

**RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS  
CHEADLE HULME MEETING**

**Sunday 3 February 2019**

Friends present: 10

**19.02.01 Readings**

Paragraph 37 of *Advices and Queries* has been read during December.

**19.02.02 Intervisitation**

Christine Wilson visited Macclesfield Meeting in January. We ask Wendy Robinson to visit Stockport Meeting in February.

**19.02.03 East Cheshire Area Meeting held at Stockport Meeting House on Saturday 26 January 2019**

Three Cheadle Hulme Friends attended and a report was given by Peter Eccles. Matters arising from Area Meeting are as follows.

- (a) **Alan Ingram.** Our Testimony to the Grace of God in the life of Alan Ingram was read at Area Meeting.
- (b) **Outward Affairs (Minute 18.11.22 of November Area Meeting).** The appropriate parts of this minute will be circulated by email. We ask the clerks to report this to Area Meeting.
- (c) **Annual Duties (Minute 18.11.23 of November Area Meeting).** We ask the clerks to report to Area Meeting that we have held weekly Meetings for Worship, Meetings for Church Affairs in most months, the *Advices and Queries* are read regularly in Meetings for Worship, the Yearly Meeting *Epistle* was read in Meeting for Worship, and we try to be compliant with the Data Protection Act.
- (d) **Financial support for the Northern Friends Peace Board.** Phoebe Spence gave a report. We were asked to send £4.50 for each member and we expect to contribute more than this.
- (e) **Work with asylum seekers.** Local meetings have been encouraged a similar opportunity to the event recently arranged by Disley Meeting, a walk with members of the Manchester Asylum community. We agree that it would be good to do this and we ask Jackie Barker to find out more information from Bridget Dunbar.  
Further to our Minute 18.11.06, Evelyn Ingram reports that she has contacted the Stockport Refugee Support Group and it does not seem that we could provide any practical support as a meeting.
- (f) **Action at the Defence and Security Equipment International (DSEI) arms fair in September 2019.** Friends were made aware of this important event. We would be prepared to offer financial support if necessary. We ask the clerk to inform Pat Baker and Celia Davies of this.

#### **19.02.04 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 16 December 2018. At the beginning of 2018 there was £163.55 in the Fund and during the year the income was £1,018.75. During the year we made our regular annual donation of £50 to Quaker Disability Action. This left a balance of £1,132.30 in the fund. We agreed to send each of the following £100: Northern Friends Peace Board, the Brummana High School Bursary Fund, the Peace Museum in Bradford, the Quaker Council for European Affairs, Quaker Service (Ulster) and Wellspring. Also to send £200 to the Chelwood food bank and £300 to the Stockport Refugee Support Group, making a total of £1,100 and leaving £32.30 in the Fund.

#### **19.02.05 Nominations**

The Nominations Committee recommends that Peter Eccles be appointed Assistant Treasurer and Susan Clark be appointed a doorkeeper for 2019. We agree to appoint these Friends.

#### **19.02.06 Finance**

##### **(a) Contribution to Britain Yearly Meeting**

When we received the 2017 accounts last year we failed to consider making a contribution to Yearly Meeting. The Treasurer suggests that we send £1,000 as our contribution for 2018. We agree to this.

##### **(b) Bank signatories**

At present our only bank signatories are Peter Eccles and Rachel Mulliner. We agree to add Jackie Barker and (subject to consent) John Stallard. We authorise the Clerk to sign any necessary bank mandates.

#### **19.02.07 Fund-raising lunch**

Peter Eccles has offered to organise a soup, bread and cheese lunch after Meeting for Worship in aid of our Quaker and Local Projects Fund. We agree to hold this on Sunday 17 March.

#### **19.02.08 Meetings for Learning: Quaker Stories**

Evelyn Ingram suggests that after Easter we hold a series of meetings, possibly on Monday evenings, to look at the lives of earlier Quakers and their influence. We ask Friends if they would support and/or contribute to this project by contacting Evelyn beforehand. A meeting to discuss this prior to the start of the programme is envisaged.

(signed) Geoffrey Clifton, Clerk.