

The Green Street Messenger



Green Street Monthly Meeting of Friends
45 West School House Lane

West Philadelphia Preparative Friends Meeting
1018 S 48th St (Squirrel Hill Apartment Bld.
Basement)
Philadelphia, PA 19143

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.	1:30 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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For updates and more information: go to greenstreetfriendsmeeting.org

March 2017

Sunday, 5th	9:30 AM Rise of Meeting 12:30	Breakfast with a Friend—Robert Dockhorn Coffee Hour—David La Fontaine/Patrick Egan Care & Counsel Committee Meeting
Sunday, 12th	9:00 AM Rise of Meeting	Second Sunday Forum - The New Sanctuary Movement <i>(Please see the About F/friends section)</i> Coffee Hour—Amy Verstappen and Marille Thomas
Saturday, 18th	6:00 PM	Documentaries and Discussion Series, <i>The Loving Story</i> : <i>(Here at GSMM. please see the About F/friends section)</i>
Sunday, 19th	Rise of Meeting 12:45	Lunch—Charlotte Anderson and Frank Perch Meeting for business
Sunday, 26th	9:15 AM Rise of Meeting	Friendly Bible Study Coffee hour— Volunteers needed



Draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting for Business Held Second Month 19, 2017

At Green Street Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held at 45 West School House Lane, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Second Month 19, 2017: Business Meeting convened at 12:30 pm in prayerful silence.

17-02-01 The Clerk opened by asking the spirit to continue to inform us and guide our work.

17-02-02 Friends approved minutes from First month.

17-02-03 Friends reviewed and approved the agenda.

17-02-04 Exploring an opportunity for outreach in our own neighborhood, Valerie Anderson and Tom Grabe

The Clerk began with a note of introduction for Tom Grabe, a member of Germantown Monthly Meeting (GMM) who has been an informal Quaker ambassador to Germantown, working with neighborhood groups, community garden projects, programs with children and more.

Responding to the call of her spiritual leading, Valerie Anderson has been meeting with the Outreach Committee of Germantown Monthly Meeting and the Clerk of that committee, Anthony Stover.

They have started a conversation with Men Who Care of Germantown, a neighborhood group that has been working in Germantown since 2011. The group is especially dedicated to working with Roosevelt Middle School in Germantown.

Valerie and Anthony's conversation and hope are centered on joining the energies of GMM, GSMM, and Men Who Care as well as Mennonites in Germantown. All sides are examining ways to collaborate and find common ground in the hopes of partnering on projects and outreach in our neighborhood. They have organized a lunch gathering at GMM on April 8 from 12 – 2 in order to get to know each other and start to discern how we can come together to work on a neighborhood outreach project.

There is no formal structure proposed for the meeting's involvement. Right now there is support and critical mass between GMM and GSMM. There are plenty of causes and plenty of issues to work on, but there is also energy and support that can have an effect as way opens. First it is important to listen and to learn what the community needs.

Friends expressed gratitude to Valerie, Tom, and the others who weren't here today who have brought us this opportunity. We were reminded, "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:2

For more information about Men Who Care of Germantown go to www.menwhocareofgermantown.org.

17-02-04 Report from our Nominating Committee

Blythe Davenport, temporarily deputized by the Nominating Committee, read the report.

1) Second reading of the following appointments:

Gabriel Ehri	2/2017	6/2019	Care and Counsel
Geniver Montalvo	2/2017	6/2019	Archivist

These names were approved.

2) New Nominations read for the first time:

Margie Felton	3/2017	6/2020	Hospitality
Eric Davenport	3/2017	6/2019	Librarian

These names are held over for second reading.

3) **Proposed Job Description and Structure of Support and Accountability for the Archivist**

The archivist assures the preservation of important records of the Meeting and sees to it that they are transferred to Friends Historical Library in Swarthmore in a timely manner.

Duties include:

- Become familiar with requirements and standard practices for Meetings placing records in FHL.
- Become familiar with the holdings of FHL for GSMM, which can be found listed on the FHL website.
- Know where the records not yet forwarded to the archives are kept, and assuring appropriate security of these holdings.
- Keep track of after what period of time records should be sent to FHL, and making sure that they are sent.
- Discuss with the Meeting secretary how the records are prepared, such as use of acid-free paper for paper archives, or archival pdfs for digital records.
- Explore whether GSMM can switch to digital archives and digital forwarding of records to FHL.
- Occasionally report to the Meeting on the practices and status of its archives.

The Archivist will be supported by a Records Working Group composed of the Recorder, the Archivist, the Secretary, and the Secretary's Supervisor. The Recording Clerk may be included when helpful. The Records Working Group will meet when any of these individuals feel it would be helpful. (Possibly 2/year)

The Clerk gently proposed the idea of a manual to be composed which would collect the procedures and job descriptions of GSMM.

17-02-05 Report from Care and Counsel

William Van Stone reported on two items.

C&C brought forth the request of Paul Dexter for membership in West Philadelphia Preparative Meeting, under the care of GSMM. This name will be carried over to next month and there is a prediction that Chris Mohr will volunteer to head a welcoming committee at that time.

C&C has reviewed the process of joining the Meeting. For members new to the Quaker Meeting, the names are read, held over for a month, and brought up the second month for approval. Transfers of membership is generally presented once and accepted on that same day. The Committee asked for approval of these procedures.

The Meeting is comfortable with the process for new members. The meeting also suggests that a "visiting committee" meet with those who request transfer of membership ahead of the reading of their name for approval.

17-02-06 Report from Worship and Ministry – Follow up on banner

The Committee requests approval for a new copy of the same banner, to be printed and re-hung. This was approved.

17-02-07 Review of the Revised Secretary Job Description

Robert Dockhorn reported. A draft of this job description was presented to the meeting in December, where Friends were able to comment and make suggestions. These have been incorporated in the updated job description. Friends expressed a few more suggestions and concerns that will be discussed. A new revision will be presented at a future meeting for business for final approval.

17-02-08 Friends ended in worship

Meeting adjourned, agreeing to meet again at the appointed time on Third Month 19, 2017.

JoAnn Seaver, Clerk

Blythe Davenport, Recording Clerk

Members present: Valerie Anderson, Anne Bayless, Blythe Davenport, Anthony DiGiovanni, Robert Dockhorn, Victoria Greene, Chris Mohr, Robin Mohr, Sharon Mullally, Frank Perch, JoAnn Seaver, William Van Stone, Margaret Walters

Attender: Jennifer Morley

Guest: Tom Grabe, Member of Germantown MM

Staff: Gail Woodbury, Secretary

About our F/friends

(News and announcements of concern to the Meeting)

Meeting for Worship at Stapeley on the first Sunday of the month.

Stapeley residents will happily welcome anyone who wants to join them in their meeting for worship at 6:30.

Sunday, March 12, 9:00 AM, the Second Sunday Forum

The W&M committee is planning to host a speaker from the New Sanctuary Movement to talk about their program "Sanctuary Everywhere" for the second 1st day in March. The information below was sent out previously.

A "sanctuary church" means offering shelter to undocumented immigrants facing imminent deportation. The number of churches involved in this movement has doubled (from 400 to 800) since Trump was elected. Here's an interesting article that came out recently about a Quaker Meeting in Denver that's currently housing an undocumented family:

https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2017/feb/08/sanctuary-movement-undocumented-immigrants-america-trump-obama?utm_source=esp&utm_medium=Email

Saturday, March 18. Documentaries and Discussion Series, The Loving Story:

This documentary tells the inspiring and heartwarming story of Mildred and Richard Loving, an interracial couple who married in 1958 despite Virginia's anti-miscegenation laws. To avoid a one-year jail sentence, the Lovings agreed to leave the state; they could return to Virginia, but only separately. Living in exile in D.C. with their children, the Lovings missed their families and dearly wanted to return to their rural home. At the advice of her cousin, Mildred wrote a letter to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, who wrote her back suggesting she get in touch with the American Civil Liberties Union. **This event will be held at Green Street Monthly Meeting at 6:00 PM.** *Free childcare, refreshments and parking are available. The event itself is also free.*

PYM Continuing Sessions

Saturday, March 25, 12:30 - 9:15 PM Arch Street Meeting House

In Toward A Radically Multigenerational Continuing Sessions

PYM's Program and Religious Life team is collaborating with the Sessions Coordinating Committee in planning the Spring 2017 Continuing Sessions. This will be a day to gather across generations and across the divisions that have emerged in our yearly meeting, to foster deep connections among Friends in our spiritual community, and come away with clarity, hope, and action. We will focus on the needs of different age cohorts (children, Middle School Friends, Young Friends, Young Adult Friends, and older Friends) while being together in community. The gathering continues into the evening with the Seeking Faithfulness Series.

Our gathering continues into the evening, 7 PM

Seeking Faithfulness Series

The evening of PYM Spring Continuing Sessions, Young Adult Friends invite everyone to the Seeking Faithfulness Series, for an evening of music, connections, dialogue, and inspiration with the duo City Love - Sterling Duns and Caselli Jordan.

The Seeking Faithfulness series is an annual event hosted by the Young Adult Friends of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting for the benefit of the whole yearly meeting community. Young Adult Friends invite a Friend to challenge us all to explore new ways to practice our Quaker faith. The Seeking Faithfulness series seeks to nourish our spiritual lives and call us to faithful witness in our communities and throughout the world.

Registration Opens February 17: www.pym.org/continuing-sessions

Share what's happening at Green Street Meeting.

The Website Working Group is looking for photographs (with captions), descriptions of Meeting events, and short opinion pieces. We are happy to help with editing. Please submit to geniverm@yahoo.com. Items that you would like added to the Google calendar on our website should be submitted to the Meeting secretary at secretary@greenstreetfriendsmeeting.org.



The Third Query on Spiritual Nurture, Ministry, and Religious Education

Does our Meeting encourage the ministry of both word and deed? How does our Meeting recognize, develop, and nurture the gifts of our members and attenders of all ages?

Does our Meeting prepare all its members and children for worship and for a way of life consistent with the principles of the Religious Society of Friends? How do we teach about Quaker practices in business and worship and their importance to the functioning of our Meeting community?

In what ways do we support each other in order to seek God's will and act upon our understanding of truth? Is there opportunity in our Meeting to share the excitement of religious discovery and the possibility of religious transformation?

Does our Meeting provide opportunities for all in the Meeting to learn about:

- the Inner Light, the living Christ within, the Bible, the writings of Friends, our Christian heritage, other religious traditions and their respective roles in the history and formation of Friends' principles?

- the common testimonies Friends declare?

- the variety of expression Quaker faith takes today?

Do I maintain as part of my personal and family life those daily practices that focus on continued spiritual growth, with disciplined worship, inward retirement, and communion with the divine spirit?

Do I frequently read the Bible and other religious literature, including the records of the lives and

experiences of Friends? Do I take the time to explore these resources with others, and likewise encourage my children?

Do I share my own faith and spiritual journey, and encourage such sharing within my family



Contact information and Events for major Quaker Organizations

[American Friends Service Committee | Quaker values in action](https://www.afsc.org/) <https://www.afsc.org/>

[Friends Committee on National Legislation](https://www.fcnl.org/) <https://www.fcnl.org/>

March 18-21, FCNL Spring Lobby Weekend

[Friends General Conference | Nurturing faith and Quaker practice](http://www.fgcquaker.org/) www.fgcquaker.org/

[Friends Journal: A Quaker magazine to connect and deepen spiritual ...](http://www.friendsjournal.org/) www.friendsjournal.org/

Friends World Committee for Consultation Section of the Americas ... fwccamericas.org/

Registration for the 2017 Section Meeting is now open.

[Philadelphia Yearly Meeting - Home](http://www.pym.org) www.pym.org

Forum on Aging in Place at Haverford MM, March 4

Extended Meeting for Worship, Swarthmore Friends Meeting, March 4,

PYM Grant Makers Potluck March 11

PYM Thread Gathering: Supporting Individual Calls to Ministry Peer Group Introduction

April 1

News and Announcements

Workshops and/or Short Courses at Pendle Hill

*The Pendle Hill website now lists one day events, weekends and weeklong events. Please call Pendle Hill at (610) 566-4507 or (800) 742-3150, ext. 3, **or go to pendlehill.org**. Matching scholarships are available; please call. For more information, please go to their website, pendlehill.org, or call.*

Looking ahead

REsources and REnewal Retreat May 5-7

To honor, uplift and support the ministry of religious educators and spiritual nurturers, PYM's Children's Religious Life Program is collaborating with Melinda Wenner Bradley (NYYM) and Beth Collea (NEYM) to bring a retreat called REsources and REnewal to PYM. This weekend will give you a chance to bask in your community of practice for some rest and renewal, to celebrate cutting-edge work emerging in PYM and beyond, and to sharpen some skills. Help us build the weekend you need it to be!

Please fill out the brief survey indicating topics of greatest need and interest:

www.pym.org/children/workshop-survey

Details: Zachary Dutton, zdutton@pym.org or Meg Rose, mrose@pym.org

Humor Corner: A Taxi Driver and a Priest Die...

The priest waits for a long time and finally goes to St. Peter and asks: "Why could that taxi driver go to the highest level of heaven and I, who all my life spoke about God, have to wait for such a long time?"

St. Peter replies: "When you were speaking to the people at your church, everybody was sleeping. But when that taxi driver was driving, everybody prayed!"

Church Bulletin Blooper:

22 members were present at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs. Marsha Crutchfield last evening. Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Rankin sang a duet, "The Lord Knows Why."

Quote Corner: Do you try to set aside times of quiet for openness to the Holy Spirit? All of us need to find a way into silence which allows us to deepen our awareness of the divine and to find the inward source of our strength. Seek to know an inward stillness, even amid the activities of daily life. Do you encourage in yourself and in others a habit of dependence on God's guidance for each day? Hold yourself and others in the Light, knowing that all are cherished by God. -- *Quakers in Britain*

The **submission deadline** for the April newsletter is **9:30 AM on Friday, March 17.**