

Bucks Quarterly Meeting for Worship for The Purpose Of Business
16th Day, Fifth Month, 2021
Hosted by Southampton Friends Meeting via Zoom

Friends Gathered at 12:53 PM and settled into a period of silent worship.

Welcome – Clerk Leo Fitzpatrick welcomed Friends at 12:55 PM

Agenda – The agenda was reviewed and approved

Roll Call of Meetings – Wendy Kane asked Friends to identify themselves when their meeting was called. The Roll is as follows: Bristol – 0; Buckingham – 2; Doylestown – 0; Fallsington – 2; Lehigh Valley – 2; Makefield – 2; Middletown – 2; Newtown – 2; Plumstead – 0; Quakertown – 3; Solebury – 2; Southampton – 6; Wrightstown – 6; Yardley – 2.

Correction and clarification of previous minutes – WK announced that we had discovered discrepancies and errors in the minutes of the BQM meetings in both May and August of 2020. WK read the corrections.

The corrected minutes for May 2020 and August 2020 were approved.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Terry Christensen read the minutes from the February 2021 BQM.

Minutes Approved

Stories of Vitality and Strength –

A Newtown Friend announces that their upcoming First Day Program will feature Arthur Larrabee. His talk is titled “Deepening Our Quaker Decision Making.” All are welcome.

A Quakertown Friend reports that meeting attendance is improving and they have an attender who is applying for membership.

A Makefield Friend reports that they are fully open, meeting in person and sharing meals together. They will be having a dedication ceremony to celebrate the planting of the Penn Treaty Peace Tree at 1 PM on Saturday June 12 and invited the Quarter to attend.

WK reports that Bristol Meeting is inviting Friends to outdoor worship this coming Sunday (May 23rd).

A Southampton Friend reports that today’s program speaker will be happy to include Friends in future conversations; those who wish to participate will need to provide an email address.

Quarter Coordinator Report – BQM Coordinator Wendy Kane provided her report (see attached). Highlights include:

Last May Bucks Quarter held its first ever virtual meeting. While there have been hardships and tragic losses, there have also been positive developments. Through virtual meetings we have been able to reestablish contact with distant Friends and those who are unable to travel. Then too, virtual meetings have drastically reduced our carbon footprint. Vaccinations are enabling us to emerge from the fog of this pandemic. In so doing, we will be creating a “new normal” that we hope will capture the best of both modalities and reaffirm the values we hold dear.

Care of Meetings – Falling infection rates and increasing vaccinations are prompting many meeting to consider reopening for in person meetings. Warmer weather has prompted some to begin outdoor meetings for worship. Some meetings are moving forward with a hybrid model that incorporates both virtual and in-person attendance while other meetings have discerned that they will only meet for worship in person. The Quarter’s Ad Hoc Technology Group has developed a set of Queries for Opening that has proven useful as various meetings make their individual discernments.

Quakerphernalia has an updated design and WK has developed a new invoicing system for advertisements.

Starting next year the Bucks Quarter Handbook and the Bucks Quarter Calendar and Appointments Book will be merged into one document.

Monthly Meeting Clerks are meeting regularly (one month prior to BQM); last meeting topic was joys and challenges of reopening.

Recorders of Membership met recently and discussed topics related to tracking meeting membership; PYM has requested current membership statistics.

WK highlights attendance at various events within BQ, with PYM, and the greater Quaker community.

WK reports that Outreach has a new Clerk (Doug Meaker – Quakertown) and they are proactive in increasing membership and events as COVID subsides.

WK details activities on posting material to website and BQM Facebook page.

WK reports that the Peace Fair Committee has met and the Peace Fair will be held Saturday, September 18th; other fall festivals are still in the process of discernment about whether and/or when to hold their events.

WK attended a meeting of Quarter Coordinators and PYM support staff. WK will take a leadership role in that group.

WK continues to volunteer 1 day per week at Mercer Street Friends

Annual Report – Bristol Meeting - Paul Shaffer (via video; also see attached) – Bristol attendance continues to be low; COVID a significant factor; in warmer months Friends gathered outside under a large tree; it is the discernment of Bristol Friends that in person worship is an important part of the spiritual health of the meeting; unlike last year, BMM will participate in Historic Bristol Day which takes place in October. Bristol membership did not choose to hold Meeting for Worship via Zoom. Nonetheless, BMM

committee meetings were held online and that kept the membership involved. Attendance at committee meetings was good owing to the fact that Friends were not forced to commute to and from meetings. BMM Business meetings have been conducted online via email; BMM has maintained its contributions to BQM and PYM.

Annual Report – Fallsington Meeting – J. David Brimmer (see attached) – Pre-COVID, Fallsington enjoyed many activities that included in-person ministry to Chandler Hall as well as traditional events (e.g. Contra Dancing, Bucks Food for Friends, film presentations). After COVID FMM had to adapt. They conducted meeting for worship and other activities (e.g. Meeting for Music, meeting for Healing) via Zoom. Much of FMM spiritual energy is directed at Undoing Racism; they have adopted an anti-racism minute and are conducting classes in collaboration with the Peace Center on undoing racism. Several FMM members regularly take part in BLM vigils. FMM First Day School has weathered the COVID storm; in addition to Zoom meetings, FMM young friends were often able to gather outside on either the Snipes farm or the meeting grounds. FMM’s traditional Easter and Christmas programs were held via Zoom; when weather permitted, FMM conducted Wednesday meetings for worship outdoors.

Annual Report – Buckingham Meeting – Christine Godshall (see attached) – Buckingham membership has remained at the same level. Last March, BMM immediately suspended in-person meetings and began using Zoom for Meeting for Worship. Additionally, when weather permits, BMM has held a concurrent MFW outside. This has been beneficial in that BMM has found that Friends and Seekers from across the country as well as Friends who are unable to travel now join MFW on a regular basis. Virtual meetings have also been beneficial for committee work. BMM has begun a “not just meeting for worship Wednesday” meeting which has proven attractive to many. BMM is noticing more member involvement in BQM and PYM activities. On the negative side, BMM has noticed that some members are not attending via Zoom. Also COVID halted what had been strong growth in the First Day School program. In addition to the cancellation of the 2020 Peace Fair, BMM was unable to properly celebrate the 300th anniversary of their meeting being established. On the plus side BMM has been able to make significant repairs to the meetinghouse. Looking forward, BMM hopes to retain many of the positive lessons that have come from this ordeal.

(1:55 PM to 2:01 PM – Break)

Treasurer's Report – Ed Snyder (see attached) – We are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through our fiscal year and seem to be on track; between FNB and Friends Fiduciary Fund we have \$111 K in assets. BQM has doubled its contribution to FH&V, Chandler Hall, and Camp Onas. COVID restrictions have resulted in a considerable savings in the travel budget; we had an unexpected and significant expense to Holly Olson’s pension fund which has been resolved; meeting contributions are behind schedule but we expect to meet budget

2021-2022 Budget – Ed Snyder (see attached) – We are projecting \$279, 850 in revenue; our contribution to PYM will be \$198, 785. Friends requested that the \$7,000 allocated for monthly meeting outreach grants be included as a line item in the budget; the budget

will show a \$7000 deficit, however, this expense will be ultimately be funded by the Kirkbride bequest. Our total expenses will be \$286,850.

Friends raised the possibility of budgeting the increased contributions to Quaker organizations; Friends that that we can reevaluate the situation at Quarterly Meeting in August.

Comment – FH&V, Chandler Hall, and Camp Onas should get more money but concur that we can revisit the topic later.

2021-2022 Budget Approved

Proposal BQ Outreach Fund to support MM Outreach – Ed Snyder (see attached, including proposed application) – BQ Outreach is proposing to offer support the outreach efforts of BQ Monthly Meetings. Grants would be up to \$500 per cycle (i.e. per Fiscal Year) per meeting and could be used to fund any product or activity that supports Quakerism. Meetings would apply to BQ Outreach, who would review application and, provided the application meets minimum criteria, will approve the application. Examples include funding for equipment to develop hybrid meetings, branded merchandise for handout, build or repair an attraction on meetinghouse grounds (e.g. labyrinth), or donations to local charities. It is anticipated that BQ could renew this program for up to three years.

Discussion ensues: Questions about accounting methodology, frequency of application, and inauguration of program (July 1st) are resolved.

Proposal for BQ Outreach Grants is Approved for FY 2021-2022

BQ Budget and Nominating Committee – Betsy Bayardi – BQM Budget and Nominating Committee believes it is prudent to expand the management team. They are seeking nominations for the positions of Alternate Clerk and Assistant Treasurer. The committee is hoping to establish a chain of succession such that the Alternate Clerk would, in time, succeed the presiding Clerk of BQM.

Annual Report – Chandler Hall – Betsy Bayardi (see attached) – This has been a very difficult year for Chandler Hall. In addition to the logistics of having to deal with protecting residents and staff from COVID, state and local health departments prohibited long-term care facilities from accepting new admissions. On site marketing efforts were also constrained. Immediately after COVID restrictions were implemented CH routinely tested residents and staff. Staff who tested positive were advised to stay home. Consequently, CH did not suffer any COVID deaths for the first six months of the pandemic. Closing the facility to visitors was particularly hard on residents. CH installed “sensory development areas” where residents can experience music, spoken word, and images which imparted a sense of well being and improved morale. There have also been changes in CH leadership; they have a new CEO. CH is pleased to report that as of May 3rd, CH is open to visitors without the requirement of social distancing.

? When can MM resume ministry visits to CH – Response: too early to know but sense that CH would like MM visits to resume soon.

Comments: Please convey BQM appreciation to staff; Friend remarked that CH care of a relative was excellent

Annual Report – Lehigh Valley – Louise Young (see attached) – LVMM closed its doors in March 2020 but the meeting remains active. LVMM has noted advantages of Zoom (i.e. distant Friends and those who cannot easily travel are attending regularly). Adult RE has taken advantage of Zoom to connect with distant Friends (e.g. Peru). LVMM has held outdoor MFW when weather permitted. LVMM notes that some members did not use the “virtual meetinghouse.” Nonetheless, attendance at mid-week worship increased during quarantine. Virtual attendance is typically in the mid 40s but has been at 50. LVMM member continue to be active in social justice issues including Jail Release Assistance, support of local food pantry and BLM vigils. Over the course of the past year, LVMM have a net loss of 2 members. LVMM notes that 85 of 117 members are involved in committee work. Moving forward LVMM is planning to adopt a hybrid MFW model with both in-person and virtual platforms.

BQ Oversight Committee – Rick Dow (see attached) – BQ Oversight meets regularly with the BQ Coordinator. These meeting include an annual performance review. Oversight feels that WK has done very well – particularly in adapting to the challenges brought forward by COVID. Oversight notes that WK has taken advantage of technical expertise among our members to enhance the connections between meetings. In the past year WK has rebuilt the BQ website and given Quakerphernalia a makeover. Committee membership is largely unchanged. Kim Gronek has replaced Jerry Taylor as the representative of Makefield MM. Bill Daly of Middletown MM has stepped into the role of recording clerk for the Oversight Committee.

Annual Report – Bucks Quarterly Meeting - Leo Fitzpatrick (see attached) – BQM has remained active in the face of COVID; BLM vigils at Lehigh Valley, Newtown, and Southampton meetings stand out as proactive efforts in raising awareness of social injustice. BQM has a new website that has helped us remain connected throughout the COVID ordeal. BQM’s Facebook page has also been an important communication tool. On Jan 30th, George Schaefer of PYM held an Eldership Workshop for BQM. There was a follow-up discussion at the February 2021 Quarterly meeting. While both positive and negative aspects of the training were raised, most felt that they came away with fresh insights. As monthly meetings plan for reopening, several are looking to hold hybrid meetings in order to retain the involvement of distant and infirm Friends and attenders. WK has formed a committee that is prepared to assist MM’s make the discernment. Grants are available from both BQM and PYM to help defray the cost of equipment for those meetings who choose to offer hybrid MFW.

Guilford College Announcement – Marie Branson Knapp – Guilford College has been particularly hard hit by COVID. While it’s true that there were problems in Liberal Arts Education, COVID has exacerbated the situation – particularly at Guilford. An alumni group has formed to re-envision how GC can continue to operate while maintaining a Quaker governance structure. Ms. Knapp wonders if BQM would draft a minute in

support of GC; are there Friends who would be willing to help with recruitment and or fundraising?

? has Ms. Knapp contacted George School; Response – Yes.

Comment: Ms. Knapp was one of the originators of the BLM vigil in Quakertown

Comment: There are several GC alumni in BQ

Comment: Olivia Brangan offers to write article about GC for PYM website.

Comment: Suggests Ms. Knapp contact Pendle Hill

Silent Worship – There being no further business, Friends settled into Silent Worship

Adjournment – Clerk Leo Fitzpatrick adjourned the Meeting for Business at 3:32 PM.

Reminder: next Quarterly Meeting is 15th Day, Eighth Month, 2021 under the care of Wrightstown Meeting

Report of the Coordinator to Bucks Quarterly Meeting
May 16, 2021
Under the Care of Southampton Monthly Meeting
Held Virtually via Zoom

Last year's May Quarterly Meeting was our first ever held on a virtual platform. Cases of COVID-19 were rising, hospitalizations were soaring, and we began to wear masks whenever we left the house—if we left the house. We thought that these restrictions would last a few weeks, a few months at most. It was unimaginable that they would last a year – but they did. This year has had its challenges but also its blessings. We have lost beloved Friends to the virus, and become reacquainted with distant Friends on Zoom. We have reduced our carbon footprint by driving less and attending virtual meetings more. Thankfully, with vaccinations available, we are emerging from this unusual time, but we will not return to our previous normal. There will be a new normal, a better normal, a new appreciation for the simplicity of seeing a smile on a Friend's face, giving a hug to a loved one, and seeing our children play at our meetinghouses. I know I shall not take any of these simple pleasures for granted again. I am truly grateful in so many ways for all the Friends in our community, and how we have kept Spirit alive through this past year.

Inreach

Care of Meetings

As the number of COVID infections continue to decline, and the number of people vaccinated continues to increase, our meetings are beginning to consider opening their meetinghouses for in-person meeting for worship. With the warmer weather, some have chosen to have outdoor worship, using the spring and summer months to discern the logistics of returning to in person worship. This discernment may include if that worship will be hybrid. Our smaller meetings – Bristol, Quakertown and Plumstead – have already discerned that they will not be having hybrid meeting for worship. Other meetings with larger memberships would like to retain those distant Friends who have been joining them virtually. The Queries for Opening that were generated by our Ad Hoc Technology Group have proven to be helpful for meetings in discerning how much technology Friends in each of the meetings feel comfortable with; there is no “one size fits all Zoom kit” that will work for every meeting. It is especially important at this time that we listen deeply to each other with a sense of the Spirit among us to truly come to a sense of each meeting.

Miscellaneous Inreach

This quarter I updated *Quakerphernalia*'s design, and developed an invoicing system for billing and tracking payments for ads.

Next year our two publications, Bucks Quarter Handbook and the Buck Quarter Calendar & Appointments, will be merged into a single document that will be the responsibility of the Coordinator to

update. The last update to the Bucks Quarter Handbook was in 2009, and many of the position descriptions will be updated before the next publication date of February 2022.

Quarter Committee Meetings

A regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of Clerks was held where the main topic was the joys and challenges of re-opening our meetinghouses for worship and discerning whether to explore including a virtual option. The newly formed PYM Bridge Contact position was also discussed, and meetings were encouraged to nominate someone in their meeting to this position

A meeting of Recorders of Membership was held where we discussed a variety of topics particular to tracking meeting members and attenders. The annual request from PYM for 2020 membership statistics has been received, and the yearly meetings has offered to supply a copy of each meeting's membership list to them. I will be taking advantage of this offer in order for me to update my quarter records.

The Ad Hoc Technology Committee met and developed a list of queries designed to help meetings with discerning how they would like to move forward with hybrid meetings. These queries were sent to monthly meeting clerks. Members of the group will also offer their expertise if meetings would be interested.

Our creating safe spaces group has not met due to scheduling conflicts with members but plans to resume meeting in the near future.

Event Attendance

Within the Quarter:

- *First Day School presentations* at Yardley, Fallsington and Solebury Meetings.

Through Philadelphia Yearly Meeting:

- *PYM Thread Gathering: Ministry & Care Thread Gathering*
- *PYM Continuing Sessions:* the agenda included fellowship, worship, business and exploring the issues of membership, climate change and racial equity.
- *Bridge Contact Tea With Olivia:* a discussion on how we as Bridge Contacts can support each other and share information.
- *Tea with Christie:* a time to chat with Friends from around the yearly meeting and view a presentation by Christie about the current work of our yearly meeting.
- *PYM Runway to Annual Sessions:* building on the success of last year's Runway, the yearly meeting has scheduled a variety of virtual evening workshops to be held over the next few months, culminating in Annual Sessions at the end of July. I attended *The Gathering on Reopening and Hybrid Meetings*, and *Roots and Branches of Quaker Advocacy*.

Greater Quaker Community:

- *Caln Quarter Membership Development:* I attended two workshops: using Facebook as an outreach for meetings and quarters, and a summary and review of the previous five sessions. I found most of these sessions very helpful and informative, and have incorporated information I learned, both in developing our website and in how I use Facebook as an outreach tool.
- **Researching New Jersey Quakers:** this virtual event was held by the NJ Genealogical Society, and focused on Quaker history in New Jersey, and researching the Quaker genealogical records.

Outreach

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee's new clerk, Doug Meaker of Quakertown Meeting, has been very proactive with recruiting new members for the committee; Leslie May, Plumstead Meeting, has joined. The committee will be bringing a request to the quarterly meeting to approve a \$500 annual outreach grant from the Kirkbride bequest for monthly meetings to use in their outreach efforts. They are also exploring holding a virtual version of *Quakerism in a Nutshell*.

Website & Facebook

Much of my time is spent making sure our new website is full of interesting stories, up to date information, and getting quarter and monthly meeting events on the calendar. I have posted Stories of Vitality about Newtown, Bristol, Fallsington, Yardley, and Wrightstown meetings, as well as Friends Home and Village. I am tracking traffic metrics, which seem fairly stable over the last three months with most visits occurring when a new issue of *Quakerphernalia* is available. One notable change was an increase in traffic from Ireland – one of our meetings reported having a regular Irish Friend who finds it more convenient to worship virtually with them, rather than driving an hour to their home meeting.

Facebook continues to be one of the Quarter's major avenues of outreach; Friends are reminded to "like" the page to increase our reach. Posts are made daily, and include shared information from other Quaker organizations, notice of events, and general information of interest to Friends. In honor of Women's History Month, I scheduled posts of women's quotes throughout the month and engagement and sharing metrics for these posts were very high. I have also paid for my first post "boost" which is supposed to increase our reach.

Fall Festivals

The Peace Fair Committee met and declared that the 2021 Fair is on! It is scheduled for Saturday, September 18th. Peter Ray will contact previous participants and vendors, and conversations have started with BFS concerning how much participation might be expected from their students. The event has been added to the website calendar and publicity information is ready for publication closer to the event date.

The Quarter has historically participated at three other fall festivals: Historic Fallsington Day, Historic Bristol Day and Olde Langhorne Harvest Day. All of these events were cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic, but are on the calendar for 2021. It is my hope that we can participate in all of them this fall.

Miscellaneous Outreach

I attended a meeting of Quarter Coordinators and PYM support staff focused on how Quarter Coordinators can support and communicate more easily with one another. To that end, I will be taking a leadership role for the group, organizing our next meeting and setting up a new Google group to enable better communication

I continue to volunteer one day a week at the Mercer Street Friends Food bank assembling food packages for those in Mercer County who are experiencing food insecurity. The need for volunteers continues.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Kane
Coordinator, Bucks Quarterly Meeting

Bristol Friends Meeting Annual Report
Presented at Quarterly Meeting - May 16, 2021

Bristol Friends Meeting attendance continues to be in the single digits. 2020 was a hard year in many ways, so it is not surprising that our numbers remain low.

During the warmer months we gathered outside under the big tree. These outdoor meetings were usually attended by 4-6 people, and it was the sense of the meeting that in-person worship was an important part of the spiritual health of the members and attenders. One of the many things that was lost in 2020 was our chance to participate in *Historic Bristol Day*. We are happy to announce that *Historic Bristol Day* will return in October 2021.

In the past year Paul helped BQ coordinator Wendy update the Bucks Quarter website. This is an ongoing process, and Wendy is doing a wonderful job of keeping the Quarter's website fresh and up-to-date. Paul is now able to do updates to the BFM web page as needed.

The other pervasive technology in 2020 was Zoom. While Bristol Friends Meeting did not opt for worship on Zoom, there were many online committee meetings that kept things going. In the case of committee meetings, the online experience has been positive, as members no longer have to put in the commuting time to all arrive at the same physical space for a meeting. The business meetings for Bristol Friends have been conducted online via email. We have continued our contributions to Quaker and community organizations at these meetings.

Bristol Friends Meeting holds hope for the future as we all become vaccinated and the world slowly begins to reopen. We are excited about the potential for the Anabaptist-related Redemption Church to rent our building for some of their activities. Finally, we are happy to have a new attender who has been joining us for worship in-person under the big tree.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Shaffer, clerk

FALLSINGTON FRIENDS MONTHLY MEETING
2020 ANNUAL REPORT
To Bucks Quarterly Meeting
May 16th, 2021

Greetings from Fallsington Friends Monthly Meeting. I've divided the year in two parts, pre-pandemic, and post-pandemic.

Pre-pandemic, before recommendations and restrictions on public gatherings set in

These included our standard traditions and activities, punctuated by the film premiere-

- Contra dance
- Ministry to Chandler Hall (in person)
- Bucks Food for Friends
- Premiere of Polly Wells' film "We began to sing" was held at the meetinghouse

After restrictions were imposed

Then things got interesting. The Meetinghouse was closed, and Zoom meetings began. Major work this year was focused on undoing racism, which included-

- Minute on anti-racism, following the death of George Floyd
- Members participating in Black Lives Matters protests held over the year at different venues and locations across the area.
- Commitment to substantial funding over the next 3 years for two Trenton, NJ organizations supporting African American communities- the Men for Hope Reentry Program and the Father Center of New Jersey.
- Peace Center training on undoing racism (Three sessions were held, with more sessions continuing currently.)

Children's programs

Our First Day Teachers did amazing work this year, continuing to engage our younger members both virtually, and out of doors-

- First Day School continued via remote connections; but also,
- FDS happened numerous times in person at Snipes Farm and once on the meetinghouse grounds

Activities conducted or continued despite social distancing required by the pandemic

These included-

- Easter and Christmas traditional programs conducted remotely. "We persevered through Zoom"
- Some outdoor activities at the meeting continued: leaf raking, taking care of the property
- Meeting for healing, led by Lisa Collins
- Jonathan Sprout continued to create his Force for Good films
- Wednesday MFW outside, when the weather allowed for it, was held several times in the fall
- Support to Wm Penn Center, through our funding for window replacement
- Mercer St Christmas gifts collected and delivered
- More effort to stay connected happened via email and also through the newsletter
- New and old Friends at a distance joined us for MFW; visitors too, enabled by the virtual nature; this was especially valuable for FDS
- Continued or expanded our engagement with Friends beyond our meeting (i.e., wider Friends' groups), virtually
- Property committee efforts both inside and outside continued throughout the pandemic
- Care and concern committee continued their work, several members who were ill needed support and this was coordinated by C&C
- All committees have stepped up throughout the year, by looking out for each other

(A shout out to all our committees and clerks, who really stepped up during these trying times. C&C went above and beyond, keeping us connected and knowing that we were held and loved. The Property committee, working in concert with the Finance committee, made repairs possible on the William Penn Center, as well as keeping us abreast of the usage of the meetinghouse during the lockdown, and crafting a way forward to deliver on our promise of sizable donations over the next three years. Worship & Ministry kept us going with wonderful, innovative Zoom Holiday celebrations, as well as adult classes.)

Joys and Sorrows

- In sorrow, we lost two beloved members this year, Nancy Adams, for whom our Property committee was able to research and facilitate a Covid-safe memorial service, and Rich Wagner. Words cannot express our grief at their passing, and our love for their bereaved families. We will always hold them in the Light...
- In Joy, we welcomed three new members this year, Eugene (Zhenya) Pevzner, Anna Schwartz, and Washanna Rateze Leggett. Zhenya and Anna were also married by the meeting, in our first ever wedding held over Zoom!

All in all, a strange and epic year. Respectfully submitted,
J. David Brimmer, clerk

Buckingham Monthly Meeting
Annual Report to Bucks Quarterly Meeting
Fifth Month 2020 to Fifth Month 2021

As with all Meetings, the unprecedented challenges of 2020 had a significant impact on Buckingham, its members, and our spiritual life. We recorded 68 adult members and 24 minor members, for a total of 92. For the first time in recent memory we gained no new members, but also did not have any deaths.

When the COVID shutdown began in March we immediately suspended in-person Meeting for Worship, and quickly followed other Meetings in meeting virtually on Zoom. Our technical setup is effective and fairly simple, and enables us to have a hybrid meeting with Friends both online and, weather permitting, in-person outside. (We have not yet resumed any use of the Meetinghouse.) This format was surprisingly fulfilling, both spiritually and in being able to connect with members. The need to change our practices also created new opportunities in the midst of hardship. Friends from across the country and around the world were able to join our worship on a regular basis, and we were also able to include local members who otherwise would have been unable to travel to regular in-person worship. In some ways committee work was strengthened by being able to meet more flexibly and being more inclusive using our Zoom account. We also began a mid-week meeting “not just for worship,” usually on Wednesday nights, which was an informal way for members to share, feel connected and discuss queries and other topics. More of us than ever were also able to participate in Bucks Quarterly Meeting and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting programs and events by meeting virtually rather than in person. We hope that we can retain many of the good aspects of what we have learned once life returns to “normal.”

In-person activities and social activism were of course severely curtailed, but we still managed some successes. In observance of Juneteenth and our Meeting’s support of equality and justice, members of the Meeting held a physically distant roadside vigil in front of the Meetinghouse. Friends held signs pertaining to the Black Lives Matter movement and waved to passing cars. We had a very robust virtual worship with families at Buckingham Friends School, as well as alumni who joined from across the country. The pandemic required the suspension or modification of many other traditions. The Peace Fair was cancelled, and while this year was the 300th anniversary of the incorporation of our Meeting, our planned celebration did not happen. In the Christmas holiday season we had a virtual candlelight worship, and to make sure we still had donations for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, we had a socially distanced event on the porch of the Meetinghouse where Friends brought items to donate in exchange for a cup of hot cocoa or cider and a gift from the Meeting.

On the downside, we recognize that meeting virtually allowed some to participate more fully, there were many others that we did not see on Zoom who normally would have attended Meeting for Worship in person. We have had only a few “visitors” to our virtual meetings, and therefore fewer opportunities to interact with new people. The strong recent growth in our First Day School program was halted by the pandemic. It was impossible to meet with children

in person, and difficult to do so virtually. We had several after-Meeting picnics in the graveyard for families, which were very enjoyable, but they were just not the same as regular First Day School.

We took advantage of the downtime to work on some significant maintenance projects, and one member donated his labor as well as the materials to re-roof our carriage shed. Falling trees and limbs due to severe storms were an expensive liability. Financially, the Meeting continued to receive strong donations from our members and attenders, and our investment revenue was not impacted as much as we feared. However, our renter in the cottage on the Plumstead property that we own was unable to pay rent for most of the year, leaving our budget in a significant deficit.

Overall, the sense of our Meeting was that it was surprisingly fulfilling and spiritual given our state of affairs.

8:23 AM
04/20/21
Cash Basis

Bucks Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2021

	<u>Mar 31, 21</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
First National Checking	57,104.32
Total Checking/Savings	<u>57,104.32</u>
Total Current Assets	57,104.32
Other Assets	
Friends Fiduciary Corporation	54,460.63
Total Other Assets	<u>54,460.63</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>111,564.95</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Kirkbride Estate	23,960.43
Unrestricted Net Assets	108,016.26
Net Income	<u>-20,411.74</u>
Total Equity	<u>111,564.95</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>111,564.95</u>

Bucks Quarterly Meeting of Friends Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2020 through March 2021

	Jul '20 - Mar...	Budget	\$ Over Bud...	% of Budget
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	169,199.50	271,245.00	-102,045.50	62.4%
Total Monthly Meeting contributions	169,199.50	271,245.00	-102,045.50	62.4%
Other contributions	1,100.00			
Quakerphernalia advertising	560.00	1,500.00	-940.00	37.3%
Total Income	171,745.24	274,515.00	-102,769.76	62.6%
Gross Profit	171,745.24	274,515.00	-102,769.76	62.6%
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	144,852.00	193,133.00	-48,281.00	75.0%
Total Contributions	144,852.00	193,133.00	-48,281.00	75.0%
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%
Insurance Expense	940.00			
Programs, Activities, Outreach				
Operating	2,279.26	7,000.00	-4,720.74	32.6%
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	50,223.18	65,772.00	-15,548.82	76.4%
Total Programs, Activities, Outreach	52,909.99	80,382.00	-27,472.01	65.8%
Total Expense	199,601.99	274,515.00	-74,913.01	72.7%
Net Ordinary Income	-27,856.75	0.00	-27,856.75	100.0%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Unrealized gain/loss (FFC)	10,349.01			
Total Other Income	10,349.01			
Other Expense				
Kirkbride expenses	2,904.00			
Total Other Expense	2,904.00			
Net Other Income	7,445.01			
Net Income	-20,411.74	0.00	-20,411.74	100.0%

BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING BUDGET FOR 2021-2022 F/Y

Last update 5/16/2021

	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	269,068	276,540	5,295
3 Additional Contributions		5,724		0
4 FFC Int & Dividend Income	1,770	1,770	1,810	40
5 Interest Income, other	0	0	0	0
6 Quakerphernalia Ads	1,500	1,860	1,500	0
7 Grant Income	0	0	0	0
8 Other contributions	0	0	0	0
9 Total Revenue	274,515	278,422	279,850	5,335
11 EXPENSES				
12 Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Contribution	193,133	193,133	198,785	5,652
14 BQM Administrative				
15 Clerks, Treasurers, Auditors	500	500	100	(400)
16 Budget & Nominating Committee	50	50	50	0
17 BQM Worship & Ministry (Piano tuning)	0	0	0	0
18 Total, Administrative	550	550	150	(400)
20 Programs, Activities, Outreach				
21 Program Administration (Coord)				
22 Personnel	65,772	68,669	66,775	1,003
23 Operating (postage, printing, phone)	7,000	4,000	6,000	(1,000)
24 Total, Program Admin.	72,772	72,669	72,775	3
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	76,009	80,465	83
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 Other Expenses				
Outreach Grants (funded by Kirkbride estate)			7,000	
46 Total Other Expenses	0	0	7,000	7,000
48 Total Expenses	274,515	270,592	286,850	5,335
50 REVENUE LESS EXPENSES	0	7,830	(7,000)	(7,000)

Proposal for Outreach Granting Fund of Bucks Quarterly Meeting of Friends

Purpose

The purpose of this fund is to provide individual meetings within Bucks Quarter the financial resources to support their Outreach efforts. Examples of such efforts might include:

- Merch it! Buy branded merchandise such as mugs, pads, or pens for handout.
- Build it! Make an attraction on meetinghouse grounds, such as a labyrinth.
- Give it! Donate to your favorite local charity.
- Sign it! Create or update a sign.

Size of Individual Grants

Up to \$500 per cycle.

Cycle

Cycle 1 shall run from July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

Individual Eligibility for Submission of Request for Grant

Any meeting within Bucks Quarter can apply for a grant.

Time Limit

Individuals may submit their application for grants anytime during the fiscal year: July 1 – June 30. The Outreach Committee will review applications at its regularly scheduled meetings.

Funding Source

Funds will be distributed from the Kirkbride estate bequest.

Procedure for Submitting an Application

The meetings' Outreach Committee or another committee designated by the meeting shall prepare applications and send to the Coordinator at quakersbucks@gmail.com.

Supervisory Oversight

The Bucks Quarter Outreach Committee shall review applications for and distribution of outreach funds for approval. The Outreach Committee will review the granting program annually and make a recommendation whether to renew for another cycle at each May Quarterly Meeting for Business, until such time as funds are exhausted.

Reporting to Quarterly Meeting

Meetings receiving grant money shall report on its use in their Annual Report to Bucks Quarterly Meeting.

**Bucks Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Outreach Grant
Application**

Meeting Name: _____

Date of Application: _____

Description of Outreach Plan: _____

Contact person: _____

Contact phone: _____

Contact email: _____

Mailing address to send funds: _____

Submit this application to the Coordinator at quakersbucks@gmail.com

CHANDLER HALL 2020 ANNUAL REPORT TO BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING

A YEAR OF CHALLENGE AND CREATIVE ADAPTATION

The appearance of the Covid 19 virus in the spring of 2020 sorely tested our ability to maintain efficient and high quality operations. State and local health departments prohibited long term care facilities from accepting new admissions. Facilities were also limited regarding how they could conduct on site marketing. Chandler faced the simultaneous problems of developing an infection control plan to protect both staff and residents and maintaining its outreach to potential patients.

Protecting our residents and staff - Following on the restrictions on new admissions, Chandler's clinical leaders implemented interventions and policies to minimize the impact of the virus. All staff and residents were immediately tested. Residents who tested positive were isolated on site. Staff who tested positive were advised to stay home until they were clear of infection. Staff and residents continue to be routinely tested. **It is important to note that there were no deaths among patients or staff during the first six months of the pandemic.**

In addition to routine testing, temperature checks were conducted for staff upon arrival at Chandler and at the conclusion of the work day. Travel clothing was placed in lockers as staff changed into work clothes. Staff changed back into travel clothes to return home.

One of the most difficult infection control measures for both residents and families was the closure of the facility to visitors. Even the most simple of affectionate gestures required thought and logistics. Our own Wendy Kane can tell us. Her mother is at Chandler Hall, and for the past several months she could not visit with her Mom. How then, do you get Mom's favorite peanut butter swirl ice cream to her? It often took multiple phone calls to get someone to meet you outside to pass the precious cargo along.

Keeping resident comfort and morale up - One of Chandler Hall's priorities is to constantly monitor and improve our residents' experience. Our goal is to support our patients' feelings of contentment and safety as they receive services. To that end, we had installed sensory development areas where residents could experience music, spoken word and images which would foster feelings of satisfaction and security. Additional staff are being recruited to work with the residents to take advantage of these new capabilities.

Staff provided assistance to residents with electronic communication with their families. Computer tablets quickly became the vehicle of choice for communication. Further, live and still images of family members could be shown on a big screen TV or wall monitor.

Meal time was another challenge. Congregate dining was not allowed by state regulation. "ToGo" bags replaced sit down meals. It is also hard to imagine how difficult it would be for an elderly person with both hearing and visual impairment to communicate in the Covid environment. A six-foot separation between people would be a difficult stretch for both seeing and hearing. The staff worked very hard to keep people from feeling isolated.

The pandemic also proved challenging for Chandler Hall leadership. Our Executive Director, Dakia McMillian, left her position this spring, and the position of Interim CEO and Nursing Home Administrator has been filled by Samantha Roos-Meiser.

Lifting the restrictions - May 3, 2021

From Wendy Kane – "Chandler Hall has opened for visitors, and I got to visit my Mom IN PERSON and not socially distant for the first time today – she was so pleased that I could come to her room and deliver her peanut butter ripple in person! As long as Covid stays at bay, we can keep up the visitation. Fingers crossed!"

**Lehigh Valley Monthly Meeting, 2020 Annual Report
to Bucks Quarterly Meeting
May 16, 2021**

In March 2020 LVMM closed its meetinghouse doors and it remains closed for worship. However, the life of our Meeting has continued in creative and fruitful ways. For Friends, *Meeting for Worship draws the community together out of a shared hunger to know the Christ within and to care for one another (Faith and Practice, pg. 6,7)* During the pandemic this hunger for Light seemed pronounced and further, within our shared sorrow and vulnerability, care for one another became vitally important.

Virtual worship became the way to connect, to see and to hear one another. Vocal ministry enhanced the truth of Light's presence. On Zoom we are not distanced. We are not six feet apart...we are shoulder to shoulder. We are not masked...we can see one another. We can "unmute" and speak and hear one another. The **Worship and Ministry Committee** attended to the quality of worship by opening and closing our time. They would monitor "the room" assisting with "tech needs". This was particularly helpful in maintaining a silent space and we would simply unmute to give a message. Following this time a Friend designated to do a roll call would introduce a worshiper who would then say good morning or just give a wave. One could then make an announcement about the life of our Meeting or share a personal message of joy or concern. It was this design that helped us learn what was happening in the lives of members and attenders and guided our connection with one another.

The Zoom platform with its advantages was also a disadvantage. Although we had the joyful experience of people from a distance joining us, including members who had moved and new attenders from other countries. For some Friends, for various reasons, a "virtual meetinghouse" was not attended. For some, outdoor worship became a valuable substitute when weather permitted. Our mid-week Meeting for Worship attendance increased during quarantine. It seemed the opportunity to connect was welcomed.

LVMM has 117 adult members, seven children under 21 years and six associates under 26 years. We lost four long-term devoted members: Annette Benert, Dee Kruschwitz, Kris Gallup, and Howard Gallup. We welcomed Kurt and Lorelei Oelschlager as new members. Attendance at Virtual Meeting for Worship has averaged in the 40's and occasionally reaches 50. Our **Nominating Committee** was able to find 85 members and attenders who generously agreed to serve on committees or in named positions(119 total positions of service), a tribute to the commitment and care of our community.

The **Care and Concern Committee**, charged with care of Friends, required a refocusing on their efforts and needed to more closely follow the health and welfare of our members and our meeting as a whole. Memorials planned by this committee for two deceased members are on hold and one was held via Zoom (the attendance and honoring of our Friend was not diminished by the virtual platform in this case). The committee assisted with a wedding in Mexico, and only through Zoom was this joyous event possible. Another avenue for news and care of one another is through a weekly publication named "The Light Board".

The Worship and Ministry Committee is also charged with the care of attenders and they too use a flock list to ensure attention to friends. Further, in addition to "hosting" our Meeting's worship, this committee prepares and leads a monthly Query discussion, and this has continued throughout the pandemic. Our queries over this past

year included themes of interconnection with all of life to include earth, examining darkness of night, season and self and its restorative dimension, the meaning of membership, the joys, learnings and challenges over the year, what it means to gather remotely for worship, and eldership with a concern for unity. Our February query gave attention to PYM's Statement Concerning the January 6th Capital Insurrection and their accompanying queries.

Throughout the pandemic the **Adult Religious Education Committee** enriched us with programs, many of which could only happen virtually. We were privileged to meet with Quakers from Latin America including Mexico, Bolivia and El Salvador. We shared beliefs, worship and educational practices. The committee featured a panel of younger friends, many whom are now living outside the Lehigh Valley; they reflected on the question "How I Do 'Quaker'?" Additional programs included Mass Incarceration in the LV, stewardship and how to manage our money in ways that cohere with our Quaker values. Eileen Flanagan, a Quaker activist, offered a program focusing on "Finding our Role in This Time of Social Change". A group of Friends are now meeting to view Eileen's video series on the subject.

Our **Religious Education Committee**, charged with the First Day School program, faced the challenge of young friends' lack of response to programming on Zoom. Eventually, with the **Adult Presence Committee's** support our two paid child care workers created a monthly newsletter for young friends. The publication is an impressive, creative piece of news and art.

The **Social Concerns Committee** needed to make some changes in their outreach programming but continued to remain active. Primarily they were instrumental in creating a fund for "Jail Release Assistance". Monies from our Meeting and individual contributions were used to help five people with bail and housing. Our local newspaper recently featured an article on our bail fund. The annual fund-raising Harambee, a Kenyan meal to raise funds for education support for young Kenyan women, took the shape of a faux-meal. The monthly meal prepared for Safe Harbor, a transitional shelter for homeless women and men, continued. Friends were encouraged to continue with monthly postcard writing on issues of concern to local and state representatives.

Although some of our committees have not been able to function according to their "job descriptions," they have all continued to meet virtually. Members continued to be faithful to their stewardship and contributed generously to faux frugal feasts in support of the PA Avenue Interfaith Food Pantry. The library is not being used during the pandemic but the **Library Committee** has stayed abreast of adding to its collection. One of our members has continued to be a "mobile librarian," delivering books to members in a safe manner. **Hospitality Committee** was inactive, but they used their budgeted money to donate to a local interfaith food pantry in honor of Friends who would be alone for the Christmas holidays due to the pandemic.

When the **Connections Committee** realized they did not want to wait to plan "live" events they found ways to "connect" friends socially online. In December they hosted a Carol Sing on Zoom where individuals sang or played an instrument while the rest sang along while muted. They hosted a virtual scavenger hunt and an origami workshop. The committee revised and then delivered new Meeting directories by email. Although not under the care of this committee but under the care of the whole community we managed to have our favored Christmas Eve program, with Zoom to the rescue again, making the celebration of love and joy a reality.

LVMM has a newly formed committee, **Outreach and Communications**, because the Meeting realized there was a need to have some oversight of our various communications and technologies. Members include the website manager, the newsletter editors, administrator for our internal and external Facebook page. They recently prepared a LVMM Tech Manual as a guide in using these avenues of communication, as well as instructions on scheduling and hosting a Zoom meeting.

Further, our Meeting has an active participation with a local peace organization, LEPOCO, The Lehigh Conference of Churches (sponsor of the annual Peace Pilgrimage), and the Bethlehem Interfaith Group, BIG. These groups found ways to continue their mission virtually throughout this past year.

Presently an ad hoc **Reopening Committee** is actively researching options for Meeting for Worship. They, along with the whole meeting, are discerning when our meetinghouse can safely reopen. Recently, they along with the Outreach and Communications Committee, held a Threshing Session for our meeting to explore hybrid meetings.

Under the care of our whole Meeting a Black Lives Matter Vigil began on Juneteenth 2020 and has continued. We have an ideal place for our witness as our property is adjacent to a major road; there are many stories to be told of responses from passersby, and one Friend on vigil noted:

“I try to breathe messages of hope
to the passengers as they rush by encased
in closed containers, *May you be well.*
May you be loved, May you be at peace.”

This report portrays our Testimonies lived out in some new ways. It is also a testimony to Friends and attenders guided by the Light within and their care for one another. In the darkness and crisis of a pandemic we found ways to connect and to care. We experienced the power of Light and the truth of ongoing revelation, and ways opened.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise H. Young
Clerk, Lehigh Valley Monthly Meeting

Committee of Oversight for the Coordinator
Annual Report to Bucks Quarterly Meeting
May 16, 2021

The Committee of Oversight for the Coordinator is charged to meet with the Coordinator, the Quarter's paid staff person, on a regular basis to review recent activities, provide support and guidance, and to complete an annual performance review on the position. It is comprised, ideally, of a representative from each meeting within Bucks Quarter and the Clerk of the Quarter. We gather on the second Thursday of the month at Buckingham and, in addition to supporting the work of the Coordinator, we share our joys and concerns in fellowship with one another.

Despite the continued challenges of the pandemic and the disruption of "normal," the Committee has seen a settling back into its role of supporting the Quarter's Coordinator, Wendy Kane, now serving her second year in that position. This has been made easy by Wendy's quick adaptation to the job's tasks and her enthusiasm to take on the work of the Quarter. As part of our evaluation process, Committee members visited virtually three meetings – Buckingham, Doylestown, and Fallsington – to gather feedback on Wendy's performance. Friends were united in their approval and support of our Coordinator.

Turning the pandemic into an opportunity for technological ingenuity, Wendy focused on ways to connect to meetings and to keep meetings connected to one another in a virtual world. A new website was built, Quakerphernalia received a makeover, and collaborative meetings with Quarter clerks were facilitated over Zoom. Ways to make this "new normal" feel "normal" were found. We are certain that some of the technological and logistical improvisations learned during this "interesting time" will be retained and integrated as pandemic restrictions are eased.

Our own Committee continued to meet virtually and, while many are anxious to return to meeting *in vivo*, we also recognize some of the advantages of meeting virtually. Reducing our carbon footprint and increased attendance are two that come to mind.

Committee membership remained largely unchanged with only Makefield Meeting passing the baton from Jerry Taylor to Kim Gronek. Laying aside the long tradition of the committee clerk taking meeting minutes, the Committee created a recording clerk position. Bill Daly of Middletown Meeting has stepped into his role of "scribe" most admirably. The committee clerk welcomes this change.

We are grateful for this opportunity to serve Bucks Quarter and its Coordinator and look forward to continuing to support this beloved community.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Bellet Collins
Oversight Committee Clerk

Annual Report of the Clerk
Bucks Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Presented to Bucks Quarterly Meeting
May 16, 2021
Hosted Virtually by Southampton Meeting, PA

Despite more than a full year of Covid-19 restrictions, Bucks Quarter has remained active with several accomplishments. The Black Lives Matter Weekly Demonstrations sponsored by Lehigh, Newtown and Southampton Meetings stand out as positive actions in raising awareness to the general public that change is needed in race relations. As a Quarter, I hope the work on racial equality continues.

The Quarter has a new website thanks to our coordinator, Wendy Kane. Given that the Quarter has not met in person for over a year, the new website along with the Quarter's Facebook page have been an important communication tool and a go-to source for Quakerphernalia and related documents.

At the end of January 2021, George Schaefer of PYM presented an Eldership Workshop for the Quarter with forty-five Friends in attendance. A follow-up discussion took place at February's Quarterly Meeting which brought forth both the positive & negative aspects. It remains unclear how eldering may be used in the future, but many who attended the workshop thought they came away with a better understanding of its good practices.

Several monthly meetings are looking at reopening in-person worship possibly in the fall and are discussing what changes may occur. Hybrid meetings are being considered since many Friends at a distance (both from far away states and countries) are regularly attending weekly zoom meetings for worship. Our coordinator has organized a tech committee to advise monthly meetings on what equipment is required. Also, grants are available from the yearly meeting to help fund these projects.

Many thanks to the Meetings who hosted the Quarterly Meetings over the past year: Plumstead, Newtown, Quakertown and Solebury. The guest speakers arranged for these gatherings were well chosen – Newtown had Young Friends speaking about Racial Justice, Quakertown hosted Karen Tibbals, author of *Persuade Don't Preach*, and Solebury had Cynthia Baum Baicker, clinical psychologist, speak about how our spirituality are can guide us during these stressful times.

Thank you, Friends, for all you have contributed over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Leo Fitzpatrick, Bucks Quarter Clerk