

Bucks Quarterly Meeting for Worship for The Purpose Of Business
 20th Day, Second Month, 2022
 Hosted by Buckingham Friends Meeting
 Held via Zoom

#	Agenda Item	Person	Suggested	
			Start	Time
1	Opening Worship		12:45 PM	5
2	Welcome	Leo Fitzpatrick	12:50 PM	5
3	Review and Approval of Agenda	Leo Fitzpatrick	12:55 PM	5
4	Role Call of Meetings	Terry Christensen	1:00 PM	5
5	Review and Approval - Minutes of Previous Meeting	Terry Christensen	1:05 PM	5
6	Stories of Vitality & Strength		1:10 PM	10
7	Nominating Committee - requesting approval of Bill Daly for the position of Quarter Clerk	Betsy Bayardi	1:20 PM	5
8	Minute of Appreciation for Leo Fitzpatrick	Bethann Morgan	1:25 PM	5
9	Report - Quarter Coordinator	Wendy Kane	1:30 PM	10
10	Annual Report - Friends Camp Association	Scott Hoskins	1:40 PM	5
11	Annual Report - Makefield Meeting	Jerry Taylor	1:45 PM	5
12	Party of Friends Position Papers proposal	Jerry Taylor	1:50 PM	5
13	Treasurer's Report	Ed Snyder	1:55 PM	5
14	Presentation of preliminary 2022-23 budget	Ed Snyder	2:00 PM	10
15	Confirming signatories for the bank	Ed Snyder	2:10 PM	5
16	BREAK		2:15 PM	5
17	Annual Report - Bucks Quarter Outreach Committee	Doug Meaker	2:20 PM	10
18	Annual Report - Doylestown Meeting	Liz Fritsch	2:30 PM	5
19	Annual Report - Quakertown Meeting	Pat Stover	2:35 PM	5
20	Discussion on holding hybrid Quarterly Meeting		2:40 PM	15
21	Announcements		2:55 PM	10
22	Closing Worship		3:05 PM	5
			3:10 PM	

Reminder: next Quarterly Meeting is 15th Day, Fifth Month, 2022 at Doylestown 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 for Worship for The Purpose of Business

21st Day, November 2021

Held under the care of Yardley Monthly Meeting via Zoom

Clerk: Leo Fitzpatrick (Wrightstown)

Recording Clerk: Terry M. Christensen (Newtown)

Friends gathered at 12:49 pm and settled into a period of worship.

Welcome – Leo Fitzpatrick

Review and Approval of Agenda – add Tom Wells to agenda – to follow review of minutes.

Roll Call of Meetings: Bristol: 0, Buckingham: 2, Doylestown: 1, Fallsington: 5, Lehigh Valley: 1, Makefield: 1, Middletown: 1, Newtown: 8, Plumstead: 1, Quakertown: 2, Solebury: 0, Southampton: 2, Wrightstown: 4, Yardley: 4.

Review and Approval of Minutes from [previous meeting] – approved.

Special Report – Tom Wells, (Citizen Climate Lobby) – Climate Change and Quaker Involvement; 2 years ago BQM adopted a minute requesting a price on carbon – this has not occurred – but it's possible that such a provision would be included in reconciliation bill currently under review by the Senate – recommends that we send emails and call to elected representatives, especially Senator Casey asking him to support carbon tax; Friend suggests using template and software to facilitate contact with representatives. Tom is also using Twitter to spread message more generally.

Stories of Vitality & Strength – Southampton Friends (along with NMM Friends) went to Harrisburg to lobby for equitable funding for PA Schools; Fallsington Friends is continuing its work on anti-racism – made financial commitment to African American organizations to improve race relations – these include personal education; Newtown Friend reports of annual Simple Supper – Children's RE program – proceeds went to refugee resettlement and 911 first responders; Doylestown Friend speaks of using nearby labyrinth as spiritual exercise – perhaps outreach potential but not yet realized; Newtown Friend reports of family member who has cancer – proactive testing monitoring may help prevent – holding family member in the Light; Quakertown Friend, reports unusually high number of visitors for Meeting for Worship; Wrightstown Friend reports that their Clerk has had some recent health issues and they are enlisting volunteers to assist with clerking – holding Friend Oliva in the Light; Middletown Friend reports that as result Quarter presence at Langhorne Harvest Day (with outreach postcards) they have had 4 visitors.

Quarter Coordinator Report – Wendy Kane (full report attached): Highlights include recap of COVID-19’s impact on Children’s RE – now that child vaccines are available, Bucks are hoping for more family participation; Wendy is not able to worship with Friends in-person; Some monthly meetings are now employing a hybrid-format (incorporates a Zoom component) – this is a different discernment for each meeting; MM Clerks still meet quarterly to share concerns and ideas – last meeting this group discussed challenges in opening of meetings for in-person worship – includes ventilation issues – MM Clerks also shared ideas about modifying holiday celebrations due to continuing COVID concerns; Wendy also made observations about attendance at events within the quarter, PYM, and broader Quaker community; she notes that four, \$500 grants have been approved by the BQ Outreach Committee – MM can apply for these grants through the BQM website – BQ Outreach committee has printed out 500 outreach postcards which feature a reproduction of Edward Hick’s *Peaceable Kingdom* and the query “You might be a Quaker if:” along with 9 responses to this query – cards also contain contact information for the BQM Coordinator and the BQ website – MM stories of vitality are posted to the BQ website as well as on our Facebook page; Bucks Food For Friends is discerning how and when to reopen for in-person service – meanwhile, the Richardson family is helping prepare meals and deliver to Advocates for the Homeless which delivers to those facing food insecurity ; WK serves on PYM Program Committee; PYM has scheduled semi-annual meetings for Quarterly Meeting Clerks and staff – hopes to improve communication/coordination between entities; WK volunteers at Mercer Street Friends Food Bank once/week; Southampton Friend reports that Bucks County Dept of Health can tell us where we can get vaccination (including boosters); Doylestown Friend would like more focus on outreach.

Annual Report – Newtown Monthly Meeting (full report attached) – Mark Ratliff– COVID-19 remains a source of concern – NMM has an ad hoc committee to review & assess COVID safety – Newtown Meeting opened for in-person meetings in October with expectation that those in attendance will be vaccinated and masked – NMM also has a Zoom option; NMM has upgraded WIFI –and installed air filtration/carbon dioxide monitors to monitor/improve air quality; this past year their Adult RE has conducted 13 programs on various topics; Children’s RE was held remotely much of year due to COVID concerns– in early fall the Children began meeting in-person, outdoors, once per month – with NMM meetinghouse reopened, our young friends meet weekly for First Day School; NMM annual lasagna and soup dinner has been reorganized as a take-out meal; Peace and Justice continue to hold bi-weekly vigils in support of Black Lives Matter; during summer months they held separate meeting for worship outdoors as a way of maintaining and strengthening a sense of connection within the community; there was an average of 20 adults and 3 children in attendance; the NMM held remote Easter program “Walking the Way of Peace from Palm Sunday to Easter ” – in response to Jan 6 Capital Hill riot; NMM has been working to come to unity on the issue of adding additional parking; over the course of the year membership has remained largely flat; Newtown Friends School (under care of NMM) has weathered COVID 19 challenges of the past year – they have offered in-person instruction with mitigation measures in place as well as full-time online option – NFS is financially healthy and enrollment is strong – NFS continues to strive for academic excellence and foster a community that values diversity, equity and inclusion.

Annual Report – Plumstead Meeting – Dafydd Jones (full report attached) – Plumstead Friends met outside during the warmer months; now that the weather is cooler Friends are meeting indoors with appropriate spacing; they will meet as usual for Thanksgiving but brunch will be limited to members and attenders – the annual Christmas Carol sing has once again been cancelled due to COVID concerns– they hope to resume this celebration next year; they have had some maintenance issues (a leak which has damaged the newly laid floor and some large trees in the back that have died and need to come down). Plumstead is under the care of Buckingham Meeting and they have been very helpful with these issues; the meeting has added 3 members in the last year; they are doing a Christmas Hat and Glove Tree and they plan to resume First Day School with children RE meeting outside weather permitting.

Treasurers Report – Ed Snyder (see attached) – we are in good financial shape through the first quarter of our fiscal year; four outreach grants have been distributed for a total of \$2000; Friend asked about contributions to Friends United School – BQM does not contribute to any Quaker Schools currently.

Budget and Nominating Report – Proposed Changes to Budget – Ed Snyder – BQM is, in a fiscal sense, a pass-through organization – checking balance has grown by \$50K over the years – Budget and Nominating recommends making an additional contribution of \$20,000 to PYM; also \$1000 each to Chandler Hall, Camp Onas and Friends Village; Buckingham Friend wonders if extra could be split between Chandler and Friends Village as in years past; Fallsington Friend thanks Ed for report and supports distribution as outlined – Fallsington Friend suggests that we might consider in future contributing to organizations that support racial equity; Newtown Friends wonders if we should stipulate where PYM can spend our excess contribution; Clerk calls on Wrightstown Friend to clarify thought process into giving unrestricted funds to PYM – suggests that Budget and Nominating become aware of Chandler Hall and Friends Village need money to assist residents that have outlived their money – Yardley Friend wonders why not give more to Chandler Hall, Friends Village, and Onas rather than bulk to PYM; Friend speaks against restriction on gifts; Quakertown Friend agrees that restricted funds are problematic – especially for smaller non-profit organizations; Wrightstown Friend feels that bulk of money directed to PYM is rightly ordered; Yardley Friend remarks that more money is available and we have more to give; Friends in chat feel that more money should go to local organizations (i.e. Chandler Hall, Camp Onas, Friends Village); Friend in chat recommends more to local; Ed suggests \$5,000 each to Chandler Hall, Friends Village and Camp Onas, and \$15,000 to PYM – this is **approved**.

Minute of Appreciation for Betsy Bayardi – Bethann Morgan – “Friend Bayardi has served our Bucks Quarter as participant, recorder and/or clerk of our Budget & Nominating Committee with skill and compassion for many years. Her knowledge and dedication supported the behind the scenes work of our beloved community. She will complete her term of this service at the end of this year. We appreciate Betsy Bayardi.”

Committee Report – Budget and Nominating – Betsy Bayardi – Changes in Succession Plan – BQM Clerk – the Quarter needs new Clerk, Rising Clerk and Clerk of Budget and Nominating – Lisa Parry will step up to Assistant Clerk of Budget and Nominating with Leo as Clerk for next two years; Budget & Nominating has some candidates in mind for Clerk of the Quarter and rising Clerk of the Quarter.

BREAK

Semi-Annual Report – Friends Village – Chiyo Moriuchi (full report attached) – Chiyo reviews the history of Friends Village and what sets Friends Village apart from other senior living facilities and importance of Friends Village strategic plan as demographics change (54% of adults approaching retirement age will not have a place to live in community); in response to COVID-19, 98% of residents and 90% of staff are vaccinated; Chiyo introduces new mission and vision statement that emerged from Friends Village Board retreat; Friends Village has a new logo, and new name – formal roll-out of name will happen after Friends Village rebuilds website; Friends Village is aware that more outreach is required; in the past year, Friends Village has added a Community Wellness and Engagement Coordinator – has engaged a food service provider – has developed a monthly speaker series – has developed a technology class in association with Senior Planet; we have engaged three George School students to be interns; is working on establishing a native plant park on the Styer Campus; has reduced energy usage; Chiyo shares Friends Village fact sheet; although Friends Village came through COVID okay – we need to improve enrollment; Christmas singing on Wednesday Dec 8th at the Styer Campus; and at the Paxson campus on Tuesday Dec 14th.

Annual Report – Peace Fair Committee – Tim Cunningham – (full report attached) The 2021 Peace Fair went well with attendance of about 1100 – 1500; enjoyed strong support from other meetings; suffered labor shortage among young Friends (PYM, Buckingham Friends School pulls young Friends); looking forward to next year; Friend comments that music was an asset to the Fair.

Outreach Committee Report – Doug Meaker – only 4 applications for outreach grant so far; Doug clarifies amount to be awarded will not change; meetings may apply for grant even if plans for use not complete; Outreach Committee Friend encourages all meetings to take advantage of this opportunity; Wendy describes our Outreach postcard with QR code; notes that Outreach postcards can be “personalized” for individual meetings at the cost of the Quarter; some meetings request personalized cards.

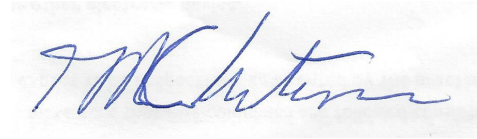
Announcements –

- 2021 Peace Pilgrimage (see information on the Quarter website)
- Update of Anti-Racism Collaborative Carolyn Peters Michener announced an Anti-Racism Thread Gathering planned for Saturday, February 5, 2022; details will be available soon at pym.org
- Nancy Johnston, Lehigh Valley Meeting, reported on a fundraiser she hosted to help fund a documentary about the life of George Lakey and offered the opportunity for Friends around the Quarter to host a similar event.
- Lance Mervine, Middletown, announced that the meeting is holding a Food and Toy Drive at the meetinghouse on Saturday, December 4th
- Carolyn Peters Michener, Southampton, announced that the meeting’s ongoing Vigil for Racial Justice at the corner of Street Road and Gravel Road is now at Sunday’s at 3PM.

Closing Worship – At 3:18 PM Friends settled into worship; rise of BQM at 3:20PM

Upcoming BQM – Feb 20th, 2022, under the care of Buckingham Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Terry M. Christensen", is centered on a light gray rectangular background.

Terry M. Christensen, Recording Clerk

Report of the Coordinator to Bucks Quarterly Meeting
February 20, 2022
Under the Care of Buckingham Monthly Meeting
Held Virtually via Zoom

At the end of our last Quarterly Meeting in November we were so hopeful that by this February Quarterly Meeting the pandemic would be winding down, we could once again meet in person, and that life would be returning to normal. Alas, we could not have predicted the emergence of the more contagious, but generally less virulent omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus, which has the ability to infect and sicken even fully vaccinated and boosted people. Meetinghouses that were previously open for in-person worship have once again closed and returned to virtual worship as they wait for the variant to run its course. While we know that this too shall pass, many Friends are suffering from “pandemic fatigue” and long to be in person with their beloved Quaker communities. Let us hope and pray that this spring will bring relief.

Inreach

Care of Meetings

This past quarter I have been able to share meetings for worship with most of the meetings in the quarter. I would like to note, that over the past few months having a zoom option has been very fortuitous for me, as twice I have been exposed to COVID and have had to self-quarantine for a short period of time – thankfully, I was not infected – and I was able to participate in worship safely without the possibility of infecting other Friends. My worship with Bristol Friends was memorable, as it was held in and among the furniture being stored for Bucks County Interfaith Coalition for Refugee Resettlement (BCICRR) in anticipation of furnishing one or two apartments for incoming Afghan refugees.

The holiday season was once again subdued throughout the Quarter as Christmas celebrations were downsized due to the omicron variant surge. Some meetings, like Doylestown and Wrightstown, held carol singing outdoors. Others – Southampton and Yardley – held their candlelight services indoors, masked and socially distant. Friends Village welcomed singers from around the Quarter to lead them in carols at both the Paxson and Styer campuses, but attendance was lower than past years; singing with a mask on is not easy. I attended as many holiday events as time allowed.

I was asked to attend Wrightstown Meeting’s January Nominating Committee meeting as they are trying to discern how to get more members to serve on committees. They agreed that having an outside observer look at their current committee structure was helpful, and are now looking at ways to streamline committee work. The meeting has identified an interim clerk to step in until their clerk returns from medical leave. The community has really come together to help fill that void.

Fallsington Friends asked me to host and facilitate a Membership Development retreat held in January on Zoom. Thirty-five Friends gathered in the afternoon to discern what they felt nurtured them at their

meeting, what they thought they could offer people who may be seeking a different spiritual home, and how their committees could help facilitate that outreach.

Miscellaneous Inreach

Clerk's meeting: The main topic discussed at the quarterly meeting of clerks was the ongoing surge in the omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus and how that has affected their meetings. Many have decided to halt in-person worship through February to allow this surge to pass; others remain open since they are able to be in-person yet socially distant. Friends continue to try to discern how to best integrate technology into their worship spaces for hybrid meetings and would like the quarter to provide guidance as needed. Those that are holding hybrid meetings are finding that they are in need of more tech-savvy volunteers.

Calendar & Appointments/Bucks Quarter Handbook - These two documents have been combined and renamed *The Bucks Quarterly Meeting Handbook*. The Coordinator has traditionally been responsible for the annual updates to the Calendar & Appointments book, but the Bucks Quarter Handbook, previously under the care of the Budget and Nominating Committee, has not been updated since 2009. By combining these two documents, the quarter will have annually updated information in a single document. The digital version will be available on the website, with periodic updates made as needed. The printed version will be sent to monthly meetings, and will have more complete contact information than the digital version.

Event Attendance

Within the Quarter:

- *Carol Singing* at both Friends Village campuses
- *Christmas Candlelight Services* at Yardley and Southampton Meetings
- *Fallsington Meeting Climate Change event* - held on December 9th, sponsored by Fallsington Meeting, Force for Good and Citizens Climate Lobby

Through Philadelphia Yearly Meeting:

- *Spiritual Formation Collaborative Meeting* - as their liaison from the PYM Program Committee
- *Quarterly Meeting Leadership* - organized by PYM Staff

Greater Quaker Community:

- *Edward Hicks Day Planning Committee* - under the sponsorship of Langhorne Council for the Arts; an April 23rd event is planned to celebrate the birthplace of primitive artist, Edward Hicks.

Outreach

Bucks Quarter Outreach Committee

Grants: Five \$500 outreach grants have been received and approved by the Outreach Committee. An application form is available on the website and the availability of these grants has been widely publicized through information sent to meeting clerks, and announcements in *Quakerphernalia* and on our website.

Outreach Postcard: I have reached out to monthly meetings to see if there is any interest in having personalized outreach cards printed with their monthly meeting specific contact information. Many felt

that this would be a great outreach for their meetings, especially as they re-open for in-person gatherings. Our graphic designer and I have been working on designing cards for each meeting that would be available for them to have printed; the Quarter has offered to absorb the cost.

Social Media: the Bucks Quarter website continues to be a wonderful resource for both inreach to our Quarter community and outreach to seekers. While it takes a great deal of time to keep the content fresh, interesting and up to date, I feel it is an important part of my job as Coordinator to be as proactive as possible with regard to the website; it is the way seekers find us, and provides a connection between all fourteen of our meetings. We are also in the process of putting together our first Quarter video that we anticipate posting to a new YouTube channel sometime in March. Our facebook page is a wonderful way for Friends to see what is happening around the Quarter and the Yearly Meeting.

Miscellaneous Outreach

PYM Outreach Grant to Quarters - Last fall, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting received a grant from the Thomas H. and Mary Williams Shoemaker Fund to support hybrid meetings and meeting outreach. A portion of the grant provides \$13,000 as financial support to PYM's quarterly meetings. Each of PYM's 13 quarterly meetings is eligible to apply for a \$1000 grant. I have been given authorization to apply for that grant and will do so in February. The plan is to use the grant to help defray the cost for hosting 100+ people on Zoom.

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

Camp Onas Report to Bucks Quarterly Meeting
February 20, 2022

Camp Onas was open this summer! Campers were excited to come to camp and staff looked forward to providing the best Camp Onas community experience possible.

Holly and Matt Hecht, Camp Directors, followed recommendations from the CDC and ACA (American Camp Association) to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Parts of the many mitigation efforts included running at two thirds capacity in order to distance effectively, as well as campers observing 10 days of quarantine and prearrival testing before their camp session began. No cases developed as a result in the seven weeks of sessions. The Friends Camp Association Board and the Directors felt strongly that providing as many campers as allowed within those restrictions with a positive summer experience would be essential to the ongoing health of the camp community, campers, staff, and families alike, especially after the last sixteen months of quarantine and remote social interaction.

The 2021 Camp Onas summer sessions were a bright spot in a year filled with challenges. The Camp staff came together to create a complete and safe summer program, and the Board is proud of the way Onas persevered and even advanced amid uncertainty. Other sleep-over camps, facing the same adversities, reached out to Camp Onas for advice and techniques for implementing safe practices. We have a lot to celebrate, but being closed in 2020, and running at reduced capacity this summer took its toll on us.

Last spring, when the Directors and the Board resolved to run this year's summer program, we knew it would cost more to operate a reduced capacity Camp Onas than tuition could cover. But safely running this year's program was the most important thing we could do for the long term health of the Onas community, to say nothing of the well-being of the campers and staff who were looking forward to it. We made the decision to operate at a loss.

Long term planning can't stop, though, just because of the pandemic. The need to replace both crumbling 50-year-old Shower Houses meant that construction had to begin this fall in order to be completed by next summer. This project will have an enormously positive impact on Camp life, including replacing sorely outdated plumbing and allowing all people to have privacy while toileting and showering. While some funds have previously been set aside to launch this project, we are working on financing, and we still seek grants and dedicated donations.

The Board and the Camp staff are in the process of reconceiving our Strategic Plan for the next five years. We know that we cannot continue to defer maintenance, but recognize the challenges that an aging physical plant can cause. We continue to commit to increasing diversity of all kinds among campers, staff and Board, even as the pandemic has impacted many families' ability to pay the full costs. Therefore, the need for campership support grows even greater now than before. While the loyalty and generosity of Camp families, alumni and (f)Friends continue to make a difference, Onas also seeks donations from its wider community to help us weather the storm.

Before I finish, I want to express the gratitude of the Friends Camp Association Board as well as my own gratitude to those of this community who have already made gifts to Camp Onas. Thank you so much!

MAKEFIELD FRIENDS MEETING

OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
877 Dolington Road, Newtown, PA 18940

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

February 20, 2022

To summarize our take of 2021, Makefield Monthly Meeting is aging. We are a small but active Meeting with 6-8 weekly attenders including two young(er) adults. Four members periodically attend adult forum via zoom due to health issues. This of concern as we care deeply about one another and miss their presence when they cannot attend in person.

Meeting starts sharply at 10 AM and after deep worship we close at 10:45 with a reading of the sentiment board and after thoughts. We have light refreshments followed by Adult Forum. Adult Forum topics have included mystical experiences, what Quakers believe, other faith traditions and practices and many others. They are presented by a volunteer and are invariable enlightening and often entertaining. Several times a year we use the Adult Forum time to watch music videos chosen by members and attenders. This is always a favorite.

We currently have 19 members, 2 attenders, and 3 children. We have no children attending Meeting.

Throughout 2021 we have held Meeting for Worship indoors with doors and windows open when seasonable. The space we have, along with our small numbers, allows us to social distance with masks. Adult Forum is held in person and by zoom. Some of us attend worship in person and then go home to join Adult Forum on zoom.

Our Care and Concerns committee continues to meet providing comfort and guidance.

Our young(er) attenders join in and are taking an active role in the Meeting including the role of recording clerk, serving on committees, and leading adult forums.

During the summer, we held a threshing session to determine our strengths and where we can contribute to the Meeting.

Major work projects were completed for the Meetinghouse and Caretaker House in 2020 so 2021 has been focused on humidity, moisture and structural issues for the Caretaker House. Our native plant gardens, installed in 2019 and 2020 are thriving.

A survey was conducted by the joint Makefield/Yardley Graveyard Committee to identify sunken graves and moved grave markers to be corrected in 2022.

Makefield Meeting continues to provide a strong spiritual connection for our members.

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

	Jul - Dec 21	Budget	\$ Over Bud...	% of Bud...
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Interest and dividends				
FFC	927.92	1,810.00	-882.08	51.3%
Total Interest and dividends	927.92	1,810.00	-882.08	51.3%
Monthly Meeting contributions				
Additional	200.00			
Pledged	98,737.35	276,540.00	-177,802.65	35.7%
Total Monthly Meeting contributions	98,937.35	276,540.00	-177,602.65	35.8%
Other contributions	600.00			
Quakerphernalia advertising	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
Total Income	100,465.27	279,850.00	-179,384.73	35.9%
Gross Profit	100,465.27	279,850.00	-179,384.73	35.9%
Expense				
Administrative				
Budget and Nominating Committee	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
Clerks, treasurers, auditors	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total Administrative	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
Contributions				
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting	99,392.50	198,785.00	-99,392.50	50.0%
Total Contributions	99,392.50	198,785.00	-99,392.50	50.0%
Gifts/Donations				
Camp Onas	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
Chandler Hall	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
Friends Home and Village	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
Total Gifts/Donations	0.00	450.00	-450.00	0.0%
Programs, Activities, Outreach				
Operating	2,353.58	6,000.00	-3,646.42	39.2%
Other				
Advertising	1,500.00	2,200.00	-700.00	68.2%
Liability Insurance	0.00	940.00	-940.00	0.0%
Outreach Committee Activities	1,271.00	2,000.00	-729.00	63.6%
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	2,971.00	7,690.00	-4,719.00	38.6%
Personnel	32,819.52	66,775.00	-33,955.48	49.1%
Total Programs, Activities, Outreach	38,144.10	80,465.00	-42,320.90	47.4%
Total Expense	137,536.60	279,850.00	-142,313.40	49.1%
Net Ordinary Income	-37,071.33	0.00	-37,071.33	100.0%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Unrealized gain/loss (FFC)	2,066.73			
Total Other Income	2,066.73			
Other Expense				
Kirkbride expenses	2,500.00	7,000.00	-4,500.00	35.7%
Total Other Expense	2,500.00	7,000.00	-4,500.00	35.7%
Net Other Income	-433.27	-7,000.00	6,566.73	6.2%
Net Income	-37,504.60	-7,000.00	-30,504.60	535.8%

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Cash Basis

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

	<u>Dec 31, 21</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
First National Checking	64,081.53
Total Checking/Savings	<u>64,081.53</u>
Total Current Assets	64,081.53
Other Assets	
Friends Fiduciary Corporation	59,133.98
Total Other Assets	<u>59,133.98</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>123,215.51</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Kirkbride Estate	22,196.43
Unrestricted Net Assets	138,523.68
Net Income	<u>-37,504.60</u>
Total Equity	<u>123,215.51</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>123,215.51</u>

BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING BUDGET FOR 2021-2022 F/Y

Last update 1/31/2022

	Budget FY 21-22	Projected FY 21-22	Budget FY 22-23	Change from FY 21-22 budget	Remarks
1 REVENUE					
2 Monthly Meeting "Pledged" Contributions	276,540	276,540	290,431	13,891	a 5% increase; needed to bring budget to planned \$7000 deficit
3 Additional Contributions				0	
4 FFC Int & Dividend Income	1,810	1,850	1,850	40	
5 Interest Income, other	0	0	0	0	
6 Quakerphernalia Ads	1,500	1,200	1,200	(300)	after discussion with Wendy
7 Grant Income	0	0	0	0	
8 Other contributions	0	0	0	0	
9 Total Revenue	279,850	279,590	293,481	13,631	
11 EXPENSES					
12 Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Contribution	198,785	213,785	208,724	9,939	5% increase
14 BQM Administrative					
15 Clerks, Treasurers, Auditors	100	0	0	(100)	Let's get rid of these once and
16 Budget & Nominating Committee	50	0	0	(50)	for all; silly to have such small
17 BQM Worship & Ministry (Piano tuning)	0	0	0	0	items in a \$300K budget
18 Total, Administrative	150	0	0	(150)	
20 Programs, Activities, Outreach					
21 Program Administration (Coord)					
22 Personnel	66,775	67,053	70,006	3,231	+3% for 9 months
23 Operating (postage, printing, phone)	6,000	5,000	6,000	0	projected less but keep higher for anticipated travel
24 Total, Program Admin.	72,775	72,053	76,006	3,231	
26 Other: Programs, Activities, Outreach					
28 Programs for Peace - Peace Fair, Bethlehem walk	1,700	200	1,700	0	Peace Fair \$1500 not requested but keep in budget
29 Outreach Committee Activities	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	
30 Advertising	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	
31 Liability Insurance	940	1,025	1,100	160	
32 Quakerism Classes	500	0	500	0	keep in budget
33 Young Friends and Other Activities (net)	350	0	350	0	keep in budget
34 Total, Other Activities	7,690	5,425	7,850	160	
36 Total, Programs, Activities, Outreach	80,465	77,478	83,856	3,391	
38 Gifts/Donations					
39 Friends Home/Village	150	5,150	300	150	I think this is where we are going?
40 Camp Onas	150	5,150	300	150	
41 Chandler Hall	150	5,150	300	150	
42 Other Donations	0	0	0	0	
43 Total, Gifts	450	15,450	900	450	
45 Other Expenses					
46 Outreach Grants (funded by Kirkbride estat	7,000	7,000	7,000	0	
46 Total Other Expenses	7,000	7,000	7,000	0	
48 Total Expenses	286,850	313,713	300,481	13,631	
50 REVENUE LESS EXPENSES	(7,000)	(34,123)	(7,000)	0	

BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING BUDGET FOR 2021-2022 F/Y

Last update 2/15/22

	Budget FY 21-22	Projected FY 21-22	Budget FY 22-23	Change from FY 21-22 budget
1 REVENUE				
2 Monthly Meeting "Pledged" Contributions	276,540	276,540	290,631	14,091
3 Additional Contributions				0
4 FFC Int & Dividend Income	1,810	1,850	1,850	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	279,850	279,390	293,481	13,631
11 EXPENSES				
12 Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Contribution	198,785	213,785	208,724	9,939
14 BQM Administrative				
15 Clerks, Treasurers, Auditors	100	0	0	(100)
16 Budget & Nominating Committee	50	0	0	(50)
17 BQM Worship & Ministry (Piano tuning)	0	0	0	0
18 Total, Administrative	150	0	0	(150)
20 Programs, Activities, Outreach				
21 Program Administration (Coord)				
22 Personnel	66,775	67,053	70,006	3,231
23 Operating (postage, printing, phone)	6,000	5,000	6,000	0
24 Total, Program Admin.	72,775	72,053	76,006	3,231
26 Other: Programs, Activities, Outreach				
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48 Total Expenses	286,850	315,213	300,481	13,631
50 REVENUE LESS EXPENSES	(7,000)	(35,823)	(7,000)	0

Bucks Quarterly Meeting
Outreach Committee
February 20, 2022

The operations and plans of the Outreach Committee have been affected by the COVID pandemic. We meet via ZOOM rather than face to face. We have fewer grant applications than anticipated; partly because Meetings have had hard time getting together and because they have been distracted by more urgent concerns. And the applications tend toward support of hybrid meetings, which are inreach as well as outreach.

The pandemic has had one positive effect as Meetings and members and, perhaps, inquirers have found that a ZOOM address for a Meeting for Worship works as well for some as a street address.

In addition to the new website which tells what we have been up to as well as where we are, we have developed a new card for distribution which gives some sense of what a Quaker is. We have also supported different venues, including the Peace Fair as they are opened.

We have approved 6 grants as authorized by Quarterly Meeting last year, with a seventh under way. We worked around meeting bimonthly by distributing grant applications by e-mail and approving those which had quick Committee approval (as all have, so far). Although we received fewer applications than I expected, I am happy to see that the proposed budget includes another \$7,000 from the Kirkbride bequest. Perhaps other Meetings will apply for the \$500 grants. Meetings that received grants this year may apply for another grant for the same or a different project. Meetings that received grants this year are reminded that we expect to hear how the grant was used and its effect as part of their Annual Report.

The new Bucks Quarter web page (designed with aid of Kirkbride money) has been up and running for over year. Friends should take time to visit it. Wendy Kane, our Coordinator, has made a great effort to keep it fresh and up to date, a very important aspect of any website and one we all need to support by passing on what is going on in our Meetings.

While the web page tells visitors where the Meetings are and their current activities, the Committee authorized the design of a new card telling something of what Quakers are like – we do not wear bonnets and go about in strange clothing. On the one side the card has information about the Quarter, a copy of Elias Hicks' painting of William Penn meeting with the Indians, and the words "You might be a Quaker if..." On the other side are nine examples of Quaker beliefs. The cards (not designed for mailing) are quite popular. The Committee authorized an initial printing of 500, which Wendy distributed quite quickly, so we authorized another 500. Meanwhile, some Meetings were asking if they could adapt the design with their own info. This is being done.

We have continued to support and provide a Quaker presence at

1. The Peace Fair
2. Historic Fallsington Day
3. Bristol Day
4. Yardley Flea Market

We are aware that we might not be best able to communicate with younger inquirers and that we need help. It was pointed out that this expertise need not come from a Committee member, that we could employ someone to help us that is what we plan to do. It is possible that doing so might cause us to exceed our budget.

One thing we did not do this year is provide a program of Quakerism in a Nutshell or Q101 or anything to assist new Quakers. One approach is to do as we have in the past: provide a one day intensive course. Another is to provide a series of talks on Quaker beliefs and practices. Each has its benefits; in the end, we may try both.

As clerk of this Committee I have tried to have at least one member from each Meeting. This is not always possible; so, to keep all the Meetings aware of our activities, I have put the Clerks of the Meeting on our distribution list.

I undertook to Clerk the Committee as long as we met by ZOOM or at Pennswood Village because it appeared that the Committee needed a Clerk. This is not a healthy state of affairs. The Committee ought to be able to get out to the Meetings.

Respectfully submitted, Douglas Meaker, Clerk

Doylestown Friends Meeting

2021 Annual Report

During the second year of the global pandemic, Doylestown Meeting continued to adapt to the challenges presented by these unprecedented times. With resolve, we came together as a community to support one another in worship, outreach, activism and spiritual growth. Major highlights from the year included:

Reopening (And Closing) Our Meetinghouse:

After nearly 18 months of closing our meetinghouse due to the pandemic, we opened our doors for in-person worship on August 1. Vaccinations were highly recommended and masks were required for those in attendance. The Property, Communications, and Ad-hoc Reopening Committees worked to make this reopening possible. The meetinghouse was then closed again in mid-October due to the rise of the delta variant. We offered Meeting For Worship on Zoom for the entire year, including a “hybrid worship” combining the Zoom and in-person meetings while the meetinghouse was open.

Walking Worship:

In conjunction with closing the meetinghouse in October, we started “Walking Worship.” For this unique worship experience, Friends gather in silent worship in the front yard of the meetinghouse each First Day. From there, we walk to a public labyrinth, just a block away. After walking the labyrinth in silence, we return to our meetinghouse. Friends have enjoyed this opportunity to worship in a new, COVID-safe way, and it has continued through the winter months. We also gathered for an outside Christmas program in the backyard of the meetinghouse in December, which included a bonfire and sing-a-long.

First Day School:

Our robust First Day School program continued this year. The majority of meetings were held monthly via Zoom, with our FDS coordinators dropping off supplies to children and their families to support monthly themes and activities. In addition to Zoom meetings, there were also some wonderful in-person activities, including an annual trash pick up and ice cream outing, Christmas caroling, and observing nature at Lake Galena.

Fourth Sunday Forums:

We continued our Fourth Sunday Forum collaboration among the Pastoral Concerns, Worship and Ministry, and Peace and Social Concerns Committees. These monthly forums took place via Zoom after Meeting For Worship and included topics such as: Mysticism and Everyday Miracles, Social Media and Quaker Life, Quaker Activism and Spirituality, and Poetry and Spirituality.

Stewardship Of Our Property:

In order to facilitate hybrid Meetings For Worship, we had WiFi installed at the meetinghouse. We hope to use this in the future for presentations and to enhance the First Day School curriculum. We also concluded a large waterproofing job for our basement.

Preserving Our Past:

A joint effort between our Historian and Communications Committee saw the archiving of the last 20 years of our Monthly Business Meeting minutes. We plan to submit these minutes to the Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore College.

QUAKERTOWN MONTHLY MEETING ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021

PRESENTED FEBRUARY 2022

Every meeting in the Quarter probably spent 2021 juggling the logistics of how to attend meeting for worship in their meetinghouses as safely as possible during the pandemic. Quakertown was no exception. Everyone wore masks and sat far apart. Some stayed home, went online and “zoomed” other meetings’ worship sessions. Our meetings for business seemed strained and conversations often did not “flow” as they normally did. Our efforts to study the queries in Faith and Practice were not inspiring. We did, however, recognize our local Food Pantry’s need for a consistent flow of donated food and money to supply the increased need in our community. All extra donations were directed to them.

We also, were able to continue our tradition of sending Christmas gifts and hand knitted hats and scarves to fifty 3-6 year old children at Mercer Street Friends school.

In October, a meeting attender organized a dedication ceremony for an historic marker that honors the Nixon burial grounds which Quakertown Meeting offered to non-Quakers in the 1700s. Franklin Township was instrumental in creating and placing the marker on the site. The marker also mentions the site across the street that was a former cemetery for enslaved Africans. The ceremony was well attended and afterwards refreshments were offered at the meetinghouse about two miles away. Everyone sat under the trees on the front lawn and enjoyed the beautiful weather and homemade cookies. An article about the ceremony with accompanying photographs was in the local paper.

In spite of pandemic restrictions with smaller attendance at meeting for worship and the strains of uneasy verbal communication, Quakertown did gain two new, wonderful members. Both of them have been attending and contributing their time to extra tasks. One is our lovely gardener.

This January we closed the meetinghouse for all of January and February because of concerns about the increased pandemic. We will reopen at the end of February when we can open windows. A good number of our members and attenders have been ZOOMING other Bucks Quarter meetings on the First Days when we are not gathering and are really enjoying your worship sessions. We will devote a special business meeting to hearing what they have learned and how we can benefit from their experience. So, thank you for your “unknown”, very welcomed contribution to our Quakertown Monthly Meeting.

