

Whitewater Quarterly Meeting
First Month 19, 2025
Clear Creek Meetinghouse, Richmond, IN

1. Opening worship. Friends gathered at the appointed time in waiting worship.
2. Welcome and roll call:
 - Bloomington Friends Meeting - Marcia Ankrom, Rep, Peter Burkholder, Clerk
 - Clear Creek Friends Meeting - Jane Stowe, Rep, Gwen Halsted and Jana Schroeder, Co-Clerks
 - Fall Creek Friends Meeting - Diann Herzog (acting for Ellen Hodge, Rep), Ana Margaret Greene, Clerk
 - Fort Wayne Friends Meeting - No representative, Mary Anna Feitler, Clerk
 - Lafayette Friends Meeting - Karen Atcheson, Rep, Jill Hutchcroft, Clerk
 - North Meadow Circle of Friends - Dinah Duvall (acting for Eric Hailperin-Lausch, Rep), Anne Reynolds, Clerk until sixth month 1, then Shannon Effler
 - White Rose Friends Meeting – Regrets from Bill Henry, Rep, Kenneth Harvey, Clerk
3. Correction to minutes of Tenth Month 19, 2024 – Minutes approved via email, but one correction noted: Minute 6, part 3: White Rose meets WEEKLY on Wednesday evenings, not monthly. Friends approved.
4. Treasurer's Report - David Duvall: Current checking balance is \$582.31. During 2024, total income was \$3303.77 and total expenses were \$3510. He noted that \$3110 was spent in last quarter, mostly for Joint Quarterly Meeting. WWQ still should receive income of \$150 from Joint Quarterly Meeting. In answer to a Friend's question, Quarterly Meeting funds can be spent as the Quarterly Meeting sees fit. Most of the budget is spent on Joint Quarterly Meeting and educational opportunities. In 2024, we funded two Bloomington Friends' scholarships to attend a workshop. Also, occasional financial assistance is given to Friends within the Quarter.

5. White Rose Friends Meeting update
 - a. Peggy Spohr and Paul Buckley met with White Rose Meeting members and attenders at the restaurant where they are currently meeting. Their time together was lovely. Susan Hyde, OVYM records coordinator, talked with Vaughn Peebles who then hand wrote his recollections of White Rose history and sent them to Peggy. Bill Henry also sent recollections. Peggy offers these to Friends on request, and she will submit them to the OVYM Archives housed at Wilmington College. After Peggy and Paul's visit, White Rose met for Meeting for Business. Peggy notes that Murray Cox was clerk, but did not participate. White Rose welcomed a new member, Kenneth Harvey, who has a long Quaker lineage, who was promptly named Clerk. Both Kenneth and another attender send their regrets for missing Quarterly Meeting today.
 - b. Peggy asked Rex Sprouse and Bob Holada about Religious Nurture and Education reaching out to White Rose, but has had no response yet.
 - c. Peggy thinks that White Rose would welcome visitors. Susan Lee Barton has conveyed this to three people who had been interested in White Rose, and at least one has been attending.
 - d. There has existed for some time a Fort Wayne worship group affiliated with White Rose Meeting. Peggy asked them to affiliate with Fort Wayne Monthly Meeting and this connection with Mary Anna Feitler has been made.
6. Minuted: Our deep gratitude to Peggy Spohr for her tireless pursuit of the connection with White Rose Meeting, and her love and support of this joyous process of rejuvenation.
7. Invitation for WWQ to attend proposed Joint Quarterly Meeting hosted by Miami Quarter in fall 2025.
 - a. Peggy contacted Nikki Coffey Tousley and Barry Zalph who confirmed that Miami is indeed proposing to host a Joint Quarterly this October, though there was a Joint Quarterly in 2024 hosted by WWQ and historically these have been scheduled for every other year.
 - b. It was noted by a number of those present that fellowship gatherings that were endorsed at the last Annual Sessions are separate from Quarterly Meetings, the latter including Meeting for Business. And

while it was decided at Annual Sessions not to lay down the Quarterly Meetings at this time, fellowship gatherings to strengthen interpersonal relationships were to be added through the work of a new Gatherings Committee. A number of Friends present noted that socializing has historically been the motivation of many in attending Quarterly Meetings.

- c. After further discernment and recognition of the loving desire for further fellowship expressed by the invitation, the sense of the Meeting is to accept Miami Quarter's invitation this fall. It was noted that difficulty in scheduling additional gatherings, the amount of work needed for organizing, as well as the efficiency of our Business Meetings all must be considered as we move forward with this new structure.

Due dates:

- Statistical reports are due to Peter Hardy, Lexington Friends Meeting, by February 28, 2025.
- Meetings are encouraged to submit OVYM Directory listings to the Administrative Assistant, Susan Lee Barton, on the same date, Feb. 28, 2025.
- State of the Meeting Reports are due to the quarterly meeting clerk, Peggy Spohr, by March 15, 2025 and to Susan Lee Barton no later than April 15, 2025 (she welcomes them earlier, even in January). Clerk notes that there is guidance for these in OVYM Faith and Practice.
- Please submit nominations for WWQ Presiding Clerk and Recording Clerk to the clerk prior to the April meeting. The Treasurer will continue. New officers will begin their terms at the close of Annual Sessions.

Next meeting: April 27, 2025, at Fall Creek Friends Meeting. We will hear State of the Meeting Reports.

Closing worship