

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
CHEADLE HULME MEETING
Sunday 02 September 2018

Friends present: 12

18.09.01 Readings

Paragraph 11 and 28 of *Advices and Queries* have been read in Meeting for Worship.

18.09.02 Intervisitation

Peter Eccles visited Crewe and Nantwich in July. Wendy Robinson will visit Stockport in September.

18.09.03 East Cheshire Area Meeting, September

We are unable to find a Friend to appoint to attend East Cheshire Area Meeting on 8 September in Disley. However, several Friends are intending to go, if they can reconcile the time with other commitments, and we hope that they do and that they can report thereafter.

18.09.04 LM Nominations: Churches Together

The Nominations Committee is finding it challenging to find Friends to fulfill all of the necessary roles, and is still labouring over their work. One role on which they needed some clarity was the representative to Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme, as there are questions both with regard to the what Churches Together may ask of Friends in the coming year and with regard to how we can support that as a Meeting. We considered the fact that our Meeting's commitment to Churches Together does not begin and end with the appointment of a representative. We also reflected on the fact that some other churches have been less involved or uninvolved altogether. We ask Susan Clark to request that an item be placed on the coming annual general meeting agenda for Churches Together Tuesday 25 September to clarify the future.

18.09.05 AM Nominations: Children and Young Peoples Committee

The local Nominations Committee brings forward for consideration the name of Jackie Barker to represent Cheadle Hulme Meeting on the Children and Young Peoples Committee for the term 2019-2021. We agree to forward this name to Area Meeting.

18.09.06 Quaker Week

Extra copies of The Friend will be available for Quaker Week and we agree to ask our Librarian to request 20 copies at a cost of £10 plus £1.00 towards delivery.

18.08.07 Annual Report

We have received a draft annual report for 2017. We approve the report (attached) after various amendments. We thank Wendy Robinson for the report.

18.08.08 Chaplains' Group at Wythenshawe Hospital

We note that Geoffrey Clifton has accepted an invitation to join the Chaplains' Group at Wythenshawe Hospital. A between Meetings decision was made to support his attendance at the *Exploring Quaker Chaplaincy* conference at Woodbrooke 7-9 September. We wish him well in this new appointment.

18.08.09 Building the New Economy

Further to minute 18.06.06, we hosted an Area Meeting event on 18 August at which we considered the topic of Building the New Economy. It was very, very well attended, which presented logistical challenges on the day as well as a great deal of joy. If we host an event that size again, we might consider a larger venue, but this cannot always be anticipated. We enjoyed the small group work very much, as we had close encounters with Friends from the Area we might not have had otherwise. We thank Peter Eccles for coordinating the event and Enid Pinch for facilitating the event.

Out of the Building the New Economy event came many concerns, and one which seems to have been most tangibly catalyzed is the subject of housing and benefits. We would like to consider this concern further. We ask Elders and Overseers to make this the topic of our Meeting for Learning on 21 October, before which we are asked to read the second book in the Building the New Economy series, which is on this subject.

18.08.10 Churches Together: Induction at Grove Lane Baptist Church

Ruth Gouldburne is to be inducted as minister of the Grove Lane Baptist Church on Saturday 8 September. We appoint Christine Wilson to represent our Meeting. We have also sent loving greetings.

18.08.11 Bring and Buy for Flood Relief in Kerala

Following a prompt from Christian Aid, we held a special collection and a bring and buy sale after Meeting for Worship on Sunday 26 August to support the victims of the flooding in Kerala.

18.08.12 Birthday Celebration for Marion Thompson and Christine Wilson

Further to minute 18.07.09, we ask Helen Boehme to make arrangements for the birthday celebration for Marion Thompson and Christine Wilson.

18.08.13 Gas Supplier

Our contract for gas is due for renewal. Previously our contract has been with Contract Natural Gas. Rachel Mulliner has investigated other possibilities with a view to our commitment to using sustainable resources as we can. She has suggested that a contract with Ecotricity, though nominally more expensive, is a good way forward, and we agree to this.

Signed,

Taylor Giacomina, Clerk

Cheadle Hulme Quaker Meeting

Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 2017

At the end of 2017 we had 17 members, and all but one attend regularly, and 10 adult attenders. We were sorry that one of our newer members is no longer able to attend due to family commitments. However we do have a few new attenders who we hope will continue to come to our meeting.

We are continuing with the intervisitation with other meetings in the Area Meeting and are always pleased to welcome Friends from other meetings. We completed our reading of *Quaker Faith and Practice* in preparation for Yearly Meeting 2018. We support Quaker and local projects and enjoy lunches often provided by Peter Eccles. The total raised in various ways during the year amounted to over £1000. Appeals from other Quaker meetings for work on their meeting houses are met without delay, with a standard contribution unless we have a direct connection with the Meeting, when more is given.

Our support for Christian Aid went towards support for the Democratic Republic of Congo.

This included a Lenten lunch provided under the auspices of Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme. We also sent cards to prisoners of conscience at Christmas.

Routine maintenance of the meeting house and triangle continues. Removal of the fireplace in the meeting room prior to redecoration of the whole of the ground floor was undertaken, and arrangements for a new carpet in the meeting room and vinyl covering in the foyer were agreed.

A need was discerned for the opportunity to discuss death and dying and three sessions were held. On a more cheerful note Taylor Giacoma led us once again in a session of singing prior to Christmas.

We still find it difficult to find people to take on the various jobs in the meeting, mainly due to family and health problems or old age. In spite of this we achieve a good deal although our Meetings for Worship are quite often silent.