

## Home and Care Committee Annual Report to Trustee's

We are pleased to report the repayment of an outstanding loan of \$289,700 with the couple added a generous donation of \$500 to the Trustee's in appreciation for the extension of time to repay the loan.

Nancy Gold will be stepping down as Clerk of HCC and Bonnie Miller will become Clerk. Al Hubbs (Gwynedd Meeting) will be Assistant Clerk.

There are several new members of the committee.

Eric Malm, Norristown Meeting will fill the seat of Bob Neff who is stepping down after faithfully serving the committee for many years

Barbara Zucker, Richland Meeting will join the committee as Tat Moyer reduces her attendance.

Kay Sackett Fitzgerald, Gwynedd Meeting joined HCC last winter and has become an active

Member.

Additionally, we recognize the great loss of the wisdom and guidance received from Helen File of Byberry Meeting.

The committee is in the process of revising and reprinting our brochure after changes to our membership and officers.

We continue to visit and keep information on affordable living situations in local retirement facilities and HUD housing complexes.

We continue to struggle with our concern about the lack of affordable and supported housing for intellectually challenged adult children of members who need to move to a retirement facility. Work was done this summer to assist one such case without success. The Administrator will continue to pursue information about how to meet these needs.

The executive committee met with Rebecca Cratin Administrator of HCC for an annual job review. The executive committee recognizes that Rebecca is doing an exemplary job going above and beyond the job requirements. The executive committee recommends a 10% increase in salary from \$32.50 an hour to \$35.75 an hour (retroactive to October 1, 2017) with a review and update to the government gas mileage reimbursement rate which is currently

57.5 cents per mile.

Respectively submitted, Bonnie L. Miller

Clerk Home and Care Committee

Revised September 23, 2018

## MINUTE OF APPRECIATION

### HELEN J. FILE

It is with great sadness that we note the death of Helen File on September 2, 2018. Helen was a dedicated Friend who served Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and its members in many ways. Her incisive comments, wisdom, energy, wit, and guidance will be missed.

Helen served Byberry Monthly Meeting, Abington Quarterly Meeting Home & Care Committee, Abington Quarterly Meeting Trustees, Friends Insurance Group. Always gracious, Helen faithfully coordinated activities at the Arch Street Meeting House for 27 years. When there was need for a well-seasoned answer, Helen was our source.

Preserving the legacy of several centuries of Friends, Helen was a dedicated record keeper. These she eagerly shared; giving us genealogical charts, historic anecdotes and a lively flow of Quaker wisdom on any subject we might name.

Helen's work ethic could not hide her gentle heart. One Friend wrote "Helen's heart was open and warm as she shared her concerns about individuals needing care." Even toward the end of her life Helen was openly concerned for her care givers, their many efforts to make her life comfortable.

Helen set high standards and she revealed a caring heart. We pray that we may live into the space she created.

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Junior Friends Conference

Middle School Friends Conference

June 17-22, 2018

Ripples

The 41<sup>st</sup> conference week was held at the George School campus. The 26 Junior Friends Conference and 11 Middle School Friends Conference students contributed to creating community. This week has been designed for children of members and attenders of Abington Quarterly Meeting as an opportunity to live in a community of Friends. We welcomed families from Bucks and Radnor Quarters and hope to continue to grow to include more children from the region.

Our theme, Ripples, was explored in classes and evening activities. A single action, a stone dropped in a pond, a wind blowing through leaves, a smile to a passerby all have the power to create a ripple, an effect that can be seen on the surface, in the moment, and leave a longer lasting impact that may not immediately be discernable. We worked to create a Friendly intergenerational community of love and fun! We felt God's love surround us. Daily Meeting for Worship offered reflection time before an active day for both JFC and MSFC.

JFC students enjoyed classes in religion (explored ways that God shows us that we are loved), art (string paintings and tie dyed t-shirts), great outdoors (collected trash, assembled a tent, and explored the creek), SPICES (considered Friends testimonies), and sport/games (facilitated by our Faith and Leadership students) and pool time. Each day offered small group time for relaxing, playing games and making friends.

The MSFC students began their week together with a Meeting for Worship for Business to consider the ways they would live together in a community of Friends. The students participated in a ropes course in which individuals attempted to meet personal goals with group support. They took 132 items donated by staff and families and worked at Cradles to Crayons for several hours. The students created five challenging and fun games for the Junior Friends to play as teams. It was a huge success!

The Faith and Leadership program included sessions that allowed them to explore living their lives as Friends. They also experienced a ropes course to build their team. They visited Pennsbury Manor to learn about William Penn and to volunteer in the "kitchen gardens." The four students also provided program support and worked with JFC students for a part of each day.

The programs spent most evenings together. Activities included a camp fire, scavenger hunt, Capture the Flag, Cooperative Games and Talent Show. Caselli Jordan of City Love visited us one evening. He facilitated student composition of lyrics for a song with the chorus of "Mix those SPICES all together. The world needs Quakers to make it better. A Quaker did that! A Quaker did that!"

Throughout the week children asked questions, offered thoughtful statements, played with enthusiasm, created works of art, told silly jokes and sang! The counselors and staff provided loving care for the children. Their energy and enthusiasm keeps JFC and MSFC going. Most

were once campers and delight in passing on the traditions of the programs while adapting and creating new ones.

We were blessed by visits from Alice and Richard Wetherill, Ruth Peterson, Bill Procyson, Aidan Sines and Ben Levan, Harry Leeser and Becca Bubba and daughters. We are appreciative to the representatives from Monthly Meetings who helped to connect with all eligible families. We are grateful for Abington Quarter's financial and spiritual support.

*With love, Karen Shanoski*

*Director*

## **Staff**

Dylan Jalowiec	SPICES Teacher
Jason Lauts	Art Teacher
Justin Lauts	Friendly Presence
Amelia Perkins	Faith and Leadership Coordinator
Theo Procyson	Religion Teacher
Stephanie Hunt Rushie	First Aid
Joe Schatz	MSFC Manager
Kelsey Schwarzenbach	Assistant MSFC Manager
Karen Shanoski	Director
Charlie Sines	Assistant Director
Evan Taylor	Great Outdoors

## **Counselors**

### **JFC**

- Group 1: Elena Moreno, Sophie Perkins
- Group 2: Nia Lewis, Manya Mrosinski, Kenan Sayers
- Group 3: Cole Lewis, Zoë Rogers, Holli Sdao,

## **MSFC**

- Alexa Doran, Andrew Dow

## **Faith and Leadership**

- Sophie Dow, Rachael Ennis, Katie Riley, Leah Whalen