

Abington Quarterly Meeting
Eighth Month Seventh, 2016 at Abington Meeting

Abington: 17	Foulkeways W. G.: 0
Byberry: 0	Pottstown W. G. 0
Gwynedd: 9	
	Young Friends 12
Horsham: 1	
Norristown: 3	
Plymouth: 7	
Richland: 4	
Unami: 1	
Upper Dublin: 2	

Clerk Amelia Diamond began the meeting with worship at 10:52 AM. Thirty-five Friends were present at meeting for business. More Friends joined us at picnic; totaling 44, plus 12 young Friends.

The agenda was approved. The minutes of the business session of Fifth Month First had been electronically circulated. There being no additions or corrections, they were approved.

Loretta Fox (Abington) was approved as a Quarterly Meeting **trustee**, replacing Rebecca Emerson. The meeting expressed appreciation for Rebecca's service.

There is a continuing need for a Quarterly Meeting **treasurer** to handle the accounting function. It is not a difficult job, but it requires attention. It is busy at this time of year (supporting expenses of the Middle School Friends Conference) Robert Reiff has continued to serve, but will not be doing so after the end of 2017. The job description is posted on our site: www.abingtonquarter.org Friends are encouraged to help us find a candidate.

Tom Rie reported on Philadelphia Yearly Meeting **annual sessions**. He is on the Nominating Council. At sessions the Councils reported, and the budget was approved (there is a small surplus). The revision of Faith and Practice (which is on the YM website) was presented but not approved. The undoing racism group believes that the present structure does not sufficiently accommodate their work. The revision refers loosely to the structure, but does allow for this change. The body did not approve undoing racism group's request to join in the work of every other identified collaborative.

Tom also reported for the **Abington Quarterly Meeting Fund**. He reminded us that April 15 and September 15 are the deadlines to apply for funding for projects serving the interests of a monthly meeting or the entire Quarterly Meeting. Recently the Fund has helped with draining the grounds of Richland Meeting, roof repairs, the Heeding God's Call display, and Middle

School Friends Conference. Funds for refugee work have been approved and are available. There are three other funds, two for aging members and one for members of any age who have housing, medical or related difficulties.

Margaret Anderson spoke about **human trafficking**. The most important thing we can all do is to raise awareness. January is Human Trafficking Awareness month. Trafficking is the fastest-growing criminal industry, and there are an estimated 27 million victims worldwide, of whom only two per cent are rescued. Their average age is 12. Margaret asked that we look at the website www.A21.org, which lists 21 ways to help. She described the work being done by various organizations and how victims can be helped (by professionals) once they are identified.

There being no other business, the meeting closed in worship. A picnic lunch, and pool time followed.

Amelia Diamond, Clerk

Judith Inskeep, Recording Clerk