

GPQM – Saturday, September 15, 2007 held at Friends School in Detroit

Present were:

Kalamazoo – Joe and Linda Mills, Valerie Groszmann, Laura Ford

Detroit – Tyler Hampton, Leslie and Margaret Walden, Mike Kelly

Ann Arbor – Carolyn Diem, Jeff Cooper, Jim Crowfoot, Elaine Wilson, Christa Williams

Pine River – Shirley and Verne Bechill, Don and Nancy Nagler

Birmingham – Ellen and Marvin Barnes, Geoff Brieger, Phil Clampitt, Winker Covintree

Grand Rapids – Betty Ford

After a period of silent worship, meeting for the conduct of business began with a report on Friends School in Detroit by Geoff Brieger, clerk of the Board of trustees.

Concerns brought forth by Geoff:

- Enrollment was 164. This is a great achievement but it wasn't achieved until later in the school year. Current enrollment is 149 but the budget is based on 155 enrollment.
- Efforts are under way to raise funds to support the school as almost 40% of students are on financial aid.
- McCree dinner generated \$-----. Kudos to Richard Marback (former parent) and Doreen Webb.
- Two development people have been hired (part-time) with some trepidation).
- The school has received favorable publicity due to Headmaster Dwight Wilson.
- Processing of augmenting the board 51% of the board must be Quakers.
- The Quarterly Meeting minuted great appreciation to Geoff and Dwight for their steadfast leadership.

Report on Detroit Friends School given by Dwight Wilson, Headmaster of Detroit Friends School

- Discussion: Friends were urged to support the school financially with "a sense of confidence." The students are not present when we visit, so the artwork and other signs of student life are greatly appreciated.
- The Chinese program was discussed.

Nominating committee report was presented by Don Nagler.

- Asst. Clerk and Recording clerk positions are vacant. Any suggestions for the positions are to be forwarded to Don Nagler.

Finance Report was presented by Joe Mills.

- The year was ended with about a \$500 surplus. What to do with the surplus? Last year we had \$6000 which was shared with MFC and FSD, but there was a mix-up and all the money went to MFC. The group approved the giving of the surplus monies to FSD.
- This years budget:
 - The Institute for Global Education was explained: a peace and justice program in Grand Rapids that devolved from an AFSC program in Grand Rapids.

Announcements were made concerning happenings in the greater Friends Community.

Spring Quarterly Meeting minutes were approved.

2007-2008 budget was distributed and discussed:

- \$65 reduction for AFSC and \$100 reduction for FCNL was discussed. QPQM is to keep the assessment down to \$43 per person. Should the surplus be used to pay for the reduction in the AFSC and FCNL line? Should it come out of the Adult program?
- Friends spoke on the importance of Adult Program for future of Quarterly Proposed Planning.
- Don Nagler spoke on the importance of Traveling and Ministries – FGC
- Shirley Bechill spoke on Ministry and Nature Consultaion – LEYM.
- Restore FCNL the \$100, AFSC \$65 and have \$165 for Adult Program. Dipping into the surplus was approved.

Geoff Brieger – FSD board update:

- New proposed board members for term ending 2010.
 - Julie Poll
 - Nadia
 Neither are Friends. These nominations were approved conditionally on determine friends majority. There are 7 Friends and 5 non Friends.

**Can only approve 1 for a Quaker majority.

Approved blanket approval of members up for renewal, as they would like to remain. Their exact terms will be recorded and files.

Don Nagler – MFC board update:

- Board is three people short, 2 Friends
- New Executive Director – Elaine Economou.
- Reviewed Fall Program

Betty Ford – Youth Program

- Several successful events including camping at Paris in the Spring
- Winter Activities and Canoeing.
- Cathy Deyo from Grand Rapids is the Youth Coordinator

Cathy Deyo is going to Palestine with AFSC. Grand Rapids gave \$2,000. Support has been minuted.

Monthly Meetings were given a change to present reports and announcements:

- Christa Williams – Ann Arbor: Miyo Bassett passed. Memorial lectureship at FSC in Human Rights. Need \$20,000. \$6,000 has been raised.
- Ellen Barnes – Planning Committee for the Gathering at Johnstown will be at FSD – need housing for members. There is also a need for evening programs and worship committees. Scholarships are available.
- Betty Ford – Holland Prep seeks Monthly Meeting status. Grand Rapids will meet with them. Fremont Worship group has been considering LEYM queries. Betty and Laura Ford will visit with the Traverse City Worship Group early October.
- Phill Clampit – LEYM Earthcare. Great Lakes Bioneers@marygrove. “coming out of water closet”.
- Jeff Cooper – Ann Arbor is doing Woolman and Q1oicclass
- Mid-Winter Quarterly – no date set. Attendees to consider hosting with their monthly meeting.
- Trustees – need 3rd resident. Marg Walden has been approved as 3rd QPQM trustee.
- Summer Gathering – 6 gathered in the rain.