

Abington Quarterly Meeting to Attend to Business

Held at Abington Monthly Meeting

Eighth Month 6th, 2017

Abington MM – 28: Byberry MM- 0: Gwynedd MM -10: Horsham MM – 5: Norristown MM: 2: Plymouth MM – 8: Richland – 2: Unami MM -0: Upper Dublin MM – 3.

Amelia Diamond, clerk, began the meeting with worship at 10:50 AM, with 58 Friends present. She welcomed all to Abington Monthly Meeting.

The agenda was approved, as were the minutes of Quarterly Meeting of Sixth Month Fourth at Unami Meeting.

Connie Lezenby, Gwynedd Meeting, presented two minutes regarding Planned Parenthood, one from Intermountain Yearly Meeting and one from Gwynedd Meeting. She requested that the Quarterly Meeting endorse the minutes and recommend that its members write to their legislators in support of funding for Planned Parenthood, and also consider making donations to that organization. The minutes will be presented again at the next session of Quarterly Meeting. Friends are asked to reflect on them meanwhile. There were many comments about the need that exists for Planned Parenthood's services.

Tom Rie gave a verbal report on the yearly meeting's annual sessions just past. The situation of Upper Dublin was taken under the wing of the Quaker Life Council, one of the divisions under the new yearly meeting structure (Quaker Life, Administrative, and Nominating Councils). Also, a multicultural audit of the yearly meeting will be undertaken; the three councils will appoint the members of the committee charged to study and recommend the organization that will be asked to do the audit. The proposed budget was approved, as was the Faith and Practice revision. Reactions to the new site, the College of New Jersey at Ewing, NJ, were not entirely favorable. Friends accepted the report.

Betsy Lukshides (Horsham) described a project of the Franconia Mennonite Conference, which acquires deworming medication for children in other countries who have intestinal parasites, and distributes pills for them (the pills cost about two cents each). It is estimated that eight million children need treatment, and the death rate is 50% if it is not available. She gave a member of each constituent monthly meeting a newsletter and a jar for donations. The meeting approved supporting this project.

The meeting closed with brief worship, to proceed to a picnic, at which formal recognition of the forty years of Junior Friends Conference and Middle School Friends Conference will take place.

Amelia Diamond, Clerk

Judith Inskeep, Recording Clerk