

Meeting Minutes
Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Executive Committee
Fourth Month (April) 7, 2018
North Meadow Circle of Friends, Indianapolis

The Meeting opened with silent worship at 12:10 PM.

1. Roll Call

Officers

Presiding Clerk: Betsy Neale, sent regrets

Assistant Presiding Clerk: Martha Viehmann, present

Recording Clerk: Terre Holada, sent regrets; Christine Carver, substitute present

Assistant Recording Clerk: vacant

Treasurer: Wilson Palmer, present

Assistant Treasurer: vacant

Statistician: Frank Huss, sent regrets

Committee Clerks

Adult Young Friends: no representative

Auditing: Veronica Frost, not present

Braddock Fund: Wilson Palmer, present

Budget & Finance: Fred Feitler, present

Earthcare: David Duvall, sent regrets

Faith & Practice: Betsy Neale, sent regrets; and Rex Sprouse, present via Zoom

Nominating Committee: Rhonda Pfaltzgraff-Carlson and Diann Herzog, both present

Peace & Social Concerns: Richard Mitchell, present via Zoom

Personnel: Stephen Angell, present

Religious Nurture & Education: Nikki Coffey-Tousley, present

Website Administrator: Lonny Burger, sent regrets

Yearly Meeting Planning: Carol Simmons, present

Youth Services Committee: David Funck, present via Zoom

Quarterly Meeting Clerks

Miami: Veronica Frost, not present

Whitewater: Terre Holada, sent regrets

Monthly Meeting Representatives

Bloomington: Christine Carver, present

Campus: Clear Creek: Cathy Habschmidt, present

Community: Deborah Jordan, sent regrets

Dayton: Nikki Coffey-Tousley, present

Eastern Hills: Wilson Palmer, present

Englewood: no representative

Fall Creek: Diann Herzog, present

Fort Wayne: Fred Feitler, present

Lafayette: Michele Tomarelli, present

Lexington: Richard Mitchell, present via Zoom

Louisville: no representative

Miami: David Pfaltzgraff-Carlson, present via Zoom; and Lonny Burger, sent regrets

North Meadow: Dinah Duvall, present

Oxford: Doug Jones, present via Zoom; Stephen Angell, present

White Rose: no representative

Yellow Springs: Deb Kociszewski, present

Staff

Administrative Secretary: Deborah Jordan, sent regrets

Youth Secretary: vacant

2. The clerk read the agenda, made several additions, and it was approved.

3. Correction to the Second Month (February) 3, 2018 Minutes

We approved a correction to the wording in Item 7. Personnel Committee, regarding the committee's role related to hiring a Youth Secretary and the addition of a heading, 7a. Youth Services Committee, to identify David Funck's report.

4. Treasurer's Report

Wilson Palmer presented the FY 2017-2018 YTD income and expenses. There was nothing remarkable. It was accepted.

5. 2018-2019 Budget

Wilson Palmer presented a General Fund Budget for next FY. It indicates about a \$12,000 deficit, but in recent years we have had surpluses mostly because of the unfilled Youth Secretary position. He noted that \$1500 in income has been lost as a result of lost membership.

6. Requests for Traveling Minutes

Paulette Meier, Community Friends Meeting, has a leading in the ministry of music and has shared this at both Quaker and non-Quaker venues. She has been invited to travel to Britain Yearly Meeting for presentations at Woodbrooke, Swarthmore Hall, and several monthly Meetings. Diann Herzog, Fall Creek Meeting, has a leading to be a traveling companion to Paulette in the role of an elder. We approved providing traveling minutes to Paulette Meier and Diann Herzog.

7. Ad Hoc Committee for Donations to Outside Groups

Michele Tomarelli gave a report with a proposal to amend the Handbook, pp. 32-33, Section 4.4 Budget Policy, Outline of the Budget Process, III. Contributions by replacing the last sentence in item a. Affiliated Friends Organizations with

In the event of a monetary shortfall or the urgent need to divert monies to some other worthy purpose, the Budget and Finance Committee may reduce the amounts donated to the Outside Quaker Organizations by the same percentage by which the overall budget is to be reduced. Favoritism may not be shown: contributions to each of the Outside Quaker Organizations will be reduced by the same percentage.

We approved this change. The Ad Hoc Committee also suggested that in place of reports during business meeting at annual sessions, representatives could be available to answer questions. Finally we approved, with gratitude for their service, laying down the ad hoc committee since their task is complete.

8. Web Friend's Report

The clerk presented Lonny Burger's report: there was a problem with the Website, which he has fixed. We accepted the report with appreciation for his proactive approach.

9. Religious Nurture and Education

Nikki Coffey Tousley reported on their activities. They held a retreat at Quaker Hill Conference Center on Third Month (March) 17, on *Spiritual Practices for Healing and Refreshment*. The committee continues to discuss ways to support travel in the ministry and tentatively plan a retreat on Spiritual Accompaniment in late summer. They also feel they may be led to develop a policy on Sexual Harassment/Abuse for adults. The committee continues to encourage inter-visitation between monthly meetings outside of Quarterly Meetings. Meeting representatives shared examples of these experiences. We accepted the report.

10. Nominating Committee

Rhonda Pfalzgraff-Carlson provided a report. They have developed a new report format for annual sessions called "The Roles and Positions Report", which will be much easier to use. We approve the following slate of nominees that she presented:

Lynn Funck	Budget and Finance
Stephen Angell	Budget and Finance
Bill Heilbron	Co-Statistician with Frank Huss, to enable him to learn this new role
Jamie Young	FCNL Representative
Phyllis Tonne	Children's Program

We agreed that Nominating Committee members are responsible for notifying Friends that their service has been approved by the Executive Committee.

11. Annual Session Roles Filled by Executive Committee

We approved Deb Kociszewski to provide the Epistles Summary

We drafted a slate of names to be contacted by the Clerk for their interest in serving on the Epistolary Committee and the Memorial Committee.

12. Development Committee

Fred Feitler discussed how to proceed with fundraising plans. The Handbook does not refer to this committee, which was set up 3 years ago as a sub-committee of Budget and Finance. We directed Fred to first develop a charge for this committee, to indicate specific activities it will undertake, to be brought to Budget and Finance for approval.

13. Youth Services Committee

David Funck reported on the status of hiring a Youth Services secretary. They have circulated the job description to Earlham School of Religion, Wilmington College and all the OVYM monthly meetings. Chie Togami has agreed to lead the Youth program at the annual sessions. We accepted the report.

14. OVYM Planning Committee

Carol Simmons reported that the theme this year is *Sharing Our Light: Radical Love for the World*. Registration opens on Fourth Month (April) 15, 2018 for the Sixth Month (June) 13 to 17 Yearly Meeting sessions to be held at Earlham College. One poster to promote participation has already been distributed and more will be forthcoming. We accepted the report.

15. FGC's Display at Annual Sessions

Susan Lee Barton would like to leave the FGC display with our Yearly Meeting. Dinah Duvall agreed to take it from Yearly Meeting to Joint Quarterly Meeting.

16. Review of Zoom

Today's meeting was delayed by 10 minutes due to technological problems. 5 people participated in the meeting via Zoom. Several who called in reported Zoom was better quality than Skype for them. A monitor and microphone are very important equipment to have for larger groups. The set-up should be tested well in advance of the meeting. We need to know where the wi-fi reception is best as well as the password at the host site. When two consecutive meetings will be held via Zoom, it is better to set them up as different Zoom meetings. The cost for Zoom is \$15 per month, but only if we use it. If we do not plan to use it, we can notify them and there will be no charge.

Our meeting ended at 3:25 PM with waiting worship.

Clerk: Martha Viehmann

Recording Clerk: Christine Carver