a courtesy. Music included “Walk in the Light” and a flash mob rendition of Finlandia in Finnish. Adult Program topics included “Did ego or knowledge drive Adam and Eve from the Garden”, “Holy Spirit, not Scriptures is authority” (George Fox), and the “Earth doesn’t belong to us, we belong to the Earth”.

In deepening our worship, the Worship and Ministry committee initiated a Spiritual Sharing group that meets every three weeks. Before the pandemic, they would meet outdoors or in the library at Friends Village. Now they meet on Zoom and find it works very well. There are four or five participants who gather for 90 minutes of worship and sharing. They check in with each other and then discern a topic to discuss. There has been clearness about topics every time based on the experience that one or more of them have shared. This is a treasured time; it fosters a deep sense of connection and support – more valuable than ever in the isolation created by the pandemic.

We are a vitally alive, deeply connected, group of Quakers seeking the Light within in each other and every person we encounter. Our spiritual condition and connections are as strong as they have ever been.

QUAKERTOWN MONTHLY MEETING ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020
Presented February 2021

Quakertown Monthly Meeting met for worship at 10:30 every First Day until March when the Federal Government shut down every gathering of people in closed buildings including Houses of Worship because of the increasing number of cases of the deadly corona virus 19. Quakertown had no WIFI connections, so Quakertown Monthly Meeting could not ZOOM. After exploring all options, we settled on e-mailing, texting, phone calls and Gerry Kirwan's Newsletter to communicate. By April he had been reduced to "little notes" because there was so little news to put in his "newsletter". In June the ban on large gatherings was lifted and Quakertown Monthly Meeting members and attenders after much discussion, decided to open the meetinghouse for in-person worship. According to the rules, we could accommodate 25 individuals, properly distanced (we set 10 feet) and masked with meetinghouse windows open. Meeting members and attenders who could not join those meeting for worship in person were kept in touch via phone calls and messaging. It was pure joy for those of us who could worship together again.

Meanwhile, a huge task awaited us. Back in January, Wendy Kane, Buck's coordinator, told our Meeting that we had not sent any minutes of our meetings for business to the Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore College since 1957! QM was extremely fortunate to have attender, Marty Campanelli who knew how to convert paper minutes to PDF and was willing to do ours! All minutes in file cabinets in our First Day building were rescued and members scoured their files at home to look for the minutes in the "missing minutes list" that Marty compiled for us. That job is completed and was aided by members supplying Marty with lost or misplaced minutes. It was an amazing effort

On Saturday, June 6th three people from Meeting attended the Black Lives Matter rally in downtown Flemington, where it was estimated about one thousand people gathered to hear local ministers, our Congressman, Tom Malinowski and many High School Students spoke. Also, every Saturday since autumn three individuals (one member and two attenders) gather in Milford, NJ to join a Peace and Social Justice vigil. People driving by frequently honk in support. A few drivers make negative comments and are ignored.

In June Quakertown Meeting received a check for \$5,000 forwarded through PYM from an anonymous donor from Richland Meeting in Pennsylvania. It was to be designated for charitable giving. After a lengthy discussion at meeting for business, we decided to divide the check into reasonable amounts and add them to our already existing list of 15 yearly contributions. A larger portion was given to the Flemington Food Pantry because during our monthly drop offs at the site, it was noticed that there was a huge increase of cars lined up outside with people inside them desperately requiring food donations. In the past before covid our Quaker Meeting had been lax in our efforts to provide our own donations to the Pantry. When we noticed the increase in numbers of families at the Food Pantry, we stepped up to the plate and now have a full carload of groceries to deliver every month.

Over the summer Gerry Kirwan hired Nancy Sponholtz to weed and beautify the grounds around the Meetinghouse and First Day School. Members and attenders noticed the improvements right away. Nancy then began attending Meeting and, from that point on, decided to give her weeding time to the Meeting as a donation.

Quakertown Meeting was scheduled to host Bucks Quarterly Meeting in November. Again, we were fortunate to have Karen Tibbals, a co-Clerk at Plainfield Meeting sojourning with us. Karen had written a wonderful book, Persuade Don't Preach and was willing to ZOOM an hour long program based on the contents of the book for the Quarterly Meeting. Her presentation was very informative and interesting and well received.

As our annual tradition, in December QM asked Mercer Street Friends Preschool to send us a list of fifty boys and girls between 3 to 6 years of age so our members and attenders could sign up to purchase presents to bring to them before Christmas. Additionally, Ramona Kirwan and Marty Campanelli were busy knitting colorful hats and scarves to accompany the presents. A two-car caravan was needed to ferry the gifts to Trenton, NJ to the Preschool. Unfortunately, the Mercer Street was not able to have children in the building because of the pandemic, so the deliverers missed seeing their happy faces this time. This was the twentieth year that QM has provided children's gifts to Mercer Street Friends.

QM has also been in the news this past year. The Meeting provided Wendy Kane with a short article and photos regarding QM's activities for the newly designed Bucks Quarter website. And, PYM's website featured a three-part article linking an historic stone house in the village to the Meeting from as early as the 1770s, and most importantly to a wonderful, kind man who took care of the Meetinghouse from the 1920s to the 1940s. Today that house is home to one of our attenders, bringing the house's history full circle back to the Meeting.

Read the articles here:

[Full Circle: A Quaker Farm, Quaker Meeting and Quakertown Today · Philadelphia Yearly Meeting \(pym.org\)](#)

[PART II: History of a Quaker Farm + Quaker Meeting + Quakertown NJ · Philadelphia Yearly Meeting \(pym.org\)](#)

[Interconnected History: Quaker Farm + Quaker Meeting + Quakertown NJ · Philadelphia Yearly Meeting \(pym.org\)](#)