

East Cheshire Quaker Meeting

To be held as a blended meeting at Stockport Meeting House

Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 6.30 pm

Agenda

1. Friends present

2. Reading

3. Caring for Friends

4. Death of Joan Henry

Minute received from Frandley Meeting

We record with sadness the death of our Friend Joan Henry. Joan had been growing weaker for some weeks and died on 21st January 2024, two days after her 94th birthday.

Joan grew up in Northwich, and lived on Castle from the early 1970s until she moved into Sandiway Lodge Care home a few years ago. For a number of years she was a popular teacher at Comberbach Primary School. She started attending Frandley Meeting in the early 2000s and became a Member of East Cheshire Area Meeting in 2004. She entered into the life of Frandley Meeting until she could no longer travel and is fondly remembered by, amongst others, those who were in Children's Meeting at the time, particularly for her great love of nature and her warm and generous personality.

Her funeral was held at the Birches Crematorium, Lostock Green, Northwich on 7th February and 3 Frandley Friends were able to attend.

We agree to forward this minute to Area Meeting Clerks.

5. Death of Philip Alan Russell

21 January 2024, a memorial meeting is to be held in March.

6. Between meetings minute (23 January 2024): Appointment of visitors for Joyce Pavey's application for membership

Further to minute 24.01.04 of our last meeting, Cheadle Hulme elders and pastoral Friends have suggested that Joan Armstrong and Susan Clark meet with Joyce Pavey to consider her application for membership. These Friends are duly appointed.

7. Between meetings minute (11 February 2024): Junior Yearly Meeting 2024

We have received from our Children and Young People's Committee the nomination of Maya Geiger to attend Junior Yearly Meeting 2024 to be held in London from 26 to 30 July alongside the summer Yearly Meeting. We accept this nomination and appoint Maya to attend at the cost of £350 plus travel.

8. Application for membership: report on visit with Joyce Pavey

9. Transfer of membership

Tim Holmes to Central England Area Meeting (now attending Hartshill Local Meeting).

10. Appointment of meeting for worship for the marriage of Taylor Giacomina and David Shoesmith
To take place Mount Street Manchester Meeting House on Saturday 6 July at 3 pm.
11. Appointments
Gill Smith (Crewe & Nantwich) to serve on Nominations Committee from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026.
Alison Bredon (Frاندley) to serve on the Website Group in place of Rin Molton who should be released.
12. Yealand Easter Camp: 8 – 14 April 2024: appointment of responsible adults
Further to Minute 24.01.10 additional names: Matt Lee and Frances McCann.
13. Clerk to Elders
Bridget Dunbar has been appointed clerk to Area Meeting Elders.
14. Meeting for Sufferings 2 March 2024
Report from Sally Mendham circulated with this agenda.
Minute from Frاندley Meeting regarding report on Meeting for Sufferings on Saturday 20 January 2024 (Minute 24.01.08):
We note our Meeting for Suffering's representative's report back on proposed changes to Meeting for Sufferings and Yearly Meeting and ask that Area Meeting can arrange a session to consider this matter further.
15. Area Meeting website: responses from local meetings (see minute 23.11.12)
Responses received from Cheadle Hulme, Crewe & Nantwich, Marple, Stockport and Wilmslow (circulated with this agenda).
16. Racial Justice Group: financial support from Area Meeting
The Racial Justice Group has requested that they be given a budget of £200 for this year to cover the costs travel and expenses for meetings and workshops.
17. Racial Justice Group: report on recent book group
Report from Ann Lewis circulated with this agenda.
18. Northern Friends Peace Board
Report from Till Geiger on recent meeting and finances (as requested by Minute 24.01.12) circulated with this agenda.
19. Treasurer's business
Allocation of funds for the support of Friends attending Yearly Meeting and for the costs of the Yealand Easter Camp.
20. Retention of records
Further to Minute 24.01.07, Gavin Mendham has prepared a revised document which is circulated with this agenda.

21. The Future of British Quakerism conference to be held 18 -20 October 2024 at Yarnfield Park, Staffordshire and online
We are to be asked to appoint a representative to this conference (see <https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/courses/the-future-of-british-quakerism/>). Individuals may also express interest via the website in attending.

22. Discovering Quakers

Discovering Quakers is a Quaker outreach initiative and over the last 18 months has had over 3,000 people sign up to their emails to learn more about Quakers. They are now launching a new platform which connects local meetings with people who are interested in Quakers. We might encourage our local meetings to sign up to this programme (see <https://info.discoveringquakers.org.uk/digital-outreach/>).

Tea and biscuits will be provided before the meeting by Stockport Friends.

Date and place of next meeting: Sunday 12 May 2014 at 1.45 pm at Frandley Meeting House.

Papers circulated with this agenda:

Report on Meeting for Sufferings held 2 March 2024

Responses from local meetings in response to Minute 23.11.12 regarding the Area Meeting website

Racial Justice Group report on book group

Report on recent meeting of the Northern Friends Peace Board and on NFPB finances

NFPB invitation to contribute to booklet on the meaning of the peace testimony in our time

A guide to retention of records (revised version 2A)