

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

CHEADLE HULME MEETING

Sunday 5 June 2016

Friends present: 9

1. **Readings.** Paragraph 13 of *Advices and Queries* and the Yearly Meeting *Epistle* have been read in Meeting for Worship.
2. **Intervisitation.** Christine Wilson and Geoffrey Clifton have visited Frandley Meeting today. We ask Christine Wilson to visit Crewe and Nantwich Meeting in July.
3. **East Cheshire Meeting, May Business Meeting.** The Friends appointed attended this meeting and a report was given after meeting for worship. The relevant minutes have been noted.
 - a. **Northern Friends' Peace Board.** Further to Minute 16.05.15 we note that we are encouraged to contribute £4.25 per member to the Northern Friends Peace Board which comes to £68.00 (16 members). This is quite a bit less than the amount we expect to give from contributions via the schedule and from Quaker and Local Projects Fund.
 - b. **Appointment of Elders and Overseers.** Further to Minute 16.05.16 we note that Local Meeting Nominations Committees are asked to seek by 1 August the names of Friends in their meeting willing to serve as elders and overseers for the next triennium of rolling appointments and to pass these to the Area Meeting Nominations Committee. In our case, Liz Perry completes her period of appointment as an elder and Geoffrey Clifton completes his period of appointment as an overseer at the end of this year and so we need to ask our Nominations Committee to look for one elder and one overseer.
4. **Nominations Committee.** In June 2014 we appointed Geoffrey Clifton and Mike Nash to serve on our Nominations Committee for three years and so they have a further year to serve on the Committee. We now appoint Christine Wilson to serve on the Committee for two years and Wendy Robinson (subject to consent) or, if she is unable, Helen Böhme to serve on the Committee for three years. We ask Geoffrey Clifton to act as convenor this year.

We ask Nominations Committee to bring nominations for local meeting appointments in 2017 to our September Business Meeting and to suggest the names of possible elders and overseers to Area Meeting Nominations Committee as described in Minute 3(b).

We thank Marion Thompson for her service on the Committee for the last two years.

5. ***Our faith in the future.*** We have briefly reflected on *Our faith in the future*, a publication sent to us by Meeting for Sufferings about the hopes for the future of Quakerism in Britain. Reactions are varied. We have agreed to meet on Sunday 7 August following a shared lunch (bring your own) to have a worship sharing session on this.

- 6. Electricity supply.** Our treasurer, Rachel Mulliner, informs us that our electricity contract is up for renewal and that *Good Energy* is offering a special tariff for Quaker meeting houses. *Good Energy* electricity is 100% renewable as it is generated by *Good Energy's* own wind and solar farms and bought from independent generators across the country. We agree to switch our electricity contract to *Good Energy*.
- 7. Swarthmore Lecture.** We agree to order a copy of the 2016 Swarthmore Lecture at a cost of £6.
- 8. Subscriptions.** We agree to renew our subscriptions to *The Friend*, *Friends' Quarterly* and *Quaker Voices* for another year.
- 9. Meeting House decoration.** The interior of the Meeting House is due for decoration. We ask Premises Committee to go ahead with this.
- 10. Away Day.** Susan Clark has suggested that we have a meeting 'Away Day' at Whaley Hall on Saturday 24 September or Saturday 1 October. We feel that this could be good for the meeting. We ask the clerks to circulate Friends in the meeting to ask for expressions of interest and, if numbers are sufficient, to go ahead with booking the day. If we can find an alternative venue closer to here some Friends might prefer this.

Peter J Eccles and Taylor Giacoma, co-clerks