

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)
CHEADLE HULME MEETING

Sunday 30 August 2015

7 Friends present

- 1. Readings.** Parts of Paragraph 3 of *Advices and Queries* have been read in Meeting for Worship.
- 2. Intervisitation.** Peter Eccles visited Frandley Meeting in July (Taylor Giacoma was prevented). Alan Ingram visited Crewe & Nantwich Meeting in July. We ask Geoffrey Clifton to visit Stockport Meeting during September. We ask Christine Wilson to visit Macclesfield Meeting during November or December.
- 3. East Cheshire Meeting, July Business Meeting.** The Friends appointed attended this meeting and a report was given after meeting for worship. The relevant minutes have been noted.
- 4. East Cheshire Business Meetings in 2016.** We have received a draft programme for East Cheshire Business Meetings in 2016. There are ten meetings, two on Saturday mornings, one on a Saturday afternoon, two all day Saturday meetings, three on Sunday afternoons and two on weekday evenings. We are asked to host a meeting on the evening of Monday 12 December. We are not clear that an evening meeting here in December is appropriate. We suggest that a December meeting here would be better on Sunday 11 December.
- 5. East Cheshire Meeting, September Business Meeting.** We appoint Taylor Giacoma and Peter Eccles to attend East Cheshire Meeting at Wilmslow on Sunday 13 September at 1.45 p.m.
- 6. Minor repairs at the Meeting House.** Over the summer Mark Northrop has undertaken a few minor repairs at the meeting house at a cost of £55. We thank him for this.
- 7. Gas supply.** Rachel Mulliner is arranging a new contract for the supply of gas for three years starting 1 October 2015 with Contract Natural Gas at a charge of 3.635 pence per kilowatt hour.
- 8. Woodbrooke conference.** Geoffrey Clifton is interested in attending a Woodbrooke course 'Spirited librarianship: using library resources to deepen the spiritual life of the meeting'. We encourage him to go to this and agree to pay his expenses.
- 9. Beccles Meeting House appeal.** We agree to send £60 to this appeal.
- 10. Hammersmith Meeting House appeal.** We agree to send £60 to this appeal.
- 11. Nominations Committee.** Further to Minute 6 of our July Business Meeting our Nominations Committee brings in nominations for meeting appointments in 2016 as follows.

Co-Clerks	Peter Eccles, Taylor Giacoma
Treasurer	Rachel Mulliner
Assistant Treasurer	<i>to be confirmed</i>
Examiner of Accounts	Geoffrey Clifton
Premises Committee	Jackie Barker, Helen Böhme, Michael Nash, Peter Eccles (Wardens' Link Friend)
Tea and Coffee Rota	Christine Wilson
Flowers	Christine Wilson
Friends to be Informed of Deaths	Ann Lewis, Christine Wilson
Children's Meeting	Jackie Barker
Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme	Susan Clark
Cheadle Hulme Ministers Meeting	Susan Clark
Christian Aid	Alan Ingram, Evelyn Ingram
Doorkeeping	Geoffrey Clifton, Alan Ingram
Greetings Cards	Ann Rodrigues
Leaflets	Evelyn Ingram

Newsletter	Evelyn Ingram
Posters	Evelyn Ingram
Quaker Council for European Affairs	Peter Eccles
Correspondent	
Quaker Peace and Social Witness	<i>to be confirmed</i>
Correspondent	
Woodbrooke Correspondent	Ann Lewis
Stockport Peace Forum	Rachel Mulliner
Stockport Interfaith Forum	Peter Eccles
Library	Geoffrey Clifton

These names being acceptable we appoint the Friends named.

Rachel Mulliner is willing to support Geoffrey Clifton in updating the library catalogue.

Nominations Committee also brings forward the nomination of Marion Thompson to serve on the Area Meeting Nominations Committee until the end of 2017. We agree to forward this name to Area Meeting.

Nominations Committee has made the following suggestions to Area Meeting Nominations Committee: for service as elders: Liz Perry (for 2016), Peter Eccles (2016 – 2018); for service as an overseer: Taylor Giacoma (2016 – 2018). .

We thank our Nominations Committee for all of its work.

12. Churches Together July Meeting. Further to Minute 5 of our April Business Meeting, this event on Monday 27 July was well attended and appeared to be appreciated. We thank elders and overseers for making the arrangements.

13. Visit to the Quaker Tapestry. Further to Minute 12a of our June Business Meeting, seven Friends visited the Quaker Tapestry at Kendal on Saturday 8 August. We thank Taylor Giacoma for making the arrangements.

14. Meetings for learning. Elders and Overseers have suggested having a regular meeting for learning before meeting for worship on the third Sunday of the month. We will consider this next month.

15. Quaker Songs. Further to Minute 11 of our last meeting, we can register the event on the *Eventbrite* website and ask people to book a free ticket there in order to keep some control on numbers. We ask Peter Eccles to do this and to limit the number of tickets to 40.

Meetings in East Cheshire and in Manchester & Warrington have been informed about the event. We ask Peter Eccles to tell the Cheadle Hulme churches.

16. Quaker Week. Further to Minute 12 of our last meeting, we have considered having a literature stall in the Cheadle Hulme shopping area, possibly outside Waitrose and in or outside the shopping precinct. We would provide information about Quakers and our concerns. Rachel Mulliner is willing to help arrange this but we need one or two other Friends to help. We ask the clerks to circulate the meeting asking for ideas and offers of assistance.

(signed) Taylor Giacoma and Peter J Eccles, co-clerks.