

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
CHEADLE HULME MEETING
Sunday 21 January 2018

Friends present: 9

18.01.01 Readings

Paragraph 3 of Advices and Queries was read in Meeting for Worship in December, and paragraph 14 was read in January.

18.01.02 Thanks for Service

We wish to thank those Friends who served the Meeting last year in the roles to which they were appointed. We would especially like to thank the Premises Committee for all of the work completed on the meeting house, and the Nomination Committee for being both creative and persistent in their endeavours to fill the many roles required to maintain the health and wellness of our meeting.

18.01.03 Intervisitation

Christine Wilson has visited Macclesfield Meeting in January. As well as bringing greetings from Friends there, she also shared news of the life of their meeting, one of the joys of which is the beautiful Unitarian Church in which they meet, and gave us an update on the schedule of their meetings for worship.

18.01.04 East Cheshire Meeting, Business Meeting

We appoint Peter Eccles and Alan Ingram to attend this meeting at Stockport on Saturday 27 January.

18.01.05 Quaker and Local Projects Fund

Further to Minute 6 of our last meeting, a meeting to determine the distribution of the Quaker and Local Projects Fund was held on Sunday 10 December. At the beginning of 2017 there was £321.92 in the fund and during the year the income was £943.30. During the year we made our regular annual contribution of £50 to Quaker Disability Action. This left a balance of £1,215.22 in the fund.

We agreed to send £100 to each of the bodies which we regularly support with the exception of the Cape Town Quaker Peace Centre which does not appear to be functioning at present: Northern Friends Peace Board, Quaker Council for European Affairs, Stockport Refugee Support Group, Ulster Quaker Service Committee and Wellspring Stockport. In addition, we agreed to send £100 to each of the following: Ramallah Friends School Bursary Fund, the Peace Museum in Bradford, the Chelwood Food Bank, the Friends of Hlekweni (Zimbabwe), Quaker Bolivia Link, and Scholarships for Street Kids (Myanmar). This left £115.22 in the fund.

18.01.06 Signatures on Cheques

Rachel Mulliner, Treasurer, has expressed concern that our current guidelines require two signatures only on cheques £500 and over, and would like that guideline to be extended to any cheques written. We agree to this. Additionally, we are called to consider how challenging the role of Treasurer can be, and are reminded to uphold Rachel in this commitment.

18.01.07 Christian Aid Week: House to House Collection

Further to minute 5 of our July business meeting, Evelyn Ingram has liaised with Margaret Clarke about the possibility of a change to our route for the house to house collection. We agree to this.

18.01.08 Christian Aid Week: Date of Christian Aid Walk

We note that the Christian Aid Walk this year is on Saturday 12 May.

18.01.09 National Conversation on Immigration

British Future, an independent, non-partisan charity, is beginning their National Conversation on Immigration initiative. The first meeting in this area is on Thursday 25 January 2018. Area Meeting has been asked to send a representative, and local meetings have been asked if anyone is interested. Given the late notice, no one present feels able to attend this meeting.

18.01.10 Friends in Tune

Tony Biggin and Alec Davison have written to offer their service to meetings to facilitate two events, Leavening the Spirit and Makepeace Daly Turn the Tables. We ask Area Meeting to consider whether or not we might do this either as an Area Meeting event or perhaps as a Regional Gathering event. Peter Eccles has offered to help to coordinate the event, should it take place.

18.01.11 Friends House Moscow

Friends House Moscow has sent us an appeal for donations. We agree to consider this at the end of the year when we distribute our Quaker and Local Projects Fund.

Signed,

Taylor Giacoma, Clerk