

Whitewater Quarterly Meeting
Tenth Month (October) 15, 2023
Ft. Wayne Friends Meeting

1. With Christine Carver presiding clerk, The meeting settled into a time of waiting worship at 12:00 pm.
2. The agenda for today's meeting was reviewed, additions were made, and it was approved.
3. Roll Call of Monthly Meeting Representatives:
Bloomington Friends Meeting, Bloomington, IN: Marci Ankrom
Clear Creek Friends Meeting, Richmond, IN: Peggy Spohr
Fall Creek Friends Meeting, Pendleton, IN: Diann Herzog
Fort Wayne Friends Meeting, Fort Wayne, IN: Terre Holada
Lafayette Friends Meeting, N. Lafayette, IN: not present
North Meadow Circle of Friends, Indianapolis, IN: David Duvall (acting)
White Rose Friends Meeting, Marion, IN: not present
(Presiding Clerk reached out to Vaughn Peebles and Murray Cox of White Rose. Vaughn replied and he said it was unlikely that he would attend.)
4. Introductions:
David Duvall, North Meadow Circle of Friends (Indianapolis)
Eric Hailperin-Lausch, North Meadow Circle of Friends (Indianapolis)
Diann Herzog, Fall Creek Meeting (Pendleton)
Paul Buckley, Clear Creek Friends Meeting (Richmond)
Peggy Spohr, Clear Creek Friends Meeting (Richmond)
Gloria Stearns-Bruner, Bloomington Friends Meeting
Marci Ankrom, Bloomington Friends Meeting
Christine Carver, Bloomington Friends Meeting
Rex Sprouse, Bloomington Friends Meeting
Terre Holada, Ft. Wayne Friends Meeting
Bob Holada, Ft. Wayne Friends Meeting
MaryAnna Feitler, Ft. Wayne Friends Meeting
Jean Johnson, Ft. Wayne Friends Meeting
Ellen Hodge, Fall Creek Meeting (Pendleton)
Danny Bredo, Ft. Wayne Friends Meeting

Old Business

1. Paul Buckley reported from the OVYM Restructuring Committee. Paul presented a written report, see attachment page 3. Friends offered various suggestions for Restructuring Committee to bear in mind. During that discussion of the Restructuring Committee Report, WWQM agreed to host a Joint Quarterly Meeting in October 2024 and use the opportunity to test ideas from the work of the Restructuring Committee in planning and organizing. Report Accepted.

2. Treasurers report. The treasurer reported that the Quarterly Meeting's account held \$738.54 Please send donations made out to North Meadow Circle of Friends. In notes write: For Whitewater Quarterly Meeting.
North Meadow Circle of Friends
1710 N Talbott St
Indianapolis, IN 46202
Or
David Duvall
7811 Kimlough Dr.
Indianapolis, IN 46240 Accepted

New Business

3. Rex Sprouse, representing Religious Nurture and Education Committee, shared their plans to facilitate intervisitation between groups from monthly meetings. Accepted
4. Keep your monthly meeting pages at the OVYM Website up-to-date. Many are 2 to 3 years old. Accepted.
5. Next Quarterly Meeting: First Month (January) 21, 2024. The Clerk will contact Lafayette to see if they will host. If not, then Bloomington will. Approved.
6. OVYM Planning Committee announcement: Sessions June 12-16, 2024. The theme will be joy and the plenary speaker has been located. Accepted.

7. We deeply appreciate the graceful hosting and nourishing, delicious food from Fort Wayne Friends. Accepted
8. The meeting concluded in a time of waiting worship about 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Clerk, Eric Hailperin-Lausch

Attachment:

August 26, 2023

Ad hoc Restructure Committee Report to OVYM Executive Committee

In two meetings, we have focused on the role and functions of Quarterly Meetings in OVYM. We don't believe that it is helpful to try and work out "how" a new structure would look and function until we have unity on "what" that structure is to accomplish.

What

1. The business functions currently assigned to the QMs could be better carried out by the Executive Committee, the Yearly Meeting in session, or other OVYM committees.
2. Emphasis should be on mutual support of the monthly meetings and for linking their members. This is one of the QMs' historical functions, but not one that the current structure does well.
3. What is needed is spaces for worship, spiritual revitalization, creating connections between our meetings and person-to-person interactions.

How

Several gatherings each year might best meet our needs. These would:

1. Be organized by the yearly meeting and hosted by geographically-diverse monthly meetings.
2. Each with its own "theme." These might, for example, be organized by an OVYM committee – the Earthcare Committee or Religious Nurture & Education – or a wider Quaker organization such as FGC or AFSC – whatever serves our needs.
3. Create a spiritual space to which people would be delighted to come – spaces in which they would expect to be transformed.
4. Pay particular attention to the needs of children and their parents.

It is essential that we not lay down the current QMs until a new structure is in place. We hope to redirect the energy currently invested in QMs and use it .