

MEETING FOR BUSINESS, MIAMI QUARTER
RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS
TENTH MONTH, 22nd DAY 2022
HAPPY HOLLOW CAMP , NASHVILLE IN

Present: Peter Hardy, (presiding clerk), Gail Koehler, Cecilia Shore, Andy Garrison, Martha Veighmann, Sandy Felt.

The clerk gave a few comments and welcomed to all attendees

The clerk read the query and those present entered into silent worship
Where have I experienced the Divine Mystery in my life? How do we keep the Divine Spirit at the center of the life of our meeting?

Query #12, Faith and Practice of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting (2021).

Friends were invited to respond to this query and several Friends were inspired and spoke from out of the silence.

Roll call of representatives of Monthly Meetings

Campus: absent

Community: absent

Dayton: Sandy Felt

Eastern Hills: Martha Veighmann

Lexington: Gail Koehler

Louisville: absent

Oxford: Cecilia Shore

Yellow Springs: absent

The clerk reviewed the agenda in front of the body.

Consideration of a minute from Oxford Monthly Meeting

Cecilia Shore and Andy Garrison, being present and Friends from Oxford presented the minute (included below) regarding the possible formation of a committee of Friends from Ohio Monthly meetings who would seek to follow the development of legislation coming before the Ohio legislature. Friends noted that a similar committee exists in Kentucky, called Quaker committee on Kentucky Legislation or QCKL and Friends believed that a similar group also existed to monitor legislation in Indiana. There was a recognition that the formation of a successful group in Ohio would require participation from other yearly meetings in the state. Other Friends from Ohio indicated that they would inquire about interest in joining such a group in their monthly meetings, and that the matter would be brought to the meeting of clerks prior to the next quarter. The benefits of collaboration

with other religious bodies were also noted. Some Friends noted that the Kentucky group combined the three Kentucky meetings which span two yearly meetings and thus the group works to encourage participation among the different yearly meetings.

Treasurer's report

Veronica Frost, the treasurer of the quarterly meeting had submitted a financial report. The clerk discussed the report and answered questions about it as best he was able. Friends accepted the report.

The clerk noted that Veronica has expressed her wish to be relieved of the responsibility of being the treasurer. Noting that Veronica is now living in northern Michigan and is unable to attend meetings he asked Friends present if they would authorize him to become a signatory on the accounts for Quarterly meeting. The clerk emphasized that he did not wish to also assume the role of treasurer and that he would begin a search to find a new treasurer for the Quarter. Friends present agreed that the clerk could become a signatory on the financial accounts of the quarterly meeting.

Announcements & Future events

- Announcements from Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting: Annual Sessions June 14-18, MSJ
- Update on Miami Monthly Meeting, the clerk announced to Friends that Miami monthly meeting which owns two meeting houses was planning to sell their red brick meeting house.
- Clerking Workshop. Gail Koehler described plans to hold a clerking workshop at Eastern Hills meeting on Saturday November 12th. Cindi Goslee from Louisville Friends would be the primary presenter. Gail emphasized that all Friends, regardless of their involvement in clerking were welcome to attend.

Closing

The meeting ending with a brief period of silent worship. Friends were encouraged to enjoy the beautiful weather and grounds of Happy Hollow camp ground.

Minute for October 2022 Quarterly Meeting: A Quaker Response to the Present Crisis

Quakers have historically responded during times of crisis. And like our spiritual ancestors, we are living at a time when many aspects of life are under threat: voting rights; climate change; reproductive rights; and racism/ white supremacy, to name a few. A group of Quakers issued an “Urgent Call” in late July on Zoom. Oxford Friends gathered for this presentation and process, joining other small groups from around the U.S. Following the national gathering Oxford Friends devoted a second hour to consideration of this question. One suggestion arose that seemed to resonate and consequently it was suggested that we invite other Friends to consider the query: *In view of the shift toward states’ rights following a recent Supreme Court ruling, would it be beneficial to monitor activity in our own state legislature by establishing a Friends Committee on Ohio Legislation based on the model of FCNL.*

We recognize that there are Friends from Kentucky as well as Ohio in Miami Quarterly Meeting. We wonder if Friends from Ohio might like to form their own ad hoc committee to look at this proposal. We would also support Friends from Kentucky in considering what is available, desirable and/or feasible in their own state.

TREASURER'S REPORT- OCTOBER 2022

ASSETS-

BENEVOLENT FUND-

TruPartner Credit Union	\$2,673.85
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CINCINNATI FUND-(original endowment \$12,000.00)

TruPartner Credit Union	\$16,566.99
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JOINT QUARTER FUND-

TruPartner Credit Union	\$500.00
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GREEN PLAIN MEETINGHOUSE FUND-

TruPartner Credit Union	\$11,721.22
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INCOME-

<i>BENEVOLENT & CINCINNATI FUND-</i>	\$52.36
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<i>GREEN PLAIN MEETINGHOUSE FUND</i>	\$44.12
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EXPENSES-

<i>GREEN PLAIN MEETINGHOUSE</i>	\$9,830.00
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