Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting (PQM)
January 23, 2022

Hosted by Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia

Register for Zoom Link: https://bit.ly/3rG1KI3
Contact PQM coordinator if you need assistance: PQMcoordinator@gmail.com, 215.990-3196

Schedule

10:30 - 12:00  Join via Zoom for Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia - followed by introductions and announcements.

12:00 - 12:45  Break for lunch

12:45 - 1:00  Quarterly Zoom space opens. Join early to greet each other and settle in.

1:00 – 2:00  Host program with Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia on "Quaker Worship In the Time of Covid: What Have We Learned?"

2:00 – 4:00  Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting for Worship with attention to Business

Agenda for PQM Worship with attention to Business

This agenda provides a link to minutes that are before us for approval. All other supporting materials, such as proposals, are part of this document. Clicking the link in the agenda will take you to the section of the document that contains the relevant supporting materials.


2. Nominations for PQM officer positions. Second reading; presented for decision.

   These nominations are for a one-year term, January 2022 through December 2022.
   ● Clerk: Kathleen Karhnak-Glasby (member of CPMM)
   ● Recording clerk: Ellen Deacon (member of CHMM)
   ● Mentoring clerk: Phil Anthony (member of CHMM)
   ● Assistant clerk: no nominee
   ● Treasurer: no nominee


4. Ujima Friends Meeting: minute of welcome and celebration. Decision item. (Draft will be provided Jan 23.)

5. Quarterly Meeting grant opportunity. Decision item.

6. Announcements
   ● Coordinator Update - See google link for draft. PDF available at meeting.
Green Street Friends have carefully planned and are beginning to implement a ten-year reparations effort, committing $500,000 of its own money towards this work. The first $50,000 will fund free legal clinics for Black Germantown homeowners over the next several months. These clinics will protect and secure Black wealth and redistribute Green Street Meeting’s resources to help stabilize Black homeownership. You can read much more about it here. If you would like to contribute monetarily to this work, send a check payable to Green Street Friends Meeting to: Green Street Friends Meeting, P.O. Box 4926, Philadelphia, PA 19119. Write “Reparations Fund” in the memo line.

Other resources available now:

➢ Philadelphia Mayor's Commission program "Making a Moral Case for Reparations" is well-worth the time. Green Street Friends Reparations Committee members are featured at 41:04-50:50. https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/GtGLPsvOFYt3DFOK02aeoj71Ny2ga8MhGzkOEc-DmiHWJweUTLrsw8RAuw_736x.IkdfCccClcdIOh1tM

➢ Green Street Friends Meeting Reparations Facebook page with public news of the project https://www.facebook.com/Green-Street-Friends-Meeting-Reparations-107039925149272/

➢ A Germantown radio show recording, which aired twice in early January, will be shared on the Facebook page when available.

AntiRacism Collaborative (ARC for short) of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is hosting a Saturday Thread Gathering on February 5th, titled Restorative Racial Justice: From the Personal to the Systemic.

The morning will focus on building personal awareness and tools for communicating. Afternoon will have three additional PhYM Collaboratives - Eco-Justice, First Contact Reconciliation, and Middle East - move us toward ways we can change harmful systems.

Register for the Thread Gathering, then check out the abundance of recommended “Resources” for learning and engaging on ARC’s site.
Attachment: Quarterly Meeting grant opportunity

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is inviting Quarterly Meetings to propose projects that support hybrid meetings and meeting outreach. The PYM web page about this opportunity provides the following additional information:

- Outreach: Sample projects that can be funded include programs on a topic, website renovation, event publicity, meeting publicity, or developing outreach plans.
- Technology: Quarterly meetings may purchase necessary technology for hybrid or virtual worship/programs.

Each Quarterly Meeting is eligible for funding up to $1,000. Funds received will need to be spent no later than **August 31, 2022**.

Phila YM will announce on January 26th that there will be some additional, more limited, funding for similar projects with Monthly Meetings.

PQM has shared this information with monthly meeting clerks and representatives to PQM.

**Proposal: Minute a request for the PQM officers to seek as much input as possible, make a decision about what project to submit, and take steps to implement the project.**

**Draft minute:** Friends would like to submit a proposal for the grant opportunity that Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is offering to Quarterly Meetings to support hybrid meetings and meeting outreach. We ask the officers of PQM to seek input from Friends throughout PQM, consult with Monthly Meeting PQM representatives, and decide upon a proposal to submit based on what seems to be most feasible for success and what would best serve PQM Friends. Further, we ask the officer to take the steps needed to implement the project.

**Reason to proceed this way:** It seems more likely to be successful to ask the officers to take this on than it would be to develop a proposal and bring it to the next scheduled PQM meeting. If we were to consider a “proposed proposal” in April, we would need to take all of the following steps in a four month time period (presuming Friends came to unity on approving the proposal):

- Submit the proposal for funding
- Wait for a response
- Implement the project from start to finish

If the idea that emerges involves simply purchasing equipment, that time frame will be sufficient. If the idea involves something more complex, such as hiring someone to create an outreach plan or renovate a website, it could be difficult to identify and hire someone, agree upon a scope of work, get all the work completed and pay the invoice within that time frame.
Another option is to hold a called meeting of PQM to consider this topic after input is gathered. If Friends have any stop about asking the officers to decide how to proceed, this would be more likely to facilitate a successful project than waiting until April to consider it.