

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
CHEADLE HULME MEETING
Sunday 08 April 2018

Friends present: 12

18.04.01 Readings

Paragraphs 4 and 22 of *Advices and Queries* have been read in Meeting for Worship.

18.04.02 Intervisitation

Taylor Giacomina visited Marple Meeting in March.

18.04.03 East Cheshire Area Business Meeting, March

The Friends appointed attended this meeting and reported on it after Meeting for Worship.

(a) Contribution Schedule

Further to AM 18.03.09, we agree to contribute £1,560 to Area Meeting for 2018.

(b) Plans for Area Meeting wide sessions

Further to AM 18.03.17, we have reflected on possible topics which we are led to help AM explore, and have arrived at the topic of the series of pamphlets *Building the New Economy*. We would like to host an AM event at which a qualified Friend could speak on this topic. Peter Eccles has agreed to investigate further and report back at our next business meeting.

18.04.04 Accounts

- (a)** Our treasurer, Rachel Mulliner, has presented the accounts for 2017 which have been examined by Geoffrey Clifton. At the end of the year the total assets of the meeting were £27,008.94 (2016: £29,398.46) of which £2,806.04 is reported as being in the General Purposes Fund (2016: £3,236), stated thusly as a result of the query outlined in (c). There has been little change. We considered whether or not we should move funds from our capital reserve funds to other funds, and have decided not to do so at this time.
- (b)** Further to minute 4 of our October 2017 business meeting, we note that the total interest earned (£207.45) has been allocated to the General Purposes fund. We agree to leave this as it is. We have reflected on the fact that the Capital Reserve and Premises funds are the two main accounts from which this interest is generated, and ask the Treasurer to allocate any interest earned going forward to these accounts, 60% and 40% respectively.
- (c)** We have a query about a donation of £20 to Britain Yearly Meeting which appears in our 2017 accounts but relates to an unintentional donation in 2016, noted in minute 4 of our October 2017 business meeting. We ask the Treasurer to provide additional clarity on this matter. She will report at our next business meeting. Though we are holding over the approval of these accounts to our next business meeting, awaiting the results of this query, in principle we approve them.

- (d) We acknowledge how challenging keeping the accounts can be, and thank Rachel and Geoffrey for their work on our behalf.

18.04.05 Support for QCEA

QCEA has made a somewhat urgent appeal for funds. We regularly support QCEA out of the QLP Fund, however the need may need to be met sooner than the end of the year, when we would usually do so. Peter Eccles has offered to provide a soup, bread, and cheese lunch to raise funds for QCEA. We agree to do this following meeting for worship on 10 June, and will open it up to Friends from the AM.

18.04.06 Books in the Foyer

We have considered whether or not we would like to move some of our library to the foyer and how we might display it. We are asked to reflect on this further and will return to it at a future business meeting.

18.04.07 Draught Excluders

Further to minute 1806 from the Premises Committee (below), Susan Clark has investigated what replacing the draught excluders on the front doors would entail. She has done so, and reports that they cannot be replaced as easily or as inexpensively as originally thought. We agree to have the draught excluders replaced and ask the Premises Committee to arrange for this to be done.

Minute 1806 Draught Excluder.

Now that the carpet and underlay have been removed from the inner porch the Doorkeepers are experiencing a cold draught from under the door. Susan is to investigate the fitting of a suitable alternative.

Signed,

Taylor Giacoma, Clerk