

STOCKPORT QUAKER MEETING

Local meeting – 3 March 2019

1. Reading

Quaker Faith and Practice 28.10 has been read.

2. Area Meeting

Area Meeting will be held at Disley on 9 March. Our representative will be Tim Carlisle who will report back to us.

3. Library report

Sheila Whitehead has presented the Library report for 2018, together with accounts for 2017-2019. She highlighted several books which she has enjoyed reading. Other Friends added their own recommendations. It was suggested that readers leave short reviews in books for the benefit of future readers. We agreed to give Sheila £165 toward the purchase of new material. We thank Sheila for her report.

4. Financial report

Phoebe Spence has presented the Meeting accounts for 2018. Hiring income has increased but presupposes additional maintenance costs. Some invoices are outstanding and it can prove difficult to trace groups if they have disbanded.

Quaker Council for European Affairs has reduced its annual subscription to £40. We have paid at the higher rate of £90. We agree to continue to pay this amount and treat the excess as a donation.

We aim to contribute £4,500 to Britain Yearly Meeting. We shall pay an initial sum of £2,000; a further contribution later in the year will depend on Meeting costs. The ideal is £225 per member. We accept these accounts and thank Phoebe for her work and her report.

5. Collections

We have already raised £180 for the Boaz Trust. Pat Carlisle has suggested collecting for Walking for Refugees, who are seeking donations of money and equipment. We agree to this. We might at a later stage revisit Phoebe Spence's suggestion of contributing to Freedom from Torture.

6. Snacks

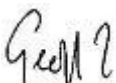
Pat Carlisle asked whether we want biscuits after meeting. This sparked discussions, the outcome of which was that we agreed not to have biscuits once our current supply is exhausted. We can always reconsider this decision at a later stage.

7. Fairfield and Cardiff Meeting House appeals

We have received appeals from Fairfield Meeting, to restore their historic Meeting House, and Cardiff Meeting, to extend and modernise their Meeting House. We agree to give £25 to each and ask our Treasurer to arrange this.

8. AOB

We agree to waive the cost of hiring the Meeting Room when Stockport for Peace show the film "War school". Any donations will go to the cost of hiring the film rather than to us.



Geoff Thomason - Clerk