

Salem Quarter News

Summer 2016



*Behold how
good and how pleasant it is
for the brethren to
dwell together in unity.*

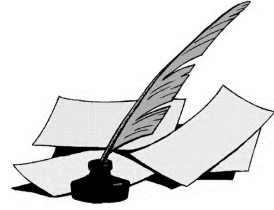
Often when things have been presented to my mind to offer [in meeting] I have given way to reasoning and a fear of being deceived, or getting before my true guide, so that I have lingered too much behind; and thereby brought great darkness, poverty and distress over my mind. But my great and good master, who knows my heart, and that it was not stubbornness or willful disobedience, but a fear of missing my way, in mercy looked upon my weakness, and again admitted me into favor with him.

Elizabeth Collins

On the cover: picture by Jim Murphy, Woodbury Mtg.
Quote: Psalm 133:1 NJKV

About Those Neighbors

*by Barry Sloane,
Clerk of Quarter*



For the last 15 years, Mickleton and Mullica Hill Meetings have sponsored the Helen and John Glass Peace Essay Contest. It is open to eighth graders in the Friends' School Mullica Hill and the entrants write an essay about peace. The winner is given a cash award that can be used toward a scholarship. This year's winner is Daniel Alexis and the topic was "But Who is My Neighbor?" The essay appears later in this issue and I hope you will enjoy reading it as much as I did. (see page 13)

We have all known special neighbors in our lives and in some cases been profoundly affected by them. Helen and John Glass were those kinds of neighbors. They were college sweethearts, and oh, what an extraordinary team they made through 50 plus years!

John was a chemical engineer with three patents and numerous awards for analytical equipment in the petro-chemical industry. Helen was a teacher who started her career in a one room school house and later taught Chemistry and Biology.

I remember John in meeting for worship for his Bible readings and extensive insights into the Bible. I learned a lot from him. I remember Helen for her forthrightness, levelheadedness and humor. She was a powerful and warm person.

I remember both for their commitment to simplicity and peace as well as their quiet community service. Helen was a talented sewer, grower and wood worker. She sewed many of their own clothes and at one point sewed over a hundred coats that were donated to AFSC. They grew a lot of their own food and raised their own chickens. Helen was a Girl Scout leader and later organized the first racially integrated 4-H Club in this area.

Helen and John were passionately committed to the idea that the charitable works were far better than paying war taxes, and they didn't just talk about it. They acted on their peace testimony by giving as much money and resources to charity as possible. We will never know the true extent of what they gave because they took Mathew 6:4 seriously... "so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you." I recall a time that they arranged for a person to have extensive dental work and another time when they teamed up with a friend to build a house for a family of seven.

I reckon that after reading this, you will agree that Helen and John were good neighbors on steroids. Daniel, I think you are going to be a good neighbor throughout your life.

Salem Quarterly Meeting Minutes

3/13/2016

Salem Quarterly Meeting met 3/13/2016 at Woodstown Meetinghouse. Out of worship, clerk Barry Sloane (Mickleton) convened the meeting, welcomed Friends and visitors, and expressed our gratitude to Woodstown Friends for their gracious hospitality. There was a Friendly presence for business of eighteen representing all of the seven monthly meetings in the Quarter.

Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting on 12/13/2015 were approved as they appeared in the Salem Quarter News.

David Culver (Salem) reported from the Lower Alloways Creek committee highlighting their long range plans and presenting a proposal to borrow and subsequently repay funds from the LAC Fund at Fiduciary. *(See report p. 19)*

Friends approved the Preservation Plan funding request from the LAC Meetinghouse Committee to borrow up to \$25,000 worth of shares with a repayment plan of at least 1/5th of the debt each year for five years.

Jared Valdez, (Mickleton) presented a review of his activities on behalf of the Quarter and for the monthly meetings. These highlights included work on the Quarter website, the improvement and development of monthly meeting websites, and the introduction of a monthly electronic bulletin for Salem Quarter filled with news and activities to inform and inspire the community spirit of the Quarter. This new endeavor was noticed and publically acknowledged by PYM with a featured article. Future plans include the continuation of technical support and the use of marketing for activities.

On behalf of the Steering Committee, Paul Somers (Greenwich) reported on the plans for future quarter meeting programs as well as working closely with Jared Valdez and the LAC Committee. *(See report p. 12)*

Friends approved the continuation of the marketing/communications consultant for a second year at \$6,700 with funding from the Paid Staff reserve as needed.

Friends approved changing the date on the June quarterly meeting to Saturday, 6/4/2016. This will ease the strain on the FSMH staff, students and their families by allowing for more than one week before

graduation. The students are presenting the program on their trip to Costa Rica. It will still be hosted by Seaville Meeting. The event schedule will be arranged by Steering Committee.

The Finance Committee report was submitted by Michael Shapiro (Salem) summarizing account activity and offering the 2016-2017 budget proposal as prepared by the Finance Committee. *(See report p. 8)*

Friends approved the 2016-2017 FY Budget as presented by the Finance Committee.

Bill Carrigan (Mickleton) delivered a report from Emily Blanck (Mickleton) on the next Continuing Session which will be at Arch Street Meeting on 3/19/2016. Workshops and programs topics include Race & Racism and Anti-racism training. The evening will conclude with the Annual William Penn Lecture.

Quarter Nominating Committee presented the following for approval:

Assistant Clerk—three-year term ends 2019

Tom Etherington, MUL

Assistant Treasurer—three-year term ends 2019

Michael Shapiro, SAL

Salem Quarter Trustees: Cemetery-Grounds —three-year term

2019: Torrey Reade (ad hoc)

Salem Quarter Auditors—three-year term

2019: Joe Tingle, MUL

Salem Quarter Education Fund Committee—three-year term

2019: Marsha Gaspar

Judy Isenhardt, MIC

Friends Village at Woodstown Board of Trustees—three-year term, nominated by Friends Village, approved by Quarterly Meeting

2019: Richard Ridgway, MUL

Grace E. Thompson, GRN

Stephen Waddington, SAL

Friends approved the nominations as recommended by the Nominating Committee.

Dietrich Preston (Woodbury), of the Tri-Quarter Gathering Committee submitted a report on the 2016 Tri-Quarter Gathering. He noted the new committee positions. The theme will be similar to last year since last year was cancelled due to weather. The committee hopes to have the flyer available by May.

On behalf of the Indian Affairs Committee, Sandra Boone Murphy (Mickleton), submitted a written report. The Indian Affairs Committee met for discernment toward inclusion on the Salem Quarter web site. With unity we found that such exposure would be welcomed and useful for members/ attenders of our quarter as well as those beyond. With appreciation and blessings from Tribal Council, and thanks to Jared's expeditious job, a link has already been created to one of the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape sites. Under construction/ hidden at present, is the Quarter's minute of support, approved Ninth month, 2012; a link to the Cultural Heritage Partners work on behalf of the tribe - lawsuit and articles, with approval by the law firm. We will also be posting relevant pictures and upcoming events/ calendar notices.

We are finding our way through the doctrines of discovery and their foundation in law as well as common practice. One suggested resource is a DVD *The Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking The Domination Code* directed by Sheldon Wolfchild and co-produced with Steven Newcomb. This is available for loan facilitated Quaker 8.

Our next set meeting will be the 20th, Fifth month (May,) 2016 at 2 PM, with a meeting host TBD (pending approval by one of our meetings for worship.) For spirit led discussion or clarification contact the committee clerk: aliibiondi@gmail.com or by phone, [609 221-7247](tel:6092217247).

The Worship & Ministry Committee met at the home of Michael & Rebecca Shapiro (Salem) on Friday evening 3/11/2016. Out of worship the group discussed details for the proposed fall discussion series. (*See report p. 20*)

Paul Somers (Greenwich) reported on the Trustees Cemetery Grounds Committee. He jovially remarked that there have been no new arrivals and no departures.

A report from Friends School Mullica Hill was presented by Bill Carrigan (Mickleton). Enrollment has remained steady at 141 for the second consecutive year. At present, their applications for next year are ahead of where they were this time last year. There is a new merit scholarship available, The Waddington Scholarship.

The Friends School Mullica Hill Board of Trustees has been very pleased with Jared Valdez in Marketing/Communications. They are looking to expand his role in 2016-2017 and expressed their apprecia-

tion to Salem Quarter for their support as a shared service in 2015-2016. The Trustees Quaker Life Committee has been named: Mike Ayars, Gail Scuderi, Glenn Parker, Peter Manzelmann, Bill Carrigan and Beth Reeves.

Bill shared an open invitation to Friends School Mullica Hill Spring events: worship every Friday morning at 9:00 am; Spring Auction, 4/22, 6:30 pm at Scotland Run; Spring Musical, *Alice in Wonderland*, 5/26 in Tohill Auditorium at Rowan University; Meeting for Worship for Graduation, 6/12; and Graduation, 6/14.

Meeting was closed in worship.

Changes in the Salem Quarter News

Salem Quarter has begun a new monthly Bulletin of Salem Quarter activities and related matter. This will provide more timely announcements than can be made in a quarterly newsletter and will be e-mailed to everyone who wants it. The Steering Committee has endeavored to make this offer available to all members and attenders of the quarter. If we missed you and you want to give it a try, just sign up on the quarter's website at www.salemquarter.net.

Beginning with the Fall issue, Salem Quarter News will be issued AFTER quarterly meeting. The deadline for each issue, starting with the Fall issue, will be the Tuesday **after** quarterly meeting. Announcement of the quarterly meeting and its program will be made in the monthly Salem Quarter eBulletin.

Having a monthly e-mail SQ Bulletin enables us to give more timely announcement of upcoming quarterly meeting activities as well as other items of interest to Friends in the Quarter. Having the SQ News issued after quarterly meeting will provide access to the minutes and reports of quarterly meeting about a month after quarterly meeting instead of the nearly three months it takes now. If you need to refresh your memory of the minutes and reports of the previous meeting before a quarterly meeting session, you can always access the online version on the quarter's website.

Finance Committee Report

3/13/2016

Marketing /Communications Consultant

The proposed budget is intertwined with the decision to add a second year to the agreement with Friends School Mullica Hill for the services of Jared Valdez as a marketing/communications consultant. Like Friends School Mullica Hill, Salem Quarter has been pleased with the updates to our website and the newly launched electronic monthly bulletin. Most of the monthly meetings in the Quarter have also availed themselves of Jared's expertise. We have the funds in the reserve from the Coordinator program to underwrite the continuation of this position at the same level of support as in the current budget. This requires no additional funds from the monthly meeting covenants. As we achieve our technology goals we may be able to look forward into the use of marketing skills in outreach.

When the Coordinator program was laid down, the Quarter had \$15,000 in funds that had been pledged by the monthly meetings for the support of a paid staff position. These funds were kept in reserve while we assessed our need and goals for a paid staff position. We used a portion of these funds to support the marketing/communication consultant position last year. There are reserve funds remaining.

Lower Alloways Creek Meetinghouse

There have been slight adjustments to income and expenses. These are enough to cover the temporary reduction of Lower Alloways Creek Fiduciary income created by the approval of the Quarter for the Lower Alloways Creek committee to borrow the funds needed to create a professional preservation plan.

Any amount borrowed by the Lower Alloways Creek Committee will be maintained in an LAC Preservation Reserve Account. Preservation expenses, loan repayment and income from fundraising would be recorded there as these items are separate from the budget.

South Jersey Chapter: Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts

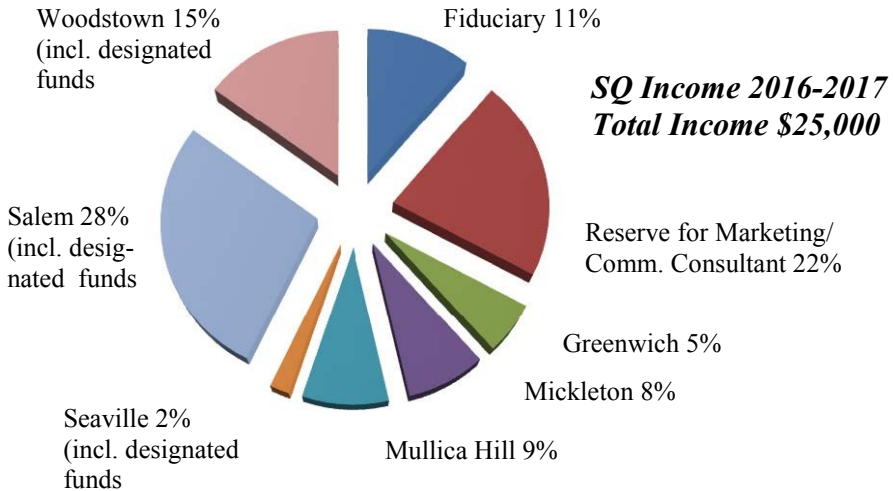
The Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts returns a portion of the dues to the local chapter, SJ FQA. At their request the Steering Committee set up a reserve account to record those deposits and whatever expenditures they may have. Under program expenses, the budget notes the support of Quarter artists. The group may opt to raise funds in addition to the dues income to finance any expenses over the budget line item. The reserve account is a bookkeeping strategy and does not affect the budget.

2016-2017 Budget

The Salem Quarter Finance Committee met in February. Out of worship they reviewed the balance sheet of our accounts, both checking and Fiduciary, reviewed covenant pledges for 2015-2016, and considered year to date expenses and projections in preparing the 2016-2017 budget proposal.

The budget before you presumes that these two questions are approved. This is not a predicted conclusion. It is simply easier to make last minute changes by removal.

Information from recent Fiduciary disbursements and covenant figures from the monthly meetings yielded the income projection shown below. Woodstown, Salem and Seaville designated that a portion of their covenants subsidize the Education Fund.

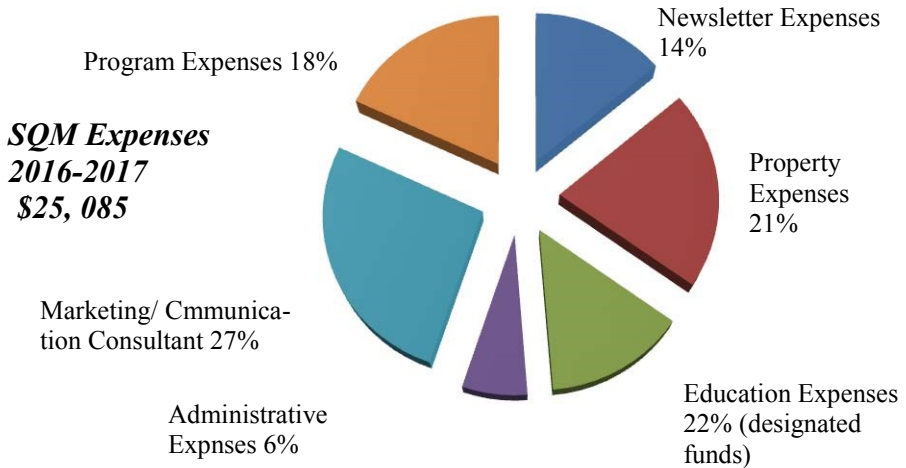


Based on anticipated fixed costs, available income and Salem Quarter directives, the committee proposed the following expenditures.

Administrative expenses include PO Box rental, general postage, website maintenance, office supplies, and event liability insurance (\$1,360). They total \$1,610.

Education expenses are the amount that the Quarter contributes toward the disbursement of scholarships from the donor restricted education fund at Fiduciary. Subsidy of the Education Fund makes possible awards ranging from \$600 - \$1,200 for each qualified student per year.

The committee noted that this not only benefits the student directly, but the Quaker elementary and secondary schools those students attend. Designated subsidies from Woodstown, Salem and Seaville adjusted this line item to reflect an overall expense to the Quarter of \$0.



Newsletter expenses represent a portion of the Quarter budget. This is proportionally appropriate as the newsletter represents the primary form of contact between the Quarter and individual Friends within the Quarter. Care is continually exercised to insure minimal waste in both printing and mailing. Our increased use of technology improves our communications without added cost. Our newsletter expenses have remained static for the last few years.

Program expenses have increased over the last two years and now exceed newsletter expenses. Program expenses include allowances for the four Quarterly Meeting programs (\$500); Quarterly Meeting child care (\$600); special programs, worships, and retreats hosted by the Quarter (\$500); an annual outreach ad in the Friends School Mullica Hill auction book (\$300); funds for unspecified donations or outreach as may be approved by the Quarter (\$500); funding for the annual Tri-Quarter Conference (\$1,000); support for the SJ Chapter of the Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts (\$100); and as directed by the Quarter, a small budget for the Indian Affairs Committee (\$50); and limited reimbursement of travel expenses for the Southern State Prison Ministry (\$1,000).

Property expenses are those costs incurred for the maintenance and insurance of the LAC Meetinghouse and the Lower Alloways Creek and Harmersville cemeteries (\$3,725) that are not covered by the donor

restricted LAC Property Fund. Also part of property expenses are the costs of maintaining the Port Elizabeth cemetery (\$1,500).

The expenses of the marketing/communications consultant are offset by the income from the Paid Staff Reserve.

Current Finance Report

Since last Quarterly Meeting in December 2015, we have received income from Fiduciary for the Property and General accounts, totaling \$1,506. Covenant income totaled \$2,375. Our expenses were \$3,612 and included payments for postage, PO Box rental, Carpenter Tree Service, Atlantic Electric, Univest Insurance, Friends Village, List Masters, and JVS Copy. Contributions approved at the December Quarterly Meeting totaling \$1,400 were paid. We are on target for the year with both expenses and income.

The Friends School Mullica Hill will have two more open houses this school year. The dates are:

- **Friday, May 13, 2016 9am**
- **Friday, June 10, 2016 9am**

This is an excellent opportunity for anyone with children to check out the school.

Steering Committee Report

March 13, 2016

Steering Committee continues to be a very active group with meetings which leave us pleased to have attended. We continue to work hard to provide interesting and spiritually stimulating programs for Quarterly Meeting as well as vary the locations and days for each gathering:

The June Meeting will take place on SATURDAY, June 4, at Seaville Meeting on Rt. 9 south of Marmora and south of the southern end of Rt. 50. The program will be a presentation by students from Mullica Hill Friends School on their trip to Costa Rica.

September's program will feature Chris Densmore, speaking about historic Quaker Journals, which will lead off a series he will then continue. It will be at Mullica Hill on Sunday, September 11.

December will be held on Sunday the 11th at Salem Meeting. We plan to have Lucy Duncan, Associate Secretary at AFSC do some storytelling. We are investigating having an artist to assist.

Greenwich Meeting has expressed an interest in supporting refugees from Syria or other war-torn areas of the Middle East. So persons from other Meetings interested in this should let Steering know and we'll put them all in contact.

The Steering Committee has been kept in the conversation about the Lower Alloways Creek (LAC) Meeting project, about which there is a separate report.

We have all found Jared Valdez to be of great assistance to the Meetings in the Quarter and to the Quarter as a whole. We have welcomed his ex-officio attendance at all Steering Committee meetings. The sense of our last meeting was that we support the continuation of his professional relationship with Salem Quarter. He, too, has a separate report.

Every Steering Committee meeting has "Around the Quarter" as its final item of business. We go around the table hearing what each meeting is doing. It is very helpful to be aware of what others are up to, and we would like suggestions on how this could be introduced in some manner to all the members of the Quarter. It would certainly help all the Monthly Meetings to be more connected.

Friend Paul Somers
Clerk

But Who is My Neighbor?

By

Daniel Alexis

I have many neighbors in my life. My neighbors are my classmates who I have been with for the past six years. The people outside of New Jersey are my neighbors. When I see my neighbors in bad circumstances, I try to give them encouragement in their darkest hours. I also think that neighbors are very important when building a community. When I am older I want to make positive contributions towards my neighbors because in the end all neighbors should strive for peace and prosperity.

My peers at Friends School Mullica Hill are my neighbors. I see them everyday and we learn something new from each other as well. When unfortunate events arise with one of the students, we try to support them in any way possible. I have been at the school for six years and I have learned about many different cultures. Not only did I learn about different cultures from being in Social Studies class; I have also learned about different cultures from listening to my classmates. At school I can have healthy debates with my classmates without feeling uncomfortable to speak my mind.

Not only my classmates are my neighbors, but the entire population of the globe are my neighbors. I have friends who live in other parts of the world and they are also my neighbors because they are living on this planet with me. Even people who I don't even know are my neighbors. Your neighbors can assist you with your dilemmas if you're willing to show them the good and bad of your situation. They can also aid by helping you when your family is in need or protecting your house while you're abroad.

As a neighbor I have a responsibility to support my neighbors when they are in troubling times. It's a responsibility because it's important to support people when they are in horrific conditions. I would want someone to help me if I were in trouble. When I see one of my neighbors in dismay, I encourage them to not give up because they can make a wonderful contribution to society. All it takes is caring and understanding to build a strong relationship between neighbors.

In life, I have an abundance of neighbors. My classmates with whom I am graduating are my neighbors. People who also live on planet Earth are my neighbors. There are significant responsibilities and duties that must be maintained for one to be a good neighbor.

*Officers and Committees of
Salem Quarterly Meeting
Approved by Salem Quarterly Meeting 3/13/2016*

Clerk—three years, two consecutive terms only, second term ends 2017

Barry Sloane

Assistant Clerk—three-year term ends 2019

Tom Etherington

Recording Clerk—three-year term ends 2018

Rebecca Shapiro

Treasurer—three-year term ends 2017

Chuck Devers

Assistant Treasurer—three-year term ends 2019

Michael Shapiro

Salem Quarter Trustees: Cemetery Grounds—three-year term, at least one per monthly meeting. Responsible for the care and maintenance of the properties and cemeteries entrusted and/or deeded to Salem Quarter, excluding the Lower Alloways Creek Meetinghouse and surrounding grounds.

2017: *Maurice W. Ayars Jr.*

Preston Carpenter

Barbara Jean Chadwick

Rick Williams

2018: *David Cadwallader*

Paul Somers

2019: *Torrey Reade*

Salem Quarter Auditors—three-year term

2017: *Gloria Horvay*

Walt Pierson

2019 *Joe Tingle*

For personal contact information,
please consult your paper edition or
contact your Steering Committee rep-
resentative.

Salem Quarter Liaison with Friends School at Mullica Hill Board of Trustees—three-year term

2017: *Alice Waddington*

Salem Quarter Education Fund Committee—three-year term

2017: *Lori Talbot*
Tacie Trull (clerk)
Tom Etherington
Sally Crane
2018: *Robert Holden*
2019: *Marsha Gaspar*
Judy Isenhardt

Salem Quarter Worship and Ministry—terms not established

Rebecca Shapiro (clerk)

(All members of Monthly Meeting Worship & Ministry or Ministry & Oversight Committees)

PYM Nominating Committee—three-year term, Quarter entitled to two members. Representatives from the Quarter bring names from the Quarter to the attention of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee in an effort to match gifts and skills to appropriate PYM committees.

2018: *Bob Horvay*

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please consult your paper edition or
contact your Steering Committee representative.

Salem Quarter Lower Alloways Creek Committee: Meetinghouse Property. Members to be nominated by the committee and approved by Quarterly Meeting. An action group to oversee the stewardship, management and use of the Lower Alloways Creek Meetinghouse building and property.

Penny Watson
Mary Waddington
Jim Waddington
Paul Somers,
David Culver
Maurice W. Ayars (rec. clerk)
Torry Reade
Ron Magill
Keith Ragone,
Preston Carpenter

Indian Affairs Committee - members to be nominated by the committee and approved by Quarterly Meeting

Sandra Boone Murphy
Lois Dinshah
Marie Haaf
Carol Lively
Jim Murphy

Salem Quarter Steering Committee—appointed by monthly meetings Salem Quarter ex officio

Paul Somers clerk
Tom Etherington
Michael Shapiro (treasurer)
Robert Simmons
Michael Hainsworth
Diane Metz
Mary Hess
Maurice W. Ayars Jr
Jack Mahon
Rebecca Shapiro
Bob Horvay
Gloria Horvay,

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contact your Steering Committee rep-
resentative.

Finance Committee—appointed by monthly meetings, one per meeting. Ex officio, Steering Committee treasurer

Burt Doremus

Barry Sloane

Joan Boarts

Michael Shapiro (clerk)

Ben Ford

Diane Metz

Jack Mahon,

Nominating Committee - appointed by monthly meetings, two per meeting plus one from Friends Village Board

Grace Thompson

Anne Lester

Ruth van Veenendaal

Peggy Warner

Rebecca Shapiro

Ben Ford

Diane Metz

Gail Scudder

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resentative.

Clerks of Meetings

Greenwich: *Grace E. Thompson,*

Mickleton: *Gloria Horvay*

Mullica Hill: *Jeffrey Summerton,* Salem: *Tacie Trull*

Seaville: *Michael Hainsworth,*

Mary Thompson-Schmidt

Woodbury: *George Crispin*

Woodstown: *Maurice W. Ayars Jr*

Friends Village at Woodstown Board of Trustees—three-year term, nominated by Friends Village, approved by Quarterly Meeting

2017: *Joan Ayars* (treasurer)

Louise Cressman

Susanne Culver, (clerk)

Ruth Crane, Friends Village Resident Association

2018: *Maurice W. Ayars Jr.* (secretary)

Russell Bassett, Jr.

Lori Talbot

2019: *Richard Ridgway,* (ass't clerk, ass't secretary)

Grace E. Thompson

Stephen Waddington (clerk)

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Lower Alloways Creek Meeting House Committee Report March 13, 2016

The next step in the preservation of the LAC Meeting House should be development of a preservation plan. A preservation plan, written by experts in the field, would provide recommendations for stabilization and preservation, and propose improvements to facilitate limited use of the building. It would also document the architectural and historical significance, and describe in detail the condition of both the interior and exterior. It would also identify any problems that require correction, assess compliance with local codes and evaluate basic barrier free accessibility.

Several experts in related areas would contribute to the preservation plan. A structural engineer would evaluate the building structure and provide observations and recommendations. A systems engineer would evaluate possible improvements for heating and ventilation that could facilitate future limited use and protect the well-being of the building while not significantly compromising originality. There would be recommendations for un-intrusive security measures, an analysis of masonry and mortar with insights that could support future work and recommendations about painting, including appropriate paint types and colors. Finally the preservation report would present a prioritized list of needed repairs and improvements, and a preliminary cost estimate for each task.

The LAC Meeting House Committee has a problem. We all believe that we need a preservation plan to guide us as we move forward. We need input from the experts on what needs to be done, in which order, and how each task should be accomplished. And, to apply for grants to fund future work, we need a completed preservation plan in hand to demonstrate that the money will be well spent. The problem is that we are not aware of any grants which can be used to fund preservation plan development. The cost could be up to \$25,000 which could take several years to raise. We have written a Request for Proposal (RFP) to circulate to prospective bidders, but don't want to distribute it until funding is secured.

One possible way to proceed would be for the LAC Meeting House Committee to borrow money for preservation plan development from FidCor funds held by Quarterly Meeting for the LAC properties. The market value of shares held by FidCor in the Lower Alloways

Creek Fund is currently \$88,805.75. Income from this fund is used for various LAC expenses (Meeting House and two graveyards), including lawn mowing, insurance, maintenance, and several other small items. If \$25,000 from the FidCor fund is borrowed, fund income will initially be reduced by about \$1062.60/year. As time goes by and money is returned to the fund, the income deficit will shrink. The LAC Meeting House Committee would commit to a maximum 5 year repayment schedule with at least 1/5th of the debt paid back each year. During this time, the Committee would pursue various fundraising activities including soliciting contributions from individuals and monthly meetings, and sponsoring special fundraising events like concerts or dinners. FidCor shares would be borrowed and shares returned so there would be no loss to Quarterly Meeting due to market fluctuations.

Submitted by David Culver, Clerk

Salem Quarter LAC Meeting House Committee

Worship & Ministry Report ***3/13/2016***

The committee met at the home of Michael & Rebecca Shapiro (Salem) on Friday evening, 3/11. Nine Friends were present with two out of the seven meetings in the Quarter represented.

Out of worship, we discussed the previously proposed workshop series where in the writings of historic Quaker journalists would be presented. Participants would have the opportunity to read and discuss the journals. Tom has been in contact with Chris Densmore, curator of the Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore.

Chris is willing and available, both for the series and for the September Quarterly meeting program as an introduction to the series. He recommended the journals of John Hunt, 1740 – 1824 of Moorestown Meeting, and Joshua Evens, 1731 -1798 of Haddonfield Meeting. The topics will at least touch on slavery, Native-American relations and the impact of the American Revolution on local Friends. He will put together a prospectus of the series and we may suggest other topics that may be of interest. Journal excerpts would be made available online.

Tom will reach out to Brian Drayton who has read the journals extensively for ideas on additional topics. We considered taking note of tidbits about daily life that might be found in the journals as a commentary of life in that time. Also available to us would be items that Chris Densmore may have found to be remarkable or touching and have an impact on today's Friends. We mentioned the use of journals as a tool of ministry as a possible topic. Another consideration is the effect of the lack of religious diversity within small communities.

We continued our worship, sharing joys and sorrows, holding Friends with an acknowledged concern in the Light.

The ease with which we gather in worship and transition back and forth between business and worship was observed and appreciated. We closed with worship refreshed by the depth and support of the gathering.

Woodbury Friends Meeting Earth Day Activities

On Sunday, April 17, 2016, members and attenders of Woodbury Friends Meeting gathered with special attention to Earth Day, a recognition of the value, and place the Earth plays in our lives, and our obligation for its care.

In gathering on that occasion several goals were in mind. The first was a special celebration of Earth Day. The second was the recognition that our property is a small, but important, part of the Earth, and in caring for it we are caring for the larger part as well. Thus we spent considerable time and effort in raking, picking up fallen limbs and debris, and hauling them away. The third goal was, in caring for our property, to develop a spirit of camaraderie as a religious community. All of these goals were significantly fulfilled.

We met for First Day School, which was led by Dietrich Preston, with a wide ranging discussion regarding our relationship and obligations to care for the Earth. We were all uplifted by the presentation and discussion. The children were part of the discussion and presented their thoughts.

First Day School was followed by Meeting for Worship. Naturally our thoughts were centered on the Earth as we listened for Divine leadings. The speaking was inspiring and related to our relationship to the Earth. The children attended Meeting for Worship and shared their thoughts as well.

After Meeting for Worship we ate lunch: lasagna, salad, bread, and ice cream. There was much interpersonal fellowship during lunch. After lunch we went outside, rakes were distributed for the work ahead of us. The children were given potting soil, a pot, and two seeds: sunflower and edible pod peas. They put potting soil in their pots, and then placed the seeds into their individual pots. The pots with their planted seeds they took home to be paced in a sunny spot and watered occasionally.

Then we all went to work on our grounds. Each person having a rake, we started gathering up the debris. George Crispin drove the tractor pulling a wagon behind in order to pick up the debris and to be dumped in a pile and later taken to his farm by his truck. By four o'clock the grounds looked much better, free of sticks, twigs, and debris. Next week George will mow the grass for the first time this sea-

son.

Now the mower blades will not be dulled by the sticks and debris. It was a good day for the celebration of Earth Day. Many thanks go to the following people for their attendance and help: Owen, Dennis, Kelly, Dietrich, Etain, Michael, Carleton, Liam, Remy, Connie, Cassy, and George. For those who could not be with us on this occasion, we know that they were with us in spirit. It can be said of our day, we honored Earth Day.

*Did you get this month's
Salem Quarter eBulletin?*

The May issue includes information about:

Presentation at Quarterly Meeting by students from Friends School Mullica Hill about their trip to Costa Rica.

A Quaker wedding re-enactment at Lower Alloways Creek Meeting House

Salem Friends' Pot Pie Dinner

Woodstown Meeting's musical presentation by vocalist Sophie Taillefer and Pianist Martin Neron

Strawberry Supper at Woodstown Meeting

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OUR FORGOTTEN PERSONAL HEROES

George A. Crispin

Woodbury Friends Meeting

In 1938 when I was born we were still in the Great Depression. Anyone who had a job had to keep it. Additionally, the ideals of the 19th C. were still predominate. School boards did not like to hire women teachers, for women were supposed to be functioning as homemakers and mothers. My mother was a teacher and it was the Depression. My father was a farmer who worked hard but for little income. Thus my mother had to keep her job.

When I was born, since she had to keep her teaching position, she could not care for me, nor were there relatives available to fulfill that role. Fortunately at the hospital where I was born there was employed a nurse who had lost a son and I could temporarily fill that void. So, I was turned over to her care, and my mother went back to teaching. I have no memory of being in her care, but I knew her in later life, but only briefly. But I am indebted for her care more than I can say. Her name was Emma Fisler. I record her name here with a deep nostalgia, and a profound gratitude.

When I grew and attended school and did not do well, my parents decided to send me to Westtown School. I probably had every defect a child could have entering seventh grade. I could barely read, hated sitting still, and did no homework. But under the patient care of Louise Hart, whose gentle prodding started the upward movement toward learning, I progressed.

That landed me in the 9th grade classroom of Mable Elliot. She taught math, algebra I and II. Again, her patience knew no bounds. Words I could understand, but numbers confused me. And I could see no relationship of math to the rest of the world. She often let me take tests over again, emphasizing the point that we work until we get it right. Somehow I passed math.

Then I landed in the biology class of Jan Long. The academics was somewhat better, but he taught me a lesson that changed my life. He was the track coach. The lesson was that all one needed to run was legs. No special equipment was needed, just decent running shoes, which the school provided. You could do it alone. In any weather. Winter or summer, fall or spring. And to get better at it you just do more of it, and run faster each time. This lesson changed my life. To do better, one just has to try harder.

Read more. Study harder. Try harder at one's occupation. Try harder in relationships.

As we go through life there have been dozens, maybe hundreds, perhaps thousands, who have helped us along the way. People we have forgotten. But their help moved us along life's path. Thus, I write this in gratitude to those who have done this for me: Emma Fisler, Louise Hart, Mable Elliot, and Jan Long. And in gratitude to those who I have forgotten. But they helped me nonetheless. What can I do to show my gratitude? Be one of those who helps someone along life's path, and then, perhaps is forgotten.

Frustrated Attempt of King George the IV to Penetrate the Mysteries of the Women's Meeting

I was shown in the Women's Meeting-room, the seat on which his Majesty, King George the IV, when Prince Regent, had for a moment placed himself, when led by the spirit of adventure, and as my informant stated, a most unbecoming curiosity, he had disguised as a Woman Friend, made his way into the secret conclave.

His dress was all right: a grey silk gown, a brown cloth shawl, a little white handkerchief, with hemmed edge, around his neck, and a very well-poked Friend's bonnet with the pretty crimped border of his clean muslin cap tied under his chin, completed the disguise, in which he might have escaped detection very well, were it not for the tell-tale boots, and the unfeminine position in which the arms and legs bestowed themselves. The young woman who sat behind him, and saw the heel protruding from its silken robe, slipt quietly out of the Meeting, and gave the alarm.

Two men Friends were speedily summoned, and the royal intruder felt himself gently tapped on the shoulder, and requested to walk into another room. He made no resistance, but quietly went away; and receiving the usual notice, that the rules of the Society would not allow any but members to be present, he retired, and calling a hackney coach, drove off, perhaps flattering himself that his *incognito* had not been penetrated, for although his countenance had been instantly recognized, still nothing was said to intimate that it had been so. Resolute that none but the initiated should be present, they were yet careful to treat with courtesy their most unexpected visitant, and even deferentially to respect his assumed character.

From *Quakerism* by Mrs. J. R. Greer,
Retold in *Quaker Anecdotes*, Richard Pike, ed., 1881



8th graders from Friends School Mullica Hill will be visiting Salem Quarterly Meeting in June at Seaville Friends Meeting for a presentation about their recent trip to Costa Rica. The Costa Rica trip is a capstone experience for the 8th graders that included volunteering on a farm, learning about sustainability, visiting a Friends School and much more. Come learn about their exciting adventures!

June Quarterly Meeting will on
Saturday, June 4.

Directions to Seaville

Seaville Monthly Meeting is located at 3088 South Shore Road (Route 9), Ocean View, N.J. To find it:

From southern Cape May County: Take Route 9 north to Seaville. The meetinghouse is on the left. Or take the Garden State Parkway to Exit 20 and follow Route 50 north to Route 9. Turn left on Route 9. Drive one mile. The meetinghouse is on the right, just after a curve.

From Salem, Greenwich, and Millville: Follow Route 49 east to the T intersection with Route 50 in Tuckahoe. Turn right, and take Route 50 south to Route 9. Turn right again and drive one mile on Route 9. The meetinghouse is on the right, just after a curve. Allow about half an hour from the intersection of Route 49 with Route 55 in Millville.

From farther north and west: Get onto Route 55 and take it to Exit 24, Millville/Route 49. Follow the directions from Salem, Greenwich, and Millville (above) to the meetinghouse.

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meets in session for business four times a year in March, June, September, and December. The day and date are announced in the Salem Quarter Bulletin, which is sent by e-mail. You can subscribe to receive it going to the Salem Quarter website at:

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9:15 Gather
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11:00 Program
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Business Meeting

Child care and lunch will be provided.