

The Green Street Messenger



Green Street Monthly Meeting of Friends
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West Philadelphia Preparative Friends Meeting
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First Day Meeting for Worship	10:30 AM
First Day School	10:30–11:15 AM
First Day Meeting for Worship at West Phila. Mtg.	10:30 PM
Wednesday morning Meeting for Worship	8:30–9:00 AM with GSFS
First Sunday evening Meeting for Worship	6:30–7:00 PM at Stapeley Hall

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April 2018

Sunday, 1st	Rise of Meeting	Easter Brunch - Roma Dockhorn
Sunday, 8th	9:30 PM Rise of Meeting	Second Sunday Worship & Ministry (see below) Coffee Hour - Sue Wasserkrug & Susan Christian
Saturday, 14th	9:00 AM	Second Saturday Film & Discussion (see below)
Sunday, 15th	Rise of Meeting 12:30 PM	Lunch – VOLUNTEER NEEDED Monthly Meeting for Business
Saturday, 21st	11:00 AM	Memorial Meeting for Rosemary Marshall
Sunday, 22nd	9:15 AM Rise of Meeting 12:30 PM 1:00 PM	Friendly Bible Study PQM POTLUCK - JoAnne Seaver & Bill VanStone ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER NEEDED Spiritual Deepening & Healing Program Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting
Friday 27th - Sunday, 29th	5:00 PM	Young Adult Friends Retreat (see below)
Sunday, 29th	Rise of Meeting	Coffee Hour - VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Minutes of Monthly Meeting for Business Held Third Month 18, 2018

At Green Street Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held at 45 West School House Lane, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Third Month 18, 2018: Business Meeting convened at 12:30 pm in prayerful silence.

18-03-01 The clerk welcomed Friends, thanking them for coming to the meeting.

18-03-02 Friends reviewed and assented to the agenda.

18-03-03 Minute of Gratitude for Hospitality Committee

The clerk opened with thanks and gratitude for the hospitality committee's work in hosting the FGC Committee on Nurturing Ministries that was meeting at Green Street from March 16-18. Frank Perch listed the contributions of individual members of the committee who provided food, logistics, and homes for the FGC attendees. In particular, Peggy Worthington and Sheldon Berman worked diligently all weekend, helping in many ways. A note of thanks also goes to the meeting secretary for contributing her time and energy to making sure the meeting went smoothly. The committee also facilitated a potluck supper on Saturday evening, before FGC's workshop on Welcoming.

18-03-04 Nominating Committee

Victoria Greene reported. There were no names held over from last business meeting.

For a first reading:

Assistant Recording Clerk

Ajima Olaghere for a three-year term through 6/30/2021

Recorder

Frank Perch for a three-year term through 6/30/2021

Representative to Quarterly Meeting

Jerry Williams for a three-year term through 6/30/2021

Budget Committee

Jerry Williams for a three-year term through 6/30/2021

Treasurer

David La Fontaine for a one-year term through 06/30/2019

Website Committee

Ryan Carroll for a three-year term through 6/30/2021

Green Street Friends School Board

Jesse Smith, Esq. '87 for their first three-year term through 6/30/2021

Kia Wimmer, Esq. for their first three-year term through 6/30/2021

Betty Turner for their second three-year term through 6/30/2021

Jerome Maddox for their second three-year term through 6/30/2021

Blythe Davenport for their second three-year term through 6/30/2021

(Serving long distance from Florida)

Jason Sears for their third three-year term through 6/30/2021

These names will be held over for approval during next business meeting.

18-03-05 Report from Greene Street Friends School

Blythe Davenport reported on behalf of Anne Bayless. The new building continues to progress. The project is on budget, and the contractor is committed to completing the work by the end of the summer. The school's financial statements were audited and approved and confirmed that the school, as measured by 2016-17 audit, is in sound and healthy shape. The new mission statement incorporated the suggestion of the meeting and has been approved by the school board. The school administration and Parent's Association continues to work on creating robust programs around racial equity in our school.

Friends were encouraged to hear about the work that the school is doing around racial justice, both with students and with parents.

The meeting membership is also reminded to bring any matters regarding meeting facilities to the attention of Chris Mohr or Dan McDevitt, members of the Meeting-School Facilities communication group.

The report was accepted with thanks.

The clerk read a thank-you letter from Ed Marshall, acknowledging the meeting's gift to the school this year. She asked if we could approve being listed in school publications, with the acknowledgment name "Green Street Monthly Meeting". One Friend suggested "Green Street Friends Meeting". This suggestion was approved.

18-03-06 Proposal regarding Grumblethorpe

Paul Jablonski reported.

Grumblethorpe is a historical house museum located at 5267 Germantown Avenue. The museum staff also works in conjunction with the PA Horticultural society which runs a youth program for youth in the neighborhood, and grows food to sell at a farmer's market in Germantown. There is a Grumblethorpe House committee, which Paul is a part of, and they are contacting neighborhood organizations requesting them to send a representative to the Grumblethorpe House committee.

The committee meets monthly and their tasks include development and programming. The representative would be a participant in these tasks as well as planning what comes next for the house, and the events that take place in Grumblethorpe and Germantown like 2nd Sunday open houses.

If anyone is interested in participating in this committee, please contact Paul Jablonski at 215-603-4256 or 215-844-7789. A member or attender is encouraged to participate, and report back to business meeting on the committees' work.

18-03-07 FCNL Priorities

JoAnn Seaver reported. She brought up an opportunity for Green Street Meeting to participate in making recommendations to Friends Committee for National Legislation for their legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session. The deadline for suggestions is April 13th.

JoAnn will enquire with Worship and Ministry about scheduling the discussion during the April 8th Second Sunday session at 9 AM. If that is not possible, Friends suggested meeting over snacks during hospitality on March 25th. Bill Van Stone will convene this group discussion.

18-03-08 Replacement for Naming Committee

One member of the Naming Committee has dropped off the committee. Paul Jablonski has volunteered to take this slot. One Friend also noted that if anyone is interested in joining the Nominating committee to please contact a member of the Naming Committee – Margie Felton, Paul, or Mychelle James.

18-03-09 Relationship with Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

The clerk opened a conversation regarding Green Street's relationship to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. We are currently withholding two years' worth of GSMM's covenant donation to PYM. This follows a process of

communication that has taken place between Green Street and PYM leadership, including written letters and in-person discussion during business meeting. The questions now stand, “What do we as a meeting want from PYM? What would make us feel satisfied to renew our covenant to PYM?”

In order to proceed, the clerk has been directed to ask Gabbreell James to bring a report on the work of the Multi-Cultural Steering Committee. The business meeting will then look at our requests from PYM, and then see what has been addressed or not.

A working group has been formed, currently including Marille Thomas and Margaret Wood but open to other interested participants. The group is tasked with providing a concrete plan for how best to conduct the next steps of this work, and how best to include the voices that need be heard. We are seeking a balance between hearing in particular from Friends of color without creating an undue burden on those same Friends to carry the full weight of the work.

18-03-10 These minutes were approved.

18-03-11 Friends ended in worship

Meeting adjourned, agreeing to meet again at the appointed time on Fourth Month 15, 2018.

JoAnn Seaver, Clerk

Blythe Davenport, Recording Clerk

Upcoming Events for F/friends

Undoing Racism Group, Saturday, April 7th, 3:30 -5:30 PM, GSMM

URG will meet in the Social Room to worship together and debrief from PYM Continuing Sessions. We will start with 30-minutes of worship, transition to hearing from those who attended sessions, followed by open discussion. You do not need to have attended sessions in order to join us. All are welcome. Please come and bring your thoughts and observations, your questions, perhaps a mindfulness tuned toward ways forward... or to simply listen. Childcare will be available.

Second Sunday with Worship and Ministry, April 8th, 9:15AM, GSMM

Discern FCNL Priorities. Join our discussion as we discern the Friends Committee on National Legislation's (FCNL's) lobbying priorities for the next two years (due April 13th). At FCNL's Annual Meeting in November, the General Committee (FCNL governing board) will consider all meeting's suggestions and approve new priorities to guide FCNL's work. Since the 1940s FCNL has effectively lobbied both sides of Congress on important issues that come from our testimonies and spiritual discernment. The 2013 FCNL publication, *The World We Seek, Statement of Legislative Policy*, is available online at fcnl.org/about/govern/policy. It is worth reviewing before our meeting.

Documentaries and Discussion Series, Saturday, April 14th, 6:00 PM, GSMM

“RiverBlue” Harsh chemical manufacturing processes and the irresponsible disposal of toxic chemical waste, one of our favorite iconic products has destroyed rivers and impacted the lives of people who count on these waterways for their survival. RIVERBLUE brings awareness to the destruction of some of the world's most vital rivers through the manufacturing of our clothing, but will also act as a demand for significant change in the textile industry from the top fashion brands that can make a difference. Join us for this film and discussion on sustainable fashion and to see how we can all participate to make wise choices in fashion, for the better of all people and the environment! *Admission, childcare, refreshments and parking are free.*

Memorial Meeting for Worship Service for Rosemary Marshall, Saturday, April 21st, 10:00 AM, GSMM

Please join Charity Marshall and the family of Rosemary Marshall as they come together to celebrate and honor her life. Rosemary frequently attended Green Street with Charity upon her move to Stapley.

Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting, Sunday, April 22nd, 12:30-4:00 PM, GSMM

Let's show our hospitality! Come join members from our quarterly meetings for a potluck lunch followed by a program, "Spiritual Deepening and Healing" (facilitated by our very own Valerie Anderson and Tracy Smith!) Quarterly Meeting with Attention to Business will follow. All voices encouraged and welcomed.



The Fourth Query on Care for the Meeting Community

Care for one another

Are love and unity maintained among us? When conflicts exist, are they faced with patience, forbearance, and openness to healing? Are avenues for exploring differences kept open? To what extent does our Meeting ignore differences in order to avoid possible conflicts?

Is the Meeting a safe, loving place? When we become aware of someone's need, do we offer assistance? Are the meetinghouse and the Meeting property physically accessible to all?

Do all adults and children in our Meeting receive our loving care and encouragement to share in the life of our Meeting, and to live as Friends? Do we truly welcome newcomers and include them in our Meeting community?

When a member's conduct or manner of living gives cause for concern, how does the Meeting respond?

How does our Meeting keep in touch with all its members?

Am I ready to offer assistance as part of my religious community serving its members? Am I equally willing to accept graciously the help of others?

Do I recognize and face disagreements and other situations that put me in conflict with others? Do I manifest a spirit ready to give or receive forgiveness?

Do I treat adults and children alike with respect and without condescension? Is my manner with visitors and attenders to my Meeting one of welcome?

Care in my home

(This set of personal queries may be helpful for the family to consider within the family setting. Families may also wish to explore other General Queries as part of regular family worship.)

Is my home a place where all members of the family receive affection and understanding, and where visitors are welcome? Do I choose recreation and a manner of living that enriches the body, mind, and spirit; and shows a high regard for family, community, and creation?

Is our family prepared to discuss such sensitive topics as death, faith, money, even sex and drugs, in a manner that allows openness and honesty, and also direction?

How do I help to arrange life at home so that there is an opportunity for all to learn and absorb by example what it means to live a life of Spirit-led commitment?



**The Young Adult Friends group will be hosting their weekend retreat at Green Street Meeting April 27th through April 29th.