

**Minutes**

**of**

**Ohio Yearly Meeting  
of Friends**

**held near Barnesville, Ohio  
Seventh Month 30 – Eighth Month 05, 2018**

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**At Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in the Stillwater  
Meeting House  
By adjournments from the thirtieth of Seventh Month through the  
fifth of Eighth Month inclusive, 2018**

*And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there. And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. – John 2: 1-11*

We are blessed to have among us two visitors today, including Nancy Craft and Darlene Stanley of North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative. We are blessed to have them among us. Both have minutes, which were read aloud. The clerk will endorse these on behalf of the body.

**General Queries**

The First and Second General Queries were read, with the responses from each of the three Quarterly Meetings and the proposed Ohio Yearly Meeting Summaries. The proposed Summary for the First Query was approved. The proposed Summary for the Second Query was approved as amended.

**First Query:** Are meetings for worship well and punctually

attended? Is our behavior therein conducive to meditation and communion with God? Do we maintain a waiting spiritual worship and a free gospel ministry? Do we welcome others to share this fellowship with us?

**Proposed OYM Summary:** “He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart.” Psalm 90:17

Meetings for worship are well attended by our resident Friends and visitors, with some Friends putting lengthy travel time to attend. Meetings are typically on time. Our behavior is conducive to meditation and communion with God although sometimes outside distractions have made this more difficult. We encourage one another to be faithful to their leadings, delivering messages or prayers received from the Holy Spirit. We welcome others to join in this fellowship but some feel we should do more in inviting others to worship.

**Second Query:** Do we cherish a forgiving spirit, and strive to “walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us”? Is each one of us careful for the reputation of others? Are we ever mindful to love our neighbor as ourselves? If differences threaten to disrupt the Christian harmony between the members, is prompt action taken?

**Proposed OYM Summary:** The “forgiving spirit” is one of our most important Christian tenets, which we cherish. As individuals and as a body, we strive to walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, knowing that this requires help from our Heavenly Father. We are usually careful for the reputation of others but sometimes we fall short. Social media allows quick reactions that may not be well-thought-out so it seems better to discuss ideas rather than personalities. We are grateful for His presence when finding ways to deal with difficult times, or preparing ourselves to face criticism. Sometimes our outward compassion may not seem appreciated, but we learn to trust the Lord to help show our care without offense or condescension. We have largely found harmony within our monthly meetings, recognizing that we can rebuild relationships where needed to stand strong.

### **Quarterly Meeting Reports**

The Reports from the three Quarterly Meetings were read, including appointments to Nominating Committee and as Representatives to Ohio Yearly Meeting. The following Friends were appointed as Representatives to this body:

Rockingham Quarterly Meeting: Charles Thomas, Jr., Michael Kinch

Salem Quarterly Meeting: Conrad Lindes, Hans Tritico, Laura M. Krumler, Rebecca Hawkins, Nancy Hawkins

Stillwater Quarterly Meeting: Burton Doudna, Janet Hammer, Elvina Krekler, Earl Smith, Bernie Naylor

The following Friends were appointed to the Nominating Committee:

Rockingham Quarterly Meeting: David Eley (Keystone, 2020), John C. Smith (Rockingham 2020), Bridget Casterline (Marlborough 2020)

Salem Quarterly Meeting: Philip W. Helms (Crossroads 2020), Rebecca Hawkins (Middleton 2020)

Stillwater Quarterly Meeting: Earl Smith (Stillwater 2020), Evelyn Groves (Chestnut Ridge 2020)

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted. Friends appreciate Dennis Rockwell's diligence and careful stewardship as Treasurer.

	<b>2018 Actual</b>	<b>2018 Budget</b>
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>		
Book Sales	\$ 28.00	
Fundraising	\$ 850.00	
Monthly Meeting Donations	23,635.00	
Other Donations	11,600.00	
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 36,113.00</u>	

### **Disbursements**

Agenda Committee	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Books & Children's Literature	25.00	25.00
Christian Education Camp	1,500.00	1,500.00
Clerk's Expenses	200.00	200.00

Copy Machine Supplies	200.00	200.00
Correspondent's Expense	150.00	150.00
FCNL	500.00	500.00
Friends Center	1,500.00	1,500.00
Friends Disaster Service	500.00	500.00
FWCC	500.00	500.00
Historical Committee	25.00	25.00
Hominy Center	100.00	100.00
Insurance	5,069.06	3,700.00
Junior Yearly Meeting	50.00	50.00
Outreach Committee	25.00	25.00
OYM Property Trustees	1,500.00	1,500.00
Peace & Human Relations	100.00	100.00
Printing	664.92	1,000.00
RSWR	500.00	500.00
Travel Fund	2,775.00	2,775.00
Walton Home	10,000.00	10,000.00
Water	141.25	150.00
WFCF	250.00	250.00
		<u>\$26,250.00</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 27,275.23</u>	<u>0</u>

Revenue over Disbursements                      \$ 8,837.77

<b>Funds Invested w/ Fiduciary</b>				
	<b>Trustees:</b>	<b>8-1-17 Bal</b>	<b>6-30-18 Bal</b>	<b>Change</b>
1	Sale of Property to OFS	\$ 66,801.38	\$ 70,696.34	3,894.96
2	Chester E. Hartley Maintenance	12,205.41	12,917.07	711.66
3	General Funds	42,739.37	57,253.05	8
				\$19,120.3
		<u>\$121,746.16</u>	<u>\$140,866.46</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Changes to Fund Balances:</b>				
1	Annual Distribution	\$ 3,894.96		
2	Annual Distribution	\$ 711.66		
3	Annual Lease Pmt from Olney Unrestricted	\$ 2,000.00		
3	Annual Bequest	\$ 10,000.00		
3	Annual Distribution	\$ 2,513.68		
	Total Changes	\$ 19,120.30		

**OYM Physical Assets**

Walton Retirement Home  
 248 acres of farmland  
 Friends Center and garage  
 Plummer House  
 1 freestall barn and 1 hay storage building  
 Machinery shop and shed  
 2,000 bushel corn crib  
 1 non-producing gas well  
 40 tree orchard  
 Taber house

***Dennis Rockwell,***

OYM Treasurer.

### **Audit and Budget Committee Names**

Charles Thomas, Jr. and David Casterline were appointed to the Audit and Budget Committee, terms expiring at the close of Ohio Yearly Meeting 2019. They will join David Eley and John C. Smith, who continue from last year. Their task is to (1) audit the financial records, (2) Prepare a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19, and (3) name the Treasurer for the 2018-19 Fiscal Year. Friends expressed appreciation for these Friends' willingness to accept these responsibilities.

### **Ohio Yearly Meeting Property Trustees**

Robert Rockwell read the Property Trustees' Report. Friends accepted the report and expressed appreciation for the dedication, skill, and determination of the Property Trustees.

### **Ohio Yearly Meeting Property Trustees Report**

Committee met 07-30-18 at 1:00 PM. Present were Rich Sidwell, Mary Alice Pino, Richard Simon, Robert Rockwell. Activity level this past year was much less than some years.

1. Leonard Guindon painted handrail on porch ramp.
2. Water line to north west restrooms developed a leak under the concrete slab. We have just finished replacing that line with an aboveground system that will be drained in the winter time. Cash outlay about \$100.

A tour around the meeting house surfaced several projects some large, some not so large.

1. Repair, painting, and maintenance of eaves and gable soffit. We still need to get ideas and quotes for this from competent contractors. Several thousand dollars will be involved.
2. Steps at four doorways around the building need attention. Two of them need step stones releveled and squared up. Not too expensive.
3. Main east door needs two stones removed and concrete installed to even up the riser height of the steps.

At the main north door, we are proposing to remove stone steps and install a ramp which would make that door much more usable for folks who park north or west of the meeting house.

We would ask John Rockwell to provide some design assistance. Should not be too costly. Rich Sidwell is willing to help with some of these projects.

We are asking for \$1,500 for the maintenance/repair fund. When we finally tackle the eaves/gable project more funds will probably be needed. A fundraising effort at that time may be in order.

For the committee,  
Robert Rockwell

### **Ohio Yearly Meeting Property Trustees Financial Report**

Fund Balance 07-31-2017      \$ 13,119.55

#### **Revenue**

OYM 2018 Allocation    1,500.00  
Donations for Brickwork      850.00  
   \$ 2,350.00

#### **Expenditures**

Stillwater Loan Repay    10,893.23  
   \$ 10,893.23

Fund Balance 06-30-2018      \$ 4,576.32

(These funds are currently held with Ohio Yearly Meeting Treasurer, Dennis Rockwell.)

### **General Queries**

The Third and Fourth General Queries were read, with response from the three Quarterly Meetings and the proposed Ohio Yearly Meeting Summaries. Friends approved the Summaries.

**Third Query:** Are our homes places of peace, joy, and contentment? Are they an influence for good in the neighborhood, community, and country? Do we set a good Christian example for our children to follow? Are Friends careful that their children realize that our loving Savior will faithfully guide them through life, as they are willing to accept and obey Him? Do we help our children to read and appreciate the Bible?

**Proposed OYM Summary:** Our homes are mostly places of peace, joy and contentment although throughout the varying phases of our lives there are different balances of these qualities. We try to be an influence for good in our communities, hoping that our faith and faithfulness encourage others. Many of us did not have children at home. We did set a good Christian example for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, attempting to reflect our faith and testimony. Our greatest challenge was being patient, taking a step back, and learning what we should do for the most good and the least harm. We try to respond appropriately to them, respecting their age as well as their choices and their parents' regarding faith. We have assured that our children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren know the Bible and have ready access to it. Some take part in adult Bible Reading and faith Study. We, also, gave Bibles to our youthful members which were graciously accepted as a love gift.

**Fourth Query:** Believing our bodies to be the temple of God, are we concerned to attain a high level of physical and mental health? To this end are our lives examples of temperance in all things? Do we avoid and discourage the use and handling of intoxicants, tobacco, and improper use of drugs?

**Proposed OYM Summary:** Although aware of our bodies being the temple of God, we are reminded this needs to be considered daily. Maintaining a high level of physical and mental health can be more challenging as we age and we need to be lifted up and strengthened above our own abilities to succeed. We experienced a range of chronic and lifestyle health problems, and followed plans involving nutritional practices, exercise, and stress reduction in the effort to improve these problems. Temperance is encouraged in all aspects of life. We were grateful for the strength we have had in our lives, and attempted to maintain right balance in all things. With regard to food, we were still intemperate and need to maintain a healthy weight. We all create excessive amounts of waste and worry about the discarding of old, non-repairable electronics, appliances etc. Most of us have not used alcohol or drugs improperly and discourage such use, though some allow alcoholic beverages in moderation.

**Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 01  
Morning Session**

*When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. - Matthew 8: 1-4*

### **General Queries**

The Fifth and Sixth General Queries were read, with the responses of the three Quarterly Meetings and the proposed Ohio Yearly Meeting Summaries. The Summaries were approved as amended.

**Fifth Query:** Are we sensitive to the needs of those around us who may be in less fortunate circumstances? Do we prayerfully consider how we can share one another's burdens when the need arises? Do we counsel lovingly and prayerfully with those members whose actions in any phase of life give us grounds for concern?

**Proposed OYM Summary:** We are sensitive and tender-hearted about the needs of others and consider how best to share one another's burdens. In our humility we try to discern when a helping hand or shoulder to lean on is needed and would be accepted. Some continue to focus efforts on charities near at hand, to help alleviate the suffering produced by high unemployment, poor economic conditions, and illiteracy. We have tried to be sensitive to and serve the outward needs of those who are in difficult circumstances, sometimes seeking the Lord's guidance as we struggle to balance care for persons close and far, as well as donations of our time and money. We recognize that we could spend more time in prayer to know how to help others when the need arises. We gave counsel when one seemed at odds with the teachings of Christ, or who gave us cause for concern. We believed the important step was the prayerful consideration we had to take, before we spoke for the love of Christ. Then we could support that person's return to the Way – the love of Christ Jesus – which was the most precious thing to share.

**Sixth Query:** Do we live in the life and power which takes away the occasion of all wars? Do we, on Christian principles, refuse to

participate in or to cooperate with the military effort? Do we work actively for peace and the removal of the causes of war? Do we endeavor to cultivate good will, mutual understanding, and equal opportunities for all people?

**Proposed OYM Summary:** As followers of Jesus the Prince of Peace, we are opposed to all forms of war and strive to live in accordance with practices and principles of Friends which should lead towards the removal of the occasion for war. Other than the passive cooperation of paying our federal taxes, none of us actively participates in military activities. Promoting peace is challenging when our country's military is engaged in many conflicts globally and most of our culture supports those efforts. With the national debate on gun control raging we still maintain the Christian statement that "war is not the answer." Sometimes we may rely too much on our Quaker heritage and reputation as peaceful, nonviolent people and need to be ready to actively work to promote peace and goodwill in our communities. Our struggle is not against other people, but against spiritual powers of darkness. We are active through prayer and through work which seeks good will, mutual understanding, and equal opportunities. We try to maintain good relationships among friends and acquaintances of different religious and cultural backgrounds but recognize that we can do a better job of sharing Christ's love to all people. We have made young Friends aware of the need to make a record of their peace convictions and opposition to war, and some have done so.

#### **Document Committee**

The Document Committee Report was read, recommending modifications to our traditional practices with Epistles, relating to the current practices of other Yearly Meetings. Friends accepted the report, but directed the Document and Epistle Committees to continue our traditional practices, mailing of hard copies of Epistles to the intended recipients via United States Postal Service, with the possible addition of posting of a general epistle with Friends World Committee for Consultation. The clerk may e-mail digital copies of Epistles to recipients who request such copies.

#### **Document Committee Report**

This year we have received so far only one Epistle (North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative). Most Yearly Meetings seem to be sending their Epistles to Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC), where they are posted and can be read by anyone interested and not directing them to any group in particular.

We are recommending that the Epistle we have received be read and that we send a “To Yearly Meetings” Epistle directly to Yearly Meetings letting them know that we are continuing the practice of keeping in direct contact with other Yearly Meetings while also posting a “To Friends Everywhere” Epistle with FWCC. An email address would be on all Epistles to facilitate others communicating with us. The Document Committee would review posted documents not for reading at Yearly Meeting but for information such as the setting up of new Yearly Meetings or concerning problems of which some Friends might not otherwise be aware. We could if it is the wish of the Meeting bring forth helpful readings from Epistles current or from Friends in the past to be read during sessions.

Names brought forth for the Epistle Committee are: Bernie Naylor.

Earl Smith, Michael Kinch, Robert Wilber, Clerk.

### **Epistle Committee Names**

The Document Committee was able to bring forth Bernie Naylor for the Epistle Committee and requested additional names be brought forth from the floor. Charles Thomas, Jr., Lily Rockwell, Bernie Naylor and Nancy Hawkins will serve as the 2018 Epistle Committee.

### **Membership Report**

The Membership Report was read and accepted, subject to correction of typographical errors.

### **Membership Report**

#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT for Ohio Yearly Meeting 2018**

		<b>49</b>
<b>Total membership as of Seventh Month First,</b>	<b>2017</b> (last year)	<b>0</b>

Gains:

Births or Adoptions	0	
Certificates Received	31	
Requests	9	
	Total gains	40
Losses:		
Deaths	7	
Certificates transferred	35	
By Request	17	
Membership Discontinued	29	
Disowned	0	
	Total losses	88
	Net gain for year	-48
<b>Total membership as of Seventh Month First, 2018</b>	(this year)	<b>44</b>
		<b>2</b>

Membership Status

Full Members	289	
Affiliate Members	103	
Affiliate Associate Members	10	
Associate Members	24	
Sojourning Members	0	
Waiting	16	
	Total	442

Membership Summary (Including Associate Members)

Membership under 5 years	0	
Membership 5 to 18 years	21	
Membership 18 and older	421	
	Total	442

Resident Status of Members

Resident Members	115	
Non-Resident Members*	327	
	Total	442

\*Members shall be considered non-resident when they live at least 30 miles from the meeting house and attend less than one First Day Meeting per month.

School Report (Members attending schools)

Attending Pre-school	0	
Attending Olney Friends School	2	
Attending Public Schools	14	
Attending Private Schools	4	
Attending Home School	0	
Attending College	5	
	Total	25

Weddings

Members married under the care of this Monthly Meeting	0
Members married under the care of Friends	0
Members married NOT under the care of Friends	1
Total Friends married	1

**GAINS**

**Births and Adoptions**

none

**Certificates Received**

1/13/2018	Austin Brownlee Wattles	to Marlborough from Rockingham Quarterly Meeting
1/13/2018	Wilma Mott Crawford	to Marlborough from Rockingham Quarterly Meeting
9/17/2017	Robert Gary Osborn	to Salem-Upper Springfield from Short Creek
9/17/2017	Robert Arron Osborn	to Salem-Upper Springfield from Short Creek
9/17/2017	Melissa Esther Osborn	to Salem-Upper Springfield from Short Creek
9/17/2017	Joseph Lawrence Osborn	to Salem-Upper Springfield from Short Creek

9/17/2017	Debora Elizabeth (Krekler) Osborn	to Salem-Upper Springfield from Short Creek
9/17/2017	Christopher Robin McClelland	to Salem-Upper Springfield from Short Creek
9/17/2017	Suzanne Jeanette (Krekler) McClelland	to Salem-Upper Springfield from Short Creek
8/25/2017	David Nagle	to Chesterfield from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Joseph Robert Nagle	to Chesterfield from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Anika Hope Nagle	to Chesterfield from Short Creek
11/1/2017	Anna Creighton	to Chesterfield from Rockingham Quarterly Meeting
9/9/2017	Constance Bair-Thompson	to Chestnut Ridge from Short Creek Monthly Meeting
8/25/2017	Amy Davis	to Stillwater from Short Creek Monthly Meeting
8/25/2017	Molly McClelland Clemens	to Stillwater from Short Creek Monthly Meeting
8/25/2017	Phoebe McClelland Myers	to Stillwater from Short Creek Monthly Meeting
8/25/2017	Gwen Torry Owens	to Stillwater from Short Creek Monthly Meeting
8/25/2017	Timothy Peacock	to Stillwater from Short Creek Monthly Meeting
8/25/2017	Kathryn Smith	to Stillwater from Short Creek Monthly Meeting
8/25/2017	Wanda Stratton	to Stillwater from Short Creek Monthly Meeting
8/25/2017	Lewis Stratton	to Stillwater from Short Creek Monthly Meeting
8/25/2017	Douglas Terry	to Stillwater from Short Creek Monthly Meeting
8/25/2017	Ellen Terry	to Stillwater from Short Creek Monthly Meeting
8/25/2017	James Terry	to Stillwater from Short Creek Monthly Meeting

8/25/2017	Mary W. Terry	to Stillwater from Short Creek Monthly Meeting
8/25/2017	Gertrude Bailey Torry	to Stillwater from Short Creek Monthly Meeting
8/25/2017	Greg Torry	to Stillwater from Short Creek Monthly Meeting
8/25/2017	Mary Ellen Stratton Wall	to Stillwater from Short Creek Monthly Meeting
8/25/2017	Liesa Peacock Whipple	to Stillwater from Short Creek Monthly Meeting
8/25/2017	Margaret Bailey Simone	to Stillwater from Short Creek Monthly Meeting

**Requests**

10/22/201		
7	Geri L Smith Sparre	Marlborough
1/21/2018	David Johnson	Marlborough
8/12/2017	Curt Thompson	Rockingham
7/9/2017	Rhonda Fuller	Crossroads
8/13/2017	Meritt Petrone	Crossroads
11/12/201		
7	Adrian M Rush	Crossroads
3/11/2018	Sarah Parsons	Middleton
11/12/201		
7	Christopher R. Bender	Salem-Upper Springfield
7/1/2017	Joseph Stanford	Chesterfield

**LOSSES**

**Deaths**

11/5/2017	Ernest J. Guindon	Middleton
5/7/2018	Eleni Anagnostopoulou	Middleton
1/3/2018	James E. Stanley	Salem-Upper Springfield
3/17/2018	Gordon Warrington	Salem-Upper Springfield
8/4/2017	Victor Peacock	Stillwater
5/3/2018	Florence Rockwell	Stillwater
5/13/2018	Anna Kirk Peacock	Stillwater

**Certificates Transferred**

8/12/2017	Wilma Crawford	to Marlborough MM from Peachtree
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8/12/2017	Anna Creighton	to Chesterfield MM from Peachtree
8/12/2017	Austin Brownlee Wattles	to Marlborough MM from Peachtree
2/11/2018	Darlene Kay Stanley	to Friendship Monthly Meeting NCCYM from Middleton
2/11/2018	Megan Stanley Lewis	to Friendship Monthly Meeting, NCCYM from Middleton
2/11/2018	Jesse Emry Garvin	to Friendship Monthly Meeting, NCCYM from Middleton
8/25/2017	Constance Bair-Thompson	to Chestnut Ridge MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Molly Caitlin (McClelland) Clemens	to Stillwater MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Amy Margaret Davis	to Stillwater MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Cynthia Mary (Osborn) Henry	to Salem-Upper Springfield from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Christopher R. McClelland	to Salem- Upper Springfield from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Suzanne J. Krekler-McClelland	to Salem-Upper Springfield from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Phoebe Caroline (McClelland) Myers	to Stillwater from Short Creek
8/25/2017	David E. Nagle	to Chesterfield MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Joseph Robert Nagle	to Chesterfield MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Joseph Lawrence Osborn	to Salem-Upper Springfield MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Melissa Esther Osborn	to Salem-Upper Springfield MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Robert Aaron Osborn	to Salem-Upper Springfield MM from Short Creek

8/25/2017	Robert G. Osborn	to Salem-Upper Springfield MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Debora E. (Krekler) Osborn	to Salem- Upper Springfield MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Timothy A. Peacock	to Stillwater MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Margaret (Bailey) Simone	to Stillwater MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Kathryn E. Smith	to Stillwater MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Lewis G. Stratton	to Stillwater MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Wanda (Frazer) Stratton	to Stillwater MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Douglas James Terry	to Stillwater MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Ellen Ruth Terry	to Stillwater MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	James D. Terry	to Stillwater MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Mary R. (Warman) Terry	to Stillwater MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Gertrude (Bailey) Torry	to Stillwater MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Gregory Lynn Torry	to Stillwater MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Gwen Margaret Torry-Owens	to Stillwater MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Mary Ellen (Stratton) Wall	to Stillwater MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Liesa (Peacock) Whipple	to Stillwater MM from Short Creek
8/25/2017	Anika Hope Nagle	to Chesterfield MM from Short Creek

**By Request**

5/20/2018	Jean Schmitt Etter	Marlborough
8/12/2017	James McClelland Covert	Peachtree
8/12/2017	Sarah Parsons	Peachtree
8/12/2017	Curt Blackburn Thompson II	Peachtree
8/12/2017	Paul Taylor Trussell	Peachtree

8/12/2017	Rebecca Trussell	Peachtree
3/8/2018	Barb Smith	Rockingham
3/8/2018	Samantha Smith	Rockingham
3/8/2018	Rachel Smith	Rockingham
4/4/2018	Thomas Swain	Rockingham
11/19/2017	Fred C. Feitler	Middleton
6/17/2018	Lee Bradley	Stillwater
6/17/2018	Timothy Bradley	Stillwater
6/17/2018	Samuel Link	Stillwater
6/17/2018	David Link	Stillwater
6/17/2018	Vincent Link	Stillwater
6/17/2018	William Link	Stillwater

**Membership Discontinued**

3/8/2018	Luis Pizarro	Rockingham
8/25/2017	Mary Lea (Wolfe) Bailey	Short Creek
8/25/2017	Eva Mae (Thomas) Cope	Short Creek
8/25/2017	Eric Alan Davis	Short Creek
8/25/2017	Patricia J. (Stratton) Dayton Hannah Elizabeth (Osborn)	Short Creek
8/25/2017	Fricke	Short Creek
8/25/2017	Helen P. (Thomas) Hanson	Short Creek
8/25/2017	D. Raye Hodgson	Short Creek
8/25/2017	Daniel E. Kirk	Short Creek
8/25/2017	Sara Louise (Bailey) Mercer	Short Creek
8/25/2017	Cynthia J. (Kirk) Mueller	Short Creek
8/25/2017	Lynn S. (Stratton) Murnahan	Short Creek
8/25/2017	Ruth E. Naylor	Short Creek
8/25/2017	E. Janice (Binns) Porterfield	Short Creek
8/25/2017	Crystal A. (Peacock) Shay	Short Creek
8/25/2017	Rachel Dianne (Osborn) Steger	Short Creek
8/25/2017	Michael Park Stratton	Short Creek
8/25/2017	Michelle Diane Stratton	Short Creek
8/25/2017	Steven Lewis Stratton	Short Creek
8/25/2017	Steven Jason Stratton	Short Creek

8/25/2017	Kelli Colleen Statton	Short Creek
8/25/2017	Carl G. Wolfe	Short Creek
8/25/2017	Kelsey Todd McClelland	Short Creek
6/30/2018	Daniel W. Baily	Short Creek
8/25/2017	Belinda Jane (Bailey) Johnson	Short Creek
6/17/2018	Lois Hart	Stillwater
6/17/2018	Robert Hartley	Stillwater
6/17/2018	Richard Mueller	Stillwater
6/17/2018	Karen Schneebaum	Stillwater

**Disowned**

none

**Names of those married**

7/22/2017 Meredith Robyn Shull to Christian O. Aguirre Sanchez

**Names of Ministers Recorded this Year**

none

**Names of Elders Recorded this Year**

10/8/2017	Sharon A Helms	Crossroads
3/11/2018	Nelda J. Hawkins	Salem-Upper Springfield
3/9/2018	Evelyn Doudna Groves	Chestnut Ridge

**Names of Overseers Recorded this Year**

8/13/2017 Eunice M. Burkey Salem-Upper Springfield

**Names of Ministers**

David F. Eley	Keystone Fellowship
Seth Hinshaw	Keystone Fellowship
Terry H. Smith Wallace	Keystone Fellowship
Charles C Thomas Jr.	Marlborough
John C. Smith	Rockingham
Nancy A. Hawkins	Middleton
Conrad Lindes	Salem-Upper Springfield

Winifred E. Stratton	Salem-Upper Springfield
Burton Doudna	Chestnut Ridge
John Benson	Stillwater
Robert Wilber	Stillwater

**Names of Elders**

David F. Eley	Keystone Fellowship
Michael R. Kinch	Keystone Fellowship
Bridget Casterline	Marlborough
Susan S. Smith	Rockingham
Philip W Helms	Crossroads
Sharon A Helms	Crossroads
Lois G. Edgerton	Middleton
Mary Alice Pino	Middleton
Rebecca J. Hawkins	Middleton
Nelda J. Hawkins	Salem-Upper Springfield
Richard Wetzel	Chesterfield
Robert J. Rothwell	Chesterfield
Kathleen Kovalick	Chestnut Ridge
Earl Smith	Stillwater
Frances Taber	Stillwater
Richard Simon	Stillwater

**Names of Overseers**

Seth Hinshaw	Keystone Fellowship
Terry H. Smith Wallace	Keystone Fellowship
Penny L Thomas	Marlborough
Sharon A Helms	Crossroads
Marie Kirk Hawkins	Middleton
Verna H. Cope	Middleton
Eunice M. Burkey	Salem-Upper Springfield
Hans M. Tritico	Salem-Upper Springfield
Kimberly A. Newlin	Salem-Upper Springfield
Mildred S. Henderson	Salem-Upper Springfield

Elvina M. Krekler	Short Creek
Sara L. Kirk	Short Creek
Diane Reynolds	Stillwater
Karen Walsh	Stillwater
Marie Bundy	Stillwater

**Names of Clerks**

Eileen R. Kinch	Keystone Fellowship
Bridget Casterline	Marlborough
Susan S. Smith	Rockingham
Philip W Helms	Crossroads
Lois G. Edgerton	Middleton
Carey L. Newlin	Salem-Upper Springfield
Robert Rothwell	Chesterfield
Burton Doudna	Chestnut Ridge
Elvina M. Krekler	Short Creek
Thomas Rockwell	Stillwater

**Names of Reading Clerks**

Nelda J. Hawkins	Salem-Upper Springfield
Carolyn Doudna McGinnis	Chestnut Ridge
Leonard Guindon	Stillwater

**Names of Recorders**

Michael R. Kinch	Keystone Fellowship
Penny L Thomas	Marlborough
David W. Casterline	Rockingham
Sharon A Helms	Crossroads
Nancy A. & Rebecca J. Hawkins	Middleton
Lola J. Toot	Salem-Upper Springfield
Robert Rothwell	Chesterfield
Kathleen Doudna Kovalick	Chestnut Ridge
Elvina M. Krekler	Short Creek

**Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 01**  
**Afternoon Session**

*And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die. And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant. And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this: For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue. Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof: Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick. - Luke 7: 2-10*

We are favored to have four visitors this afternoon: Paula Deming of North Columbus Monthly Meeting, Allison Guindon, representing William Penn House, Tom Roberts of Western Yearly Meeting, and also Jamie Helmick, Executive Director of the Walton Retirement Home. Welcome! The clerk will endorse Allison's minute on behalf of the body.

**Historical Committee**

The Historical Committee Report was read and accepted. Friends appreciate the careful work and stewardship of the committee: Loisanne Rockwell, Bernie Naylor, Marie Bundy, Mary Alice Pino, Earl Smith, Verna Cope, Gwen Giffen, and Seth Hinshaw.

**Historical Committee Report**

The main concern of our Historical Committee continues to be expressed in the Ohio Yearly Meeting Minutes of 1965, "...the preservation of things typical of Friends of generations past." We began collecting and displaying these types of things in what is now known as the Heritage Rooms on the north side of this meeting house more than 50 years ago. The most recent addition is a small spinning wheel once used by Inetta Blackburn of Columbiana County, Ohio. It was delivered to us by Richard Emmons at the time of Olney Friends School commencement this past Spring. (We also have a picture of her at this spinning wheel.)

We feel a need to spend time evaluating items donated years ago and stowed away in drawers, closets and cupboards, never seeing the light of day. We are tentatively planning to spend most of a day making a start on this project on Saturday, August 25. Anyone interested would be welcome to help with this.

Individuals and groups have expressed interest and appreciation of our efforts in maintaining this exhibit. Members of a group called The Market Street Fellowship in Akron, Ohio have visited twice during last year, once shortly after Yearly Meeting and again on a cold day in December. They brought us new copies of some old Quaker books which they have had published. They may be contacted by e-mail at [www.marketstreetfellowship.com](http://www.marketstreetfellowship.com) for anyone wanting more information about these reprints of old Quaker books. A local genealogical society plans to have its summer picnic here for the third year in a row.

Several items of Quaker interest are for sale in the Heritage Rooms. We plan to open the Heritage Room after most business sessions. Many scrapbooks, family histories and Olney School artifacts can be seen on the tables on the north side of the meeting house any time the building is open. Books and pamphlets in the wooden racks on the back wall are free for the taking. We ask that all please sign the guest book when you visit the Heritage Rooms.

We will be seeking advice from the Property Trustees regarding the ceiling repair of cracks before we can proceed with painting of the rooms.

On behalf of the Historical Committee,  
Loisanne Rockwell, Convener

Balance 08-01-2017    \$403.08

Income:

OYM Appropriation	\$ 25.00
Savings Interest	0.15
T-shirt	15.00
Traditional Quaker Christianity	60.00
Historical plates	10.00
Pictures	15.00
Historical Atlas	15.00
Richland History	25.00
Donations	233.70
Total Income	<u>\$ 398.85</u>

Expenses:

Utilities	\$ 150.00
Printing	6.95
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 156.95</u>

Cash on hand 16.35

Balance 07-26-2018 \$ 661.33

Earl Smith, Treasurer

**General Queries**

The Seventh General Query was read, with the responses of the three Quarterly Meetings and the Proposed Ohio Yearly Meeting Summary. Friends approved the Summary as amended.

**Seventh Query:** Do we observe simplicity in our manner of living, sincerity in speech, and modesty in apparel? Do we guard against involving ourselves in temporal affairs to the hindrance of spiritual growth? Are we just in our dealings and careful to fulfill our promises? Do we seek to make our Christian faith a part of our daily work?

**Proposed OYM Summary:** Our Christian faith guides us in our daily walk. We seek to be honest and sincere in our conversation, faithful and just in our dealings; letting our yea be yea and our nay be nay. Whether plain or conservative, we are all concerned to dress

modestly and wear good, practical clothing. Some continue to use plain speech among family. Many of us find that temporal affairs intrude upon our spiritual life, but in time and with intention, we are able to guard ourselves against busyness and return to Jesus Christ as our center. When we seek and work to make time for daily reflection and prayer we find our temporal affairs may actually become a strengthening opportunity for our spiritual growth. We make an active effort to have our Christian faith be a part of our daily life. Often times our Christian principles are revealed in our everyday walk. We believe in letting our lives speak as one form of evangelizing as led.

### **Walton Retirement Home**

The Walton Retirement Home President's Letter and Annual Report were read.

Question was raised regarding our spiritual mission in the Walton Home, and our efforts to bring Christ to the residents there. Friends witnessed to the activities of the Board appointed by the Yearly Meeting, and the quality of care, both physical and spiritual provided by the dedicated leaders, staff and Friends who are residents there.

Friends accepted the Letter and Report with thanksgiving. The meeting for business adjourned for the day to permit Friends to attend the Walton Retirement Home Corporation Meeting.

### **Walton Home Board President's Letter**

Dear Friends,

OYM donates \$10,000 to Walton Retirement Home every year. Most of this goes to help close the income gap of those residents who are currently not paying full rate. Ten thousand dollars is approximately one-third of OYM's budget. It's about one percent of the Walton Retirement Home's budget.

We have ownership of, and responsibility for, a facility that currently is right at capacity with 27 assisted living residents, eight independent living residents, and a total of 24 hired staff, both full time and part time. Most of the residents think they are in a good place. Their families think they're in a good place. The staff are good at what they do, and I think most are happy with where they are. This situation does not come about without a lot of effort and dedication on the part of many people.

The grounds are exquisitely kept. The flower beds are teeming with a wide array of colorful blooms. Bob and Winnie Stratton have played an important part in this facet of Walton life. I hope you all will enjoy the rainbow of colors when you visit the Walton this afternoon.

We had a good board meeting Saturday, with everyone participating. We are losing Bev Shull and Leonard Guindon as board members due to term limitations. They will be missed. We have three new members from OYM and Barnesville community coming on the board who are interested and concerned to see Walton grow and thrive.

Response to the annual fund campaign this year was excellent with over \$4,800 coming from OYM members. This kind of support is much needed and appreciated by Walton Retirement Home. Every OYM member is a part of Walton Retirement Home. Each individual has to decide how much they want to help Walton Retirement Home become an even more vibrant, viable institution in this community.

Robert J. Rockwell  
President, Walton Retirement Home Board

### **Walton Retirement Home Annual Report**

*Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. – Hebrews 13: 20-21*

My Dear Friends,

Walton has had a wonderful year. Balancing all that is involved in properly managing a healthy and vibrant residential care facility is a great undertaking. By God's grace we see our efforts rewarded with the laughter and smiles of the precious souls entrusted to our care.

We are celebrating another successful year for fundraising for our Annual Fund. This is our second year now of reaching out for support to improve the lives of our residents. This year we added outreach to OYM members personally and are so thankful for such a beautiful statement of love and support from so many for our efforts.

Our annual financial performance reflects our ever-present struggle for cash-flow. We do well to accomplish what we do with what we have. A few unexpected facility repairs late in the fiscal year left us with a deficit of \$8,850.00 at year's end. Please remember our sources

for revenue are very limited. A strong occupancy (or census) is key for strong financial performance.

We are so thankful for your continued financial support. Your annual tangible gift is of great value to us. It helps to enable us to cover expenses for some who cannot afford the full cost of their care. Walton is, more recently, enjoying a full census.

The two most significant measures of Walton's performance at the state level are the annual survey from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the Bi-annual Resident Satisfaction Survey. We are very pleased to report that Walton earned a deficiency free survey from the ODH and we continue, for more than six years now, to have the highest resident satisfaction scores in four counties.

We offer our continued thanks to our staff that works diligently to preserve our legacy of exceptional care, to our dedicated Board that works so well together for the future of the organization, and to the Fiduciary Trustees for their faithful oversight of our investments. We are the grateful beneficiaries of the efforts of so many.

My thankfulness to God for all these fruitful blessings cannot be overstated. We hold fast to the Light and fervently pray His will be done in all things.

May God always bless your efforts in serving others.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamie A. Helmick, Executive Director  
Walton Retirement Home

*Please note: Our accounting compilation, investment reports, and a more detailed overview of the year will be discussed at our corporation meeting to be held at the Walton Home Activities Room at 3:30 PM today. All are welcome!*

P.S. Please contact me by phone (740-4256-2344) or by e-mail ([executivedirector@waltonhome.org](mailto:executivedirector@waltonhome.org)) if you would like more information on our wonderful work or to have one of our monthly newsletters mailed to you.

**Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 02**  
**Afternoon Session**

*And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her.*

*And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them. And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils. And all the city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him. - Mark 1: 29-34*

### **Epistle from North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative**

The Epistle from North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative was read in full. Friends very much appreciated and accepted the Epistle.

Dear Ohio Yearly Meeting,

We are grateful to again have David Eley from Ohio Yearly Meeting at our annual sessions, as he brings the tender, faithful spirit of your yearly meeting to us. He reminds us that visitation among Friends is essential to our well-being. Our members Nancy Craft (Virginia Beach Meeting) and Darlene Stanley (Friendship Meeting) plan to visit your sessions this year, and we look forward to hearing about them when they return. Be assured that we have been able to read your epistles to us from your minute book, so we have not missed out on hearing from you.

We gathered at Guilford College on Seventh Month 12-15, 2018, for our 321st Annual Sessions, remembering with love and gratitude our distant Friends. We were blessed with many newcomers and visiting Friends. Our theme this year was “Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire” - a line from John Greenleaf Whittier’s poem “The Brewing of Soma” that also references the passage in 1 Kings 19 about the “still, small voice”.

Our clerk opened the business sessions with Romans 12:9-13 that starts with “Let love be genuine,” and we experienced this love throughout our time together.

Our theme was also evident during the bible study led by David Hobson of Rocky River Meeting (FCNC). The bible study explored scripture through hymns, including “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind,” which incorporates the words of the Whittier poem. We found that singing helped engage us in different ways, and our young Friends chose a number of favorite hymns for us.

During our annual sessions, each monthly meeting reads their responses to each of our 12 queries. This year, we started with query 11 - “Do we reverence that of God in every human being with concern for the needs of each individual? Are we seeking to rectify existing social injustice and racial discrimination in our local communities and in the world at large?” We set aside extra time for reflection after the reading of these query responses as we feel the times call for particular attention to these issues. We find a deep sense of closeness in sharing how the Spirit is moving in our meetings, and our struggles to remain faithful.

After a presentation about the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival, we found that while we strongly supported the mission and goals of the campaign, we struggled with whether and how to convey that to the monthly meetings and their members and attenders.

On Fifth Day evening we enjoyed a dramatic reading of letters and journal entries written by North Carolina Friends during challenging times. It was helpful to look back at our history through first-hand accounts, and to see how the yearly meeting handled difficult issues in the past. It also helped us see that we sometimes made mistakes, such as supporting efforts to send freed slaves to Africa, which resulted in unanticipated suffering. The program also reminded us of the deep ties between North Carolina Friends and those in Ohio and Indiana.

We have been engaged for several years in revising our discipline. This year we turned our attention to the queries. We find that examining our practices in light of both the past and the present gives us new openings. Because the process has been deliberate and Spirit-filled, it is bearing good fruit.

During our time together we held numerous interest groups and heard from representatives from several Quaker organizations. Kendra Bradley, who has been the director of Quaker House for the past year, spoke passionately about the work being done there. Andrei Israel shared about the work of William Penn House in Washington. Lauri Langham reported for Quaker Earthcare Witness on the work of caring for and restoring our planet. Bill Geary expressed gratitude from the Southern State Prison Worship Group for the yearly meeting’s continued support and encouraged us to write to the prisoners, as the ministry of letter writing is so important to prisoners. On Sixth Day evening we headed across the street to New Garden Friends Meeting to hear Diane

Randall, the executive secretary of Friends Committee on National Legislation. She titled her talk “Gracious Calling, Ordered Lives: the faith and practice of Friends in the political maelstrom,” borrowing some phrasing from the Whittier poem. She described the difficulties of working in Washington, that are far from the calm Whittier speaks of, and more like the earthquake, wind, and fire. In describing FCNL’s work, she quoted Edward Burrough’s letter “To the Present Distracted and Broken Nation of England,” saying “And we are not for Names, nor Men, nor Titles of Government, nor are we for this Party, nor against the other, because of its Name and Pretence; but we are for Justice and Mercy, and Truth and Peace, and true Freedom, that these may be exalted in our Nation; and that Goodness, Righteousness, Meekness, Temperance, Peace and Unity with God, and one with another, that these things may abound.” Diane touched on various aspects of FCNL’s work in the areas of peace, Native Americans, mass incarceration, migrants and refugees, and an Earth restored. She noted that the world is hungry for a spiritual life lived both externally and internally. She demonstrated how FCNL’s work proceeds from a spiritual basis and is grounded in a practice of being present with, and listening to, everyone. Her talk left us with a sense of hope for repairing what is broken in our nation.

Diane Randall asked us, “Can we see the Spirit moving among us?” In our patient processes of working together, in our times of study together, and in our socializing together, we have seen and felt the Spirit at work, and are deeply grateful. We meet for our 322nd session in Wilmington, NC, on Seventh Month 11, 2019, if consistent with Divine Will.

On behalf of North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative,  
Gwen Gosney Erickson, clerk

### **Fiduciary Trustees**

The report of the Fiduciary Trustees was read and accepted. Friends appreciate the diligence and careful stewardship of the Fiduciary Trustees.

### **Report of the Fiduciary Trustees**

For the year ending 06-30-2018 the Fiduciary Trustees are managing the following trust funds:

Education Funds	\$565,470
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Walton Retirement Home	\$817,524
Ohio Yearly Meeting	\$140,866
Monthly Meetings	\$636,798
Reserve Fund	<u>\$769,415</u>
Total Assets	\$2,930,073
Our income and expense for the 2017-2018 fiscal year were:	
Total Income	\$211,175
Operating Expenses	<u>\$90</u>
Net Income	\$211,085

Distribution of Earnings:

Return to Trust Funds	\$233,540
Added to Reserve Fund	<u>-\$12,455</u>
Same as Net Income	\$211,085

The Fiduciary Trustees have continued to monitor the above average growth in the value of our investments in recent years. It was decided in First Month of this year to make an additional, one-time, distribution of 6.0 percent return to each of the funds which we hold on behalf of OYM, Monthly Meetings, Walton Home, and Education funds. This one-time distribution, in addition to our usual Annual Distribution, returns more of the investment gains to those bodies that have entrusted their funds to the Fiduciary Trustees and it reduces the Reserve Fund closer to the target level the Fiduciaries try to maintain. We have also agreed to pay 6.0 percent return on the trust funds in our care as the Annual Distribution for the fiscal year ending Sixth Month 30, 2018.

We currently have one (1) home loan outstanding with Ohio Yearly Meeting members and one (1) mortgage loan outstanding with the Walton Home. The Fiduciary Trustees made a mortgage loan to the Walton Home for their purchase of the former home of Martha Giffen and Fred Wickham on the Bethesda Street Extension, west of the Walton Home.

The Ohio Yearly Meeting fund containing the proceeds from the 2004 sale of the Main Campus to Olney Friends School (OFS) is valued at \$70,696 as of Sixth Month 30, 2017. We will continue to hold the balance of this fund and allow it to accrue interest until we receive instruction from the Yearly Meeting to take other action.

As directed by the Committee on Financing Educational Concerns in Eighth Month 2017, the Fiduciary Trustees distributed \$6,000 during the past year to the families of four (4) Ohio Yearly Meeting children attending Olney or private secondary schools. Also as directed, \$17,679 was sent to Olney Friends School from the income generated by the Education Trust Funds we hold in support of scholarships, a Christian Quaker presence, the library, repairs and improvements, and athletics at Olney.

The Committee on Financing Educational Concerns recommended to the Yearly Meeting in Eighth Month 2017 that \$30,000 be taken from the Undesignated General Fund of the Education Trust Funds and sent to Olney Friends School to be used toward refurbishing the Mary Davis Guest House. This special gift was sent to Olney shortly after yearly meeting in 2017. Olney is trying to determine the best use of this gift in light of the many needs of the school in the areas of recruitment of students, maintenance, and housing. The school has been looking into furniture replacement, repairs, and painting but they have also become acutely aware that the heating boiler for the Mary Davis Guest House needs to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$25,000 - \$30,000. A final decision has not been made.

Olney has faced serious financial challenges this past school year and is anticipating ongoing challenges in coming years. As many are aware, in Second Month of this year, Olney announced their "Defining the Future" campaign with a goal of raising \$250,000 by the end of Third Month to insure their financial ability to open the school for the 2018-2019 school year. Their campaign was very successful and raised \$360,000.

The announcement that Olney Friends School was at risk of possibly not being able to reopen in the fall of 2018 came not only a surprise to the Fiduciary Trustees but also as a reminder that the closing of Olney would have real impacts on Ohio Yearly Meeting. At our regular Fourth Month meeting the Fiduciaries discussed concerns about what might have to be done to care for the farm land owned by OYM and leased to OFS, the need for OYM to begin making property tax and insurance payments, the potential sale of Olney owned land to some other party, and how the Education Trust funds held for the benefit of Olney would or could be used if Olney were to close.

While Olney's success with their "Defining the Future" campaign may have deferred an immediate need to address these concerns, we want to alert the Yearly Meeting that we, as a body, should take steps to be better prepared for the possibility that Olney might one day have to close. The Fiduciary Trustees will continue to examine these concerns but we have no specific recommendations to the Yearly Meeting at this time.

At our First Month meeting the Fiduciaries approved the recommendation of Olney that it was time to consider cutting timber in the Plummer Woods. The last timber harvest was completed in 2008 and the professional forester advised at that time that we should consider a harvest every ten years to maintain the health of the forest. We authorized Olney to manage the entire process and have been pleased to know that Don Guindon has been closely involved in overseeing the project. Olney has received \$41,600 from DeNoon Lumber for the harvest contract. As with past harvests, Olney will use the net proceeds, after paying expenses of hiring a forester and advertising the sale, to support the operations of the school.

A decision was made to postpone Lease Review with Olney from Sixth Month to sometime this fall. Olney operated with interim Co-heads of School for the 2017-2018 school year after the dismissal of the Head of School in Sixth Month 2017. The Olney Board of Trustees has hired a new Head of School who is just beginning his service this Eighth Month. We postponed the review to be able to work with the new Head of School, to allow him time to get the school year started, and to settle into his new role.

We reported at our last Yearly Meeting sessions that the Fiduciary Trustees would be reapplying to Belmont County and the State of Ohio to have the Morlan House property, as used by Friends Center, reclassified as exempt from property taxes for the 2017 tax year and into the future. We were very pleased to be informed by the Tax Commissioner of Ohio in First Month 2018 that the property will be exempt from taxation beginning with the 2017 tax year as long as the current use is continued.

In Fourth Month the Fiduciary Trustees were informed by the Yearly Meeting Treasurer, Dennis Rockwell, that Katharine Jacobsen had bequeathed \$10,000 to Ohio Yearly Meeting as her final Will. Katharine gave no instruction or restriction for the use of this bequest

and, at the request of Dennis Rockwell, the Fiduciaries have deposited this amount into the “General Fund” we hold on behalf of Ohio Yearly Meeting. We will hold these funds and await instruction from the Yearly Meeting concerning its use.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Fiduciary Trustees,  
David E. Warrington, President  
Fiduciary Trustees of the Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends

### **Financing Educational Concerns Committee**

The report of the Financing Educational Concerns Committee was read. Friends accepted this report with thanks for the good work of the Committee. The supplemental report by David Male, Olney Business Manager, on the use of the gift for refurbishing the Mary Davis Guest House was read in conjunction with the committee’s report. The supplemental report was also accepted.

### **Report of the Financing Educational Concerns Committee**

Members of the Financing Educational Concerns Committee met to consider the distribution of funds this year. The funds are intended for high school age members of the yearly meeting who are attending Friends schools, other private schools or who are home schooled. This year, we are aware of one member of high school age attending Olney Friends School and one attending East Richland Christian Schools.

As usual, the net income from the Scholarships for OYM Children Trust Fund has been reduced by the Inflation Accumulation rate set by the Fiduciary Trustees. The additional six percent distribution of interest in First Month 2018 has doubled the usual amount available for disbursement. Including the monies reserved from last year, the total available to award this year is approximately \$13,700.00.

Over each of the past three years, we have awarded \$1,500 to each eligible member’s family. This year, there are fewer students and more money available. Because there are additional students who may qualify for these funds next year and because we do not wish to set unreasonably high expectations of future support, we propose that each of the two students be supported by a grant of \$2,000 this year.

The committee is aware of the potential for one additional member of high school age entering Olney Friends School during the upcoming school year. Should that be the case, we wish to set in reserve an additional \$1,000 to support the student. Therefore, we suggest that the total amount to be awarded this year is \$4,000 with an additional \$1,000 to be held in reserve. The balance remaining to be awarded in future years is \$8,700 assuming the reserved amount is awarded.

After consideration, we concur with David Warrington's recommendation concerning the distribution from the Education Trust Funds for Olney Friends School. The school will receive \$39,000, a significant increase over last year's distribution due in large part to the midyear distribution of interest.

In 2017, the committee recommended, and the yearly meeting approved the disbursement of \$30,000 to Olney Friends School from the Undesignated Fund to Accumulate. These funds were designated for refurbishing the Mary Davis guest house for the benefit of the school and the yearly meeting. David Male, Business Manager at Olney, will report concerning these funds.

As always, we ask that meetings with members who meet the criteria for Ohio Yearly Meeting scholarship funds make the committee aware of their names.

The Committee,  
Beverly Kirk Shull  
Janet Hammer  
Rebecca Hawkins  
Debora Taber

**Supplemental Report by David Male, Olney Business Manager**

Report on use of funds received by Olney Friends School from Ohio Yearly Meeting.

Last year Olney received a generous, one-time gift of \$30,000 with a request that the funds be used for refurbishing the Mary Davis Guest house. A small amount of this gift was used to purchase bedding, throw rugs and window treatments to spruce up the guest rooms a bit while consideration was given to larger project and cost estimates obtained. A major need identified was replacement of the ancient boiler

that heats the building, but when confronted with estimates that would consume most or all of the gift, we hesitated to go forward.

Having recently received a copy of last year's report to yearly meeting regarding the gift, we see more clearly that it was given for "Furniture and mattress upgrades, paint, carpet and updated bathrooms would combine to make the guest house more welcoming and comfortable."

While a warm building is certainly more "welcoming and comfortable" than a cold one, we are now concerned that the funds go toward the items specifically listed above, which are also needed. Please know that the current administration at Olney very much appreciates not only the gift itself but the long standing and on-going relationship between the school and the yearly meeting that this gift represents.

David Male

Olney Friends School Business Manager

### **Travel Fund Committee**

The report of the Travel Fund Committee was read and accepted, with thanks for the Committee's judicious planning and administration of the Travel Fund.

### **Report of the Travel Fund Committee**

Earl Smith and Sylvia Thomas were both able to travel to Washington DC as representatives to Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) and William Penn House.

There was no Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas meetings during this past year.

Balance 08-01-2017     \$3,953.06

Income

OYM Allocation         \$2,775.00

Interest 4.97

Total     \$6,733.03

Expenses

FCNL Representatives \$1,090.48

Total Expenses \$1,090.48

Fund Balance 06-30-2018     \$5,642.55

The Travel Fund Committee would like to request \$2,750.00 for the coming year. We have prepared a five-year budget and used this to base out our request from Yearly Meeting. This request, which we realize is a large part of the Yearly Meeting Budget, tries to minimize the yearly fluctuation in our budget requests from Yearly Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Thomas, Clerk  
Dennis Rockwell, Treasurer

### **Olney Taber Farm**

The Olney Taber Farm Report was read and accepted, with appreciation for the stewardship and productivity of the team in caring for these lands, and for the educational use of the lands.

### **Olney Taber Farm Report**

This year's Olney Farm Report includes: continuation of successful food production for Olney School, YES! Magazine article highlighting student participation on the school farm, two conferences attended by farm staff and a timbering project in the Plummer woods.

The Olney farm continued utilizing the organic certification, raising hay, grains, vegetables, eggs, meat chickens, goats and beef cattle. Honey hives harvested 54 pounds of honey.

Students for "Farm Team" as an alternative to traditional sports. The Farm Team students learn about composting, soil testing, tending and harvesting crops and care of poultry and goats. Biology classes benefited by talks on cattle breeding including artificial insemination, plant reproduction and some students assisted in birthing baby goats. Art classes worked on the greenhouse interior, resurrecting the dripwall pond and developed a reflection area patio with bricks from ole chimneys of the Main Building.

Mary Ann Leister, a freelance reporter, visited the farm and wrote a 1,200-word article which was published in YES! Magazine. (Copies are available on table in the back.)

Farmer Don Guindon attended the Quaker Schools with Farms Conference held at Friends Meeting School in Maryland. Fourteen other schools were represented. Assistant farmer Mark Hibbett attended Ohio

Environmental Food and Farm Conference in Dayton, Ohio which focused on product marketing and strawberry culture.

In following through with our Forest Management Plan we are doing a second timber harvest in the Plummer Woods, ten years after the first one. We are nearly finished harvesting 113 trees estimated at 53,880 board feet. We should be able to harvest again there in 20 years.

We continue to use the farm for educational purposes for the greater community. In September we hosted a soils profile training for Belmont, Guernsey, and Monroe County's Health Department. We have scheduled for next month a Forestry Management workshop in the Plummer woods, looking at best management practices. Both programs are put on by Belmont County Soil and Water Conservation Service.

Submitted by Don Guindon, Olney Farm manager

### **Olney Hostess Fund and Monteverde Friends School**

The Olney Hostess Fund contributions total \$82.00 and the Monteverde School Fund contributions total \$81.00. Thanks to Friends for their generosity.

### **Plummer House Management Committee**

The Plummer House Management Committee report was read and accepted. Friends appreciated the good work and improvements accomplished by the Management Committee.

### **Plummer House Management Committee Report**

The grant money received last year from the Belmont County Tourism Council helped us renovate the south side of the Plummer House. The windows were replaced, insulation and vinyl siding installed, and the porch was rebuilt. Other renovations included replacing the window on the second floor over the shed, removing wallpaper, patching and painting of the stairwell, and rewiring the large downstairs room on the south end. The large flower garden in front had gotten out of control and it was removed and some of the plants were relocated.

At commencement time, a class reunion was held in the Plummer House. In preparation for that event the house was given a good cleaning and looked terrific! That Saturday evening a very large number of alumni of all ages gathered for music and a social event. It

was the best use of the Plummer House in many years and everyone had a wonderful time!

Three Olney teachers occupied the Plummer House during the school year and Mark Hibbett is residing there this summer.

We have received a \$3,000 grant from the Tourism Council this year to be used for a heating system for the house. More inside wiring needs to be done and ceiling tiles were damaged by a plumbing leak, need to be replaced in the middle room downstairs. We welcome friends to go out and tour the house while here.

Financial Report: Balance 07-31-2017 \$6,985.41

Income 2018 grant 3,000.00

Donations 965.00

Total Income \$3,965.00

Expenses Water 214.50

Electric 959.30\*

Driveway gravel 250.00

Porch construction &

misc. improvements 3,541.76

Total Expenses \$4,965.56

Balance on hand July 2018 \$5,984.85

- Note: Includes bill we received for the period of time from April 2016 through July 2017.

Submitted by Plummer House Committee

Marie Bundy, Leonard Guindon, Donald Guindon, Robert Becerra,

Debora Taber,

Dennis Hunkler, Bev and Bob Shull, Robert Rockwell and

Thomas Rockwell

### **Peace and Human Relations Committee**

The Peace and Human Relations Committee report was read and accepted, with appreciation for the many and varied activities and the enthusiasm of the committee.

### **Peace and Human Relations Committee Report**

Our committee met in November of 2017 in the Walton Activity room. Earl and Sylvia talked about their time at FCNL Annual Meeting in DC and shared materials. Earl also spoke to us about working on a suicide hotline, and what he has learned about the high suicide rate in Ohio. We shared about the service of loving our neighbor Jesus has given us; and how we often feel challenged to know our neighbor and what their need might be.

We discussed the ongoing concern brought to us by Quaker Spring Friends for becoming more aware of racial prejudice in ourselves and our communities. We shared out copies of two books, America's Original Sin, which discusses the harmful legacy of slavery which persists in our nation still; and The New Jim Crow, which gives a clear picture of the problem of mass incarceration. Let Sylvia know if you would like a copy sent to you for your meeting.

At this Yearly Meeting, Peace Committee will show a movie made by the Friends of Peace Pilgrim, about the life of Peace Pilgrim, who many of us remember from her stops at Olney. Several copies of the book on her life and witness, and her own handout on the Way of Peace, will be available.

Peace and Human Relations Committee agreed to purchase a book, Practicing Peace, a Devotional Walk through the Quaker Tradition by Catherine Whitmire, with enough copies to give one to each monthly meeting. We hope the books can be usefully shared in ways that suit each meeting.

Quaker Spring: Some Friends from our Friends Center and Peace and Human Relations committees were involved in the planning and hosting care of Quaker Spring at Stillwater this June 2018. Our worship, Bible reading, plenary sessions and singing were blessed by the presence of Friends from the Conservative gathering, from Baltimore, Ohio Valley, Philadelphia, New England, SAYMA, and North Pacific yearly meetings, and from Pendle Hill and Earlham School of Religion. We were thankful that Stillwater Meeting allowed the use of the meetinghouse kitchen for our breakfasts. We appreciated that Marie Bundy and Loisanne Rockwell came one afternoon to share Marie's slideshow and answer questions about Ohio Yearly Meeting history, and Loisanne opened the Historical Room. We felt it was a time of deep personal searching by the Light, sharing together our struggles to be faithful and to follow where Christ leads. There was a real sense of

being in Christ's care; and as we were made tender in conscience, we felt His mercy and love towards our human condition. In 2019, Quaker Spring will be held June 21-26 at Woolman Hill, Deerfield, Massachusetts. Please search whether you are led to attend, as the presence of Conservative Friends is so welcomed and hoped for in the Quaker Spring community.

Friends Committee on National Legislation: Earl Smith and Sylvia Thomas were able to go to the 2017 FCNL Annual Meeting in DC last November. Several FCNL staff members were prompt to ask us to pass on their gratitude for the presence in 2016 of our visiting minister, elder and overseer from the Ministry and Oversight Committee. Diane Randall, Executive Secretary, Eric Ginsburg, Assistant Clerk, and Mary Comfort Ferrell among others wanted to be sure that we knew how it helped them so much to do their work, when they could look in "almost any direction" and see one of the OYM Friends consoling someone in need. Their presence in that year truly was a blessing, and the affirmation of the rightness of our Lord's leading is a blessing to us in turn.

As a first time attender, my experience in 2017 was rather different, as people were more composed, but energized in their dedication to peace and justice issues. More than 400 people came to lobby Congress, with a great diversity of age and ethnicity. Many lobbyists expressed how the Quaker testimony of speaking to that of God in each person helped them to talk productively with their Congressperson. It was a moving, inspiring experience; and we are very thankful to the Yearly Meeting for making it financially possible for us to take part. Earl and Sylvia hope to be able to attend this November's FCNL Annual Meeting, which will focus on lobbying to save the SNAP – Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program – from further cuts. We would like to encourage more Friends to consider taking part. Monthly Meetings may include a young person who would be inspired by FCNL's Spring Lobby opportunity.

William Penn House: Allison Guindon gave us an interesting report of the work of William Penn House, where she is office manager. The facility is getting a lot of good use, as there is an increase of people coming to the capitol for a march, training or lobbying. In some cases a reduced fee helps visitors, for example, William Penn House was able to house a group of women of color coming for a candlelight vigil for

victims of police violence. There is still a daily meeting for worship which is open to all visitors. A new project at William Penn House is the soon to be finished online booking software system.

Friends World Committee for Consultation: Our FWCC representatives showed the map of Friends around the world, and reminded us of the useful list of meetings for anyone traveling. FWCC invites Friends everywhere to take part in World Quaker Day and plan an activity locally. A new outreach project is called Travelling Ministries, in which members of a core of Friends with expertise can be asked to lead a variety of meetings or workshop activities. Please take a look at the display area materials to see if there is an area of interest to your meeting.

Beverly Shull is working on the Finance and Development Committee for FWCC. They have a big task to figure how to make the new strategic plan happen. Bev invited the committee to hold their September meeting at Olney. So watch for the opportunity to welcome a few FWCC Friends in Barnesville this fall.

For the remainder of our time with the FCNL, FWCC and William Penn House representatives, Peace Committee and visitors, we asked Shawna Roberts to talk on the subject of getting to know our neighbor. Constantly on the road as a Democratic candidate for Congress for the 6<sup>th</sup> district of Ohio, she has been meeting and talking to and learning from people from the top to the bottom of Appalachian eastern Ohio. Her district includes 18 counties, all of which suffer disproportionate hunger, unemployment, cancer and black lung rates and other hardships. It is God's hands whether Shawna will get to go to Washington and represent the neighbors she has met but whatever the outcome, it is clear that Shawna's experience is going to bear fruit. Who are our neighbors? Are they suffering, unknown to us? We value the detailed understanding and passion Shawna brought to these questions. We recommend that Friends seek her out — we guarantee you'll learn something.

Peace Committee is beginning to look into organizations that help immigrants and refugees, in Ohio and Michigan as well as other states, hoping to send a contribution to help programs that house, feed and give legal aid to detainees. For this possible donation, and for the increase in the work of William Penn House and other Friends' Peace groups, we ask the Yearly Meeting if the yearly amount given to Peace

and Human Relations Committee might be increased from \$25 to \$100 or thereabouts.

On behalf of Peace and Human Relations Committee  
Sylvia Thomas, convener

Total Balance at the end of OYM 2017	\$337.00
2018 OYM allocation	\$25.00
Book Sales 2017-18?	\$8.00
Subtotal	\$370.00
Expense: 9 copies of the book, Practicing Peace, a Devotional Walk through the Quaker Tradition, by Catharine Whitmire, to be given to each of our monthly meetings, plus shipping	\$125.00
New Balance	\$245.00
Donation to William Penn House	\$100.00
Final Balance	\$145.00

### General Queries

The Eighth and Ninth General Queries, and the First and Second Administrative Queries were read, with responses from the three Quarterly Meetings and the proposed Ohio Yearly Meeting Summaries. The Summaries were approved.

**Eighth Query:** Are we careful to use the affirmation rather than the oath? Do we avoid gambling and speculation based on the principles of chance?

**Proposed OYM Summary:** We avoid oath taking when the situation arises, choosing to use the affirmation instead. Some have used the opportunity to explain that we feel led to follow Christ's directive in Matthew 5:37, "All you need to say is simply 'yes' or 'no'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one." NIV. However, language on government forms and electronic filings continues to stress "under penalty of perjury" or similar language, and friends have not yet devised a satisfactory way to avoid this de facto oath. We avoid lotteries and games of chance, and appreciate reminders given us in our advices. We also are careful in our choice of investments, to avoid speculation based on chance. Generally, we find it troubling that the State sponsors gambling as a means of enhancing revenue, to provide employment and to collect additional revenue.

**Ninth Query:** Are we sensitive to the problems of family living?

Do we offer counseling to couples both before and after marriage? How are we helping individuals, married couples and family units to strengthen and enrich their lives?

**Proposed OYM Summary:** We try to be sensitive to family living and lend our support – spiritual and otherwise – where possible, with God’s help. We carry a sincere concern for the host of problems that can arise in family living. Each generation has its own set of issues. We prepare to be a support in time of need by being a listening presence to our members and attenders, as well as families. Most meetings have not had occasion this year to offer counsel before or after marriage. We counsel others when opportunity and need coincide, and are supportive of them, which sometimes is done informally. We pray that our Lord give us sensitivity for these needs and hope others may come forward for advice. We are grateful for Christ’s presence, as well as the blessings and love shown by his gathered people, and know that He is at work in the world.

**Administrative Queries:**

1. What new meetings have been established? Have any meetings been discontinued?

**Proposed OYM Summary:** No new meetings have been established. Short Creek Monthly Meeting is in the process of being laid down.

2. Do parents take an active interest in the administration and quality of teaching of the schools which their children attend? Is each Meeting making effective efforts to aid parents in the suitable religious instruction of their children?

**Proposed OYM Summary:** Parents of school age children do take an active interest in the administration and quality of teaching for their children. We continue to take interest in how local schools teach and care for children. We encourage parents to give suitable religious instruction to complement the secular education of their children.

**Book and Children’s Literature Committee**

The report of the Book and Children’s Literature Committee regarding the Second Administrative Query was read and accepted with special appreciation for Elvina Krekler’s long and faithful service on this committee.

## **Report of Book and Children's Literature Committee on the Second Administrative Query**

Members of the Book Committee met in 6th Month with two teachers of the First-Day School at Stillwater. No young people attended.

We were considering what materials we should be using in First Day Schools in Meetings in OYM. We looked at a number of resources these teachers have used, mostly taking parts of different ones and integrating them into ways they could use with the children.

We did not decide on material from a specific company, although there are some available such as "Let's Be Friends" from George Fox Press. Some individuals have written things which are distributed through the Tract Association, and other materials are available as resources. Some can be adapted to make interesting lessons for First Day School classes of different ages.

We feel we need to be careful in using materials about Friends to make sure we are prayerful in their use. Our concern is that the materials used are in accordance with the Christian principles and beliefs of Conservative Friends.

For the Committee, Elvina Krekler

Friends reminded us of the dangers of children being exposed to pornography and inappropriate material online, and of the need for supervision, loving attention, and a good example for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### **Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 03 Morning Session**

*And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!*

Matthew 8: 23-27

### **Administrative Queries**

The Third, Fourth and Fifth Administrative Queries were read, with the responses of the three Quarterly Meetings and the proposed Ohio Yearly Meeting Summaries. The Summaries were approved.

3. Have the General Queries been read and deliberately pondered and answered in all our meetings? Have the Advices been regularly read? Is the best possible time chosen for their reading, suitable for deliberate consideration of them by all Friends and attenders for their individual, spiritual refreshment?

**Proposed OYM Summary:** The General Queries have been read, deliberately pondered, and thoughtfully answered. The Advices are read regularly. Some meetings consider near the end of meeting for worship or the end of worship to be a suitable time to read the advices, and some are read during meeting at a time chosen by a selected member or elder.

4. Are former minute books, all interment charts and all records of similar importance, stored in a suitable fireproof safe or vault?

**Proposed OYM Summary:** Most minute books and interment charts are stored in a fireproof safe or vault either at home or in the meetinghouse. Other storage methods in use include a bank safe deposit box, digital or electronic copies, and duplicate copies at multiple locations.

5. Are our meetings for business regularly held; fully, and promptly attended? Are they conducted in a loving and solemn concern to make concerted effort toward unity of spirit?

**Proposed OYM Summary:** Meetings for Business are regularly held, with occasional schedule changes, and are attended by most active members as Friends are able. Meetings are conducted in a loving and solemn concern to make concerted effort toward unity of spirit.

### **Epistle Committee**

The Epistle Committee report, consisting of Epistles to (1) Friends Everywhere; (2) Iowa Yearly Meeting Conservative; and (3) North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative, was read. After discussion, the Epistles were referred back to the committee for editorial changes.

### **Christian Education Camp**

The Christian Education Camp report was read and accepted, with appreciation for the dedication, energy, and creativity of the adults and teenaged counsellors in organizing this important, educational, and recreational event for the children.

### **Christian Education Camp Report**

Christian Education Camp was held this year, June 17-20 on the Olney Friends School campus. We were blessed to have 29 campers; four being preschool day campers. We were thankful for having 10 High School age counselors; five from Stillwater Monthly Meeting. Then there were four Christian Education Committee members who spent the nights in the dorm, with Jean Cooper and many of the other committee members joining us at camp for at least part each day.

The theme of this year's camp was "Jesus loves me," we sang the song "Jesus loves me" with several of its verses. The TAG (time alone with God) cards, and Bible lesson each morning helped teach the children of Jesus's love for them. Each morning at camp was utilized in Bible lessons, craft classes and learning. We were blessed to have Gwen Giffen use her musical talents leading our singing times. We encourage the campers to share their feelings/knowledge of Jesus's love for themselves and others, by making a large paper banner and construction paper cards, which we delivered to the Walton Home residents on Monday afternoon. While there we sang "Jesus love me" with the residents. Other songs were sung to entertain the residents and a simple table game was played by the young and old together.

Monday evening was a cook out in the Locust grove with local meeting families and friends. We enjoyed nice weather and wonderful companionship in the evening. Eating smores was a highlight for many campers. We sang around the campfires and then headed the campers to the dorm. It was great, the local friends took care of the campfire completely this year.

Bedtime was as usual at camp, Bible reading, discussions and prayer in small groups. Trying to get everyone in bed and to sleep is always an adventure. We were blessed to have many fans going at night which helped in getting some sleep.

Olney staff and facility use were very important to our camp this year. Not only did they provide us will tasty meals and beds, but they also helped with some of our fun activities this year. Sunday night a

waterslide down the soccer field hill was put together by Olney staff so we could get cooled off since the Barnesville public pool was not open. This activity was enjoyed by young and old alike. On Tuesday afternoon we hiked around a trail on the "Back 2" which Olney staff help get ready for us to utilize. The campers had fun doing skits up on a real stage, Tuesday evening in the Olney Collection Room. We did enjoy the calm at Olney, though it was not quiet while we were on campus.

There were lots of people involved in making camp a success. The committee members put in energies for months before camp happens. Then with the help of cookie bakers, fire tenders, prayer warriors, teen counselors and parents sending their precious children; camp came together and we had a time to focus on God.

Camp was blessed by God. We had no major injuries or illness and only a few tears and hurt feelings. We had lots of talking, laughing, singing and praying. As camp came to an end, we had campers wanting camp to continue for a few more days. Hugs and "good-byes" sent the campers home with love and growth in their understanding about Jesus's love for them.

**8/1/2017    \$ 2,506.32    Beginning Fund Balance**

**Camp Revenue**

6.77	Bank Interest
1,500.00	Yearly Meeting Funding
2,252.00	Camper fees
<u>585.58</u>	<u>Donations</u>
\$ 4,344.35	Revenue

**Camp Expenses**

-3960.25	Paid to Olney Friends School
	for Board and Lodging.
(\$50.61)	Gifts
(\$23.29)	Snacks
(\$27.57)	Crafts
(\$20.00)	Postage
	Copies
<u>(\$4,081.72)</u>	<u>Expenses for 2016 Christian</u>
	<u>Education Camp</u>
<u>\$262.63</u>	<u>Net Gain/(Loss)</u>

	14.06	Cash on hand
<b>7/31/2018</b>		
	<u>\$ 2,754.89</u>	<u>Belmont Savings Account</u>
<u>Balance</u>		
	<u>\$2,768.95</u>	<u>Camp Fund Balance</u>

**Book and Children’s Literature Committee**

The Book and Children’s Literature Committee report was read and accepted, with deep appreciation for the faithful service and dedication of the Committee.

**Book and Children’s Literature Committee Report**

The OYM Book and Children’s Literature Committee met with the Olney School family for Meeting for Worship on 05-16-2018.

To the nine Seniors we gave “Mind the Heavenly Treasure, Thoughts for each Day from the Writings of George Fox with an accompanying verse of Scripture,” and “Living A’Top of the World’ by Charles P. Morlan. The new students received the pamphlet, “Welcome to Our Meeting.” Four new Faculty and Staff received “Mind the Heavenly Treasure,” “Welcome to Our Meeting,” “Advices and Queries of Ohio Yearly Meeting,” and “Living A’Top of the World.”

Shortly after Ohio Yearly Meeting in 2017 we presented Liam Becerra, almost eight-years- old, with his Bible, a large print New Revised Standard version.

We continue to sell a few books and pamphlets throughout the year.

We appreciate the allocation from OYM, and are asking for \$25.00 for the coming year. Thank you.

Financial Report 2018

07-31-2017	Ending Balance	499.27
	INCOME 2018	
	Allocation from OYM	25.00
	Books sold	75.41
	Interest on Savings Account	0.32
	<i>Total Income</i>	<i>600.00</i>

EXPENSES 2018

Postage to mail books	17.65
6-30-2018 Ending Balance	\$ 582.35

For the Committee, Elvina Krekler

**Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends**

The Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends report was read and accepted. Friends appreciate the good work and faithful efforts of the Committee.

**Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends Report**

*The Son of God is gone before us, and, by the bitter cup he drank, and the baptism he suffered, has left us an example that we should follow his steps. . . “Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?” What was the cup he drank, and baptism he suffered? I answer; they were the denial and offering up of himself by the eternal Spirit to the will of God, undergoing the tribulations of his life, and agonies of his death upon the cross, for man’s salvation. What is our cup and cross that we should drink and suffer? They are the denying and offering up of ourselves, by the same spirit, to do or suffer the will of God for his service and glory. This is the true life and obedience of the cross of Jesus; narrow still, but before, and unbeaten way.*

William Penn, **No Cross No Crown**, selection from Chapter 4

A precious covering of our Lord was present at the recent gathering of Conservative Friends. Fellowship between the more than 40 people in attendance that weekend was also remarkably congenial. Some made the effort to join us from Ontario and Manitoba, Canada. Some drove from Kentucky, Georgia, upstate New York, North Carolina, and California, as well as five neighboring states.

*The Conservative Friend* was published and mailed three times this year. Phil Helms reports that he thoroughly enjoyed this responsibility. We are grateful to the Lord of his gift of service. Thanks to all who have contributed articles to *The Conservative Friend* paper. Keep them coming.

We are also grateful to Elvina Krekler and Sharon Helms for keeping our accounts. Our financial report is below. We keep two accounts, one for *The Conservative Friend* and one for the biyearly Conservative Gathering.

We would appreciate \$1,000 as our allocation this year.

For the Committee, Nancy Hawkins

Account #1

07-31-2017

Income:

Balance Forward	742.45
Allocation from OYM (See Acct. #2)	
Subscriptions & donations	310.00
Interest on Savings Acct0.29	
Total Income, Acct. #1	1,052.74

Expenses:

Printing TCF, # 51, 52, 53	355.38
Mailing TCF, # 51, 52, 53	463.59
Other postage	18.85
Total Expenses, Acct. #1	837.82

06-30-2018 Balance Forward Acct. #1	214.92
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Account #2

Balance Forward	803.32
Allocation from OYM	250.00
Income, Expense for Gathering	2,395.00
Miscellaneous	663.72
Balance Forward Acct. #2	2,729.10*

Total Balance (Accts. #1 & #2)	2,944.02*
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Respectfully submitted, Elvina Krekler, Sharon Helms,  
Treasurers

- This does not reflect the amount paid to Olney for food and lodging at the General Gathering. On 06-28-2018, a check was written to Olney for \$2,597.00, which did not clear the back account until after the end of the fiscal year. \$347.02 is left in our actual account.

**Memorial Committee**

The Memorial Committee report was read and accepted, with appreciation for the patient work of the committee.

### **Memorial Committee Report**

The Memorial Committee intends to have the memorial for Bill Taber published in the coming year. We have been trying to overcome some small complications and some technical complications in getting ready for publication.

For the next two years, we are considering the preparation of a small publication that will include a group of memorials. At this time, we are hoping to include memorials for Ed Kirk, Howard and Myrtle Bailey, Richard Hall, and Randy and Martha Giffen. We are open to including memorials for other deceased members in case anyone has a leading to expand the selection. Though it has often been the case in the past to only draft memorials for ministers, the committee has published memorials for other deceased members and is open to doing so in the future.

On behalf of the committee, Seth Hinshaw

### **Committee to Coordinate and Support Outreach**

The report of the Committee to Coordinate and Support Outreach was read and accepted. Friends appreciate the energy and outreach of this committee, including the Ohio Yearly Meeting website, and the committees' efforts to inform us regarding the ever-growing electronic communication possibilities offered by technology.

Friends requested prayers for the conservative groups in the United Kingdom, noting the difficulties and tensions which beset new groups.

### **Report of the Committee to Coordinate and Support Outreach**

Friends in the United Kingdom are in several groupings which continue to meet and have gathered occasionally together for a weekend. The Midlands group meets weekly online with about six participating each week. A matter of concern is that some disunity has developed between Midlands Friends and those in the London area. We have plans to compose and send an epistle to Friends in the United Kingdom concerning this development.

We continue to work of upgrading the yearly meeting website. Some effort has been made to increase the security of the site and to make it more mobile device friendly. Progress has been made to use a new service provider and website theme for the Ohio Yearly Meeting website. To try to create an entirely new website content all at once as a finished product has been beyond our scope. We plan to move the existing site to the new server and to incrementally update the content. In order to facilitate creativity and dialogue among committee members, we will be meeting online using the Zoom platform, which provides live audio and video group meetings. All yearly meeting committee and other users are welcome to contact us to use the yearly meeting Zoom website.

A variety of activities are being used and explored for use as a means of outreach. An example is the weekend that has been scheduled in Salem, Ohio called Salem Quaker Fest. Some members of our committee plan to participate. There is also some interest in the use of videos to reach out to those who might find our faith right for them and to explain who we are. We hope that other means of outreach will also be developed.

Financial Report

Balance 07-01-2017     \$2,536.73  
Income – OYM Allocation     50.00

Expenses

Bank Service charge     12.00  
Website fee     129.35  
1 Year Zoom subscription     149.90  
Balance 06-30-2018     \$2,295.48

We only need a \$25 allocation this year.

**Agenda Committee**

The Agenda Committee report was read and accepted, with thanks and appreciation for the efforts of the committee, including Sharon Helms, who serves as convener, treasurer, and registrar.

**Agenda Committee Report**

The committee established to create and support the agenda for each year has worked to make it as effective for business processing, educational and Spiritual nourishing as possible.

We are especially appreciative for the members of Ohio Yearly Meeting who have been willing to present the programs outside the business session. They have worked hard to present the best information and inspiration possible in the materials presented in addition to other responsibilities at Yearly Meeting.

Please consider offering to be part of this dynamic committee and be part of our work for next year's yearly meeting. Let anyone on the committee know of items or suggestions to be considered for next year's agenda.

Thank you for this opportunity to be part of this service to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted, The Agenda Committee,  
Nancy Hawkins, Arthur Berk, Earl Smith, Loisanne Rockwell, Robert  
Rockwell, Terry Wallace,  
*Assistant Registrars* Bridget Casterline & Constance Bair-Thompson,  
Philip Helms *ex officio*, and Sharon Helms.

**Financial Report for 7/13/2017 through 6/30/2018**

**Starting Balance 7/31/2017 3,158.06**

**Income**

Attenders payment of meals and lodging 4,649.00

OYM Allocation 1,000.00

Dividend Credit 0.95

**Total income 5,650.95**

**Expenditures**

Friends Center – meals 481.00

Stillwater MM – camping 176.00

Olney Friends School – meals/lodging 5,253.00

Barnesville EVSD – background check 60.00

Campus Use Fee/ Deposit...2018 1,000.00

Postage – Agendas to MM 49.68

Registrar supplies 24.30

**Total expenses 7,043.98**

**Income minus expenses - 1,393.03**

**Ending Balance 6/30/2018 1,765.03**

## Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 03

### Afternoon Session

*And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague. – Mark 5: 25-34*

Burton Doudna read a passage from James Naylor, quoted in Phoebe Hall's memorial:

“There is a spirit which I feel that delights to do no evil nor to revenge any wrong, but delights to endure all things in hope to enjoy its own in the end. Its hope is to outlive all wrath and contention and to weary out all exultation and cruelty, or whatever is of nature contrary to itself ... is ground and spring is the mercies and forgiveness of God. Its crown is meekness, its life is everlasting love unfeigned; and takes its kingdom with entreaty and not with contention, and keeps it by lowliness of mind. In God alone it can rejoice...”

### Representative Meeting

The Summary of the Minutes of Representative Meeting was read. Friends accepted the summary, noting that the changes in dates for the Fiscal Year was temporary based on the 2018 schedule for Yearly Meeting.

Friends approved the revision to the Discipline regarding the Nominating Committee, as amended.

Friends approved the proposal to update and distribute the 1909 Appeal for Peace in this manner: The clerk will work with the Peace and

Human Relations Committee to update the statement; the updated statement will be submitted to Representative Meeting, and upon approval, circulated to the Monthly Meetings for input. Upon second approval by Representative Meeting, the clerk will work with the Peace and Human Relations Committee to arrange digital distribution of the statement to the White House and all members of both Houses of Congress. The Peace and Human Relations Committee will obtain price quote(s) for a hard copy printing of 500 copies and submit the quote(s) to Representative Meeting for further direction.

### **Summary of Minutes of Representative Meeting**

The Representative Meeting had a short agenda at both meetings. I would like to call attention to the following three items:

The end of the Yearly Meeting's fiscal year has been moved to accommodate the earlier week of Yearly Meeting.

A proposal was forwarded to the Representative Meeting to amend the Discipline regarding the Nominating Committee.

A proposal was forwarded to the Representative Meeting to reprint the booklet An Appeal for Peace, possibly with some updated information.

Seth Hinshaw, Clerk  
Elvina Krekler, Assistant Clerk

### **Epistle Committee**

The Epistle Committee's revised report was read, consisting of Epistles to: (1) Friends Everywhere; (2) Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting; (3) Indiana Yearly Meeting; (4) North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative; and (5) Iowa Yearly Meeting Conservative. These revised Epistles were approved as amended.

### **Epistle to Friends Everywhere**

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To Friends Everywhere:

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### **Epistle to Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting**

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We again were blessed with the presence and fellowship of Nancy Craft. Darlene Stanley also joined us. Because of their deep connection to us, it was more of a reunion than a visit. All of our visitors have been a joy this year. We are strengthened and encouraged by their presence. Likewise, we are glad for some of our members to be about the Lord's work visiting, living, and sojourning with Friends across the Religious Society of Friends. We have much to learn from each other and are glad for each one's witness to the Light.

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### **Ohio Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight**

The Ohio Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight report was read and accepted, with thanks for the energy and faithfulness of this body. Friends united with the proposed statement appended to the Ministry and Oversight report, and adopted the statement as amended. The statement will be titled “A Christian Call from Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends (Conservative). Friends also appointed this committee to consider means and methods of accomplishing distribution and publication: Bridget Casterline, Seth Hinshaw and David Eley. In addition, the statement is to be appended to our Epistles, and Monthly Meetings are encouraged to distribute the statement locally to ministerial associations and similar bodies.

### **Ohio Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight Report**

*“For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself,” - Colossians 1:19*

Dear Friends,

Over the past year Ministry and Oversight members felt the awakening of the Spirit among us. We became more aware of Christ's work as we gathered in this body, bringing us together in a supportive way. Our joy came in small parcels, such as being with little children, having new people in attendance, or having new members which added up to something bigger. Ministry and Oversight members have felt the movement of Christ in our shared concerns and efforts in outreach the past year in public Meetings and through traveling. We felt we may be called to more labor in this field. We also saw spiritual development in our Yearly Meeting children while sharing our faith and teaching them about our Quaker beliefs. The Lord did accompany us even when we did not feel His presence.

Challenges came unexpectedly at times, such as God's challenge to discern the one thing that He wants from us at a particular time. When we couldn't see the answers, we were led back to “living by faith and believing” and did strive to be God's people. Another challenge was recognizing differences in faith between family members and others. We

wondered how we could best be of service to others, because of challenges in their lives. To be more faithful was also challenged and we asked for forgiveness from God, which did renew our strength.

We endeavored to strengthen the spiritual, servant leadership of M&O meetings, to be a spiritual light and a listening ear in this group to anyone who is in need of spiritual guidance. At times we were slow to acknowledge or appreciate these gifts for God's work, but we recognized each member was a nurturing spirit for God's work. He did have a purpose for us here and we recognized the need to accept each other where we are and hold on to the faith.

This OYM session of M&O was presented with an article of concern for our fellow Christian believers at large in publication form, such as a newspaper item. Friends united with the concern and did labor with the length of the document and choice of words. We were under some time constraints, but we felt that this was the time to let the message be heard and were favored with unity in the end.

At the end of this report M&O submits this article of concern to the OYM body for consideration of endorsement. We recognize this whole process as being from the Lord and request your careful consideration.

We are reminded to "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations in my heart be acceptable in thy sight." Psalm 19:14, and to pray for boldness to share the "good news of the gospel" with everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Alice Pino and Burton Doudna, clerks

#### **A Christian Call from Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends (Conservative)**

We are Christian Friends (Quakers) from various walks of life, political persuasions, ages, and backgrounds. We share both a desire to obey the Lord and a growing concern that our nation bring itself to the path of righteousness and mercy that Jesus taught.

Again and again, Christ calls us to love. We are to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our strength and with all our mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves (Deuteronomy 6:5, Luke 10:27, Matthew 22:37, Mark 12:30-31). When we are Christians, this is not optional. If our hearts are full of love, there is no room for fear, because "perfect love casts out fear." (I John 4:18)

Being blessed with God's abundant love, we should be keeping families together, be welcoming to the strangers, and show compassion to those in need. We should see the best in each other regardless of political affiliation.

We know that "the whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Galatians 5:14) And who is our neighbor? Jesus' answer is the parable of the good Samaritan. Only the Samaritan shows mercy to the beaten man. Only the Samaritan is a true neighbor in the eyes of the Lord (Luke 10:35-37). Today, are we acting the part of the priest and the Levite, or of the Samaritan? Is each of us willing to be a good Samaritan only to those who are like us, or who like us, or whom we like?

We are to follow Him who is the Truth (John 14:6). In an era of confusion between falsehood and truth, we risk leaving Christ's side when we listen to only what pleases us. (2 Timothy 4:3-4) For the sake of Christ, it is worth investigating the truth, wherever it may lead. In the words of Isaac Penington (a 17<sup>th</sup> century Friend). "truth will not lose ground by being tried."

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). Is that what we are showing the world? As Christians, we are called to live exemplary lives that glorify God (I Peter 2:13) Standing on the True Foundation, the Rock of Christ, let us return to His path, stand in the Light of Christ Jesus that reveals all things, and bears witness to our Lord above all – above party, above friends, above media, and above ourselves.

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The clerk will send a note to the Monthly Meetings requesting that, in responding to the Fifth General Query, the Monthly Meetings state what they are doing corporately to assist and support the disadvantaged.

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### **Morning Session**

*And it came to pass, that on the next day, when they were come down from the hill, much people met him. And, behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son: for he is mine only child. And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him. And I besought thy disciples to cast him out; and they could not. And Jesus answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither. And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father. And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. But while they wondered every one at all things which Jesus did, he said unto his disciples, - Luke 9: 37-43*

### **Junior Yearly Meeting and Young Friends**

The report of adult leaders of Junior Yearly Meeting and Young Friends, and the combined report of the Junior Yearly Meeting and Young Friends were read and accepted gladly. Friends were thankful for the boundless energy and whimsy of the youth and their adult leaders, and their mutually supportive sense of community.

### **Report of Adult Leaders of Junior Yearly Meeting and Young Friends**

This year, we were blessed to have 12 young people attending junior yearly meeting, ranging in age from 4 – 17. We explored what it means to be wholehearted, and to serve God with integrity. Whole-heartedly, we played games, we danced and sang, and we enjoyed each other's company on the wet and zippy Slip and Slide.

Because there were only two people designated as adult leaders, it was not feasible to divide the children into two age groups; but our children worked very well together, and we were blessed with extra energy from volunteers.

It is very moving to see how this group of children love each other, help each other, and look after each other.

The children have worked hard on this evening's presentation and are looking forward to sharing "God's Got Talent" with you.

For the committee, Shawna Roberts, Sylvia Thomas

## **Participants' Reports**

Wednesday, August 1

Morning – We worked on folk dancing. We played a name game with Frisbees. Sat and talked in a circle first.

Afternoon – We talked about Matthew 22: 34-46 and about loving thy neighbor, Samaritan story. We talked about being whole and shaping our community. We made paper airplanes and flew them from the balcony and had snack and danced.

Thursday, August 2

Morning – We gathered in the Girls' Dorm for a snack of cookies and goldfish. We read a Bible verse about how you can't serve two masters. Matthew 6: 24 We all shared examples of feeling divided between two people's instructions or two choices. We wrote and colored get-well cards for Sharon.

Afternoon – In the first half of the meeting we practiced signing and brainstormed a performance. In the other half we played on a Slip 'n' Slide.

08-03-2018, Friday Morning

1. Practiced Song
2. Brainstormed the play
3. Practiced dances
4. Read the North Carolina JYM letter
5. Read the parable of the talents
6. Rediscussed it
7. Cleaned the kitchen

Friday Afternoon

1. Worked on skits/plays for Saturday

## **Nominating Committee**

The report of the Nominating Committee was read, including three proposals in addition to the customary report. The report itself was accepted with appreciation.

The committee proposed:

1. To merge the Book and Children's Literature Committee with Coordinate and Support Outreach or Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends;
2. To eliminate the position of Correspondent; and

3. A new format for Junior Yearly Meeting and Young Friends.  
The Correspondent position is eliminated. The other two proposals are referred back to the Nominating Committee, to be refined and rendered more definite through a process which should involve meeting with or input from the conveners of the committees involved. The resulting revised proposals may be presented to Representative Meeting. In the interim, the current committees are requested to continue their services until the proposals are resolved.

#### **Report of Nominating Committee**

There are three proposals that we are making in addition to our normal report. These are listed later.

#### **ADULT LEADERS for JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING & YOUNG FRIENDS**

A new format is needed because fewer adults are willing to be involved in Junior Yearly Meeting and fewer elementary school age children are involved. One proposal is for several adults to be involved in one session morning or afternoon. We have not found anyone to nominate.

#### **AGENDA COMMITTEE**

*ex officio*: registrar: Sharon Helms

2021 Sharon Helms, Charles C Thomas Jr, Sarah Parsons

#### **AUDIT & BUDGET COMMITTEE**

(serves until the end of 2019 session)

Charles C Thomas Jr., David Casterline

#### **BOOK & CHILDREN'S LITERATURE COMMITTEE**

2021 Henry Jason, Bernard Naylor, Ann Marie Taber

We are proposing that this committee be merged with either the Committee to Coordinate and Support Outreach or the Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends

#### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CAMP COMMITTEE**

2021 Lily Rockwell, Kathy Kovalick, Shane Wellman, Jennifer Wellman

#### **COMMITTEE to COORDINATE & SUPPORT OUTREACH**

2021 Henry Jason, Charles C. Thomas, Jr.

correction: 2019 Arthur Berk

**DOCUMENT COMMITTEE**

2021 David Eley, Earl Smith

**FIDUCIARY TRUSTEES**

2021 David Warrington, Shelly Rockwell

**FINANCING EDUCATIONAL CONCERNS**

2021 Debora Taber, Rebecca Hawkins

**FRIENDS CENTER COMMITTEE**

2021 Robert Rockwell, Fran Taber, John Benson?

**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**

2021 Seth Hinshaw, Bernard Naylor, nominees welcome

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

2021 Bernard Naylor, Seth Hinshaw, Lois Edgerton

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE (2-yr term)**

2020 Evelyn Groves, John C Smith, Rebecca Hawkins Bridget  
Casterline, Loisanne Rockwell, David Eley, Janet Hammer, Earl Smith\*

**PEACE & HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

2021 Bernard Naylor, Richard Wetzel

**PRINTING COMMITTEE**

*ex-officio:* OYM Clerk - Philip Helms, OYM Recorder - Denise Troy,  
OYM Nominating Committee Clerk - Earl Smith\*

2021 Constance Bair-Thompson, Nelda Hawkins, Ann Marie Taber

**REPRESENTATIVE to FRIENDS COMMITTEE on NATIONAL  
LEGISLATION & WILLIAM PENN HOUSE CONSULTATIVE  
COMMITTEE**

2021 Earl Smith

**REPRESENTATIVE MEETING**

2021 Janet Hammer, Mary Alice Pino, Burton Doudna, Nancy Hawkins,  
Bridget Casterline

**TRAVEL FUND COMMITTEE**

2021 David Eley

**TRUSTEES of OHIO YEARLY MEETING PROPERTY**

2020 Robert Stratton

2021 Kevin Roberts, Robert Rockwell

**WALTON HOME BOARD**

Robert Rockwell, Marie Bundy, Sharon Helms, Karen Walsh, Andy Woods (Community), Cindy McGee (Community). Rebecca Hawkins was reappointed last year (2017) along with William Ray and David Casterline.

**WIDER FELLOWSHIP OF CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS**

2021 John C. Smith, Nancy Hawkins, Michael Kinch, Sharon Helms

**OYM RECORDER**

2019 Denise Troy

**ASSISTANT OYM RECORDER**

Michael Kinch

**CUSTODIAN of RECORDS**

correction: Loisanne Rockwell appointed 1990

**OYM CORRESPONDANT**

We propose to eliminate this position.

**Ohio Yearly Meeting Committee Handbook**

Friends approved a proposal to revise and update the Ohio Yearly Meeting Committee Handbook and submit the revised version to Representative Meeting. The committee will consist of Seth Hinshaw, Conrad Lindes, David Casterline, and Charles C. Thomas, Jr.

**Friends Center Committee**

The Friends Center Committee report was read and accepted, with appreciation for the faithfulness and dedication of the committee, as individuals and corporately, and thankfulness for the programs offered at Friends Center.

**Friends Center Committee Report**

The Friends Center Committee continues to feel a calling to nurture a ministry dedicated to encouraging a life in Christ in the manner of unprogrammed Friends both within and beyond the boundaries of

Ohio Yearly Meeting. This sometimes involved exploring new ways to experience ancient truths, being careful to neither cling to empty forms nor sacrifice essentials. We pray that it continue to be the Living Christ, rather than mere habit, that is our companion and guide.

This year we welcomed a new member to our committee, Constance Bair-Thompson whose perspective and energy have already been put to good use.

Each spring we have held a weekend retreat at Friends Center concerned with vocal ministry. This past year we emphasized the eldering side of that work, led by Susan Smith and Marcele Martin. Our fall retreat was again led by Ken Jacobsen and explored how Friends are living into the command to Love the Lord, ourselves and one another. Both were well attended by Friends old and new to the blessing of all. We also helped to host the gathering of Quaker Spring in Sixth Month.

In the coming year, we're reaching out a bit. In addition to our usual Eleventh and Third Month weekends, Peter Blood, a New England Friend active in Quaker Spring, will lead a weekend at Friends Center in Tenth Month on how Friends can live a prophetic life today. Then in Fourth Month David Male will be leading a Friends Center weekend at Prindle Pond Conference Center in New England to explore ways to discover Christ's Love in the Bible. The Eleventh Month weekend will consider the Beatitudes with Ken Jacobsen, and Brian Drayton is returning next Third Month to convene a gathering of vocal ministers. Brochures are available in print and online.

Meanwhile, our little house at Stillwater continues to be available to offer hospitality to visiting Friends for various occasions, including family gatherings, committee meetings, or personal retreats. We are grateful to have had our tax-exempt status restored and to be able to purchase a new kitchen stove. We haven't yet resolved the problem of basement flooding in severe weather, so this continues to be a primary maintenance concern. During Quaker Spring this necessitated serving meals at the meeting house, which was appreciated.

We are encouraged that the Lord continues to enable this work as we seek opportunities to deepen and broaden the Life of our precious community both within Ohio Yearly Meeting and beyond.

Financial Report: Fiscal Year 07-01-2017 to 06-30-2018

Beginning Cash Balance June 30, 2017	\$5,475.78
Revenue	

Donations	775.00	
Donations/Use of Morland		1,945.00
Events	4,556.00	
Miscellaneous		
Interest	0.31	
OYM Appropriation	<u>1,738.47</u>	
	<u>9,014.78</u>	
Expenses		
Event Food & Supplies	1,164.00	
Event Lodging	500.00	
Speaker Expenses	428.00	
Promotion	398.09	
Facility Improvements	451.05 *	
Maintenance Supplies & Cleaning		1,324.63
Utilities	1,615.23	
Administrative	9.80	
Miscellaneous		
	<u>\$5,890.80</u>	
Cash Balance June 30, 2018		\$8,599.76
	For a net gain of \$3,123.98	
*Facility Improvements: Stove		451.05

#### **Membership Queries from Ohio Yearly Meeting Recorder**

The two queries submitted by the Recorder are referred to Representative Meeting for consideration and resolution.

1. What is the benefit of counting Resident versus Non-Resident members when there is often not a correlation between those numbers and the number of truly Active versus Non-Active?
2. In the School Report, should Attending Olney Friends School be changed to Attending Friends Schools?

#### **Audit and Budget Committee**

The Audit and Budget Report was read and adopted. Friends appreciated the efforts and skills of the Committee.

Proposed

**2018 Actual                      2019 Budget**

#### **Revenue**

Book Sales \$	28.00	
Fundraising \$	850.00	
Monthly Meeting Donations		23,635.00
Other Donations		<u>11,600.00</u>
	<u>\$ 36,113.00</u>	

**Disbursements**

Agenda Committee	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Books & Children's Literature	25.00	25.00
Christian Education Camp	1,500.00	1,500.00
Clerk's Expenses	200.00	200.00
Copy Machine Supplies	200.00	200.00
Correspondent's Expense	150.00	150.00
FCNL	500.00	500.00
Friends Center	1,500.00	1,000.00
Friends Disaster Service	500.00	500.00
FWCC	500.00	500.00
Historical Committee	25.00	25.00
Hominy Center	100.00	100.00
Insurance	5,069.06	4,000.00
Junior Yearly Meeting	50.00	50.00
Outreach Committee	25.00	25.00
OYM Property Trustees	1,500.00	1,500.00
Peace & Human Relations	100.00	100.00
Printing	664.92	1,000.00
RSWR	500.00	500.00
Travel Fund	2,775.00	2,750.00
Walton Home	10,000.00	10,000.00
Water	141.25	150.00
<u>WFCF</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 27,275.23</u>	<u>\$ 26,775.00</u>

Revenue over Disbursements \$ 8,837.77

**Funds Invested w/ Fiduciary Trustees:**

	<u>8-1-17 Bal</u>	<u>6-30-18 Bal</u>	<u>Change</u>
1. Sale of Property to OFS	\$66,801.38	\$70,696.34	\$3,894.96

2. Chester E. Hartley			
Maintenance	12,205.41	12,917.07	\$711.66
3. General Funds	42,739.37	57,253.05	\$ 14,513.68
\$121,746.16	\$140,866.46	\$ 19,120.30	

**Changes to Fund Balances:**

1	Annual Distribution	\$ 3,894.96
2	Annual Distribution	\$ 711.66
3	Annual Lease Pmt from Olney	\$ 2,000.00
3	Unrestricted Bequest	\$ 10,000.00
3	Annual Distribution	\$ 2,513.68
	<u>Total Changes</u>	<u>\$ 19,120.30</u>

**Notes From Audit & Budget Committee**

1. Historical Committee is authorized to draw up to \$2,500, from the Chester E. Hartley Fund, for painting needs.

2. Reminder: Treasurer has standing authority to draw up to \$5,000 from General funds with Fiduciary Trustees.

3. We anticipate still receiving approx. \$1,000 yet from Stillwater meeting for their share of this past year's insurance bill, which is reflected in the Insurance line item in this budget.

4. We recommend paying the \$850 received this past year, from Fundraising, to Stillwater for their previous loan. With their forgiveness of approx. \$1,200 this would close out the financing of the Brickwork on the meeting house.

5. Ohio Yearly Meeting received a \$10,000 unrestricted bequest this past year. It is invested with the Fiduciary Trustees. There is a sense of this committee that it might be appropriate to use in some manner with the Friends Center, although we are reminded that it is unrestricted. This is a decision for the yearly meeting when seems the need seems right.

6. Currently, the Fiduciary Trustees receive a \$1,000 per year payment, from Olney, for the school's use of the farmland owned by the yearly meeting. The payment is being deposited in our general funds held by the Fiduciary Trustees. We recommend that the yearly meeting ask the trustees to consider that such payments could be ended if the school is willing to end the charging of facility fees for our use of school property (during yearly meeting).

Should such an arrangement not be feasible, we hope the trustees will consider whether the \$1,000 payments could in the future be made directly to the yearly meeting treasurer as a yearly meeting revenue which would go into the treasurer's yearly meeting checking account.

For the Audit & Budget Committee, David Eley  
Other members: John C Smith, Charles C. Thomas, Jr., David Casterline

### **Quarterly Meeting Representatives' Report**

The Quarterly Meeting Representatives' report was read and approved.

### **Quarterly Meeting Representatives' Report**

We feel blessed and thankful for the service of Ohio Yearly Meeting Clerk Phil Helms and Assistant Clerk Robert Wilbur have given to Ohio Yearly Meeting. We are thankful to report both are willing to serve again in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Representative  
Committee  
Burton Doudna, Convener

### **An Epistle from Arthur Berk**

The 2018 Epistle from Arthur Berk was read and accepted:  
Lord Jesus!

You have gathered us to share and promote God's everlasting love. We need to be quiet to receive that wonderful, bountiful caring. In receiving this caring, we are required to love each other as God loves us.

Arthur Berk

### **Concluding Minute**

Together, we are embarked upon a great and spiritual journey, in our attempts to grasp and do the will of our Lord. We have surveyed our lives and hearts through the Queries. We have heard the reports of our programs, including the Walton Home, *The Conservative Friend*, and the projects and efforts of our committees, reaching out to other Friends, the community, and to others who are called Christians. We have listened to our Inner Guide, Christ Jesus, who has come to teach his people himself. We have gone forward with love and courage, in the exercise of the gifts

and callings with which we have been favored, individually and collectively. We have been richly blessed by our evening programs, morning gatherings and our cherished visitors.

We have undertaken initiatives in support of peace and the Prince of Peace, calling others to the path of righteousness and mercy. We may have been timid and uncertain at first, but together, we have gone forward boldly, as disciples of our Lord.

*And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea, and entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them. And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew. So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid. But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid. Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went. – John 6: 16-21*

Despite our best efforts, some in the world resist their Inner Guide. But as we persist in faith, and carry on the work before us, the Kingdom of God awaits us, and our gracious and loving Lord, Jesus Christ still assures us, “It is I; be not afraid.” And as we willingly receive Him, we will achieve our goals.

We now conclude, purposing to meet again on Eighth Month 05, 2019.

### **Committees and Officers as of 2018 Yearly Meeting**

(Years indicate expiration of term, asterisk\* indicates clerk or convener)

#### **ADULT LEADERS for JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING & YOUNG FRIENDS**

2019 Shawna Roberts

#### **AGENDA COMMITTEE**

*ex officio*: Philip Helms, OYM Clerk *ex officio*: Sharon Helms, Registrar

Assistant Registrars: Constance Bair-Thompson, Bridget Casterline

2019 Arthur Berk

2020 Nancy Hawkins, Loisanne Rockwell, Robert Rockwell,

Terry Wallace, Earl Smith  
2021 Sharon Helms, Charles C. Thomas Jr, Sarah Parsons

**AUDIT and BUDGET COMMITTEE**

(serves until the end of 2019 session)  
2019 Charles C. Thomas Jr., David Casterline

**BOOK and CHILDREN'S LITERATURE COMMITTEE**

2019 Nancy Hawkins  
2021 Henry Jason, Bernard Naylor, Ann Marie Taber

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CAMP COMMITTEE**

2019 Earl Smith  
2020 Gwen Giffen, Marie Bundy, Johanna Mae Rockwell  
2021 Lily Rockwell, Kathy Kovalick, Shane Wellman, Jennifer Wellman

**COMMITTEE to COORDINATE & SUPPORT OUTREACH**

2019 Conrad Lindes, Constance Bair-Thompson, Arthur Berk,  
Lily Rockwell,  
Alistair Lomax, Arthur Berk  
2020 Nancy Hawkins, John C. Smith\*, John Benson  
2021 Henry Jason, Charles C. Thomas, Jr.

**DOCUMENT COMMITTEE**

2019 Michael Kinch, Robert Wilber\*  
2021 David Eley, Earl Smith

**FIDUCIARY TRUSTEES**

*ex officio*: Walton Home Manager (Jamie Helmick)  
2019 Carey Newlin  
2020 Beverly Shull, Robert Becerra  
2021 David Warrington\*, Shelly Rockwell

**FINANCING EDUCATIONAL CONCERNS**

2019 Beverly Shull\*, Janet Hammer  
2021 Debora Taber, Rebecca Hawkins

**FRIENDS CENTER COMMITTEE**

2019 Burton Doudna, Diane Reynolds, Kenneth Jacobsen,  
Richard Simon  
2020 John C. Smith, Susan Smith\*, David Male,

Constance Bair-Thompson  
2021 Robert Rockwell, Fran Taber, John Benson?

**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**

2019 Earl Smith, Marie Bundy, Mary Alice Pino, Verna Cope  
2020 Gwen Giffen, Loisanne Rockwell\*  
2021 Seth Hinshaw, Bernard Naylor

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

2020 Tim Lillie, Evelyn Groves  
2021 Bernard Naylor, Seth Hinshaw\*, Lois Edgerton

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

2019 Kimberly Newlin, Marie Kirk Hawkins, Kathy Kovalick,  
Michael Kinch, Charles C. Thomas, Jr.  
2020 Evelyn Groves, John C Smith, Rebecca Hawkins, Bridget  
Casterline, Loisanne Rockwell, David Eley, Janet Hammer, Earl Smith\*

**PEACE & HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

2019 Lois Edgerton, Earl Smith  
2020 Sylvia Thomas\*, Gwen Giffen, Shawna Roberts  
2021 Bernard Naylor, Richard Wetzel

**PRINTING COMMITTEE**

*ex-officio*: OYM Clerk - Philip Helms  
OYM Recorder - Denise Troy  
OYM Nominating Committee Clerk - Earl Smith\*  
2020 Eileen Kinch, Michael Kinch  
2021 Constance Bair-Thompson, Nelda Hawkins,  
Ann Marie Taber

**TRAVEL FUND COMMITTEE**

2019 Janet Hammer, Dennis Rockwell  
2020 Penny Thomas\*  
2021 David Eley

**TRUSTEES of OHIO YEARLY MEETING PROPERTY**

2019 Mary Alice Pino  
2020 Robert Stratton, Richard Sidwell  
2021 Kevin Roberts, Robert Rockwell\*

**WALTON HOME BOARD**

2019 Dennis Rockwell

2020 Jean Cooper, Denise Troy, David Casterline, Rebecca Hawkins,  
William Ray

2021 Robert Rockwell\*, Marie Bundy, Sharon Helms, Karen Walsh,  
Andy Woods (Community), Cindy McGee (Community).

**WIDER FELLOWSHIP OF CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS**

*ex officio*: Sharon Helms, Registrar

2019 Arthur Berk, Philip Helms, Terry Wallace,  
Constance Bair-Thompson

2021 John C. Smith, Nancy Hawkins\*, Michael Kinch, Sharon Helms

**CUSTODIANS of RECORDS**

Appointed 1990 - Loisanne Rockwell

Appointed 2009 – Seth Hinshaw

Appointed 2010 – Beverly Kirk Shull, Kimberly Newlin

**REPRESENTATIVE MEETING**

*ex officio*: Philip Helms, OYM Clerk

2019 Philip Helms, Sharon Helms, Michael Kinch, Charles C. Thomas,  
Jr., Kimberly Newlin, Conrad Lindes, Loisanne Rockwell

2020 Melissa Hinshaw, David Casterline, Seth Hinshaw\*, Marie Kirk  
Hawkins, Kathy Kovalick, Debora Taber

2021 Janet Hammer, Mary Alice Pino, Burton Doudna, Nancy Hawkins,  
Bridget Casterline

**TREASURER of OHIO YEARLY MEETING**

2019 Dennis Rockwell, Assistant Marie Bundy

**YEARLY MEETING RECORDER**

2019 Denise Troy

**ASSISTANT OYM RECORDER**

2019 Michael Kinch

**REPRESENTATIVES to FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE for  
CONSULTATION**

2019 Rebecca Hawkins  
2020 Beverly Shull, David Eley

**REPRESENTATIVE to FRIENDS COMMITTEE on NATIONAL  
LEGISLATION & WILLIAM PENN HOUSE CONSULTATIVE  
COMMITTEE**

2019 Sylvia Thomas  
2021 Earl Smith

**YEARLY MEETING CLERK**

2019 Philip Helms, Reading Clerk Robert Wilber

## Representative Meeting Minutes

### **At the fall session of the Representative Meeting of Ohio Yearly Meeting, held at the Chestnut Ridge Meeting House near Barnesville, Ohio, Eleventh Month 18, 2017.**

The scripture for the day was John 6:29-40.

We have 11 members with us today. They come from seven Monthly Meetings and from all our Quarterly Meetings. We also have Evelyn Groves and Carolyn McGinnis with us today.

Dennis Rockwell has requested that the fiscal year of the Yearly Meeting be adjusted from Seventh Month 31 to Sixth Month 30. The change has been requested to provide additional time between the end of the fiscal year and the beginning of the Yearly Meeting, so the Yearly Meeting treasurer and the treasurers of committees can complete their financial reports earlier. The Meeting approved the request. Because the scheduling of Yearly Meeting sessions may be adjusted for 2019, this change may only apply to the coming year.

A proposed change to the Ohio Yearly Meeting Discipline regarding the Nominating Committee was read:

Current text: "The Nominating Committee, to be appointed as directed by the Yearly Meeting, must be a representative body. It is to bring forward nominations for all appointments referred to it by the Yearly Meeting."

Proposed text: "The Nominating Committee, to be a representative body, should consist of two members appointed by each Monthly Meeting, with alternating two-year terms. Each year's appointment should be reported to the Quarterly Meeting immediately preceding that year's Yearly Meeting sessions, and will be included in the Quarterly Meeting reports given at the opening session of Yearly Meeting. The terms of Friends thus named will begin after the close of that year's Yearly Meeting, and continue through the next two Yearly Meeting sessions."

The Representative Meeting is not authorized to amend the Discipline. For now, we agree to circulate the proposed amendment to be considered by the Monthly Meetings. Any change to the Discipline must be approved by the Yearly Meeting.

The Meeting heard a report on the public meetings held at

Middleton and Salem in Tenth Month. About 30 community members attended the public meeting at Salem. Henry Jason gave presentations on Quaker History and practices, and an audio was posted on YouTube. Henry also gave a presentation the following weekend at Marlborough, and that presentation is available on the Marlborough website. We feel these events have been worthwhile exercises.

The Meeting thanks the Printing Committee for having printed copies of the Yearly Meeting minutes available by the time of today's meeting.

Friends shared reports on the health status of Loisanne Rockwell, Teddy Johnson, and Flossie Rockwell.

No further business coming before us, we now conclude, purposing to meet again Fourth Month 21, 2018.

**At the spring session of the Representative Meeting of Ohio Yearly Meeting, held in the Salem Meeting House, Fourth Month 21, 2018.**

The scripture for the day was Romans 12.

We have 12 members with us today, drawn from eight Monthly Meetings.

Earlier this year, Olney sent a letter requesting donations, and we are glad to hear that Olney collected 144 percent of the amount sought. We feel this financial success indicates God's love has shined on the school.

Some Friends expressed a concern that in the future, Olney might not be able to provide food and lodging for Yearly Meeting sessions. We ask the Yearly Meeting to consider appointing a committee to research logistics should the Olney facilities not be available for any reason.

The Walton Board informs the Representative Meeting that it has approved new officers: Robert Rockwell, President; Dennis Rockwell, Vice President; and Leonard Guindon, Secretary.

The Meeting discussed a matter found on pages 11 and 12 of the 2017 Yearly Meeting minutes regarding suitable materials for First Day schools. The Yearly Meeting encouraged the Book Committee and Stillwater Monthly Meeting to have discussions with young Friends to learn what materials are considered the most meaningful. This meeting believes having suitable materials would be beneficial for all Meetings

and encouraged the adult instructors at Stillwater to move forward, possibly in conjunction with the Book Committee. A Friend pointed out that having such materials in prior decades would have been beneficial as a group experience rather than leaving the youth to their own private interpretations of scripture.

A concern was brought to the body that the Appeal for Peace, approved by this body in 1909, be considered to be updated and re-issued. Some copies of the booklet have been distributed today. A concern was raised that a revision be pursued in the spirit of avoiding taking sides in current political discussions. Monthly Meetings are encouraged to review the text, so Friends will be prepared to discuss it more fully at Yearly Meeting.

We now adjourn, expecting to meet again at Chestnut Ridge on Eleventh Month 17, 2018.

[end of report]

## **Yearly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight**

Clerk: Mary Alice Pino, Assistant Clerk: Burton Doudna

### **ROCKINGHAM QUARTER**

Keystone Fellowship: Seth Hinshaw (O,M); David Eley, (E,M);

Michael Kinch (E); Terry Wallace (O,M)

Marlborough: Charles C. Thomas, Jr. (M), Penny Thomas (O),

Bridget Casterline (E)

Rockingham: Susan S. Smith (E); John C. Smith (M)

### **SALEM QUARTER**

Crossroads: Philip Helms (E); Sharon Helms (O, E)

Middleton: Verna H. Cope (O); Marie Hawkins (O);

Lois G. Edgerton (E); Rebecca J. Hawkins (E); Mary Alice Pino (E);

Nancy A. Hawkins (M); Nelda J. Hawkins (E)

Salem-Upper Springfield: Eunice M. Burkey (O);

Mildred S. Henderson (O); Kimberly A. Newlin (O);

Hans M. Tritico (O); Robert W. Stratton (E); Winifred E. Stratton (E,M);

Conrad Lindes (M)

### **STILLWATER QUARTER**

Chesterfield: Robert Rothwell (E); Richard D. Wetzel (E)

Chestnut Ridge: Kathleen Kovalick (E); Burton M. Doudna (M); Evelyn

Groves (E)

Short Creek: Sara L. Kirk (O); Elvina Krekler (O) Stillwater: Marie

Bundy (O); Karen L. Walsh (O); Diane Reynolds (O); Frances I. Taber

(E); Earl Smith (E); Richard A. Simon (E);

Diana L. Kaul (E); John C. Benson (M); Robert A. Wilber (M)

**Calendar of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends  
and its subordinate Meetings**

Ohio Yearly Meeting (opened 1813) is held in Stillwater Meeting House, near Barnesville, Ohio and will commence in 2019 with a meeting for Ministry and Oversight on Eighth Month 06 at 10:00 a.m. Opening session of Yearly Meeting Eighth Month 06 at 2:00 pm. Subordinate meetings in 2018-2019 are scheduled to be held as follows:

**REPRESENTATIVE MEETING**

Meets the third Seventh Day in Eleventh Month at Chestnut Ridge. Meeting at 1:00 p.m.; and the Third Seventh Day in Fourth Month at Salem at 1:00 p.m. Clerks: Seth Hinshaw, 353 North Charlotte Street, Pottstown, PA 19464 sethHinshaw@yahoo.com (484)-364-8367, Elvina M. Krekler, assistant.

**ROCKINGHAM QUARTERLY MEETING**

The second Seventh Day of First, Fourth, Seventh, and Tenth Months, with varying locations. Please phone the clerk (Bridget Casterline) at (908) 510-0527 with any questions.

**SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING**

Held at Salem on the second Seventh-Day in Second, Fifth, Seventh and Eleventh Months, at 10:30 a.m.

Clerks: Mary Alice Pino, 44550 SR 517, Columbiana, OH 44408; Rose M. Sidwell, assistant.

Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight, same day at 9 a.m., Clerk Nancy Hawkins

**STILLWATER QUARTERLY MEETING**

11/03/2018 at Stillwater Meeting in Barnesville;

02/02/2019 at Stillwater Meeting in Barnesville;

04/06/2019 at Chesterfield Meeting in Chesterhill, Ohio

07/06/2019 at Chestnut Ridge Meeting. Near Barnesville.

Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight at 9:30 a.m., Burton Doudna, Clerk, 740-679-2245, followed by lunch provided, and regular Quarterly Meeting for Business at 1 p.m. Clerk, Evelyn Groves, 740-679-2084.

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

### **In Rockingham Quarter**

Keystone Fellowship: Contact Clerk Eileen Kinch (717) 721-1764 for time and place.

Marlborough: Usually the third First Day of each month at rise of meeting for worship. Clerk: Bridget Casterline (908) 510-0527

Rockingham: Usually the first First Day of each month in the afternoon (time varies). Contact Clerk: Susan S. Smith (540) 867-5788.

### **In Salem Quarter**

Crossroads: The second First-day of each month, following rise of meeting for worship. Clerk: Philip Helms (248) 360-2074

Middleton: 11:30 a.m. on the second First-day, following worship. Clerk: Lois G. Edgerton (330) 482-2939. Preparative Meeting for Ministry and Oversight: called as needed.

Salem-Upper Springfield: The second First Day of each month, after worship. Clerk: Carey L. Newlin (330) 332-0565; Nelda J. Hawkins, assistant. Preparative Meeting for Ministry and Oversight held as needed on the third First-day in First, Fourth, Seventh and Tenth Months, following worship.

Meetings in the Salem Quarter plan to meet jointly on the fourth First Day of each month as follows: At Middleton: Second, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Tenth, Twelfth; At Salem: First, Third, Fifth, Seventh, Ninth, Eleventh

### **In Stillwater Quarter**

Chesterfield: The third First-day of each month following meeting for worship. Clerk: Robert Rothwell (740) 551-9121

Chestnut Ridge: The second Seventh-day at 7:00 p.m. at various homes. This may change, so if you wish to attend, please call. Clerk: Burton M. Doudna (740) 679-2245, Carolyn Doudna McGinnis, assistant.

Short Creek: Usually on a weekday at Elvina Krekler's home. Contact clerk for details. Clerk: Elvina M. Krekler (740)-546-3814.

Stillwater: First-day following the third Seventh-day of each Month, after worship. Clerk: Thomas F. Rockwell (609) 610-7759; Leonard D. Guindon, assistant



## MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

At Chesterfield, 10:30 a.m., First Day

At Chestnut Ridge, 10:30 a.m., First Day

At Crossroads: 11:00 a.m., First Day.

At Keystone Fellowship, usually on 7th Day or 1st Day (either in member's homes or in local meetinghouses). Contact the clerk for time and place.

At Marlborough, 11:00 a.m. on First Day

At Middleton, 10:30 a.m., First Day

At Rockingham, 10:30 a.m., First Day

At Salem, 10:30 a.m., First Day

At Seekers' Haven, 3:00 p.m. on the first First Day of each month and 10:30 a.m. on the third First Day of each month. Contact Conrad Lindes (440) 884-0338, as there may be changes some months.

At Short Creek, 10:30 a.m. on First Day. Please call Sara Kirk, 740-5463580 or Elvina Krekler, 740-546-3814 to make sure Meeting will be held that day, and where, if planning to visit.

At Stillwater, 10:30 a.m., First Day

**First-day School:** Stillwater, 9:30 a.m. Crossroads: 11:15 a.m.;

**Bible Study:** First-day; Chesterfield, 11:30 a.m. Crossroads, 10:00 a.m., Middleton, 9:30 a.m.

### **Midweek Meetings for Worship**

Crossroads, Fourth Day, 2:00 p.m.; Middleton, Fifth-day, 3:00 p.m.;

Stillwater, Fourth-day, 6:30 p.m.

### **Locations of Meeting Places**

Chesterfield: Chesterhill, OH, on Rte 555 east from Rte. 377

Chestnut Ridge: From the center of Barnesville, OH, 1.9 miles south. On Rte 800; turn left on Twp Road 26 near top of hill, then ½ mile to meetinghouse (go right at 1st fork, left at 2nd fork).

Crossroads: 4108 Menton, Flint, MI 48507. For additional information, contact Phil and Sharon Helms, (248) 360-2074

Keystone Fellowship: Meetings for worship on Seventh Day or First Day either in members' homes or in local meetinghouses, 2641 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bird-in-Hand PA. For information contact Eileen Kinch (717) 721-1764).

Marlborough: 361 Marlboro Spring Rd., Kennett Square, PA  
19348-1309. For information,  
<http://www.marlboroughmeeting.org> or call Bridget Casterline  
(908) 510-0527.

Middleton: 44866 Crestview Rd., Columbiana, OH. 3 miles south of Rte.  
14 on Rte. 7, west ¼ mile on Crestview Rd

Rockingham: near Harrisonburg, VA. From I-81 take Rte. 33W through  
Hinton, go right on Rte 613 (Whitmore Shop Rd.) about 4 miles  
to the 'T'; go straight across Rte 763 (Hopkins Gap Road) up  
long, tree-lined lane to brown house. #3500 on mailbox and  
white post.

Salem: Sixth Street, east of North Ellsworth Ave., Salem, OH

Seeker's' Haven: At the home of Conrad Lindes and Joan Kuczek, 13375  
Old Pleasant Valley Rd., Middleburg Heights, OH 44130 (440)  
884-0338 (under the care of Salem-Upper Springfield Monthly  
Meeting).

Short Creek: 1/4 mile north of Harrisville, OH, on Adena Road.  
(Jefferson Co. Rd. 10). Please call Sara Kirk, 740-546-3580, or  
Elvina Krekler, 740-546-3814 to make sure Meeting will be held  
there that day.

Stillwater: 61830 Sandy Ridge Rd., Barnesville, OH From Barnesville,  
OH, 1 mile east on E. Main St., take right onto Shamrock Dr.  
opposite Save-A-Lot, turn into Olney Friends School at top of  
hill.

OHIO YEARLY MEETING MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS										
Meeting	Member Gains			Member Losses			Total Membership			
	Births	By Re-quest	Certificate Received	Deaths	Certificate Transfer	By Re-quest	Discon-tinued	Net Gain or Loss	2017	2018
Keystone MM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Marlborough MM	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	3	16	19
Peachtree MM	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	-8	8	0
Rockingham MM	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	-4	41	37
Rockingham QM	0	2	3	0	3	10	1	-9	70	61
Crosroads MM	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	6	9
Middleton MM	0	0	1	2	3	1	0	-5	74	69
Salen-Upper Springfield MM	0	7	1	2	0	0	0	6	88	94
Salen QM	0	7	5	4	3	1	0	4	168	172
Chesterfield MM	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	5	17	22
Chestnut Ridge MM	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	27	28
Short Creek MM	0	0	0	0	29	0	24	-53	57	4
Stillwater MM	0	17	0	3	0	6	4	4	151	155
Stillwater QM	0	22	1	3	29	6	28	-43	252	209
OYM Totals	0	31	9	7	35	17	29	-48	490	442



