

**RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)
CHEADLE HULME MEETING**

Sunday 01 March 2015

8 Friends present.

1. **Readings.** Paragraph 19 of *Advices and Queries* has been read in Meeting for Worship.
2. **Intervisitation.** Christine Wilson has visited Macclesfield Meeting during February. Ann Lewis has visited Wilmslow Meeting during February. Rachel Mulliner will visit Marple Meeting in March.
3. **East Cheshire Meeting, February Business Meeting.** The Friends appointed attended this meeting and a report was given after meeting for worship. The relevant minutes have been noted.

(a) Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. Further to ECAM Minute 15.02.14, we have received the policy and posted it appropriately. The handbook is stored with other volumes of a similar nature in the kitchen. We ask Peter Eccles, Wardens Liaison, to liaise with the Wardens, and ask them to inform Meetinghouse users regarding this matter.

Minute 15.02.14: ECAM Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy

Further to minute 13.12.09 and 15.02.13 we have received the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy from our Safeguarding Officer which has been approved by the Safeguarding Officer at Friends House and has been accepted by the ECAM Children and Young People's Committee.

Each Local Meeting will have a paper copy of the Policy which should be prominently displayed.

Local Meetings are particularly asked to note that Meeting House hirers who do not have their own Safeguarding Policy and whose activities include children or vulnerable adults will be required to abide by the terms of the AM policy.

The policy will also be made available on the Area Meeting website and a digital copy emailed to Clerks.

Janina will convene a meeting with members of Local Meeting premises committees to clarify the use of the policy.

The policy will be reviewed annually.

(b) Financial contribution to Area Meeting in 2014. Further to ECAM Minute 15.02.16 we are asked to contribute £1,421 to Area Meeting this year. We agree to this.

(c) Quaker Equality Week. Further to ECAM Minute 15.02.20, five silent vigils have been arranged in which Friends will witness our testimony to equality in the face of the increasing income and wealth gap in the UK. We agree to give up to £50 from the General Purposes fund to help with the expense of printing leaflets.

4. **East Cheshire Area Meeting, March Business Meeting.** We appoint Susan Clark and Peter Eccles to attend this meeting to be held at Crewe and Nantwich on Saturday 14 March.

5. **Meeting finances.** Rachel Mulliner has provided an interim financial summary for the 2014 year (attached). We look forward to receiving a final report at our next business meeting. Peter Eccles and Taylor Giacomina agree to write the narrative which accompanies the financial summary, to present at the next Business Meeting. Rachel Mulliner agrees to provide the necessary information by 15 March 2015.
6. **April Business Meeting.** We agree to hold our Local Business Meeting on Sunday 12 April (rather than 5 April, which is Easter Sunday).
7. **Facebook.** Further to Minute 7 of our February meeting, Taylor Giacomina ran an information session on *Facebook* after Meeting for Worship on Sunday 22 February. She agrees to run a follow-up session following Meeting for Worship on Sunday 15 March.
8. **Churches Together Lenten lunch.** We hosted a Lenten lunch to raise money for Christian Aid on Saturday 28 February. We raised £162, less expenses. We thank Alan Ingram for organising this happy, successful event, attended by approximately 54 people.
9. **Churches Together July Meeting.** Susan Clark informs us that we have been asked to host the July Churches Together Prayer and Praise Meeting at 7:00pm on Monday 27 July this year. We agree to do this. Elders and Overseers agree to facilitate this event. We hope that as many Friends as possible will attend in support of this event.
10. ***Out of the Silence at Disley.*** The Meeting had an outing to this event at Disley Methodist Church on Friday 27 February. Three Friends from Cheadle Hulme attended, and found it an inspiring event. We thank Susan Clark for organising the outing.

Signed,
Taylor Giacomina and Peter Eccles

Financial Summary 31/12/2014

	31/12/2013 Balance	31/12/2014 Balance			
Bank Accounts					
Caf Gold	£2,380.05	£335.42			
CafCash	£1,001.34	£367.63			
Vernon	£33,056.17	£24,542.29			
Total	£36,437.56	£25,236.35			
Funds					
Building and Maintenance	£6,215.76	£4,596.10			
Capital Reserve	£21,540.14	£13,870.14			
Life of the Meeting	£2,290.04	£1,682.69			
Quaker Projects	£1,395.00	£995.00			
Total	£31,440.94	£21,143.93			
Money we owe					
B Y M		-£8.99	uncashed cheque for Swarthmore Lecture		
Christian Aid		-£178.65			
Total		-£187.64			

