

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)
CHEADLE HULME MEETING

Sunday 1 February 2015

10 Friends present.

1. Readings. Paragraphs 5 and 17 of *Advices and Queries* have been read in Meeting for Worship.

2. Intervisitation. Christine Wilson has not yet been able to visit Macclesfield Meeting and plans to do the visit in February.

We ask Ann Lewis to visit Wilmslow Meeting during February.

3. East Cheshire Meeting, December Business Meeting. The Friends appointed attended this meeting and a report was given after meeting for worship. The relevant minutes have been noted.

(a) **Quaker Equality Week.** Further to Minute 14.12.16, we agree to obtain a copy of the *Quaker Equality Week* information pack. We ask Rachel Mulliner to attend the Wilmslow Meeting meeting to discuss plans on 15 February. We ask Peter Eccles to obtain a further copy of the General Election Pack,

4. East Cheshire Meeting, February Business Meeting. We appoint Susan Clark, Peter Eccles and Taylor Giacomina to attend this meeting to be held at Wilmslow on Sunday 8 February.

5. Minutes from Elders and Overseers. We have received two minutes from an Elders and Overseers meeting on Sunday 4 January.

(a) In relation to Minute 6(a) of our December meeting,

Elders and Overseers have considered this minute and discern that the telephone tree should remain as it is.

Friends should contact the Oversight Team with concerns of Friends.

An email is to be sent round identifying the Elders and Overseers Team, stating that we are available by telephone, email and face to face meetings for Friends to contact us with any concerns they may have.

The Elders and Oversight Team are aware of their responsibilities for ensuring that the care of Friends and Attenders is carried out.

The email from Elders and Overseers has now been sent. Elders and Overseers feel that it would be difficult the telephone tree for oversight and hope that they can be made aware of any issues concerning Friends so that they can be sure that they are addressed.

(b) In relation to Minute 6(b) our December meeting,

Elders and Overseers will arrange to have quarterly meetings at the Friends' Meeting House on the 4th Sunday in the month after Meeting for Worship.

They will advise Friends when a meeting is coming up.

6. Meeting photographs. Further to Minute 6(c) of our December meeting, Amber Barker has agreed to take photographs of members of the meeting. Friends should send possible photographs to Jackie Barker.

7. Facebook page. Further to Minute 6(d) of our December meeting, Taylor Giacomina has set up a Cheadle Hulme Friends page on *Facebook* and seven Friends are members of this group. Taylor will run an information session on *Facebook* after Meeting for Worship on Sunday 22 February.

8. Meeting finances. Rachel Mulliner has indicated that it would be useful if another Friend could look after the income from lettings of the Meeting House. We ask Peter Eccles (as Warden's Liaison) to discuss with Rachel how to address this issue.

9. Nominations Committee. Further to Minute 5 of our October meeting, Matt Grant's appointment to the Premises Committee was a misunderstanding as he had not agreed to serve. We agree to release Matt from the Premises Committee. In addition, Matt has asked to be released from service as the Christian Aid contact in the meeting. We agree to this and thank Matt for the enthusiastic way in which he has promoted Christian Aid in the Meeting since taking over this role.

Alan Ingram has offered to take over as Christian Aid contact for the meeting for 2015. We agree to this.

10. Premises Committee. Evelyn Ingram, convenor of the Premises Committee in 2014, has presented the report from Premises Committee for 2014 (attached).

We thank Evelyn for this report and the Committee for its work. Evelyn is no longer on the Premises Committee. We are grateful for the many years' service which Evelyn has given to the care of the Meeting House. We hope that this year's Premises Committee will be able to meet soon.

We also recognize the service our wardens provide in the running of the Meeting House.

11. Churches Together Lenten lunch. We have agreed to host a Lenten lunch in aid of Christian Aid on Saturday 28 February. We ask Alan Ingram to coordinate the arrangements.

12. Out of the Silence at Disley. Susan Clark has suggested that we have a Meeting outing to this event at Disley Methodist Church on Friday 27 February. We agree to this and ask Sue to coordinate travel arrangements.

13. Mary's Joy. We suggest to Area Meeting that Area Meeting host a performance of this one-woman show at Stockport Meeting House.

14. Area Meeting Nominations Committee. So far we have been unable to identify a Friend to serve on the Area Meeting Nominations Committee. Susan Clark has been appointed as deputy having served on the Committee for ten years. The consequences of this are that she continues to serve.

15. 2014 Swarthmore Lecture. We agree to watch the recording of the 2014 Swarthmore Lecture after Meeting on Sunday 22 March.

16. Ann Lewis. We agree to meet after Meeting on Sunday 19 April when Ann Lewis will share something of her spiritual journey. Peter Eccles will arrange a soup, bread and cheese lunch in aid of our Quaker projects fund.

Peter J. Eccles, Taylor Giacom, Co-clerks.

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Premises Committee Annual Report 2014

The committee met four times during the year. The Friends who served were: Evelyn Ingram (Convenor), Mike Nash, Wendy Robinson and Ann Rodrigues. One of the wardens was usually present, but we missed Wendy's contribution for part of the year while she was ill.

Much of the work of the committee consists of monitoring, carrying out and recording items required by regulations, for instance regarding gas and fire appliances and health and safety matters. We are asked by the trustees to carry out an annual inspection of the premises and report, and to update values for contents insurance. A log book and health and safety file are kept recording what is known of the building and changes made.

General maintenance is ongoing and this year has included a new light fitting and repairs to switches in the committee room and the installation of carbon monoxide monitors where required. The plaster work in the building is now very old, and is likely to need attention as it deteriorates: two

radiators had to be replaced in the flat, where they were coming away from the wall, and the ceiling of the committee meeting room has been supported with a false wooden ceiling, and plastered over. The decoration of the whole room was brought forward to complete the project.

The exterior of the building has been decorated and the remaining chimney stacks capped.

The front boundary wall, which had been cracked and causing concern for several years, started to move, and it was decided to take it down and build a new wall before it fell onto the public pavement. Unfortunately it was necessary to remove the plants, which it turned out had contributed to the deterioration of the old wall.

Many groups continue to hire rooms in the meeting house, appreciate the facilities it offers and consider our charges reasonable. Car parking is as difficult as ever, but the Methodist Church is willing for those attending meetings organised by Friends to use their car park when they are not using it themselves.

Finding people able and willing to serve on premises committee, and to provide cover when the wardens are on holiday, is increasingly difficult and it may be that alternative ways of coping will have to be considered in future.

Evelyn M. Ingram,
30 January 2015.