Minutes

of

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At Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in the Stillwater Meeting House
by adjournments from the first through the fifth of Eighth Month inclusive, 2017

And Moses said unto the LORD, O my LORD, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say. And he said, O my LORD, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart. And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do. – Exodus 4:10-15

We are blessed to have among us five visitors today, including David Johnson, Nancy Craft, Pam Harris, Meritt Petrone, and Robert Winchell. We welcome them with open hearts and open arms, and are richly favored to have them among us. Upon instruction of the body, the Clerk will endorse the minutes of those bearing them.

In addition, we are very glad to welcome Allison Guindon, who is here representing William Penn House. Allison is a birthright member of Stillwater Monthly Meeting and a graduate of Olney, and therefore not technically a visitor. On direction of the body, the Clerk will, however, endorse her minute. We are also favored by the presence of Darlene Stanley, who is a member of Middleton Monthly Meeting, sojourning in North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative.

General Queries

General Queries One and Two were read, with the three Quarterly Meetings' responses to each. The following Ohio Yearly Meeting Responses were approved:

First Query: Are meetings for worship well and punctually attended? Is our behavior therein conducive to meditation and communion with God? Do we maintain a waiting spiritual worship and a free gospel ministry? Do we welcome others to share this fellowship with us?

Proposed OYM Response: Our meetings are well and faithfully attended by regular local attenders, and we are generally punctual. Friends have maintained good order during meetings for worship, and behavior conducive to meditation and communion with God. During worship there has been a sensing of unspoken, sincere prayers and a deep sense of inner peace. Friends also encourage one another to be faithful to the Holy Spirit when receiving messages and vocal prayer. We do maintain a waiting spiritual worship and a free gospel ministry welcoming others who come to share with us in worship and fellowship.

Second Query: Do we cherish a forgiving spirit, and strive to "walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us"? Is each one of us careful for the reputation of others? Are we ever mindful to love our neighbor as ourselves? If differences threaten to disrupt the Christian harmony between the members, is prompt action taken?

Proposed OYM Response: We strive to walk in love but recognize that we have sometimes fallen into disharmony and that we are particularly challenged by the current political climate. Friends endeavor to follow this special basic tenet of Christ's life in order to experience the love and forgiveness of our Heavenly Father. While we cannot overcome in our own strength, we can trust the Lord to show us His perfect love so that we can be at peace and more willing to forgive.

Friends endeavor to be careful for the reputations of others, avoiding gossip and careless discussion of others, but can be challenging without being judgmental. Prayer is needed to help us in this area.

Our goal in loving our neighbor as ourselves, transitioning from a self-centered life to a Christ-centered one, is a process that begins with loving one's self. Loving others is possible when we remember that we are all children of God.

Without compromising Friends testimonies, members try to resolve differences as they arise. Members have been blessed to not have many occurrences that have created separation, but hope to have the division healed with guidance from the Lord.

Quarterly Meeting Reports

Reports were received and read from our three Quarterly Meetings. The following Friends were appointed as Representatives to this body, of whom 10 are present at this time. The other named Friends plan to arrive in the coming days.

Rockingham Quarterly Meeting: David Eley, David Casterline, Charles Thomas, Jr.

Salem Quarterly Meeting: Nancy A. Hawkins, Sharon Helms, Conrad Lindes, Robert Stratton, Winifred Stratton

Stillwater Quarterly Meeting: Burton Doudna, Janet Hammer, Elvina Krekler, Sara Kirk, Earl Smith, Marie Bundy

The following Friends were appointed to the Nominating Committee:

Rockingham Quarterly Meeting: Michael Kinch (Keystone, 2019), Charles Thomas, Jr. (Marlborough, 2019)

Salem Quarterly Meeting: Kimberly A. Newlin (Salem, 2019), Marie Kirk Hawkins (Middleton, 2019)

Stillwater Quarterly Meeting: Kathy Kovalick (Chestnut Ridge, 2019), Loisanne Rockwell (Stillwater, 2019), Janet Hammer (Chesterfield, 2019)

A question has arisen regarding the terms of Nominating Committee members. The members begin to serve at the end of the Yearly Meeting during which they are appointed and continue for two years thereafter.

Transfer of Recorded Ministers

A question arose regarding the status of a recorded minister who transfers from one Monthly Meeting to another Monthly Meeting. In Ohio Yearly Meeting, the recognition of ministry attaches to the individual and is transferable with the Friend to another Monthly Meeting within the Yearly Meeting. This is supported by precedent.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. We appreciate Dennis Rockwell's skill, expertise and commitment as Treasurer.

Revenue	**2017 Actual**	**2017 Budget**
Book Sales	$ 203.00	
Monthly Meeting Donations	30,020.00	
Other Donations	2,200.00	
	$ 32,423.00	
Disbursements		
Agenda Committee	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00
Books & Children's Literature	25.00	25.00
Christian Education Camp	1,500.00	1,500.00
Clerk's Expenses	200.00	200.00

Copy Machine Supplies	200.00	200.00
Correspondent's Expense	150.00	150.00
FCNL	500.00	500.00
Friends Center	1,500.20	1,500.00
Friends Disaster Service	500.00	500.00
FWCC	500.00	500.00
Historical Committee	25.00	25.00
Hominy Center	100.00	100.00
Insurance	3,333.34	4,000.00
Junior Yearly Meeting	50.00	50.00
Outreach Committee	25.00	25.00
OYM Property Trustees	1,000.00	1,000.00
Peace & Human Relations	27.68	25.00
Printing	836.48	1,500.00
RSWR	500.00	500.00
Travel Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00
Supplemental Travel Approp.	1,917.87	2,500.00
Walton Home	10,000.00	10,000.00
Water	127.25	200.00
WFCF	250.00	250.00
Total Disbursements	$ 26,267.82	$ 28,250.00

Revenue over Disbursements $ 6,155.18

Funds Invested w/ Fiduciary Trustees:

	8-1-16 Bal	7-31-17 Bal	Change
1. Sale of property to OFS	$ 63,020.17	$ 66,801.38	$3,781.21
2. Chester E. Hartley Maintenance	11,514.54	12,205.41	$ 690.87
3. General Funds	40,320.16	42,739.37	$2,419.21
	$114,854.87	$121,746.16	$6,891.29

Changes to Fund Balances:

1. Annual Distribution	$ 3,781.21
2. Annual Distribution	$ 690.87
3. Annual Distribution	$ 2,419.21

OYM Physical Assets

1. Walton Retirement Home

2. 248 acres of farmland
3. Friends Center and garage
4. Plummer House
5. 1 freestall barn & 1 hay storage building
6. Machinery shop and shed
7. 2,000 bushel corn crib
8. 1 non-producing gas well
9. 40 tree orchard
10 .Taber house

Dennis Rockwell,
OYM Treasurer.

Audit and Budget Committee Names

Friends appointed David Eley and John C. Smith to the Audit and Budget Committee to serve 2017-18. They will join Burton Doudna and Charles Thomas, Jr., who continue from last year. The committee is charged to (1) audit the Treasurer's records, (2) propose a budget for next year, and (3) recommend the name of a Friend to serve as Treasurer for the next year.

Ohio Yearly Meeting Property Trustees

Robert Rockwell reported for the Ohio Yearly Meeting Property Trustees. We appreciate the heroic efforts of the Trustees in maintaining Ohio Yearly Meeting facilities, and are glad to observe the improvements detailed.

Ohio Yearly Meeting Property Trustees Report

Work on the Meeting House:

1. Painted five windows on the outside, two kitchen windows inside, four doors, and three door steps gray.
2. Painted four windows on the southwest restroom/lounge. Some re-glazing was required. One sill was rotted away and part of the brick wall under it had disintegrated. Repaired the wall with sakrete and made a new sill. Leonard Guindon did all of the above work except Robert Rockwell helped with the wall repair.
3. The northwest restroom roof required new shingles, one 4 x 8 sheet of half inch plywood sheeting and two lengths of roof edge. Leonard removed the old material and

installed new material, then painted all of the exposed wood surfaces on the rest room.

4. Leonard also painted two overhead doors on the brick garage at the Morlan.
5. All painted surfaces were scraped and/or wire-brushed prior to painting, then received two coats of paint. Other woodwork remains to be painted. Stillwater paid for some of the paint, and some of it was already on hand.
6. The Ohio Yearly Meeting expenditure for all this work was $1,434.59

The committee recommend looking into putting maintenance free material on the woodwork on the eaves and gable soffit. We have two companies in mind to talk to. We hope to have estimates for Representative meeting in November.

We request $3,000.00 for next year. If it seems right to proceed with covering the soffit with other material, much more money will be needed.

We await recommendation of Audit and Budget for disposition of Fund Balance of $13,119.55

For the Committee,
Robert Rockwell

Ohio Yearly Meeting Property Trustees Financial Report

Fund Balance 8-01-2016	$ 2,660.91
Revenue	
OYM 2016 Allocation	1,000.00
Fundraising (Net)	10,893.23
	$ 11,893.23
Expenditures	
Painting, Window Repair and Roof Work	$1,434.59
Net Rev/Exp	$ 10,458.64
Fund Balance 07-31-2017	$ 13,119.55

(These funds are currently held with OYM Treasurer, Dennis Rockwell.)

Following a period of announcements and worship, the meeting adjourned until tomorrow at 10:00 AM.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 02,
Morning Session

Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll. And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness. And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them. For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, but to the house of Israel; Not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. – Ezekiel 3: 1-6

Representative Meeting

Seth Hinshaw prepared a report on Representative Meeting and their activities in the past year, summarizing the actual minutes, which are appended to these Ohio Yearly Meeting minutes. Friends approved the report and expressed appreciation for the work of Representative Meeting.

Representative Meeting Report

The Representative Meeting met twice during the past year. Most of the business coming before us involved reports of various committees and reports on the health of various members.

At the fall session, the Walton Board reported on changes that had taken place since yearly meeting time. At that time, six rooms were vacant, and Jamie Helmick had to make some tough decisions about reducing operating expenses. Dennis Rockwell was appointed to serve on the Walton Board.

The committee overseeing updates to the Plummer House reported on some renovation work that had been completed, including new windows, insulation, and siding. The upstairs hallway had been repainted, and electrical upgrades were in place.

The meeting heard a report on plans for the first set of public meetings, later held at Lampeter and Marlborough. Future meetings had already been planned for Salem and Middleton.

The committee appointed by Ohio Yearly Meeting in 2015 to consider revisions to the Second Administrative Query reported on its

deliberations. The committee recommended that with a few changes, the query could be dropped. [*The text of that committee report is appended below.*]

The committee report was appended to the minutes of the Representative Meeting and sent to the Monthly Meetings. Only one meeting replied, which was Stillwater. That meeting sent the following minute:

At Stillwater MM meeting for business on 07/16/2017. "We have heard a reading of the minutes of the 4th Month Representative Meeting. One of the items covered in this report was the proposed revision of the 2nd Administrative Query. We do share some concern that the portion of the Query regarding 'taking an active interest in the administration and quality of teaching in schools' should continue to be included. The active support of our members and Meetings for education seems important to us."

Seth Hinshaw, Clerk of the Representative Meeting
Elvina Krekler, Assistant Clerk

Committee to Consider Revisions to the Second Administrative Query

The report of the Committee to Consider Revisions to the Second Administrative Query was read. Friends appreciate the careful thought and labors of the committee. Friends united in deleting the first and third sentences of the current Query, so that the new Second Administrative Query will read:

Second Administrative Query: Do parents take an active interest in the administration and quality of teaching of the schools which their children attend? Is each Meeting making effective efforts to aid parents in the suitable religious instruction of their children?

Report of the Committee to Consider Revisions to the Second Administrative Query

The Committee to consider revisions to the Second Administrative Query was appointed at Yearly Meeting in 2015 (minutes, page 66) in response to a reference from Rockingham Quarterly Meeting. In 2017, the Yearly Meeting enlarged the committee and asked it to report to the Representative Meeting.

The work of the committee was complicated by the deaths of Martha Giffen, who was appointed to serve, and Katharine Jacobsen, as Ken Jacobsen had been appointed to serve. After two attempts to gather the committee, some members were able to meet during the weekend of Rockingham Quarterly Meeting held at Peachtree on Fourth Month 8,

2017. We considered our charge from various perspectives, hoping to be open to the right guidance from above.

The current text of the Second Administrative Query is as follows:

Are schools encouraged for the education of our youth under the instruction of teachers in sympathy with us? Do parents take an active interest in the administration and quality of teaching of the schools which their children attend? Do they send their children of high school age to Friends' schools whenever possible? Is each Meeting making effective efforts to aid parents in the suitable religious instruction of their children?

The committee felt that the current query covers three separate matters, specifically whether Friends encourage primary schools, where our youth attend school, and suitable religious instruction. The committee considered each matter separately and developed recommendations.

First, we noted that the second administrative query is the successor to an earlier query asking for specifics about our children attending primary schools under the care of our meetings. The last primary school in the yearly meeting closed in 1969. The committee strongly encourages the education of our youth, but we also recognize that in the current state of Ohio Yearly Meeting it appears unlikely that any of our meetings will open a primary school. The committee believes that until the composition of our meetings changes, no real purpose is served by inquiring about primary schools.

The committee then considered the informational aspect of reporting on what schools our children attend. We recall several occasions when the information provided in the answer to this query conflicted in some details with the information in the membership report. Rather than report similar information twice, the committee felt that a specific accounting in the membership report is sufficient and that this portion of the second administrative query be dropped.

The final portion of the query relates to the suitable religious instruction of our children. The committee believes that this aspect of the query asks an important question of our meetings, specifically whether we are prepared in the event that a number of children begin to attend. The committee felt a particular concern for the awakening of our children to the spiritual reality. Rather than draft an alternate query on this topic, we found what we believed to be a more practical approach that would equip our meetings for this possibility. We felt that an appropriate, packaged curriculum could be purchased that would include a few sessions for different age levels. If the need arose for further materials, the meeting in question would be able to make a purchase based on the success of the

materials that had just been used. It is our belief that the initial purchase would be within the means of most meetings.

If the Yearly Meeting should choose to pursue this third recommendation, the committee had an opening of one way to proceed. Stillwater Meeting already has a young Friends group. We wondered if the Book and Children's Literature Committee might have an opportunity to meet with the Stillwater young Friends and discuss what materials they have found helpful. The committee believes that if the Book Committee and the Stillwater young Friends agreed to have this discussion, they might be able to bring a suitable recommendation to an upcoming meeting of the Representative Meeting, after which the various meetings could follow up on the recommendation.

Although it was not the intent of the committee to eliminate a query on education, we believe that these recommendations will better meet the intent of the current query and will ensure that our meetings are prepared in case young families begin to attend and prefer a First Day school for their children.

These recommendations are being brought to the Representative Meeting for your input. We will also send the recommendations to the Monthly Meetings for further discussion. It is our desire to find a way forward that all Friends can fully unite with. We desire insights from Friends for a final report to the yearly meeting this Eighth Month. (*end of report*)

Friends are encouraged to exercise caution and discernment in selecting religious instructional materials, to assure that materials used are in harmony with Friends' beliefs.

Friends would appreciate information that may arise from interviews with Stillwater Monthly Meeting's children, regarding the aspects and elements of First Day School they have found most meaningful, were such interviews to be conducted by Stillwater Monthly Meeting and/or the Book and Children's Literature Committee.

Document Committee

The Document Committee report was read and approved. Epistles to be read include: (in full) North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative, Iowa Yearly Meeting Conservative, Ralph Greene, Arthur Berk; (excerpts) Friends World Committee for Consultation, Monteverde U.S., Inc., Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Indiana Yearly Meeting, Cleveland Monthly Meeting.

Document Committee Report

The Document Committee met on Second Day, Seventh Month 31 with Michael Kinch, Earl Smith and Robert Wilber present. The Epistles received will be available in the Olney Library for review. The committee recommends that we read Full Epistles from North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative, Iowa Yearly Meeting Conservative, Ralph Greene and Arthur Berk, and excerpts from Friends World Committee for Consultation, Monteverde, Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Indiana Yearly Meeting and Cleveland Monthly Meeting as way opens. We have noticed in the past two years that Yearly Meetings have not been sending us epistles, preferring perhaps posting them on their websites. This year we have chosen to read from what we have been sent and wonder if mention should be made in our epistle letting them know how much we appreciate receiving epistles, giving them an email address if this is their preferred manner of communication. We bring forth the names of Susan Smith and Constance Bair-Thompson for the Epistle Committee and request that the meeting bring forth one or two more names so that the committee can more easily meet its responsibilities.

Epistle Committee Names

Susan Smith, Constance Bair-Thompson, Bernard Naylor and Charles Thomas, Jr. were named to the Epistle Committee.

An Epistle from Arthur Berk

The following epistle from Arthur Berk was read and appreciated:

Dear Friends,

God is gathering us at this session of the Ohio Yearly Meeting to learn together and obey together, as a result we will become servants of Christ the Lord. May His love pervade our meeting.

Arthur Berk

Friends authorized David Casterline to collect personal donations during Ohio Yearly Meeting, toward a computer (new or refurbished) for Arthur Berk, and request that David report on progress toward the end of the week.

Historical Committee

The report of the Historical Committee was read and approved. Friends appreciate the work and dedication of the committee. Marie Bundy reported that the committee has plates of Stillwater Meeting available for sale.

Historical Committee Report

Members of the Historical Committee are often asked, "How long have the Heritage Rooms been here?" or "When did you start collecting these things?" According to notes made by Bernita Bundy and a quotation from the Yearly Meeting minutes in 1965, "A concern has been brought up that an effort be made in OYM to preserve for the sake of history some things typical of Friends which have been laid aside as generations pass." After due consideration, a committee composed of Bernita Bundy, Ellen S. Henderson, Bertha M. Cooper, Helen Holloway, Edward S. Stratton, Wilmer Satterthwait, Tracy M. Kirk, Kenneth Morse, and Elmer C. Hartley was appointed to "consider this subject and proceed as way opens."

Way opened the next year. A display of artifacts was set up in the Men's Committee Room for 1966 Yearly Meeting attendees to view. By 1967 several modifications had been made to the committee room, including installing pegboard over the windows, adding donated bookcases, and using accession sheets and a filing system. If you are a person who enjoys celebrating milestones, 2017 could be considered the 50th anniversary of the Heritage Room! In 1971 a partition was placed under the balcony on the north side creating a second Heritage Room. We have since expanded informally into most of what was the men's side of the meeting house.

Visitors since last yearly meeting: a small group from Columbus brought by John Mattox, a larger group came from the dedication of a historical marker at Richland Friends cemetery including a representative of the Ohio Historical Connection (formerly Ohio Historical Society) and others from Guernsey County. We had a few local visitors when Kim Palmer was here. We anticipate a visit from a group from the Akron, OH. area and a genealogy group that was here last year.

The Historical Committee will try to have the locked doors of the original Heritage Rooms open before and after business sessions. Feel free to ask a member to open them at other times. We do have something new, a Stanley family genealogy on display. There is a new book called "Remembrances of Richland Meeting" you can take home with you for a small donation. We are also selling other Quaker books, pictures, etc. We don't keep all of the money. Some of it goes to the Yearly Meeting and some goes to Stillwater Meeting.

We have an estimate in the amount of $2,717.00 for repairing the plaster and painting the 1971 Heritage Room. It has not been decided how to proceed. We'd welcome suggestions.

Please sign the guest book when you visit. Since last Yearly Meeting we have had visitors from California, Iowa, Tennessee, New York, Maine, Pennsylvania and the United Kingdom as well as Ohio.

Committee members: Gwen Giffen, Seth Hinshaw, Bernard Naylor, Earl Smith, Marie Bundy, Mary Alice Pino, Verna Cope, and Loisanne Rockwell.

Historical Committee Treasurer's Report

Balance 8-1-2016		$ 394.60
Income		
OYM Allotment	$ 25.00	
Heritage Room Sales	$ 133.30	
Interest	$ 0.18	
Total Income	$ 158.48	
Expenses		
Utilities	$ 150.00	
Income over Expenses		$ 8.48
Balance 8-1-2017		$ 403.08
In WesBanco	$ 308.78	
Change in Heritage Rooms	$ 94.30	

Loisanne Rockwell, Treasurer

General Queries

General Queries Three, Four and Five were read, with the summary responses of the three Quarterly Meetings, and the proposed Ohio Yearly Meeting summary responses. All three were approved as amended.

Third Query: Are our homes places of peace, joy, and contentment? Are they an influence for good in the neighborhood, community, and country? Do we set a good Christian example for our children to follow? Are Friends careful that their children realize that our loving Savior will faithfully guide them through life, as they are willing to accept and obey Him? Do we help our children to read and appreciate the Bible?

Proposed OYM Response: Members endeavor to make our homes places of joy, peace, and contentment, acknowledging that our spiritual body contributes to this contentment.

We feel our homes are an influence for good in the neighborhood, community and country.

Though many of our children are grown, we still try to live our lives so they will be a good Christian example for them to follow, and trust in God's tender mercies in helping us overcome shortcomings. We try to be good examples to our children and family members even in their adult years and witness to them the love of our Savior and assist their awakening to Christ as Savior and Guide. Even though the appeal of the world is strong for the children, members feel we have done our best to assure that they know our Lord and trust in His guidance.

We have all provided some religious training to our children and have tried to help them to read and appreciate the Bible. We hope they will continue throughout life to appreciate the Bible more and more as they learn its wisdom.

Fourth Query: Believing our bodies to be the temple of God, are we concerned to attain a high level of physical and mental health? To this end are our lives examples of temperance in all things? Do we avoid and discourage the use and handling of intoxicants, tobacco, and improper use of drugs?

Proposed OYM Response: We are challenged in various ways to maintain our bodies as God's temple. We are concerned to achieve and maintain a high level of physical and mental health. We endeavor to be good stewards of our health. In spite of our intentions to care for our bodies, many of us have been challenged with health problems this past year, but we hope that with divine assistance we can improve our health where we fall short and maintain those aspects of good health that we each have, that our bodies may be serviceable as the temple of God.

We recognize that abstention is the safest path to maintaining a body free of alcohol, tobacco and drugs. Temperance is exercised in most areas but we recognize a need to be aware not to overindulge in food. We carry a loving concern for all our members' families and children and encourage them to abstain from the use of intoxicants, tobacco and the improper use of drugs. The misuse of prescription drugs is epidemic and we need to be aware of Friends and acquaintances using opioids.

Fifth Query: Are we sensitive to the needs of those around us who may be in less fortunate circumstances? Do we prayerfully consider how we can share one another's burdens when the need arises? Do we counsel lovingly and prayerfully with those members whose actions in any phase of life give us grounds for concern?

Proposed OYM Response: We try to be sensitive to and help those in less fortunate circumstances, locally and globally. We donate and volunteer in assisting local charities and support groups who provide food, materials, or social needs to people and families in the community.

Sometimes in our desire to help we may rush in with an attitude of "knowing" what needs to be done, when more prayerful consideration of how the Lord would direct us was in order. We are reminded that it can be difficult to ask for help but encourage each other to ask anyway. Still, some of us have had opportunities to provide companionship, financial aid, prayer or other help to those in troubled circumstances.

We are open to giving counsel to any member if such an occasion may arise. We seek guidance through prayer on how to assist and counsel those in need or who give us concern. It may help if we have first established a good relationship with someone whose actions give us concern. In spite of our country's disrespectful tone, it is a time to remind ourselves and our children of how damaging our words can be. All of us fall short of the glory of God. And in all this, we are reminded, "…Through love serve one another" (Galatians 5:13).

Agenda Committee

The report of the Agenda Committee was read and approved. Friends expressed hearty appreciation of the work by this committee.

Agenda Committee Report

The Agenda Committee began work as early as Eleventh Month of 2016. There was steady progress culminating in what we hope is a week of worship, and service to the Lord as well as spiritual nourishment to our souls. We are very grateful to those who have agreed to be evening presenters, morning sharing facilitator, and all who labor to make this week's meetings possible.

The committee looks forward to suggestions, corrections or any way the agenda can be improved. Please give this sort of information to any of the committee members to be put to use for next year.

An allocation of $ 1,000.00 would be appreciated for the upcoming year. Please keep in mind, there is a campus use fee of $ 500.00 paid to Olney Friends School.

In His service,

Nancy Hawkins, Earl Smith, Terry Wallace, Robert Rockwell, Loisanne Rockwell, Sarah Parsons, Arthur Berk, Bridget Casterline, Constance Bair-Thompson, Philip Helms and Sharon Helms

The Agenda Committee

Financial Report for 07-01-2016 through 07-31-2017
OYM Agenda Committee Treasury

Starting Balance brought (07-01-2016)	**$975.77**
Income	
2015 OYM (meals and lodging)	300.00
2016 OYM (meals and lodging)	5,395.00
2017 OYM (meals and lodging)	302.00
OYM Appropriation	1,000.00
Interest on account	0.77
Total	**$7,973.54**
Expenditures	
Friends Center (OYM 2016)	222.00
Stillwater Monthly Meeting (camping, OYM 2016)	88.00
2016 OYM Meals and Lodging (Olney)	4,454.00
Postage (2017 Agenda)	41.78
Deposit Campus Use Fee 2017 (Olney)	1,000.00
Total	**$5,805.78**
Income minus expenses:	**$2,167.76**
Final Balance (07-31-2017)	**2,167.76**

Respectfully submitted,
Philip W. Helms, Treasurer, Agenda Committee

Epistle from North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative

The epistle from North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative) was read in full. Friends appreciate hearing from our Friends in North Carolina.

Dear Friends in Ohio Yearly Meeting:

We gathered at UNC Wilmington, NC on Seventh Month 13-16, 2017 for our 320th Annual Sessions. As we gather we remember our distant Friends with great fondness and love. This year we are gathered under the theme "Our Life is Love: the Quaker Spiritual Journey," also the title of a book written by Marcelle Martin. Marcelle not only gave the plenary talk on Sixth Day evening, she also led the Bible Study based on the writings in her book. In her book, she outlines the ten different stages of the Quaker spiritual journey. She uses examples from both early Quakers and modern-day Quakers to illustrate the steps.

We are grateful for the visit from Ohio Yearly Meeting Conservative Friends Kim Palmer and Charles "Chip" Thomas to our annual sessions. We appreciated their presence in our business meetings

and in our other activities. Our member Nancy Craft is planning to visit your sessions this year and we look forward to hearing about them when she returns.

On Fifth Day evening, we were grateful to hear from several Friends during a panel discussion on Living our Love. Cynthia Doran spoke of her family's journey into greater faith through her son's incarceration. Morgan Barlow shared about saying "yes" to a leading to undertake Alternatives to Violence Project work with prisoners. Susan Wilson spoke about following God's leading to love in various ways throughout her personal spiritual journey. A time of rich worship-sharing followed the panel discussion.

Our Young Friends always enjoy coming to Wilmington for Yearly Meeting as frequent trips to the beach are part of their program. Each evening the Young Friends helped lead intergenerational activities. On Seventh Day evening, they MC'ed an intergenerational talent show with many jokes, skits, and musical acts. The adults also participated with song and music and the first ever Quaker Lady Speed Knitting Competition. Good fun was had by all.

The Financial report is not usually the most spiritually inspiring time during Yearly Meeting. But this year we had put before us information that led many people to speak from the heart and share deeply. It is always amazing the places that God finds to shine a light from our hearts.

The Book of Discipline revision is in its fourth year. The committee has been faithful in its work and the Body is grateful for all it has done. The revision work this year moved us to listen deeply to each other and to allow time and space for everyone to sit with the revisions and hear God's voice. We labored with the story of our Quaker ancestors and with language that reflects who we are in this present time. We identified discussions that we will need to have in the future that will allow us the opportunity to look at how we define ourselves. We are richly blessed to have undertaken this work and to have people who are gifted by God to do this work.

We were blessed to hear in-person reports from Quaker House, AFSC, FCNL, and FWCC. Incredibly passionate and productive members of our yearly meeting represent us in all of these organizations. Our representatives commented that for a small yearly meeting like ours we have a wide influence in the Quaker world. We are grateful. In particular we were grateful to have Lynn and Steve Newsom from Quaker House come and give their final report to us before their retirement in September.

Quaker House has flourished under their direction and we look forward to seeing this continued under the new director, Kindra Bradley.

We hold you in our hearts and pray that you are able to feel the Love that we have for you. May you experience the Love of God with which we have been so richly blessed. Please know that it would warm our hearts if you were able to visit with us next year. We will meet for our 321st session in Greensboro, NC, Seventh Month 12-15, 2018 if in accordance with Divine Will.

On behalf of North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative),
Nancy Craft, clerk

Following a period of announcements and worship, the meeting adjourned until 2:00 PM.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 02,
Afternoon Session

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I send me. – Isaiah 6: 1-8

We are favored to have four visitors this afternoon: Jamie Helmick, David Hersh, Rebecca Amstutz, and Samantha Smith. Welcome!

Membership Report

The Membership Report was distributed and read. Friends approved the report and expressed appreciation for the diligence and hard work of the committee.

Membership Report

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR Ohio Yearly Meeting			2017
Total membership as of Seventh Month First, 2016			500
Gains:			
Births or adoptions	0		
Certificates received	7		
Requests	7		
Total gains		14	
Losses:			
Deaths	8		
Certificates transferred	8		
by request	3		
discontinued	5		
Total losses		24	
Net gain for year		-10	
Total Membership as of Seventh Month First 2017			490
Affiliate Members	70		
Affiliate Associate Members	12		
Associate Members	38		
Sojourning Members	1		
Waiting	15		
Membership Summary (Including Associate Members)			
Membership under 5 years	0		
Membership 5 to 18 years	24		
Membership 18 and older	466		
Total (same as above)		90	
Resident Status of Members			
Resident Members	113		
Non-Resident Members*	377		
Total (same as above)		90	

*Members shall be considered non-resident when they live at least 30 miles from the meeting house and attend less than one First Day Meeting per month.

School Report (Members attending schools)

Attending Pre-school	0	
Attending Olney Friends School	3	
Attending Public Schools	13	
Attending Private Schools	5	
Attending Home School	0	
Attending College	8	
Total		29

Weddings

1 Number of weddings under the care of this Monthly Meeting	0
2 Number of Members married this year under the care of Friends	1
3 Number of Members married this year NOT under the care of Friends	1
Total Friends married	**2**

Names of those married:	**Date**
Rachel Beard married David Stewart	3/25/2017
Promise Partner married Avery Welkin	7/2/2016

Names of ministers recorded this year:

none

Names of elders appointed this year:

01/29/2017	Bridget Casterline	Marlborough

Names of overseers appointed this year:

9/11/2016	Hans M. Tritico	Salem-Upper Springfield MM
9/11/2016	Kimberly A. Newlin	Salem-Upper Springfield MM
9/11/2016	Mildred S. Henderson	Salem-Upper Springfield MM
1/29/2017	Penny Thomas	Marlborough

Members received by birth, certificate, or request:

date	Name		Reason
7/19/15	Margaret Elvin*	Marlborough	Request
	*this was not on the 06/30/2016 Report from PhYM Marlborough		

5/14/17	Connor W Helms	Crossroads	Request
5/14/17	Phelan W Helms	Crossroads	Request
12/10/16	Eleni Anagnostopoulou	Middleton	Request
12/10/16	Maria (Anagostopoulou) Tokmakis	Middleton	Request
12/10/16	Artemis Tokmakis	Middleton	Request
12/10/16	Thomais Tokmakis	Middleton	Request
3/12/17	Kenneth Gordon Thompson	Salem-Upper Springfield	Request
6/26/17	Anne L. Gamble	to Salem from Winona MM	Certificate
6/26/17	Conrad Lindes	to Salem from Winona MM	Certificate
6/26/17	Rose M. Sidwell (Walters)	to Salem from Winona MM	Certificate
6/26/17	Lola J. Toot (Gamble)	to Salem from Winona MM	Certificate
6/26/17	David E. Warrington	to Salem from Winona MM	Certificate
6/26/2017	Martin Arrendondo	to Salem from Winona MM	Certificate

Members lost by death, certificate of removal, or request to be released:

Date	Name		Reason
11/17/2015	Margaret Elvin* *this was not on the 06/30/2016 Report	Marlborough	death
10/16/2016	Deborah Stamm	from Marlborough to Bradford MM, PYM	Request
3/19/2017	Andrew Stamm	from Marlborough to Bradford MM, PYM	Request
3/19/2017	Sarah Stamm	Marlborough	Request
1/29/2017	William Cauffman	Marlborough	Request
5/28/2017	Marc Dawson	Peachtree	Discontinued
5/28/2017	Abby Dawson	Peachtree	Discontinued
5/28/2017	Adelaide Dawson	Peachtree	Discontinued
5/28/2017	Eudora Dawson	Peachtree	Discontinued
8/14/2016	Nathaniel Kaufman	Rockingham	Request
3/8/2017	Huldah Louise Stanley	Middleton	Death

8/11/2016	James A. Warrington, Sr.	Salem-Upper Springfield	Death
12/2/2016	James C. Gamble	Winona	Death
6/26/2017	Martin Arrendondo	to Salem-Upper Springfield from Winona	Certificate
6/26/2017	Rose Sidwell	to Salem-Upper Springfield from Winona	Certificate
6/26/2017	Lola Toot	to Salem-Upper Springfield from Winona	Certificate
6/26/2017	Anne Gamble	to Salem-Upper Springfield from Winona	Certificate
6/26/2017	David E. Warrington	to Salem-Upper Springfield from Winona	Certificate
6/26/2017	Conrad Lindes	to Salem-Upper Springfield from Winona	Certificate
6/26/2017	Dean Sidwell	Winona	Request
7/10/2016	Warren O. Bailey	Short Creek	Death
12/4/2016	Martha Giffen	Stillwater	Death
1/20/2017	Katharine Jacobsen	Stillwater	Death
4/4/2017	Christine Greenland	Stillwater	Death

Names of overseers:

Seth Hinshaw	Keystone
Terry Wallace	Keystone
Penny L Thomas	Marlborough
Taylor Trussell	Peachtree
Sharon Helms	Crossroads
Verna H. Cope	Middleton
Marie Kirk Hawkins	Middleton
Eunice M. Burkey	Salem-Upper Springfield
Mildred S. Henderson	Salem-Upper Springfield
Kimberly A. Newlin	Salem-Upper Springfield
Hans M. Tritico	Salem-Upper Springfield
Sara L. Kirk	Short Creek
D. Raye Hodgson	Short Creek

Elvina M. Krekler	Short Creek
Marie Bundy	Stillwater
Diane Reynolds	Stillwater
Karen Walsh	Stillwater

Names of Elders

David Eley
Michael Kinch
Bridget Casterline
Sarah Parsons
Susan S. Smith
Philip W Helms
Rebecca J. Hawkins
Mary Alice Pino
Lois G. Edgerton
Robert W. Stratton
Winifred E. Stratton
Kathleen Kovalick
Richard Simon
Earl Smith
Fran Taber

Names of Ministers

David Eley
Seth Hinshaw
Terry Wallace
Charles C Thomas Jr.
Sarah Parsons
John C. Smith
Nancy A. Hawkins
Winifred E. Stratton
Conrad Lindes
Burton Doudna
John Benson
Robert Wilber

Names of Monthly Meeting Clerks

Eileen Kinch
Bridget Casterline
Rebecca Trussell
Taylor Trussell

Susan S. Smith
Philip W Helms
Lois G. Edgerton
E. Marlene Cooper
Carey L. Newlin, Clerk
Nelda J. Hawkins, Reading Clerk
Robert Rothwell
Burton Doudna
Carolyn McGinnis, reading clerk
Elvina Krekler
Thomas Rockwell
Leonard Guindon, reading clerk

Recorders

Michael Kinch
Alta B Hoffman
Penny L Thomas, assistant
Sarah Parsons
David W. Casterline
Sharon A Helms
Nancy A. Hawkins
Rebecca J. Hawkins
Kimberly A. Newlin
Robert Rothwell
Kathleen Kovalick
Elvina Krekler
Marie Bundy

Walton Retirement Home

The Walton Retirement Home Board President's letter, from Acting President Bob Rockwell, and the Annual Report, from Executive Director Jamie Helmick were read and approved.

Walton Home Board President's Letter

Dear Friends,

Two years ago, I joined the Walton Retirement Home board. Last year I was asked to be the vice president. This year, due to family needs, Richard Simon has resigned from the board and I have been promoted to president.

I have a lot to learn, but I already know a few things.

This is an incredible institution. Director, staff and board are all deeply dedicated and committed to making a stay at Walton the best it can be for the residents.

Response to the recent Annual Fund drive showed there is considerable support for Walton in the Barnesville community.

At the last board meeting, finances and budget were reviewed. Things are close, but Bill Knox, our CPA, said we are headed in the right direction. He said the most important thing for us to do is to keep our mission in mind: **Taking care of elderly folks**. Hopefully everything we do is geared toward that end.

Operating a retirement home is a hugely complex business. The different agencies and bureaucracies that get involved appear to be innumerable, and they almost seem at cross purposes sometimes.

We need to keep Jamie in our prayers as he confronts the quagmire of regulations that he must meet and satisfy.

I believe our hoped-for ongoing growth efforts may be eased in some measure by having the deed to Walton property in one parcel and in the name of the Walton Retirement Home Corporation.

As we discuss the challenges and opportunities of Walton now and in the future, I pray that we remember that we love each other; and that we cherish those for whom we are caring.

Robert Rockwell, Acting President, Walton Retirement Home

Walton Home Annual Report

If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. - Philippians 2:1-3

My Dear Friends,

This year, by God's grace we celebrate seventy-three years. We also recognize the diligent and faithful efforts of so many through the years. I speak for myself and all our staff when I tell you that we are humbled and grateful the Lord has led us to this valuable ministry of serving the elderly.

Walton had a difficult year with revenues being much lower than anticipated. This is due to empty rooms not filled through this past fall, winter, and early spring. The increasing influence of home health care options and attractive reimbursement rates for family caregivers have had the greatest impact. This encourages the elderly and their families to stay at home much longer than in previous years. To lessen the impact on the budget, staffing and expense adjustments were made. We are thankful to

report a slow growth in our census. Remodeling the South Annex has aided revenues. We invested $9,550.00 in the project and it has yielded more than $49,000.00, after expenses.

The Board and its committees work diligently throughout the year to ensure the organization remains viable in all aspects. Finance and Fundraising Committees are the most active. We have always placed great focus on our financial performance despite a variety of struggles. We have, over the past few years, made vast improvements in our fundraising efforts. While we have yet to raise the funds needed to advance the South Wing Expansion Project, we have been building stronger relationships with the Village and the community members with smaller scale efforts. Our Annual Fund Campaign this year was a great success. This type of growth will lead to a greater pool of donors for larger projects.

Many changes are afoot in the realm of healthcare. A fact that is hard to miss these days. Walton continues to look to, anticipate, and plan for the changes that have and will come as the industry faces its biggest paradigm shift since its inception. Resident centered care and overall demand are at the forefront. This industry is certainly one that we cannot always rely on "what we've done in the past." Walton is committed to adapting to the changing needs of its resident family to ensure the time the Lord has blessed them with will be safe, peaceful and pleasant.

Please note: Our accounting compilation, investment reports, and a more detailed overview of the year will be discussed at our corporation meeting to be held at the Walton Home Activities Room at 3:30pm today.

May God always bless your efforts in serving others.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie A. Helmick
Executive Director, Walton Retirement Home

P.S. Please contact me by phone (740-425-2344) or by email (executivedirector@waltonhome.org) if you would like more information or to have one of our monthly newsletters mailed to you.

Epistle from Baltimore Yearly Meeting

An excerpt from an epistle from Baltimore Yearly Meeting was read.

On behalf of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, I invite Friends from your Yearly Meeting to join us for our Annual Session, July 31-August 6, 2017 at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. In particular, I ask for your help in extending a warm invitation to Friends who feel led to visit as part

of our Intervisitation Program. The theme for the 2017 Annual Session is "Growing Toward Justice – Acting on Faith."

Our Intervisitation Working Group will sponsor your members' visits to our Annual Session and will serve as your hosts. We enthusiastically welcome all visitors from across the entire Quaker spectrum. Baltimore Yearly Meeting is able to pay full costs of registration, as well as room and board at Hood College, for up to two members of your Yearly Meeting.

In the Light,
Ken Stockbridge, Presiding Clerk

At 3:05 PM, Friends adjourned to the Walton Home Corporation Meeting and Open House.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 03, Afternoon Session

And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis. And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, *that is, Be opened. And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it; And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.* – Mark 7: 31-37

We are favored to have three new visitors this afternoon: Thomas Roberts, Brad Jackson, and Cynthia Walker. Welcome!

Fiduciary Trustees

The report of the Ohio Yearly Meeting Fiduciary Trustees was read and approved. Friends appreciate the careful stewardship exercised by the Fiduciary Trustees, and express thanks.

Report of the Fiduciary Trustees

For the year ending 06-30-2017 the Fiduciary Trustees are managing the following trust funds:

Education Funds	
	$552,863
Walton Retirement Home	$761,826
Ohio Yearly Meeting	$114,855
Monthly Meetings	$430,795
Reserve Fund	$781,479
Total Assets	$2,641,818

Our income and expenses for the 2016-2017 fiscal year were:

Total Income	$274,519
Operating Expenses	$114
Net Income	$274,405
Distribution of Earnings:	
Return to Trust Funds	$111,714
Added to Reserve Fund	$162,691
Same as Net Income	$274,405

The investments held by the Fiduciary Trustees have continued to grow and have increased in value more than we expected over the past year. We have agreed that an increase in the annual percentage distribution was justified again this year. We are thankful to be able to pay 6.0% return on the trust funds in our care for the fiscal year ending Sixth Month 30, 2017.

We currently have one (1) home loan outstanding with Ohio Yearly Meeting members.

As directed by the Committee on Financing Educational Concerns, the Fiduciary Trustees distributed $6,000 during the past year to the families of four (4) Ohio Yearly Meeting children attending Olney or private secondary schools. Also as directed, $16,434 was sent to Olney Friends School from the income generated by the Education Trust Funds we hold in support of scholarships, a Christian Quaker presence, the library, repairs and improvements, and athletics.

The Ohio Yearly Meeting fund containing the proceeds from the 2004 sale of the Main Campus to Olney Friends School is valued at $66,801 as of Seventh Month 31, 2017. We will continue to hold the balance of this fund and allow it to accrue interest until we receive instruction from the Yearly Meeting to take other action.

In late 2014 the Fiduciary Trustees were informed that the State of Ohio had denied our 2006 application to reinstate real estate tax exempt status for the Morlan House property as used by Friends Center. We believe our application was denied because, in the eyes of the state, the

Morlan House was a "for-profit" operation since Friends Center received rent payments for non-program use of the facilities.

In mid-2016 Friends Center ended their practice of charging rent for non-Friends Center related uses and began accepting donations instead. They updated their publications and webpages to reflect this policy change. The Fiduciaries were advised that the changed policies of Friends Center would need to be in place for the entire tax year before the State of Ohio would consider a change in the real estate tax exempt status. The Fiduciary Trustees will be reapplying to Belmont County and the State of Ohio to have the Morlan House property reclassified as exempt from property taxes for the 2017 tax year and into the future.

The Fiduciary Trustees continue to receive inquiries from a variety of companies about our interest in leasing the oil and gas rights of the property under our care, in the name of Ohio Yearly Meeting. The Fiduciary Trustees continue to inform solicitors that we are not authorized by the Yearly Meeting to enter into any leases at this time.

In concluding our report, the Fiduciary Trustees would like to take this moment to acknowledge and thank Dennis Rockwell for his years of service on our committee and to Ohio Yearly Meeting. Dennis has recognized a need to reduce the number of commitments he has in his life to both preserve his health and to focus on those things which are most important. He has requested to be released from his service with the Fiduciaries at the close of these yearly meeting sessions. His insights, contributions, and faithful service have always been appreciated and will be missed.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Fiduciary Trustees,
David E. Warrington, President
Fiduciary Trustees of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends

Walton Retirement Home

The request by the Walton Retirement Home Corporation was read and considered with care by Friends. We are not in unity on this proposal, and cannot proceed with transfer of title for this real estate at this time.

Proposal by Walton Retirement Home

The Walton Retirement Home Corporation recommends at meeting held 08-02-2017 that title to the Walton Retirement Home properties be transferred from the Fiduciary Trustees to the Walton Retirement Home Corporation. The membership of the Corporation would continue as now to include all members of the Ohio Yearly Meeting. The

reasoning is to make future development proposals from Walton Retirement Home more transparent to lenders and donors.

Benefits:

1. Walton continues to operate as an important outreach program of the yearly meeting
2. Clarifies ownership of the property to lending institutions
3. Emphasizes the responsibilities of the Corporation members
4. Continues to limit the financial and legal liability of the yearly meeting

Signed,
Robert Rockwell, Acting President
Walton Retirement Home

Financing Educational Concerns Committee

The report of the Financing Educational Concerns Committee was read and approved. Friends appreciate the good work of the committee and the quality of their stewardship.

Financing Educational Concerns Committee Report

Members of the Financing Educational Concerns Committee met to consider the distribution of funds this year. The funds are intended for high school age members of the yearly meeting who are attending Friends schools, other private schools or who are home-schooled. This year, we are aware of four members of high school age attending Olney Friends School and one attending East Richland Christian Schools.

As has been our practice most years, the net income from the Scholarships for OYM Children Trust Fund has been reduced by the Inflation Accumulation rate set by the Fiduciary Trustees. We are thankful that the income this year again gives us the ability to provide scholarship monies to families as well as to maintain the value of the trust fund. Including the monies reserved from last year, the total available to award this year is $7,500.00. We are united in recommending that each of these five students be supported by a grant of $1,500.00.

After consideration, we concur with David Warrington's recommendation concerning the distribution from the Education Trust Funds for Olney Friends School. The school will receive $17,679.33, an increase of 7% over last year's distribution.

In addition to several funds with designated uses, the investments held for the benefit of Olney by the Fiduciary Trustees include an Undesignated General Fund. The income from this fund was allowed to accumulate from 2001 until 2012. At that time, the yearly meeting

approved supporting the school with $90,000 from this account, and the funds were applied toward the renovation of the Main Building. Now, the Undesignated General Fund totals $49,056.61. The committee has consulted with the school's trustees and administration concerning possible projects for the yearly meeting to consider supporting with some of these funds. While there are many worthy opportunities, the committee feels comfortable in recommending a disbursement of $30,000 to be used toward refurbishing the Mary Davis guest house. The previous Girls Dorm is used for housing prospective students and their parents, visitors to the school, alumni, and yearly meeting and Friends Center guests. Furniture and mattress upgrades, paint, carpet and updated bathrooms would combine to make the guest house more welcoming and comfortable. That will leave the Undesignated General Fund with a balance of $19,056.61. The balance can continue to accumulate for a future need.

As always, we ask that meetings with members who meet the criteria for Ohio Yearly Meeting scholarship funds make the committee aware of their names.

The Committee,
Rebecca Hawkins
Marie Kirk Hawkins
Beverly Kirk Shull
Debora Taber

Travel Fund Committee

The Travel Fund Committee Report was read and approved. Friends thank the committee for their service and care.

Travel Fund Committee Report

During Ministry and Oversight's 2016 Meeting, they were exercised in responding to a Friends Committee on National Legislation representative request that OYM share their gift of discernment and prayer with FCNL. In Ministry and Oversight's spirit-led discussion a concern was voiced to send a committee of three with a minute for travelling in the Ministry of Listening. The body felt that the committee should come from the M&O body with the Peace & Human Relations Committee as a liaison. They appointed Nancy A. Hawkins, Susan Smith, and Sharon A. Helms. The Yearly Meeting approved a Supplemental Travel Fund appropriation of up to $2,500.00 for this Ministry. The reimbursed expenditures totaled $1,917.87.

Earl Smith was able to travel to Washington DC as representative to FCNL and William Penn House. (Bernard Naylor was not able to

travel.) Although FCNL was not able to provide funding for the three Friends travelling in the Ministry of Listening, FCNL was able to subsidize our representative. Therefore we incurred no expense for this Friend in 2016.

Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas met in Stony Point NY about 35 miles north of New York City in Third Month 2017. Our representatives Beverly Shull, David Eley, and Rebecca Hawkins were able to attend. The reimbursed expenditures totaled $1,845.00.

Balance 08/01/2016	$3,792.61
Income	
OYM Allocation	$2,000.00
Supplemental appropriation	$1,917.87
Interest	$ 5.45
Total Income	$3,923.32
Expenses	
Travelling in Ministry to FCNL	$1,917.87
FWCC Representatives	$1,845.00
Total Expenses	$3,762.87
Fund Balance 08/01/2017	$3,953.06

The Travel Fund Committee would like to request $2,775.00 for the coming year. We have prepared a three-year budget and used this to base our request from YM. This request, which we realize is a large part of the YM budget, tries to minimize the yearly fluctuation in our budget requests from YM.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Thomas, clerk
Dennis Rockwell, treasurer

Olney Farm Report

The Olney Farm Report was received and read. Friends appreciate this update on the development of the Farm, and extend thanks to the Head Farmer, Assistant Manager, and all the Friends involved in the Farm. Particular thanks to Marie Bundy for compiling this report.

This year's Olney Farm Report boasts of a change in management, new construction, renovations, annual events, and an organic certification, as well as a bounty full of harvested vegetables and grains.

There are also changes and increases to the animal farm. We have much to celebrate.

First of which is the approval for a USDA organic certification which took effect on December 02, 2015. Generally this certification takes several years to acquire after submitting a request; however, years of expert recordkeeping and unconventional farming practices allowed Olney to receive her credentials in one year's time.

New structural additions include The Wellingdon. This vegetable washing room is designed to unload, weigh, clean, package, and process vegetables from ten acres of field and greenhouses. A second chicken coop was constructed to house and grow broiler chickens. On the Taber property, a barn was erected to store organically grown hay. In addition, water and electricity are utilities reintroduced to this property.

A root cellar in the lower level of the Music Box starts off the list of completed renovations. A shed roof addition to the east side of the Towe Barn houses a new squeeze and head gate for the beef herd. Herd health and animal loading will be much safe and more efficient. A chain-linked fence surrounds 4,100 square feet on the west side of the Cliff Guindon Chicken House. The enclosure allows the organic hens a free-range roaming area. Lastly, the farm office has been moved to the lower floor of the Main Building.

The animal portion of the farm has undergone several big changes. The broiler chicken production has expanded to 800 chickens a year. Four times a year on a six week cycle 200 chicks are raised for eight weeks, then butchered, to provide meat for students and staff. To date we have brought in 2,065.5 pounds of chicken meat. The first organic chicken egg was collected on August 28, thus the start of Olney's organic egg production. The farm manages 173 organic hens that currently lay between 90 and 110 eggs a day. This past spring six goats kidded 13 kids, six bucklings and seven doelings. At this time there is no financial report on goat sales but six goats have been sold. The introduction of the pork production began this fall with the purchase of two feeder pigs. They are a Yorkshire/Hampshire mix and will remain part of the farm until early spring. The beef cattle birthed 13 calves. From the overall herd, eight animals were sold and four were butchered for the school. Of the 37 heads of beef cattle, 17 heads represent the organic beef herd.

Due to a change in management, loss of some equipment, and a shortage of proper fencing, the farmers decided to grown less vegetables; nonetheless, with the help of students, interns, and volunteers the harvest remains substantial. As of November 14, the farm yielded one and half tons of produce. There are still more fall crops to be harvested. Partial

totals are as follows: 161 pounds of cucurbits, 230 pounds of beans and peas, 262 pounds of lettuces, 330 pounds of nightshade fruits, 613 pounds of leafy vegetables, 1,394 pounds of root vegetables, and 544 heads of garlic. The Sunnyside herb garden produced an abundant mixture of parsley, dill, cilantro, oregano, basil, chives, green onions, lemon balm, peppermint, and sage. A poor yield on cucumbers, squash, and watermelon was due to bad seed. A bad year of regional tomato growing and experimental farming were responsible for a zero tomato yield. Crops not grown this year were sweet corn, sorghum, sunflowers, and onions.

The totals in the hay and grain field are as follows: Hay, first cutting – 190 tons, second cutting – 24 tons; straw 10 tons; wheat 40 bushels; and field corn 130 bushels. Fifteen acres of forage peas, tillage radishes, wheat, barley, rye, and oats were planted as cover crop. We produced 40 tons of compost.

The farm participated in two annual events. The theme for FARmOUT, a two day promotion that hosted middle school students from various schools in the region, was "Pioneer Farming." Students learned about 18th and 19th century farming through a scavenger hunt, a poetry slam, cooking and baking, and a hands on demonstration showing how to care for gardens and small farm animals. The farm supported the school's Harvest Festival by offering a hay wagon tour of the farm, by manning a farm market stand, and by setting up stations to make apple butter, shell dry beans, feed goats, and create art. Another ongoing program is the summer internship program. This year the farm chose four individuals: a returning Olney senior, an Olney alum of 2015, a local Barnesville High School students, and a visitor from Florida.

The success of the farm would not be possible without the help of many volunteers. We would like to take this time to thank. . .

David Cook, Dale Guindon, Denny Hunkler, Sam Hunkler, Linda Jenewein, Dale Johnson, Randy McBride, Robert Rockwell, Joel and Shelly Rockwell, John and Wanda Rockwell, Roseanna and Thomas Rockwell, Eric Ruble, Gustav Ryberg, Richard and Mary Sidwell, Richard Simon, Amihan Tindongan, Dave Warrington, and the students, staff, and their families.

Special recognition goes to Sandy Sterret who shared her time, knowledge, and expertise as Assistant Manager of Olney Farm from 2010 to 2016. We miss her. We wish her much happiness in her years of retirement.

The goal of the school is to become a showcase/educational farm. The goal of the farm is to produce as much as it can through sustainable agriculture. Under the management of Head Farmer, Don Guindon, the

farm is thriving and expanding to meet both of those goals. Together we look forward to see what the year 2017 will bring.

Plummer House Center Committee

The report of the Plummer House Center Committee was read and approved. Friends appreciate the substantial progress made by the committee, and their dedication to preserving this historic building.

Plummer House Center Committee Report

The grant money received last year from the Belmont County Tourism Council provided nine new windows, insulation and vinyl siding for the front of the house. That work was completed with volunteer labor in time for Commencement this year. Interior woodwork for the windows was also done. The siding covered the entrances for the bees, so we hope they have found a home elsewhere. We received a donation of a zero-turn riding mower from Richard and Mary Sidwell which has allowed us to keep up with the yard mowing. It is kept in locked storage in the shed on the north side of the house. A glider was donated for the front porch which has been painted and refurbished.

In conclusion of the Historic Structure Report done by Belmont College in 2008 the project priorities identified were: Restore the west outside wall (back of the house), fix the roof, repair or replace windows, fix concrete porch on south side of the house, repair or replace the lean-to shed and interior renovations. All those items have been completed, with the exception of fixing or replacing the small concrete porch on the south side. That project is to be worked on this year.

We received a $3,000 grant from the Belmont County Tourism Council this year to purchase windows and additional siding for the south side of the house. This will complete the renovation of the outside of the house. We will also address the renovation of the south side porch. Projects left to do are: interior wiring, renovation of the two upstairs bedrooms on the north side and installation of an efficient heating system.

We have not had an occupant this past year but have had guests, board members and alumni from Olney staying there from time to time. This past year Olney has agreed to pay taxes and insurance in exchange for their use of the property.

Financial Report

Balance on hand 07/31/2016		$6,871.10
Income		
	Grant	3,000.00
	Donations	494.00

Total Income
$3,494.00

Expense

Siding, windows, insulation	3,279.69
Water	100.00

Total Expenses
$3,379.69

Balance on hand July 2017
$6,985.41

NOTE: We haven't received an electric bill since the last occupant left and have only recently been able to transfer the electric account to us. We will be receiving a bill for the period of time from April 2016 through July 2017.

Peace and Human Relations Committee

The Peace and Human Relations Committee report, including appended reports from Friends World Committee for Consultation, William Penn House, and Friends Committee on National Legislation, were read at length and considered by Friends. The collective report is approved, with a reminder to the committee regarding future report length.

Peace and Human Relations Committee Report

Peace and Human Relations Committee met together at the Walton Home on October 15, 2016. A period of worship was very nourishing to all. We continued to hold the intention of visiting or communicating with monthly meetings somehow; but have not yet done so. Another gathering of the committee is needed to work on getting more clear, and to work out practical steps.

After our meeting, we were blessed that Martha Giffen was able to have us visit and pray with her. Many of us then went to Olney's Homecoming picnic supper.

Several Friends went to Washington DC in November, 2016, for Friends Committee on National Legislation's Annual Meeting. Earl Smith attended as Ohio Yearly Meeting Representative to FCNL, and took part in lobbying. Bernard Naylor was unable to go with Earl because of health issues. He has asked to be removed from being a representative to FCNL, but will continue to serve on Peace Committee.

Carrying out the leading arising in the 2016 Meeting for Ministry and Oversight, Susan Smith, Nancy Hawkins and Sharon Helms attended this Annual Meeting, as a committee of three with a traveling minute in the ministry of listening. The atmosphere at this FCNL Annual Meeting, starting two days after the presidential election, differed from most annual sessions in that many had fear for the future and the presence of Susan, Nancy and Sharon provided many opportunities for prayer with those attending the Annual Meeting.

We are grateful for all these Friends' faithful willingness to serve; and thankful to the Lord who gave the direction and the strength.

Friends Council on National Legislation has launched an outreach effort called Visiting Friends, which helps Friends all over the country to visit neighboring meetings to encourage the use of FCNL's resources for legislative advocacy. Earl Smith has been asked to do some visits, and Sylvia Thomas is working with him. So far, we have given a presentation about FCNL's Youth Advocacy opportunities to the Olney community meeting. Please contact Earl if you or your meeting would like an introductory "tour" of the useful tools offered on FCNL's website. FCNL is also encouraging young Friends to be trained and act as advocates for Quaker concerns in their home communities. Meetings might include young people who would like to learn to be an advocate.

During Yearly Meeting, please visit the FCNL, FWCC and William Penn House tables in the hallway of the Main Building. Some sample letters for writing to your political representatives are provided, with envelopes, on the FCNL display table. Please ask about ongoing letter-writing projects in your home meeting through FCNL.

Some members of Peace and Human Relations Committee were able to meet with Representatives to FWCC, FCNL, and William Penn House after lunch on third day. Allison Guindon, representative from William Penn House, Becky Hawkins, Ohio Yearly Meeting Representative to FWCC, and Earl Smith, Representative to FCNL, also met with other members of Peace and Human Relations Committee after the rise of afternoon Business Session. We appreciated so much their taking time to answer our many questions. It was good to get a fuller picture of the work of William Penn House, their mission of radical hospitality, and the needs they meet – both for visitors and the larger community in DC. Becky Hawkins shared that one purpose she feels in attending the Friends World Committee for Consultations is to show Quakers from other traditions that they can meet unprogrammed Friends who are Christian.

In 2017, we donated $200.00 to William Penn House, in response to their letter about the change in their tax status, and thanked them for the housing they provide to Representatives to FCNL, and Friends attending marches in DC. We suggest for 2018, a donation from Peace Committee's budget, to William Penn House of $100.00.

For Peace and Human Relations Committee, Sylvia Thomas, Convenor

Budget Report

Balance at beginning of OYM 2016	$496.89
Minus meals for Mary Comfort Ferrell & Earl	-68.00
Reported Balance at OYM 2016	$428.89
Donations by a Friend toward Mary Comfort's meals	+10.00
$68.00 refunded, meals covered by another OYM fund	+68.00
Total Balance at the end of OYM 2016	$506.89
2017 OYM Allocation	+25.00
Book Sales 2016-17	+5.00
Total	$536.89
Donation to William Penn House	-200.00
Total	$336.89
Donated $0.11 so I can round up that $0.89!	+0.11
Final Balance	$337.00

I am sorry. I can't find a record, or remember, why someone refunded the $68.00 to Peace Committee after last year's budget was reported. I think it was a question of the meals for a speaker being covered already by another Yearly Meeting account. The total is now correct.

Friends World Committee for Consultation Representatives Report

2017 marks the 80th anniversary of Friends World Committee for Consultation. The organization was created in 1937 at the Second World Conference of Friends "to act in a consultative capacity to promote better understanding among Friends the world over."

The plenary session of the Section of the Americas was held in Third Month, 2017 at a conference center in Stony Point, New York. The theme of the gathering was *Vivir La Paz* / Living Peace (John 16:33). 120 Quakers attended from 36 yearly meetings and seven countries. Ohio Yearly Meeting representatives were David F. Eley, Rebecca J. Hawkins,

and Beverly K. Shull. There were three representatives from North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Cons.) including Ray and Carol Treadway, but none from Iowa Yearly Meeting (Cons.). The newly formed Piedmont Yearly Meeting was welcomed into the FWCC Section.

We were reminded that the aim of FWCC is reaching out and building bridges by fellowship and increasing relationships between traditions of Friends. The various Friends' practices of worship were shared during morning worship sessions. A good representation of Latin American Friends was there, and these Friends are becoming more involved in the FWCC work. All communications were done in Spanish and English; interpreters were kept very busy. The Traveling Ministry Corps was launched to visit Friends churches and meetings and isolated individuals. There are four ministers for North America this first year, and others who will cover Latin America. If a meeting wants to host a visitor from the Traveling Ministry Corps, the first round of applications is due by Ninth Month 30th, 2017.

The representatives appreciate the financial assistance from the OYM travel fund which allowed us to attend this year's enriching, and at times challenging, conference. FWCC is dependent on donations from monthly and yearly meetings, churches and individuals. Beverly Shull serves on the Finance Committee for the Section of the Americas.

William Penn House Report

The past year has been a time of transition, reflection, and new growth at William Penn House. In September, we marked 50 years of service and hospitality. To commemorate this milestone, we held a daylong celebration with service projects in the morning led by our Quaker workcamp program and an open house in the afternoon, complete with visits from William Penn and Lucretia Mott! The day proved a joyful way to bring the William Penn House community together to celebrate our history.

In December, our longtime Program Director, Brad Ogilvie, moved on to pursue new leadings after 10 years of service at William Penn House. Brad's passionate and prophetic leadership of our workcamps and educational programs transformed and deepened our service and activism. We have been fortunate to have Naomi Madaras ably stepping into this role this year.

Our service-learning and social justice education programs have grown this year, serving more groups from schools and religious congregations and expanding to include college groups as well. Participants came from Quaker schools and meetings, Methodist and

Presbyterian Churches, four colleges, and an international youth leadership program run by Indiana University.

Our service-learning programs have supported 10 grassroots nonprofits providing service and dignity for the marginalized and working to build a more just, caring, and healthy community. Key partners have included DC Urban Greens (an urban agriculture / food justice program), Our Daily Bread (a community breakfast on Capitol Hill), and Capitol Hill Village (an aging-in-place support network).

Our public policy seminars introduced college students to the world of social-justice advocacy and policy-making in Washington. Students met with staff at FCNL, the AFSC Washington office, and many other advocacy organizations, as well as members of Congress and officials in Executive Branch agencies and international organizations.

We have also continued longstanding relationships with communities in southern Louisiana and McDowell County, WV, with our annual week-long Quaker workcamps. In March, we led a group of high-schoolers to Louisiana for the twelfth year, to serve and learn in New Orleans and with the Ile de Jean-Charles native community. In June, we led another group to West Virginia for our seventeenth annual workcamp with a community-based nonprofit, providing simple home repairs for community members.

Our program of radical Quaker hospitality has also expanded this year, serving more guests and also focusing more on supporting social justice witness and activism in this new era of political engagement. We opened our doors as a "comfort station" for the Women's March on Washington in January and the People's Climate March in April. Each day, hundreds of marchers stopped in for a bathroom, snack, and a place to relax and make connections with other marchers. It was a special joy to have Friends from across the country visit during these marches. We also supported FCNL's Interfaith Vigil to Save Medicaid in late June, providing logistical support and hospitality for this important event of Quaker witness.

Beyond these large events, we have hosted hundreds of citizen-activists coming to Washington to advocate for a more just world. The Student-Farmworkers Alliance, AIDS United, Citizens' Climate Lobby, Young Evangelicals for Climate Action, and the Center for Popular Democracy were among the activist groups we were able to host and support in their witness. The opportunity to share in these advocacy efforts has been exciting and humbling to us.

In financial terms, this year has been one of dramatic turnaround. Most importantly, we resolved our lawsuit with the DC government about

our property tax assessment. We reached a satisfactory compromise agreement with the city. Thanks to generous contributions from Friends, we paid the balance due and are moving forward with a small additional expense. The lawsuit and staff transitions took a toll on our finances and program activities, but in the past year program revenues and contributions have increased, putting us on the path toward financial sustainability.

In the coming year, we look forward to expanding our support for Quaker citizen-activism and social justice education, providing both tools and care to people from all walks of life who are working for a more just, peaceful, and inclusive community and world. William Penn House was founded in 1966 with a vision of a space of welcome and inclusion, just blocks from the U.S. Capitol, where Friends and other social justice advocates can come together to learn, dialogue, organize, and build community. Today, this work is needed more than ever, and with the generous support of Friends, we are looking forward to continuing to improve and expand our programs and make needed investments in facilities and personnel to live out this vision for the next 50 years.

Andrei Israel, Executive Director

Friends Committee on National Legislation Report

Since the early days of the Religious Society of Friends, God's spirit has led Friends to take action in the world. As Friends, our faith and experience convince us to work for the peaceful, just, equitable, and sustainable world we seek.

The 2016 election manifested the deep political and social divisions in our country, revealing stark differences in voters' hopes for the future. Amidst these seismic political shifts, FCNL's grounding as a Quaker lobby and our presence on Capitol Hill as a nonpartisan voice for peace and justice are needed now more than ever. Friends remain the bedrock of FCNL's strong network, standing together in a nearly 370-year-old faith-based movement living its faith through action.

Spirit-led Action at FCNL's Annual Meeting in November, which convened just two days after the election, we gathered to worship, lobby and conduct the organization's business. FCNL's General Committee approved legislative priorities to guide our community's advocacy in the 115th Congress. These legislative priorities, available online at fcnl.org/priorities, were the result of widening circles of discernment that included input from hundreds of Quaker meetings and churches across the country, discernment by FCNL's Policy Committee, and consideration by the General Committee.

There is no question that the divisions in the American electorate – so evident in the presidential campaign – make our lobbying tougher than ever, and we are under no illusions about the challenges ahead. But our relationships on Capitol Hill with both Republicans and Democrats, and the relationships that the FCNL network have established, will take on new significance. We encourage all Friends to join us in advocacy. Find out how: fcnl.org/advocacy.

Following a period of announcements and worship, the meeting adjourned until 10:00 AM tomorrow.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 04,
Morning Session

And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. – I Corinthians 2: 1-5

We are favored to have among us two visitors this morning, Sarah Linderson and Bret Gershon. Welcome!

General Queries

General Queries Six and Seven were read, with the summary responses of all three Quarterly Meetings. The proposed Ohio Yearly Meeting Summaries were read and approved as amended.

Sixth Query: Do we live in the life and power which takes away the occasion of all wars? Do we, on Christian principles, refuse to participate in or to cooperate with the military effort? Do we work actively for peace and the removal of the causes of war? Do we endeavor to cultivate good will, mutual understanding, and equal opportunities for all people?

Proposed OYM Response: As followers of Christ Jesus, we consider ourselves Christian pacifists and endeavor to live in the life and power that takes away the occasion of all wars. Most are clear of direct

participation in the war system, although some have been led to join. We do passively participate in the war system through our federal taxes.

Members have encouraged Friends to make a record of their peace convictions and opposition to war. Some are involved in work which seeks to remove the causes of war, and give voice to our beliefs. Some members support the Peace Tax Fund bill, and the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund Bill. Biblical references to war speak mainly to our individual condition with commandments; "Thou shalt not kill," "Turn the other cheek," and the passage in Romans 12:15-21 which concludes with: "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

We have been active in endeavoring to cultivate good will, mutual understanding and equal opportunity for all people through our jobs, through welcoming and building relationships with our neighbors, through rejecting prejudice and anger, and through providing support and material goods for those in need. Personal actions that combat extreme disparity in circumstances and help educate and instill a sense of self-worth are important to this endeavor. Services rendered in our own communities also promote peace. We pray for greater understanding, equal opportunities for all.

Seventh Query: Do we observe simplicity in our manner of living, sincerity in speech, and modesty in apparel? Do we guard against involving ourselves in temporal affairs to the hindrance of spiritual growth? Are we just in our dealings and careful to fulfill our promises? Do we seek to make our Christian faith a part of our daily work?

Proposed OYM Response: We are all concerned for our modesty and simplicity in our manner of living. Inappropriate dress is not an issue for most members. We believe that the way we live reflects and encourages our faith. Sincerity in speech seems to come naturally to many of us so that we are uncomfortable not telling the truth.

Many of us find a frequent challenge in keeping our outward affairs subordinate to our spiritual life, though we recognize that temporal affairs can sometimes be a part of our spiritual growth when approached prayerfully. Some practice discernment, individually and corporately, to identify the causes and projects to which we are truly led by our Inner Guide. We are reminded that we "have not time but this present: and that we are called to be always ready to serve and to meet the Lord." Each moment of the day is an opportunity to seek guidance and to be aware of the spiritual mystery that surrounds us.

Members endeavor to be just in our dealings, and careful to fulfill our promises. We seek to make our Christian faith a part of our daily lives.

We feel that our daily work as Christians includes sharing God's love and good news, in words as well as in deeds. Thus our Christian faith is made evident through the example of how we try to live our lives, following George Fox's directive to, "go cheerfully over the earth answering that of God in everyone…" We pray for discernment and strength to follow His will and are grateful for Christ's faithfulness to us.

Nominating Committee

The report of the Nominating Committee was distributed and read at length. The report was approved as amended. Friends appreciate the work of the committee, and the willingness of the Friends nominated to serve.

Nominating Committee Report

Committees and officers named for 2017 Sessions

ADULT LEADERS for JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING and YOUNG

2019 Shawna Roberts

AGENDA COMMITTEE

2020 Nancy Hawkins, Loisanne Rockwell, Robert Rockwell,

BOOK and CHILDREN'S LITERATURE COMMITTEE

2020 Anne Marie Taber

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CAMP COMMITTEE

2020 Gwen Giffen, Marie Bundy, Johanna Mae Rockwell*

COMMITTEE to COORDINATE and SUPPORT OUTREACH

2020 Nancy Hawkins, John C. Smith*, John Benson

DOCUMENT COMMITTEE

2019 Michael Kinch, Robert Wilber*

FIDUCIARY TRUSTEES

ex officio Walton Home Manager (Jamie Helmick)

2018 Shelley Rockwell, if she is willing

2020 Beverly Shull, Robert Becerra

FINANCING EDUCATIONAL CONCERNS

2019 Beverly Shull*, Janet Hammer

FRIENDS CENTER COMMITTEE

2020 John C. Smith, Susan Smith*, David Male, Denise Troy,

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

2020 Gwen Giffen, Loisanne Rockwell*

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

2020 Timothy Lillie, Evelyn Groves

PEACE and HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

2020 Sylvia Thomas, Gwen Giffin, Shawna Roberts

PRINTING COMMITTEE

ex officio: OYM Recorder - Denise Troy

2020 Eileen Kinch, Michael Kinch

TRAVEL FUND COMMITTEE

2020 Penny Thomas*

TRUSTEES of OHIO YEARLY MEETING PROPERTY

2020 Richard Sidwell

WALTON HOME BOARD

2020 Jean Cooper, Denise Troy, David Casterline

WIDER FELLOWSHIP of CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS

2019 Arthur Berk, Philip Helms, Terry Wallace, Constance

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

2018 Janet Hammer to replace Robert Rothwell

2020 Melissa Hinshaw, David Casterline, Seth Hinshaw, Marie Kirk Hawkins, Kathy Kovalik, Debora Taber

YEARLY MEETING CORRESPONDENT

2018 Anne Marie Taber

YEARLY MEETING RECORDER

Denise Troy

REPRESENTATIVES to FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE on CONSULTATION

2020 Beverly Shull, David Eley

REPRESENTATIVES to WILLIAM PENN HOUSE and FRIENDS COMMITTEE on NATIONAL LEGISLATION

2019 Sylvia Thomas

Epistle Committee

The three Epistles: to Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative), to North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative, and to Friends Everywhere; were read and approved as amended. Friends appreciate the skills and careful efforts of the Epistle Committee in crafting these Epistles.

Epistle to Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative)

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. Psalm 46:4

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative),

Blessings in the name of our Teacher and Guide Christ Jesus.

We were again encouraged by the presence of our dear friend Bob Winchell with us this year. His visits have never failed to deepen the bonds between our Yearly Meetings.

We send you greetings from Barnesville, Ohio, a small, rural town just west of the Ohio River and the Appalachian Mountains. The first Friends moved here from more Eastern states very early in the nineteenth century. Some Friends among us trace their families back almost to those first Quaker settlers, some of us have become Friends very recently, and still others somewhere in between. This year, as usual, we have visitors from an ever wider geographic area, coming from neighboring states, California, and as far as Australia. We come for these annual sessions, drawn together once again through the gentle love of Jesus Christ.

Friends, we were shocked and chagrined to discover recently that for a number of years you have not received in the mail the annual epistles that we have written to you. That lack has been the result of administrative miscommunication and not because of any intention on our part to cease correspondence. We hope you will forgive our apparent but unintentional neglect.

We have heard this week in vocal ministry that God's hand is stretched out still to every living person. We need not be afraid for we know God to be a living and faithful Father who cares for each individual when we let him and even when we don't. One Friend testified that when he began to worry either about his sense of dwindling personal faith or about his meeting dying out, he heard God's voice saying, "Wait a minute! Your faith is the result of God's infinite faithfulness, no matter what. Your

faith is a freely-given gift from God. You do not earn it or create it." We are each given a measure of faith with which we can experience Christ in us, the hope of glory. And with faith in God, we can have hope, even for things not now seen.

As we addressed our business agenda this week, we noted a sense of God's healing, both for individual Friends and for us as a gathered meeting. We revisited a matter of property ownership about which we could not find clearness last year. We still have not found unity, and Friends with differing perspectives have all again suffered disappointment, but we were able this time to speak clearly, briefly, and calmly to each other, to listen deeply and ultimately to wait to be shown God's way forward.

Also in our business sessions we have found comfort and peace in being part of a body that is actively at work in many ways and, to our surprise, even in the gentle rhythm of hearing and accepting our various committee reports. We were glad to hear answers to our General Queries from each of our quarterly meetings, giving us a sense of the Life within each quarter. We were encouraged in our Meeting of Ministry and Oversight by the report from a few of our members who had been sent out in Christ's love to visit a larger Friends' group, and by a report from one of our members who traveled from his home in California to visit each of our monthly meetings and worship groups in ministry of encouragement.

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As we reflect on our experiences at our yearly meeting this year, we note that in spite of all the troubles we see around us, the promise – the

reality – is that God and God's caring love will continue over all. We are encouraged not to be anxious, but to look to God. Live in God's love so fully that your experience of it opens its peace and power to those other people whose paths cross yours.

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Philip W. Helms, Clerk

Epistle to North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative)

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative),

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Philip W. Helms, Clerk

Epistle to Friends Everywhere

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. Psalm 46:4

To Friends Everywhere:

Dear Friends,

We send you greetings from Barnesville, Ohio, a small, rural town just west of the Ohio River and the Appalachian Mountains. The first Friends moved here from more Eastern states very early in the nineteenth century. Some Friends among us trace their families back almost to those first Quaker settlers, some of us have become Friends very recently, and still others somewhere in between. This year, as usual, we have visitors from an ever wider geographic area, coming from neighboring states, California, and as far as Australia. We come for these annual sessions, drawn together once again through the gentle love of Jesus Christ.

We have heard this week in vocal ministry that God's hand is stretched out still to every living person. We need not be afraid for we know God to be a living and faithful Father who cares for each individual when we let him and even when we don't. One Friend testified that when he began to worry either about his sense of dwindling personal faith or about his meeting dying out, he heard God's voice saying, "Wait a minute! Your faith is the result of God's infinite faithfulness, no matter what. Your faith is a freely-given gift from God. You do not earn it or create it." We are each given a measure of faith with which we can experience Christ in us, the hope of glory. And with faith in God, we can have hope, even for things not now seen.

As we have addressed our business agenda this week, we noted a sense of God's healing, both for individual Friends and for us as a gathered meeting. We had revisited a matter of property ownership about which we could not find clearness last year. We still have not found unity, and Friends with differing perspectives have all again suffered disappointment, but we were able this time to speak clearly, briefly, and calmly to each

other, to listen deeply and ultimately to wait to be shown God's way forward.

Also in our business sessions we have found comfort and peace in being part of a body that is actively at work in many ways and, to our surprise, even in the gentle rhythm of hearing and accepting our various committee reports. We were glad to hear answers to our General Queries from each of our quarterly meetings, giving us a sense of the Life within each quarter. We were encouraged in our Meeting of Ministry and Oversight by the report from a few of our members who had been sent out in Christ's love to visit a larger Friends' group, and by a report from one of our members who traveled from his home in California to visit each of our monthly meetings and worship groups in ministry of encouragement.

Our evening sessions and morning sharing series have offered opportunity for intellectual stimulation to serve our spiritual growth. Henry Jason, with expertise in Latin and Greek helped us understand the meanings of a number of key words used in the New Testament and by early Friends. Henry taught us with respect to religious authority, "*Primus est Spiritus Christi*." The Spirit of Christ is primary. Christ's Spirit inspired the writers of the Bible and it is through Christ's inspiration that people can understand it. Henry declared that the purpose of those writings is to point us to that which words cannot express. Jack Smith, working from Carole Spencer's book ***Holiness: The Soul of Quakerism***, helped us to a better understanding of the meaning and role of holiness. Jack noted that the Old Testament teaches us that God is holy. The New Testament calls us to live in Christ's love, allowing God's grace and power to enable our obedience to God's leading us step by step into more complete holiness. As we write this letter to you, we are looking forward to David Eley, who plans to share with us some of his spiritual experiences while visiting Jerusalem last fall.

As we reflect on our experiences at our yearly meeting this year, we note that in spite of all the troubles we see around us, the promise – the reality – is that God and God's caring love will continue over all. We are encouraged not to be anxious, but to look to God. Live in God's love so fully that your experience of it opens its peace and power to those other people whose paths cross yours.

On behalf of Ohio Yearly Meeting,
And in Christ's love,
Philip W. Helms, Clerk

Christian Education Camp

The report of the Christian Education Camp Committee was read and approved. Friends appreciate the work of the committee, counselors and volunteers in presenting this opportunity for the children.

Christian Education Camp Report

"Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." - Psalm 119:105

"Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." was the theme for the 2017 Christian Education camp week held on the campus of Olney Friends School from June 25-28. We had 35 campers of age first through eighth grade, four high school age counselors, and seven adult counselors. Twenty-four of our campers and teen counselors had a Quaker connection. Our getting-to-know-you activity identified nine campers/counselors related to Rockwell's, eight related to Becerra's, and five related to Bundy's.

Following breakfast, the camp day began with T.A.G., Time Alone with God time. Campers look up scripture related to the theme and answer questions about the verse. We then join together for praise singing before dividing into groups for Bible study or craft time. Older campers were led in their Bible lessons by Jean Cooper while the younger campers were led by Lily Rockwell with assistance from Marie Bundy. Johanna Rockwell led craft activities with assistance from Janet Hammer, Marie Bundy, Kathy Kovalick and teen counselors. Crafts made this year were stenciled camp theme T-shirts, illuminated angel jars, decorative candles, Chinese paper lanterns, paper bag luminaries, and glow in the dark jars. Following lunch and rest time, we spent one afternoon hiking around the lake at the Barnesville Park and played water balloon games, whiffle ball and kick ball. The second afternoon we took a hike near campus and had a treasure hunt. We enjoyed Marie's daily "What's it?" game where children tried to identify a plant using plant identification guides. Morning, afternoon, and evening snacks were set up by Kathy Kovalick and Earl Smith. Our first evening was spent with a get to know you game, learned camp rules, and swam at the Barnesville pool. The second evening we were joined in the Locust Grove with members of Stillwater Meeting, local friends and families for a cook out, roasting hot dogs and s'mores and singing. Our third night included an obstacle course, skits, and singing around a campfire on campus. Robert Rockwell and Don Guindon assisted with campfire preparation. Each evening ended with quadrant quiet talks, a time for small group devotions led by counselors.

Olney cooks provided nourishing and delicious meals. Sharing a meal with the Stillwater Meeting community allows them to join in our activities and is a nice time of fellowship. We had a large turnout for that meal and thank Robert and Loisanne Rockwell and Robert Stratton for their help setting up and tearing down. We are appreciative of the many prayers and assistance from Ohio Yearly Meeting members, providing transportation, craft supplies and snacks.

We enjoyed perfect camp weather this year with cool temperatures and no rain. We had a large number of new campers who fit in well with our old campers. Camp is a nice opportunity to make new friends and reconnect with old friends while learning about God. Our high school counselors had all attended as campers for several years before graduating to counselor status.

They are a great help in assisting with pre-camp setup, organizing games, helping with crafts and quadrant quiet talks, and are indispensable in helping camp to run smoothly while gaining leadership skills and acting as positive role models. Our adult counselors take time off from their jobs to volunteer their time and we are most appreciative of their dedication and service. We are especially grateful for assistance from Robert Stratton, Earl Smith, Fred Cooper, Robert Becerra, and Micah Brownstein for an evening activity with the boys. Special thanks to Dennis Rockwell for computer assistance plus taking and printing the camp photo. Thanks also to Robert and Winifred Stratton who helped pack up camp craft supplies and move them back to Stillwater Meeting house once camp concluded.

8/1/2016	Beginning Fund Bal.	$1,986.82
Camp Revenue		
	Bank Interest	4.50
	Yearly Meeting Funding	1,500.00
	Camper fees	3,015.00
	Donations	145.00
Revenue		$4,664.50
Camp Expenses		
	Paid to Olney Friends School for Board and Lodging.	$3,952.00
	Public Pool	$30.00
	Snacks	$41.96
	Crafts	$56.29
	Postage	$39.20

	Copies	$25.55
	Expenses for 2016 Christian Education Camp	$4,145.00
	Net Gain/(Loss)	$ 519.50
	Cash on hand	$ 39.45
	Belmont Savings Account Balance	$2,466.87
7/31/2017	Camp Fund Balance	$2,506.32

On Behalf of Christian Education Camp Committee,
Johanna Rockwell

Book and Children's Literature Committee

The report of the Book and Children's Literature Committee was read and approved. Friends expressed thanks for the continuing efforts and faithfulness of the committee.

Book and Children's Literature Committee Report

This year the Book and Children's Literature Committee ordered eight copies of the New Revised Standard Bible from The Bible Association of Friends in America. We have given two of the Bibles to eight-year-olds in Salem Monthly Meeting. Also, two Bibles were given to residents of The Walton Home, to one the New Revised Standard Bible, to the other a large-print King James Version Bible.

We continue to sell some literature throughout the year.

We met with the Olney School family on 04-19-2017 for Meeting for Worship at which we handed out reading material to Seniors, new Students, and new Faculty and Staff members. To the ten Seniors we gave ***Mind the Heavenly Treasure***, Thoughts for Each Day from the Scriptures and the eight volumes of the Writings of George Fox. The 31 new students received "Welcome to Our Meeting." The eight new Faculty and Staff members were given ***Mind the Heavenly Treasure***, "Welcome to Our Meeting," "Advices and Queries of Ohio Yearly Meeting," and "Living A-Top of the World" by Charles Morlan.

We appreciate the allocation from Ohio Yearly Meeting, and are asking for $25.00 for the coming year. Thank you.

For the committee, Elvina Krekler

Financial Report

Income	
07-31-2016 Balance Forward	$456.89
Allocation from OYM	25.00

Books sold	45.95
Interest on Account	0.18
Total Income	$528.02
Expenses	
Postage to send books and Bibles	18.75
Tract Association (possible book sold)	10.00
Total Expenses	$28.75
07-31-2017 Ending Balance	$499.27

Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends

The report of the Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends was read and approved. Friends appreciate the important work of the committee in extending support to distant and isolated Friends.

Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends Report

Then the King will answer, "I tell you the truth, anything you refused to do for even the least of my people here, you did it not for me." – Matthew 25: 45

This past year three Conservative Friend papers, numbers 48, 49, and 50 have been published and mailed to 205 subscribers in the U.S. and about 20 in foreign countries. A few were sent electronically to 20 or so subscribers. An updated Community Friends Directory was also printed and mailed out this year.

We are very thankful that Philip Helms has experience in publishing and skills to keep our publications in print.

We've heard from several people in Greece. We discussed a possible gathering in Greece and ways of encouraging these people who are interested in membership with Conservative Friends. We hope to link them with Allistair Lomax, an OYM affiliate, who has a Skype meeting that includes other European Friends.

The General Gathering of Conservative Friends will be held on the weekend of Sixth Month 22-24, 2018. We are asking for $250 to help defray expenses for this outreach event.

On behalf of the committee, Nancy Hawkins

Financial Report

Account #1 – The Conservative Friend

Income	
08-01-2016 Balance Forward	$993.22
Allocation from OYM	250.00
Subscriptions and donations	365.00

Interest on account	0.37
Income for Account #1	$1,608.59
Expenses	
Printing TCF, Issues 48, 49, 50	$777.52
Mailing Conservative Friends Community Directory	66.12
Other postage	22.50
Expenses for Account #1	$866.14
Account #1, Income minus Expenses	$742.45
Account #2 - General Gathering	
Starting Balance	$803.32
Income	(NONE)
Expenses	(NONE)
Final Balance, Account #2	$803.32
07-31-2017 Total balance on hand, Account #1 plus Account #2	$1,5445.77

Respectfully submitted, Elvina Krekler, Treasurer, Philip Helms, Asst. Treasurer

Memorial Committee

No report was available from the Memorial Committee at this time.

Following a period of announcements and worship, the meeting adjourned until 2:00 PM.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 04,
Afternoon Session

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. – Colossians 4: 2-6

Ohio Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight

The report of the Ohio Yearly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight was read. Friends noted with interest the breadth and variety of initiatives in which Ministry and Oversight has been involved, and expressed appreciation for the vital work Ministry and Oversight performs.

Ohio Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight Report

Dear Friends,

We gather again in expectant waiting on our precious Lord, that He would guide us through our varied callings, help us listen attentively to the Still Small voice, and receive His need of us this day. May we act when He gives the call and be "streams of the River that make glad the city of God" (Psalm 46:4).

OYM M&O had some good exercising as a body in relation to the proposed summaries of our queries, to the report of a "traveling minute for listening" from our appointees to FCNL annual conference 2016, and to Kim Palmer's report of his "call" to visit Friends meetings within OYM this summer. We were encouraged with what we heard and that Christ's Holy Spirit was present and active among us.

From the Query summaries M&O members continued to experience spiritual joys and challenges in our daily lives and realize that God is in control, and that we needed to allow the inner self to be "alright" with whatever the Lord allows. We experienced times when the law of kindness and good gospel order was lacking and regretted that we did not intervene. We continued to value and learn recognition of the gift of discernment, which like grace comes from the Father and requires us to maintain open minds and hearts. With the passing of two spiritual pillars, Katherine S. Jacobsen and Martha S. Giffin, who left this earthly home for a heavenly one, we asked, "How do we fill their shoes?" Encouragement was given "Where love is, and compassion, there God is with you." Because of our weaknesses we often knew we could do more for our Lord and each other. As we kept to Him, maintaining the assembling of ourselves together in silent expectation and worship of our Lord and Savior, we felt comfort and joy, recognizing spiritual growth was among our OYM members and us.

A report was read from our appointed members, Nancy A. Hawkins, Susan S. Smith, and Sharon A. Helms, who carried a Traveling Minute for the "Ministry of Listening" to the 2016 FCNL annual conference. Eric Ginsburg, clerk of FCNL, endorsed the minute. It expressed appreciation for their open hearts and prepared spirits, for deep

listening, for their being a grounded presence as they discerned their work ahead. As we heard the report from our travelers, members united to submit it along with our report to be printed in this year's minutes. We felt appreciation for their faithfulness and felt they fulfilled the mission.

Friends appreciated hearing Kim's report, which was well received. He shared many thoughts that encouraged and challenged us to keep close and listen to the "Still Small Voice." He challenged us to be faithful when given ministry to speak, that we speak what is given. In so doing the listeners have opportunity to discern the "precious" from the "base."

We owe our treasure in earthen vessels to thee, Lord. May we continue to seek Thy desire, Thy will and Thy approval. May we take up Thy cross and draw others to thee and Thy eternal fruit.

On behalf of Ohio Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight,
Mary Alice Pino and Burton Doudna, clerks

Report to Ohio Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight
Concerning our Presence at FCNL Annual Meeting
10/13-16/2016

A heavy mix of shock, anguish, fear and outrage was the overshadowing voice at the annual FCNL event last fall, as attenders were reeling from the results of the presidential election just two days earlier. We went to two sessions that first day, an afternoon orientation and an evening plenary. The next morning we worshipped with about 20 people in a space identified as Silent Worship. (We regretted that this was the only time worship as we know it was scheduled.) At each of those occasions there was quiet sobbing and occasional loud wailing, as well as a diversity of spoken messages. Many attenders spoke with feeling of their grief, confusion, and loss.

- "Work that I have done is suddenly devalued. My vision for my country is being lost. This pain and sorrow is new for me, but I realize that for some people it has always been present."
- "American Muslims have a lot to fear now."
- Another person mentioned that she was praying and then claimed to be a non-theist, which left us wondering to whom she was praying. Someone else spoke of being a recovering theist.

Remembering the ancient verse of Scripture from Psalm 146:3, "Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings who cannot save," and Paul's words to Timothy, "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Tim 1:7), the three of us were drawn quickly into silent prayer that the hearts of those in distress might be opened to allow the overwhelming Love of God to enter and give them Peace.

During that first evening session several FCNL leaders and other Friends reminded everyone of the annual meeting's theme (Love thy neighbor – no exceptions) and of Fox's witness that the Power of the Lord is over all. Other statements of hope grounded in faith included:

- "If we would teach love in the world, we must first interrupt the pervasive fear, anger, and racial bias – interrupt them all with love – and then go out to teach."
- "Let us look into our souls. What is the source of our power? What allows us to love our neighbor as ourselves?" Answer (from another person) I find that power in John 15: I am the Vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bring forth much fruit, for without me, you can do nothing. Branches. You are my friends if you do whatsoever I command you. If the world hates you, remember that it hated me before it hated you.
- "As Quakers we rarely (explicitly) confess sins, but we do acknowledge the existence of darkness. We also acknowledge the presence of light overshadowing the darkness. FCNL looks at problems and, in considering solutions, tries to know the mind of God. FCNL's articulations of its goals – the document known as the "We Seek's – is a response to darkness, taking on the spirit of power and love."
- Life is beyond what is happening today. Action as directed by God is sustainable.

Diane Randall, the FCNL General Secretary, met with the three of us for more than an hour and a half, staying until an aide came to hasten her to a scheduled session. Our time with her was much more spiritually grounded than we had expected. FCNL is genuinely focused on bringing the concerns of the entire spectrum of Quakers before the legislators in Washington, D.C. As one FCNL lobbyist explained while telling about his work with members of Congress and their staffs: "The FCNL's policy priorities look like the Democratic Party platform. We FCNL lobbyists need to approach Republican legislators with the intention of bridge-building, not policy-changing. We must be mindful of the needs and fear – and hopes! – of everyone involved.

The young people in the FCNL "Advocacy Team" were amazing – dedicated to FCNL's mission and full of energy. There is also a wonderful group of interns on the FCNL staff who spoke at one plenary session about their jobs at FCNL and the events in their lives that brought them there. We were impressed with their abilities to articulate how their religious faith both grew in and supported what they do at FCNL.

The speakers for the second evening session were advocates for social justice from three different Christian organizations. They, too, were articulate about the connection between faith and social justice. Representative comments are:

- The Good News is everybody's Good News.
- This isn't an intellectual conversation. It's a matter of life and death for many people.
- Saying you're sorry is not repentance. Repentance is turning around and going in a different direction.
- *Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* We need to go deep into our faith before working on strategy.
- Having your kids be dependably safe is one aspect of "white privilege." How do you replace white identity with faith identity?

In spite of the ways in which Christian faith was evidenced among the FCNL leadership and the programs outside speakers, our overall impression was of diversity among the attenders, in regard to both faith and practice. During business meetings, the FCNL clerk (who is a member of North Carolina Conservative YM) used many phrases with which we are familiar and attempted to use our business practices, but on several occasions attenders shouted their preferences about a minute over the shouts of others. Comments were controlled more by who was given the microphone than by would-be speakers' own restraint or the collective weight of a gathered meeting.

Our Minute of Introduction from the Yearly meeting for M&O was read aloud toward the end of the first evening session. At the rise of that session many attenders stopped to offer us welcome, support, and thanks for coming. Although expressions of gratitude for our presence continued in the following days, the specifics of our purpose there were mysterious to the other attenders and even to us. We knew we were not there to plan FCNL policy but that we had been sent to be a prayerful, listening presence. We did not feel qualified for the task, except in our shared certainty that we were to be attentive and obedient to our Holy Guide moment by moment. On several occasions when we did not feel called to be present at the scheduled sessions, we met together privately a

number of times, individually or together, with one or several other attenders. There were numerous opportunities to guide, to encourage, or to comfort some Friend, especially toward an increase in their trust in God. The Holy Spirit was truly with us all of our time together.

Nancy A. Hawkins, Sharon Helms, Susan S. Smith

Committee to Coordinate and Support Outreach

The report of the Committee to Coordinate and Support Outreach was read and approved. Friends appreciate the diligence of the committee and their careful stewardship of the website.

Committee to Coordinate and Support Outreach Report

Conservative Friends in England continue to meet together in two locations. Midland Friends meet weekly; online Attenders are involved from various places in Europe plus in other areas. There also continues a meeting in the London area. They have stopped meeting at Bunhill Meetinghouse and are now using the meetinghouse at Walthanstow, meeting twice a month. They have begun to provide a meal for the homeless once a month. They have found this to increase their visibility to others. The two groups in England have joint gatherings once or twice a year. The next one is planned to be held in Cambridge this month. The London area group is developing a new website and preparing literature for distribution.

We have given consideration in recent months to the yearly meeting website with plans to update both the mechanics of it as well as the content. We have named a subcommittee to make the website more mobile phone friendly. They have also been asked to have the website hosted by a more secure link. There are also other technical matters that they are asked to give attention to.

We also have other Friends named for the purpose of upgrading the content of the website. Some of these changes can already be seen on the website. Also there are plans to change the pictures used. We are considering using video based presentations to explain our faith and allow Friends to share by this means their experiences as Conservative Friends. There are other new developments which these Friends plan to prepare for use on the website.

Finances

Starting Balance 07-01-2016	$2,641.08
One expense – website	-129.35
Ending Balance 06-30-2017	$2,511.73

Epistle from Ralph Greene

The Epistle from Ralph Greene was read. Friends instructed the clerk to reply to this letter, assuring Greene that we take no offense, are glad his group finds the Discipline useful, and the Lord's blessing. In addition, we will request a copy of their Discipline, including the date of the OYM Discipline which served as template.

Dear Friend,

I am a Friends minister recorded in New England Yearly Meeting. I hold my membership with China (Maine) Monthly Meeting of Friends. In the past few years I have been working and living in the downeast Maine. One aspect of ministry here is to reach out to the young adults who live in the region. It is known that this is an area where there is a great deal of poverty as well as a decline of religious life and institutions. (A recent study has indicated that Maine and Vermont might be considered the least 'religious' states in the United States.)

We have a Quaker worship group (known as the Winkenpaugh Friends Fellowship) which has established a relationship with the China Meeting. Two members of the group attended Olney Friends School and two graduated from The Meeting School in New Hampshire. One of the things we have tried to do is to explore the book of discipline of Friends and we settled on the Discipline of the Ohio Yearly Meeting which was written in the latter part of the last century. The feeling was that this Discipline expresses well foundational elements in Quaker practice and belief. It was helpful to use the Ohio Discipline as a 'template' in an attempt to create a 'discipline' which would speak to our condition. (In the work we identified the material from the Ohio Discipline in highlighted script and what we felt would be our contribution in light script.) In all, this has proved to be a meaningful and useful exercise.

I just wanted to contact Ohio Yearly Meeting Friends about our efforts as we want to be sensitive regarding the use of your material in this work. We certainly do not wish to violate any copyright issues and have stated clearly in our introduction regarding the genesis of the material as coming out of the work and experience of Ohio Yearly Meeting. There is no intention to obtain monetary compensation for the work we have done in this study project.

Please let me know if there might be any objection or concerns regarding our efforts. What has been accomplished in using the Ohio Discipline has proven to be most helpful to us.

In peace, your friend in Christ,

Friends Center Committee

The report of the Friends Center Committee was read and approved. Friends appreciated the creativity, faithfulness, and outreach of the committee in planning and carrying out the Friends Center programs, despite obstacles and impediments. The new Friends Center brochure is now available.

Friends Center Committee Report

A visit to Ohio Yearly Meeting is often a profound experience. First impressions of aging Friends in aging facilities sooner or later give way to a deeper perception of a timeless vitality, a vitality which these Friends know to be the eternal Life of the inward Christ. Visitors sense an energy in the stillness of these folks in this place that fires the spiritual imagination to wonder, "What was it like, back then, what could it be, what could I be, what could we be if we truly immersed ourselves in that Life."

For many of the people who come to OYM, the experience is fleeting, as they soon return to a place that seems ever so far away, geographically, spiritually and temporally from that Life of the Spirit, as if it were a different world. The encouragement we would give them is that wherever each of us goes, the Life goes with us, as it always has, though more consciously now, sometimes comfortingly, sometimes pleadingly, reminding us that there is a deeper place, a richer life, out there somewhere, or, perhaps, even right here and now.

The Friends Center Committee is feeling called to ensure that this experience of Christ's Life continues to be available to whoever might partake of it, wherever and whenever and however that might be. Increasingly, our committee has felt to consider for ourselves a broader role in sustaining and articulating this Life both within Ohio Yearly Meeting and beyond. We feel strongly that the responsibility to nurture and make available in our time a Quaker faith that is both Christian and unprogrammed is becoming the primary religious mission of Ohio Yearly Meeting. It seems that as we are all faithful to that responsibility, we will be blessed with a stronger yearly meeting with greater unity among its members and more vital witness in all its service endeavors.

Of the four weekend retreats we planned for the past year, the first was cancelled due to insufficient registration. We suspect the early 10th month time slot, rather than a lack of interest in the subject of spiritual journaling, was the culprit. Our plans for the second weekend were disrupted by the sudden unavailability of our caterer and a serious injury

to co-facilitator Katharine Jacobsen as she and Ken were en route to Barnesville. The Lord soon provided that Kathy Kovalick provide the meals and Diane Reynolds coordinate the activities for what proved to be a rich exploration of Jesus' query, "Who do you say that I AM?" Our spring weekend on ministry focused this year on faithfulness in a secular world and was ably led by Marge Abbot and Honor Woodrow. Finally, at a weekend entitled "Moving Beyond 'It's all Greek to Me!' ", Henry Jason expanded his topic from yearly meeting in 2015 to help Friends Center attenders explore how New Testament writers and early Friends used words to bring us closer to what words cannot express.

This past year we have been broken and renewed as we continued to embrace the challenges and opportunities presented to us by the Eternal Life of the Spirit. We have sometimes wondered how we would continue, and then we were joyfully reassured that we can and must. So for the coming year we are offering two weekend retreats. In 11th month we plan to consider the two Great Commandments of our Lord (Love God with all your heart…and your neighbor as yourself.), using an open format similar to that which enabled the Inward Teacher to guide us so effectively last fall in answering, "Who do you say that I Am?" Then, in 3rd month, our ongoing series on the subject of vocal ministry will focus primarily on the role of elders in supporting spiritual growth.

We are glad that these weekend gatherings attract attenders from both within and beyond Ohio Yearly Meeting. We continue to consider in what other ways we might be led to offer guidance and support within our yearly meeting membership to strengthen and enable our collective understanding and pursuit of God's calling upon us as a spiritual community. We had hoped that with the Lord's guidance Katharine Jacobsen might organize a development effort toward expanding our facilities. That project now awaits further discernment. We remain grateful for all that God has blessed us with, eager to serve the vision of the Friends Center however we are able.

John Benson, Burton Doudna, Kenneth Jacobsen, David Male, Diane Reynolds, Robert Rockwell, Richard Simon, Jack Smith, Susan Smith, Fran Taber, Denise Troy

Financial Report

Fiscal Year 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2017

Beginning Cash Balance June 30, 2016		**$ 3,950.67**
Income		
Donations	$ 1,410.00	

Donations-Use of Morlan	$	2,006.00	
Events	$	4,204.50	
Miscellaneous		-	
Interest	$	0.24	
OYM Appropriation		-	
Total Income	**$**	**7,620.74**	
Expenses			
Event Food & Supplies	$	1,362.49	
Speaker Expenses	$	1,484.67	
Promotion	$	273.75	
Facility Improvements	$	492.86	*
Maintenance Supplies & Cleaning	$	671.36	
Utilities	$	1,810.50	
Administrative		-	
Miscellaneous		-	
	$	**6,095.63**	
Cash Balance June 30, 2017			**$ 5,475.78**
For a net gain of			$1,525.11
***Facility Improvements**			
Porch	$	330.95	
Stair Handrails	$	161.91	
	$	492.86	

Epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting

An excerpt from the Epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting was read.

To All Friends:

We continue to rejoice in the work God is doing in Indiana Yearly Meeting. We come together with a sense of unity and common understanding in who we are in Christ as we worship, fellowship, and do business together.

Post reconfiguration, the Faith and Practice Committee continues to review Faith and Practice to streamline and work to make it more representative and responsive to the improved culture of Indiana Yearly Meeting. While some changes gained final approval and others had their initial reading during our business sessions, the changes evoked good discussion regarding the future of Quarterly Meetings and committee appointments, the use of Coordinating Committees, tenure of office for appointments, and the recording of new ministers of the Gospel.

Joel Nofziger joined the body as a visitor this afternoon. Welcome!

General Queries

General Queries eight and nine were read, with the summary responses from all three Quarterly Meetings. The proposed Ohio Yearly Meeting summaries were approved as amended.

Eighth Query: Are we careful to use the affirmation rather than the oath? Do we avoid gambling and speculation based on the principles of chance?

Proposed OYM Response: Friends are careful to use the affirmation when the occasion arises. However, some electronic and governmental forms use "under penalty of perjury" or similar language, and Friends are reminded to consider alternatives. We have not generally had the opportunity to share testimony against using oaths.

For the most part we do not speculate or gamble in money dealings, and are troubled with local groups and churches using lotteries and raffles for raising money. Some of us have declined tax refunds and other benefits funded by gambling.

Putting one's trust in God may involve much effort and even worldly suffering, but the payoff, eternity with Him, is sure.

Ninth Query: Are we sensitive to the problems of family living? Do we offer counseling to couples both before and after marriage? How are we helping individuals, married couples and family units to strengthen and enrich their lives?

Proposed OYM Response: We know families will encounter problems and are sensitive to them, such as health issues, balancing social activities with family and spiritual life. Some offer counsel, when opportunity and need coincide. Others are reluctant to interfere, knowing some have difficulty sharing their problems.

Most meetings have had no recent marriages. We have met with couples before marriage and tried to help determine their suitability and to offer assistance. We counsel informally with friends and adult children regarding marriage. One hindrance in follow-up before and after marriage is that many member marriages now take place at a distance.

While some of us are concerned that we may not be able to offer the counseling needed or desired by those experiencing difficulties, others have found that small acts of help and conversations in which we rely on

the guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit have helped individuals, married couples and families who are facing challenges. Many find prayer our main asset, and are amazed when God's will shines through when we allow the workings of His Spirit.

Administrative Queries

The Administrative Queries were read, with the summary responses from all three Quarterly Meetings. The proposed Ohio Yearly Meeting summaries were approved as amended.

First Administrative Query: What new meetings have been established? Have any meetings been discontinued?

Proposed OYM Response: No new meetings have been established. Seekers Haven Worship Group is presently under the care of Salem Monthly Meeting. Winona Monthly Meeting was laid down Sixth Month 26th Day, 2017. Highland Worship Group has been discontinued. Short Creek Monthly Meeting is in the process of being laid down.

Second Administrative Query: Are schools encouraged for the education of our youth under the instruction of teachers in sympathy with us? Do parents take an active interest in the administration and quality of teaching of the schools which their children attend? Do they send their children of High School age to Friends' schools whenever possible? Is each Meeting making effective efforts to aid parents in the suitable religious instruction of their children?

Proposed OYM Response: Most meetings have no children but remain interested in the education of grandchildren. Some meetings have resident, non-resident, and affiliate children of school age. Most are attending public school, and we are interested in their quality of education. We support parents in providing suitable religious education to complement the more secular education of their children. One meeting had two students attending Olney Friends School, one of whom graduated in Fifth Month, 2017, and has two other members attending Quaker affiliated schools. We are providing first day school. Most of these children and some grand- and great-grand-children attend Christian Education Camp in the summer.

Third Administrative Query: Have the General Queries been read and deliberately pondered and answered in all our meetings? Have the Advices been regularly read? Is the best possible time chosen for their reading, suitable for deliberate consideration of them by all Friends and attenders for their individual, spiritual refreshment?

Proposed OYM Response: The General Queries are read, pondered and answered at all monthly meetings. One meeting has small groups present answers at the business meeting for approval. Advices are read regularly at meetings for worship for consideration by all Friends and attenders for their individual, spiritual refreshment.

Fourth Administrative Query: Are former minute books, all interment charts and all records of similar importance, stored in a suitable fireproof safe or vault?

Proposed OYM Response: Most older Minute Books, burial records and records of similar importance are stored in vaults at Olney or at Salem Monthly Meeting. Current minutes are stored in electronic and/or paper versions at meetinghouses or in clerks' homes, in safe places. Not all are fireproof. Some meetings provide for backup storage, digitally or with another Friend. Burial records are sometimes kept by a graveyard recorder. Some meetings also have framed burial charts on the wall in their meeting house or other secure locations.

Fifth Administrative Query: Are our meetings for business regularly held; fully, and promptly attended? Are they conducted in a loving and solemn concern to make concerted effort toward unity of spirit?

Proposed OYM Response: Monthly Meetings report holding meetings for business regularly and these meetings are well and promptly attended in a loving and solemn concern toward unity of spirit.

Excerpt from the Epistle from Cleveland Monthly Meeting

An excerpt from the Epistle from Cleveland Monthly Meeting was read. Friends instructed the clerk to send a brief acknowledgement of receipt of this epistle and a copy of our epistle to Friends Everywhere.

As a Christian community, the Cleveland Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) are led by our witness of God to love all of our neighbors. We know through the practice of our faith that we are required by God to love everyone. All persons are equally worthy of love, respect and justice, and this includes those with whom we do not agree.

Political rhetoric has sown divisiveness, fear and distrust, some of this directed at those of the Muslim faith, the Black community, immigrants and refugees, women, the LGBTQ community and many others among us. We also know that many have been left behind including the unemployed, the under-employed, and abandoned veterans. We are all equally loved by our Creator. Hatred and division never lead to a just

society and must be rejected. We are all neighbors united by our common humanity. We are called upon to love each other. No exceptions.

Cleveland Friends Meeting is led by the Divine Spirit to open our doors and provide a welcoming space for all in our community including those who are oppressed and persecuted.

Tom Nowel, Clerk

Following a period of announcements and worship, the meeting adjourned until 10:00 AM tomorrow.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 05, Morning Session

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. – Matthew 10: 16-20

Olney Hostess Fund and Monteverde Friends School

The contributions for the Olney Hostess Fund and Monteverde Friends School totals are: Olney Hostess Fund $160.00 (Salem Quarter - $90.00; Stillwater Quarter - $70.00)

Monteverde Friends School $200.00 (Salem Quarter - $90.00; Stillwater Quarter - $110.00)

Special thanks for these contributions to the two worthy causes.

Excerpt from an Epistle from Monteverde Friends U.S., Inc.

An excerpt from an epistle from Monteverde Friends U.S., Inc. was read. This organization receives contributions within the U.S. The letter reflects the 2016 OYM contributions.

Thank you for your total donation of $300.00 to Monteverde Friends U.S. Inc. As you requested, these funds will go directly into a general fund that supports academic projects for students connected to the Monteverde Friends School. Your financial contribution is crucial and much appreciated.

We are a not-for-profit corporation established to make grants for social, cultural, educational and other charitable purposes to not-for-profit organizations located in the Monteverde area, Costa Rica, and other communities throughout the world.

Eliza Beardslee, Treasurer

Arthur Berk Computer Fund

David Casterline reported that Friends contributions to the Arthur Berk Computer Fund total $346.00. Friends' generosity is appreciated. These funds will be used for a new or refurbished computer and powerline modem, and if funds remain, to pay for internet services for a time. Special thanks to Dave for his expertise and willingness to continue assisting Arthur and the rest of Ohio Yearly Meeting to stay in contact in this manner, as he has done for many years.

Junior Yearly Meeting and Young Friends

The combined report of Junior Yearly Meeting and Young Friends, including reports by children and youth participants, was read and approved. Friends appreciated the report and the creativity, energy, determination, and whimsy of the adult leaders as well as the young participants. Special thanks to these young people for attending, thereby making this program and our joy possible.

Junior Yearly Meeting and Young Friends Report

This year, we were blessed to have 11 young people attending, ranging from seven to 16.

We explored the theme of "Creation" through the Bible and the material world. We learned dances from Bolivia, Serbia, Armenia, Bulgaria and Israel. We went on a bird walk led by Brad Jackson, and created bird feeders.

From the Bible, we read Genesis Chapter 1, John Chapter 1, and several of King David's Creation Psalms (8, 104, 139, 65). We enjoyed discussing the ideas in the texts. Our discussion ranged from dark matter, through fertilizer, to ideas about death and about God's love. In addition to the Bible, we read and discussed George Fox's passage about the creation. We wrote our own psalms, and had the opportunity to create some beautiful art with calligraphy and paper.

It is always a blessing to work with the young people of the yearly meeting. We invite you to consider if you feel led to be a part of this opportunity for joy.

For the committee, Shawna Roberts, Sylvia Thomas, David Male

Financial Report

Starting Balance	$7.84
Deposit	$50.00
Expenses	$20.00
Current Balance	$37.84

Participants' Reports

August 2nd 2017

AM

We read Psalm 8

We had folk dancing and learned three dances

We discussed creation

We talked about plans for Saturday's program

We read Genesis

PM

We read Psalm 104 and discussed George Fox's words about the "new creation." We then made bird feeders to be "stewards of creation" and hung them in the crab apple tree, where we took note of and admired the large hornet's nest nearby. Sylvia taught us how to do watercolor calligraphy, and we each made our own, or several of our own. We finished with a snack and discussed our presentation for Saturday.

August 3, 2017

AM

This morning, we all met in the parking lot in front of Olney with Brad Jackson and Thomas Roberts. We walked through the woods and down the lane. We identified around 10 or 15 birds and trees and plants. We saw an indigo bunting, a raccoon home, a red-winged blackbird, and a walnut tree, and shagbark hickory. Then we came back to the dorm and made jello.

PM

We read Psalm 139 and then we made personal Psalms and then we read them out loud. We also wrote them out on a page for a book and then we ate our jello.

Aug. 4

AM

We talked about divine love, and meeting etiquette. We read John 1. Experiences in meeting. We danced. And discussed what we are going to do for the Saturday presentation.

PM

Psalm 65 We also finished our psalms and the mobile and origami and planned for onstage performance.

Audit and Budget Committee

The proposed 2018 Budget was read and approved. Dennis Rockwell has agreed to serve as Treasurer for the next year and Marie Bundy has agreed to serve as Assistant Treasurer. Friends expressed appreciation of the care, experience and skill of the committee members. Particular thanks to Dennis and Marie for their willingness to continue to serve as Treasurer and Assistant.

	2018 Budget	
Revenue	**2017 Actual**	**2018 Budget**
Book Sales$	203.00	
Monthly Meeting		
Donations	$ 30,020.00	
Other Donations	2,200.00	
	$ 32,423.00	
Disbursements		
Agenda Committee	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00
Books and Children's		
Literature	25.00	25.00
Christian Education Camp	1,500.00	1,500.00
Clerk's Expenses	200.00	200.00
Copy Machine Supplies	200.00	200.00
Correspondent's Expense	150.00	150.00
FCNL	500.00	500.00
Friends Center	1,500.20	1,500.00
Friends Disaster Service	500.00	500.00
FWCC		
		500.00
	500.00	
Historical Committee	25.00	
	25.00	
Hominy Center	100.00	
	100.00	
Insurance	3,333.34	
	3,700.00	
Junior Yearly Meeting	50.00	
	50.00	

Outreach Committee	25.00	
	25.00	
OYM Property Trustees	1,000.00	
	1,500.00	
Printing	836.48	
	1,000.00	
RSWR	500.00	
	500.00	
Travel Fund	2,000.00	
	2,775.00	
Supplemental Travel Approp.	1,917.87	
Walton Home	10,000.00	
	10,000.00	
Water	127.25	
	150.00	
WFCF	250.00	
	250.00	
Total Disbursements	$ 26,267.82	$ 26,250.00
Revenue over Disbursements	$ 6,155.18	

Notes:

1. Property Trustees are authorized to draw up to $1,500 from the Chester E Hartley Maintenance Fund for further painting on the yearly meeting house. This rescinds the $6,000 that was previously authorized.
2. The Historical Committee still is authorized to draw $2,500 for painting needs.
3. It is recommended that the Property Trustees forward the $10,893.23, that was raised over the past year, to Stillwater Monthly Meeting. This leaves a balance of $1,963 owed to Stillwater, for brick work done in 2016.
4. The checking account balance, as reported, is less than our bank account shows. Over the next year, Dennis Rockwell is going to work to reconcile this difference. He will consult with Penny Thomas, who has considerable experience with bank reconciliation.

OYM General Fund	$ 9,719.92
Property Trustees	$ 13,119.55
Checkbook Balance	$ 22,839.47

For the Audit and Budget Committee, Burton Doudna

Quarterly Meeting Representatives

The report of Quarterly Meeting Representatives was read. They recommend that Philip Helms and Robert Wilber continue as Clerks for an additional year. Friends approved this recommendation and expressed their thanks for their willingness to serve.

Report of Quarterly Meeting Representatives

Quarterly Meeting Representatives met Third Day evening to consider a name for clerk for the coming year. We were in unity with the name brought forward of Phil Helms for clerk and Robert Wilber for assistant clerk.

We would like to express our appreciation for their willingness to continue for another year and for all the time and work that is given for this service to Ohio Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the committee, Burton Doudna, Convenor

Victor G. Peacock Age 87 08-04-2017

This is to announce that Victor passed from this world to his heavenly home on Sixth Day afternoon, shortly after Bob and Winnie with son Victor and sister Wauneta and husband Doug had left. We knew that the time was short and knew God's blessings in getting to be with Vic and Anna for that short time. We ask for your prayers for Anna and their families.

We have no burial information at this time.

Concluding Minute

During these days, which have passed so very swiftly, we created beings have sought to find and understand the mind of the Creator. We have worked to bring our own wills into harmony with His, and to set aside our own ruminations to listen for the words of our Guide. We have examined our lives through the Queries. We have heard the reports of our various education and outreach efforts, including the Walton Home, *The Conservative Friend*, and the projects and programs of our committees, reaching out to Friends, the community, and to distant and isolated F/friends. In each area of our endeavors, we have listened to our Inner Guide, Christ Jesus, who has come to teach his people himself. We have found small differences among us, as we each hear and interpret the messages we receive, but we continue to go forward with love and in support of the gifts and callings with which we have been favored,

individually and collectively. We have been richly blessed by our evening programs, morning gatherings and our cherished visitors.

Our education and outreach efforts bring to mind the parable of the Sower and the Soils, found in Matthew 13: 3-8: "*Behold, a sower went forth to sow; and when he sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside, and the fowls came and devoured them up: Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold*." So it has been and continues with our education and outreach. Not every seed we sow produces a great harvest. Despite our best efforts, some still resist their day of visitation. But as we persist in faith, and carry on the work before us, the harvest the Lord has planned will take place. We are united one with another in our work and through the power and love of the Lord over all.

We now conclude, purposing to meet again on Seventh Month 31, 2018.

Committees and officers as of 2017 Yearly Meeting

(Years indicate expiration of term, asterisk* indicates clerk or convener)

ADULT LEADERS for JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING and YOUNG FRIENDS

2018 Sylvia Thomas

2019 Shawna Roberts

AGENDA COMMITTEE

ex officio: Philip Helms, OYM Clerk *ex officio:* Sharon Helms* Registrar

Assistants Constance Bair-Thompson, Bridget Casterline

2018 Sharon Helms*

2019 Arthur Berk

2020 Nancy Hawkins, Loisanne Rockwell, Robert Rockwell, Terry Wallace, Earl Smith

AUDIT and BUDGET COMMITTEE (serving until the end of the session in that year)

2017 Burton Doudna, Charles C. Thomas, Jr.

2018 David Eley, John C. Smith

BOOK and CHILDREN'S LITERATURE COMMITTEE

2018 Elvina Krekler*, Henry Jason

2019 Nancy Hawkins

2020 Anne Marie Taber

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CAMP COMMITTEE

2018 Lily Rockwell, Loisanne Rockwell, Kathy Kovalick

2019 Earl Smith

2020 Gwen Giffen, Marie Bundy, Johanna Mae Rockwell*

COMMITTEE to COORDINATE and SUPPORT OUTREACH

2018 Henry Jason, Larry Muller, Kim Palmer, Raye Hodgson

2019 Conrad Lindes, Constance Bair-Thompson, Arthur Berk, Lily Rockwell, Allistair Lomax

2020 Nancy Hawkins, John C. Smith*, John Benson

DOCUMENT COMMITTEE

2018 Arthur Berk, Earl Smith

2019 Michael Kinch, Robert Wilber*

EPISTLE COMMITTEE

2017 Bernard Naylor, Charles C. Thomas, Jr., Susan Smith, Constance Bair-Thompson

FIDUCIARY TRUSTEES

ex officio Walton Home Manager (Jamie Helmick)

2018 David Warrington*, Shelley Rockwell

2019 Carey Newlin

2020 Beverly Shull, Robert Becerra

FINANCING EDUCATIONAL CONCERNS

2018 Rebecca Hawkins, Debora Taber

2019 Beverly Shull*, Janet Hammer

FRIENDS CENTER COMMITTEE

2018 Robert Rockwell, John Benson, Frances Taber

2019 Burton Doudna, Diane Reynolds, Kenneth Jacobsen, Richard Simon

2020 John C. Smith, Susan Smith*, David Male, Denise Troy, Constance Bair-Thompson

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

2018 Seth Hinshaw, Bernard Naylor

2019 Earl Smith, Marie Bundy, Mary Alice Pino, Verna Cope

2020 Gwen Giffen, Loisanne Rockwell*

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

2018 Marie Bundy, Bernard Naylor, Seth Hinshaw*, Lois Edgerton

2020 Tim Lillie, Evelyn Groves

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2018 Bridget Casterline, David Eley, Janet Hammer, Rebecca Hawkins, Sara Kirk, Earl Smith, John C. Smith

2019 Kimberly Newlin, Marie Kirk Hawkins, Kathy Kovalick, Loisanne Rockwell, Janet Hammer, Michael Kinch, Charles, C. Thomas, Jr.

PEACE and HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

2018 Richard Simon, Verna Cope, Mary Alice Pino, Richard Wetzel

2019 Bernard Naylor, Lois Edgerton, Earl Smith

2020 Sylvia Thomas, Gwen Giffin, Shawna Roberts

PRINTING COMMITTEE

ex officio: OYM Clerk - Philip Helms

ex officio: OYM Recorder - Denise Troy

ex officio: OYM Nominating Committee Clerk

2018 Earl Smith

2020 Eileen Kinch, Michael Kinch

TRAVEL FUND COMMITTEE

2018 David Eley

2019 Janet Hammer, Dennis Rockwell

2020 Penny Thomas*

TRUSTEES of OHIO YEARLY MEETING PROPERTY

2018 Robert Rockwell*, Kevin Roberts

2019 Carl Smith, Mary Alice Pino

2020 Richard Sidwell

WALTON HOME BOARD

2018 Beverly Shull, Leonard Guindon, Robert Rockwell, Marie Bundy, Andy Woods (community)

2019 Dennis Rockwell*

2020 Jean Cooper, Denise Troy, David Casterline

WIDER FELLOWSHIP of CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS

ex officio: Sharon Helms Registrar

2018 John C. Smith, Elvina Krekler, Nancy Hawkins*, Michael Kinch, Sharon Helms

2019 Arthur Berk, Philip Helms, Terry Wallace, Constance Bair-Thompson

CUSTODIANS OF RECORDS

Appointed 2009 - Seth Hinshaw

Appointed 2010 - Beverly Kirk Shull, Kimberly Newlin

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

ex officio: Clerk of OYM - Philip Helms

2018 Burton Doudna, Nancy Hawkins, Rose Sidwell, Janet Hammer, Mary Alice Pino, Elvina Krekler, Bridget Casterline

2019 Philip Helms, Sharon Helms, Michael Kinch, Charles C. Thomas, Jr., Kimberly Newlin, Conrad Lindes, Loisanne Rockwell

2020 Melissa Hinshaw, David Casterline, Seth Hinshaw, Marie Kirk Hawkins, Kathy Kovalik, Debora Taber

TREASURER of OHIO YEARLY MEETING

2018 Dennis Rockwell, Assistant Marie Bundy

YEARLY MEETING RECORDER

2018 Denise Troy, Assistant Michael Kinch

YEARLY MEETING CORRESPONDENT

Anne Marie Taber

REPRESENTATIVES to FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE on CONSULTATION

2019 Rebecca Hawkins

2020 Beverly Shull, David Eley

REPRESENTATIVES to WILLIAM PENN HOUSE and FRIENDS COMMITTEE on NATIONAL LEGISLATION

2018 Earl Smith

2019 Sylvia Thomas

YEARLY MEETING CLERK

2018 Philip Helms, Reading Clerk Robert Wilber

At a Regular Session of the Representative Meeting of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends (Conservative) held at Chestnut Ridge Monthly Meeting on 11-19-2016

The regular meeting opened with a period of silent, waiting worship and the reading of Luke 9: 1-6.

We are favored to have 13 members and eight visitors with us today. These members represent nine Monthly Meetings, all three quarterly meetings. Under the Discipline, we have sufficient representation to conduct business.

- Phil Helms is serving as Clerk for this meeting as a new Clerk had not yet been appointed at the close of our last meeting.
- The Representative Meeting Nominating Committee reported that Seth Hinshaw has agreed to serve as Clerk. We also want to express appreciation to Phil Helms for his years of service in this position. Friends expressed appreciation of Seth's willingness and approved the nomination. Elvina Krekler will continue as Reading Clerk. The Nominating Committee is released from this duty with our thanks.
- Friends considered a concern raised by Penny Thomas regarding a perceived failure to approve Friends from Rockingham Quarterly Meeting named to the Ohio Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee during Ohio Yearly Meeting 2016. After discussion, Friends concluded that these Friends were properly appointed by their Monthly Meetings and their Quarterly Meeting, and did not require further approval by Ohio Yearly Meeting or Representative Meeting. The Friends in question are Bridget Casterline, David Eley and John C. Smith. Friends are encouraged to add these names to the Nominating Committee listing in the 2016 Minute Book. Members of the Ohio Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee do not require approval by Ohio Yearly Meeting; the names are submitted informationally.
- Conrad Lindes reported that the 2016 Minute Book has been printed and is in the mail to Monthly Meeting Clerks. He notes that the committee has been helpful this year, making it possible to get the Minute Book out earlier. Friends expressed appreciation and thanks.
- Sylvia Thomas reported on behalf of the Peace and Human Relations Committee. They will be sending a letter to Monthly Meeting Clerks, offering to meet with Monthly Meetings and

share and consider concerns. We can expect such a letter in the near future.

- Richard Simon reported on the Walton Retirement Home. Jamie and the Board are working to clarify questions regarding endowments, as to restrictions or lack of restrictions. There are currently six vacant rooms, despite the existence of a wait list. This has a negative impact on cash flow. The South Wing Annex was closed in anticipation of the expansion project. The South Wing Annex has been reopened, with three remodeled two-room suites, one of which is now occupied. The Ward Building is fully occupied. The Cooper Cottage is currently empty, but under negotiations for near-future occupancy. Jamie has made tough decisions to reduce operating expenses, including reducing hours for some employees.
- Friends approved appointment of Dennis Rockwell to the Walton Retirement Home Board for a three-year term. We appreciate Denny's willingness to serve and thank him for his past service on the Board.
- Marie Bundy reported on the Plummer House Project. New windows are in place and new siding and insulation are in progress. Rich and Mary Sidwell have donated a riding mower. The upstairs hallway has been repainted and is no longer "Pepto Bismol® pink." Electrical upgrades including rewiring of the ranges, and light fixtures are being accomplished. The house is open for inspection today. Friends express appreciation for the heroic efforts of the committee and for this report.
- Nancy Hawkins, Susan Smith and Sharon Helms attended the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) Annual Meeting last week, as assigned by the Ohio Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight in a ministry of listening. Nancy and Sharon are present among us today. They do not wish to give a formal report until Ohio Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight. They report that many Friends attending FCNL were in deep grief and pain, and felt the Ohio Yearly Meeting Friends were there to pray for them. We appreciate the faithfulness and commitment of this delegation.
- Richard Simon reported on Fran Taber, who has suffered a second stroke. It has not been completely debilitating, but has had some after effects. There is some impairment, but it is hoped therapy will improve her condition. Debora and Anne Marie have been

integrally involved in her care. Richard spoke of caregiving (and receiving) as a spiritual journey. (Matthew 25: 33-40)

- Debora Taber reported on Martha Giffen. Martha is increasingly weak and unable to get out of bed. Martha remains very much herself, clear and interested. She understands she is dying, and is "ready to go." She is still eating, drinking and receiving visitors.
- Loisanne Rockwell, Debora Taber and Richard Simon reported on Katharine Jacobsen. Katharine is now at Emerald Pointe. She is very weak, and with the Parkinson's, she has great difficulty swallowing. Therapy at Emerald Pointe will focus on breathing and swallowing. Katharine has a broken hip complicating matters. Ken needs our prayers, too.
- Penny Thomas reported by email that Kathleen, daughter-in-law to Penny and Chip, was in a car accident and has a badly broken foot. She will be undergoing surgery on 11-22-2016, and Penny and Chip will be helping with the children during her incapacity. In addition, Penny's father has bladder cancer, which has spread to his lymph nodes. The doctors say he may have six months to live. Friends are urged to hold the entire family in prayer.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with a period of silent, waiting worship. Next meeting will be held in Salem Meetinghouse on 04-15-2017 at 1:00 PM, if so permitted.

Philip W. Helms
Elvina Krekler, Clerks

Representative Meeting 4/15/2017

At a regular session of the Representative Meeting held at Salem, Fourth Month 15, 2017.

For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh. – Luke 6:43-45

We are glad to have 16 Friends appointed to this body with us today. We also have Bob Rockwell and Henry Jason joining us.

Chip Thomas reported on the public meetings planned in Pennsylvania on Sixth Month 2 and 3. These Meetings are an outgrowth of a concern by David Eley. Keystone Fellowship and Marlborough

Monthly Meetings are currently undertaking publicity for the event. Phil Helms added that Salem Quarterly Meeting has appointed a committee to explore possibilities of public meetings to be held at Salem and Middleton. They are considering holding meetings in connection with the "Quaker Fest" held in Salem the weekend of Tenth Month 13-14, which will facilitate publicity. We look forward to these opportunities for outreach and hope to be spiritually prepared for service.

The Committee appointed by Ohio Yearly Meeting in 2015 to consider revisions to the Second Administrative Query gave an initial report on its deliberations. The Meeting was glad to hear the report. The committee will be contacting the Monthly Meetings for further discernment and plans to present a final report at Yearly Meeting.

Report of the Committee to Consider Revisions to the Second Administrative Query

The Committee to consider revisions to the Second Administrative Query was appointed at Yearly Meeting in 2015 (minutes, page 66) in response to a reference from Rockingham Quarterly Meeting. In 2017, the Yearly Meeting enlarged the committee and asked it to report to the Representative Meeting.

The work of the committee was complicated by the deaths of Martha Giffen, who was appointed to serve, and Katherine Jacobsen, as Ken Jacobsen had been appointed to serve. After two attempts to gather the committee, some members were able to meet during the weekend of Rockingham Quarterly Meeting held at Peachtree on Fourth Month 8, 2017. We considered our charge from various perspectives, hoping to be open to the right guidance from above.

The current text of the Second Administrative Query is as follows:

Are schools encouraged for the education of our youth under the instruction of teachers in sympathy with us? Do parents take an active interest in the administration and quality of teaching of the schools which their children attend? Do they send their children of high school age to Friends' schools whenever possible? Is each Meeting making effective efforts to aid parents in the suitable religious instruction of their children?

The committee felt that the current query covers three separate matters, specifically whether Friends encourage primary schools, where our youth attend school, and suitable religious instruction. The committee considered each matter separately and developed recommendations.

First, we noted that the second administrative query is the successor to an earlier query asking for specifics about our children attending primary schools under the care of our meetings. The last primary

school in the yearly meeting closed in 1969. The committee strongly encourages the education of our youth, but we also recognize that in the current state of Ohio Yearly Meeting it appears unlikely that any of our meetings will open a primary school. The committee believes that until the composition of our meetings changes, no real purpose is served by inquiring about primary schools.

The committee then considered the informational aspect of reporting on what schools our children attend. We recall several occasions when the information provided in the answer to this query conflicted in some details with the information in the membership report. Rather than report similar information twice, the committee felt that a specific accounting in the membership report is sufficient and that this portion of the second administrative query be dropped.

The final portion of the query relates to the suitable religious instruction of our children. The committee believes that this aspect of the query asks an important question of our meetings, specifically whether we are prepared in the event that a number of children begin to attend. The committee felt a particular concern for the awakening of our children to the spiritual reality. Rather than draft an alternate query on this topic, we found what we believed to be a more practical approach that would equip our meetings for this possibility. We felt that an appropriate packaged curriculum could be purchased that would include a few sessions for different age levels. If the need arose for further materials, the meeting in question would be able to make a purchase based on the success of the materials that had just been used. It is our belief that the initial purchase would be within the means of most meetings.

If the Yearly Meeting should choose to pursue this third recommendation, the committee had an opening of one way to proceed. Stillwater Meeting already has a young Friends group. We wondered if the Book and Children's Literature Committee might have an opportunity to meet with the Stillwater young Friends and discuss what materials they have found helpful. The committee believes that if the Book Committee and the Stillwater young Friends agreed to have this discussion, they might be able to bring a suitable recommendation to an upcoming meeting of the Representative Meeting, after which the various meetings could follow up on the recommendation.

Although it was not the intent of the committee to eliminate a query on education, we believe that these recommendations will better meet the intent of the current query and will ensure that our meetings are prepared in case young families begin to attend and prefer a First Day school for their children.

These recommendations are being brought to the Representative Meeting for your input. We will also send the recommendations to the Monthly Meetings for further discussion. It is our desire to find a way forward that all Friends can fully unite with. We desire insights from Friends for a final report to the yearly meeting this Eighth Month.

[End of report]

Yearly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight
Clerk: Mary Alice Pino, Assistant Clerk: Burton Doudna

ROCKINGHAM QUARTER
Keystone Fellowship: Seth Hinshaw (O,M); David Eley, (E,M); Michael Kinch (E); Terry Wallace (O,M)
Marlborough: Charles C. Thomas, Jr. (M), Penny Thomas (O), Bridget Casterline (E)
Rockingham: Susan S. Smith (E); John C. Smith (M)

SALEM QUARTER
Crossroads: Philip Helms (E); Sharon Helms (O)
Middleton: Verna H. Cope (O); Marie Hawkins (O); Lois G. Edgerton (E); Rebecca J. Hawkins (E); Mary Alice Pino (E); Nancy A. Hawkins (M)
Salem-Upper Springfield: Eunice M. Burkey (O); Mildred S. Henderson (O); Kimberly A. Newlin (O); Robert W. Stratton (E); Winifred E. Stratton (E,M); Conrad Lindes (M)

STILLWATER QUARTER
Chesterfield: Robert Rothwell (E); Richard D. Wetzel (E)
Chestnut Ridge: Kathleen Kovalick (E); Burton M. Doudna (M)
Short Creek: D. Raye Hodgson (O); Sara L. Kirk (O); Elvina Krekler (O)
Stillwater: Marie Bundy (O); Karen L. Walsh (O); Diane Reynolds (O); Frances I. Taber (E); Earl Smith (E); Richard A. Simon (E); Diana L. Kaul (E); John C. Benson (M); Robert A. Wilber (M)

Calendar of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends
and its subordinate Meetings

Ohio Yearly Meeting (opened 1813) is held in Stillwater Meeting House, near Barnesville, Ohio and will commence in 2018 with a meeting for Ministry and Oversight on Seventh Month 31 at 10:00 a.m. Opening session of Yearly Meeting Eighth Month 1 at 2:00 pm. Subordinate meetings in 2017-2018 are scheduled to be held as follows:

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

Meets the third Seventh Day in 11th Month at Chestnut Ridge. Meeting at 1:00 p.m.; and The Third Seventh Day in 4th Month at Salem at 1:00 p.m. Clerks: Seth Hinshaw, 353 North Charlotte Street, Pottstown, PA 19464 sethhinshaw@yahoo.com (484)-364-8367, , Elvina M. Krekler, assistant.

ROCKINGHAM QUARTERLY MEETING

The second 7th Day of 1st, 4th, 7th, and 10th Months, with varying locations. First Month to be at Marlborough; 4th Month to be determined; 7th Month at Keystone Fellowship; 10th Month at Rockingham.
Please phone the clerk (Bridget Casterline) at (908) 510-0527 with any questions.

SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

Held at Salem on the second Seventh-day in Second, Fifth, Seventh and Eleventh Months, at 10:30 a.m.
Clerks: Mary Alice Pino, 44550 SR
517, Columbiana, OH 44408; Rose M. Sidwell, assistant.
Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight, same day at 9 a.m., Clerk Nancy Hawkins

STILLWATER QUARTERLY MEETING

11/4/2017 at Chestnut Ridge Meeting near Barnesville;
2/3/2018 at Stillwater Meeting, in Barnseville;
5/5/2018 at Chesterfield Meeting in Chesterhill, Ohio
7/7/2018 to be determined.
Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight at 9:30 a.m., Burton Doudna, Clerk, 740-679-2245, followed by lunch provided, and regular Quarterly Meeting for Business at 1 p.m. Clerk, Evelyn Groves, 740-679-2084.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

In Rockingham Quarter

Keystone Fellowship: Contact Clerk Eileen Kinch (717) 721-1764 for time and place.

Marlborough: Usually the third First Day of each month at rise of meeting for worship. Clerk: Bridget Casterline (908) 510-0527

Rockingham: Usually the first First Day of each month in the afternoon (time varies). Contact Clerk: Susan S. Smith (540) 867-5788.

In Salem Quarter

Crossroads: The second First-day of each month, following rise of meeting for worship. Clerk: Philip Helms (248) 360-2074

Middleton: 11:30 a.m. on the second First-day, following worship.. Clerk: Lois G. Edgerton (330) 482-2939, Marlene Cooper, assistant. Preparative Meeting for Ministry and Oversight: called as needed.

Salem-Upper Springfield: The second First Day of each month, after worship. Clerk: Carey L. Newlin (330) 332-0565; Nelda J. Hawkins, assistant. Preparative Meeting for Ministry and Oversight held as needed on the third First-day in First, Fourth, Seventh and Tenth Months, following worship.

Meetings in the Salem Quarter plan to meet jointly on the fourth First Day of each month as follows:

At Middleton: Second, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Tenth, Twelfth

At Salem: First, Third, Fifth, Seventh, Ninth, Eleventh

In Stillwater Quarter

Chesterfield: The third First-day of each month following meeting for worship. Clerk: Robert Rothwell (740) 551-9121

Chestnut Ridge: The second Seventh-day at 7:00 p.m. at various homes. This may change, so if you wish to attend, please call. Clerk: Burton M. Doudna (740) 679-2245

Short Creek: Usually on a weekday at Elvina Krekler's home. Contact clerk for details. Clerk: Elvina M. Krekler (740)-546-3814.

Stillwater: First-day following the third Seventh-day of each Month, after worship. Clerk: Thomas F. Rockwell (609) 610-7759; Leonard D. Guindon, assistant

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

At Chesterfield, 10:30 a.m., First Day
At Chestnut Ridge, 10:30 a.m., First Day
At Crossroads: 11:00 a.m., First Day.
At Keystone Fellowship, usually on 7th Day or 1st Day (either in member's homes or in local meetinghouses). Contact the clerk for time and place.
At Marlborough, 11:00 a.m. on First Day
At Middleton, 10:30 a.m., First Day
At Rockingham, 10:30 a.m., First Day
At Salem, 10:30 a.m., First Day
At Seekers' Haven, 3:00 p.m. on the first First Day of each month and 10:30 a.m. on the third First Day of each month. Contact Conrad Lindes (440) 884-0338, as there may be changes some months.
At Short Creek, 10:30 a.m. on First Day. Please call Sara Kirk, 740-546-3580 or Elvina Krekler, 740-546-3814 to make sure Meeting will be held that day, and where, if planning to visit.
At Stillwater, 10:30 a.m., First Day

First-day School: Stillwater, 9:30 a.m.
Crossroads: 11:15 a.m.;
Bible Study: First-day; Chesterfield, 11:30 a.m.
Crossroads, 10:00 a.m., Middleton, 9:30 a.m.
Midweek Meetings for Worship
Middleton, Fifth-day, 3:00 p.m.; Stillwater, Fourth-day, 6:30 p.m.

Locations of Meeting Places
Chesterfield: Chesterhill, OH, on Rte 555 east from Rte. 377
Chestnut Ridge: From the center of Barnesville, OH, 1.9 miles south. On Rte 800; turn left on Twp Road 26 near top of hill, then ½ mile to meetinghouse (go right at 1st fork, left at 2nd fork).
Crossroads: 4108 Menton, Flint, MI 48507. For additional information, contact Phil and Sharon Helms, (248) 360-2074
Keystone Fellowship: Meetings for worship on Seventh Day or First Day either in members' homes or in local meetinghouses. For information contact Eileen Kinch (717) 721-1764).
Marlborough: 361 Marlboro Spring Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348-1309. For information, http://www.marlboroughmeeting.org or call Bridget Casterline (908) 510-0527.
Middleton: 44866 Crestview Rd., Columbiana, OH. 3 miles south of Rte. 14 on Rte. 7, west ¼ mile on Crestview Rd

Rockingham: near Harrisonburg, VA. From I-81 take Rte. 33W through Hinton, go right on Rte 613 (Whitmore Shop Rd.) about 4 miles to the 'T'; go straight across Rte 763 (Hopkins Gap Road) up long, tree-lined lane to brown house. #3500 on mailbox and white post.

Salem: Sixth Street, east of North Ellsworth Ave., Salem, OH

Seeker's' Haven: At the home of Conrad Lindes and Joan Kuczek, 13375 Old Pleasant Valley Rd., Middleburg Heights, OH 44130 (440) 884-0338 (under the care of Salem-Upper Springfield Monthly Meeting).

Short Creek: 1/4 mile north of Harrisville, OH, on Adena Road. (Jefferson Co. Rd. 10). Please call Sara Kirk, 740-546-3580, or Elvina Krekler, 740-546-3814 to make sure Meeting will be held there that day.

Stillwater: 61830 Sandy Ridge Rd., Barnesville, OH From Barnesville, OH, 1 mile east on E. Main St., take right onto Shamrock Dr. opposite Save-A-Lot, turn into Olney Friends School at top of hill.

OHIO YEARLY MEETING MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS						2017				
	Members Gains			Members Lost					Total membership as	
Meeting	Births	By Requests	Certifi-cate in	Certifi-cate out	Deaths	Request Release	Discon-tinued	Net Gain or Loss	2016	2017
Peachtree MM	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	-4	12	8
Keystone MM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Marlborough MM	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	-4	20	16
Rockingham MM	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	42	41
Rockingham QM	0	0	1	2	1	2	5	-9	79	70
Crossroads MM	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	6
Middleton MM	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	3	71	74
Salem-Upper Springfield MM	0	1	6	0	1	0	0	6	82	88
Winona MM	0	0	0	6	1	1	0	-8	8	0
Salem QM	0	7	6	6	3	1	0	3	165	168
Chesterfield MM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	17
Chestnut Ridge MM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	27
Short Creek MM	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	58	57
Stillwater MM	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	-3	154	151
Stillwater QM	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	-4	256	252