

MINUTES: Disley Meeting for Worship for Business
Sunday February 2nd 2025

1. Opening worship: we heard read paragraph 10.06 From Quaker Faith and Practice.

2. December Minutes: Minutes of our business meeting held on Sunday December 1st 2024 have been circulated.

3. New Clerking Arrangements: During 2025 there will be 6 meetings for Worship for Business in preparation for AMs. These will be clerked by 6 Friends as follows:

Feb. 2nd -March 2nd : Ann Lewis

March 2nd – May 4th : Bridget Dunbar

May 4th - July 6th : Taylor Giacomia

July 6th – Sept. 7th : Keith Braithwaite

Sept. 7th- Nov. 2nd : Paul Gee

Nov. 2nd – Dec. 31st: Till Geiger.

Re AM papers: We ask the clerk to write to the AM clerk requesting that papers needing consideration by LMs in readiness for the following AM, to be sent well before the AM date if at all possible.

We agree to draft AM agendas being sent out to all Disley Friends.

Record of Thanks:

We wish acknowledge our gratitude to Anne Sumner for her faithful clerkship for the last 2 years.

4. Representatives for AM: at Cheadle Hulme on Tues. March 11th at 6.30pm in person and on Zoom. Tea and biscuits provided beforehand.

- Ben Evens

- Ann Lewis.

5. Intervisitation: to Frandley meeting in Feb. or March
Friends to be asked after Meeting for Worship.

6. Collections: There have been complications in bringing all the information to PM about the donations collected by PM Friends. We try to keep a balance

between 6 Quaker groups and 6 other small charities. Thus far the following amounts have been collected:

Aug. 2025 for Friends' House Moscow: £140

Oct. " for Eco Palestine: £160

Nov. " for Combat Stress: £155.50

Dec. " for Quaker Homeless Action: £240

We understand that it might be possible to Gift Aid the Collections. We ask Liz Honeybell to explore this further for us.

We thank Ben Evens for continuing to try to establish the amounts of money donated for each Appeal, which will be brought to PM in due course.

7. World Day of Prayer in Disley: The World Day of Prayer this year in Disley, will take place at St Mary's church at 2pm on Friday March 7th.

This year's order of service has been written by the Women of the Cooke Islands. Anne Sumner is liaising with Jenny Kidd of St Mary's church.

8. Matters Arising:

a) Spiritual Review Followup – Elders and Pastoral Friends are meeting on Sunday Feb. 9th and this item will be on their agenda and we look forward to their report for March PM.

b) Garden group suggestions:

We agree to hold a Bring and Share lunch on Children's Sunday June 1st and to ask the Garden group and Children's team to arrange some fun activities afterwards in the garden.

We also agree to hold a Walking Meditation on Sunday May 11th at 10am.

9. Treasurer's item:

a) Equality Trust donation: We agree to unsubscribe from the yearly donation of £36 which we have made over several years to the Equality Trust, since there has been little or no communication from them.

b) Protocol for approving expenditure by wardens and Friends claiming expenses: We record our agreement to the Protocol which is attached to the minutes.

We thank Jennifer Dale for her work in drawing these items to our attention

10. The Future of Disley meeting website:

We agree to the payment of £24 p.a. for Disley's page on the new ECAM website, should this be required.

We recognise the purpose of a static page for regular information about Disley meeting and are aware of its limitations. Disley events past and future, can continue to be posted on the main part of the ECAM website. We agree to leave further discussion about a dedicated webpage for room hire until details have been followed up with ECAM.

The suggestion has been made that we explore the feasibility of creating our own Disley website and we ask Paul Gee, Jackie Barker and Veronique Pin-Fat to initiate this work.

We are immensely grateful to Veronique Pin-Fat and Taylor Giacoma for all the thought and effort that goes into maintaining the website information.

11. Children's and Young People's report:

We thank Emma Killick very much for her full report of the Children's Meeting during 2024 and the lively picture she has given us of all their activities.

We are all requested to help so we encourage Friends to offer their talents to run a session, as suggested by Emma.

12. Premises Committee Minutes:

We thank Premises Committee for the huge amount of work they undertake on our behalf, as listed in their minutes, which are attached to these minutes.

We agree that our treasurer, Jennifer Dale should order 2 bank cards, one for her and one for Lizzy Sumner, warden .

We agree to hold a Bricks and Mortar meeting on Sunday March 23rd to consider the financial implications of the work which will be needed on the Meeting House to maintain it into the future. This might be the first of a number of conversations we will have about the sustainability of the building by us.

We hope John Dash might join us to give advice. The clerk will write to invite him.

We also thank Sergei Nikitin for his service as convenor of Premises Committee and ask Nominations to seek another Friend to serve on Premises Committee.

13. Disley Community Coffee Morning:

We thank Tricia Booth for the information she has given us about the history of Disley Quaker Meeting's involvement with the regular Coffee Mornings in the Disley Community Centre over the years. It was a witness to the Quaker Meeting. However we think it has run its course and we agree to withdraw from this commitment on May 3rd. Our circumstances have changed. We have other Meeting commitments and there is a loss of Friends' personal time and energy. Therefore we ask the clerk to write to the Parish clerk explaining this with our regrets but also letting them know of our intention of keeping in touch with Disley matters via the eBulletin. We also send our good wishes to the Parish Office.

NB We might consider new ways of doing Outreach at a future PM.

13. Forward looking dates:

We agree to visit Edale Methodist Centre on Sat. May 17th – details to be planned later.

We agree to host a Refugee Day on Sat. June 28th – details to be planned later.

Signed:

Ann Lewis, clerk for February 2025.

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