Minutes: Disley Meeting for Worship for Business 08.09.24

1. During our Opening Worship we heard read Section 20.08 from Quaker & Practice

2. The Minutes of the meeting held on 30.06.24 had been circulated

3. Matters Arising:

(a) George Fox Open Day on 31.08.24 and All Age Worship on 1.09.24

We held the Gorge Fox Open Day on Saturday 31st August. There were 11 visitors on the day and they stayed and talked to Friends. We Friends also had time to talk and get to know one another better. We thank all those involved in the preparation for the day and those involved with the All Age Worship on Sunday.

(b) Premises update: Windows & Gutters

We are concerned about the planning and preparation for essential repairs to our meeting house, based on the quinquennial report received in April 2023.

We have noted some quotes for window and gutter replacements now received but we await a recommendation from our premises committee.

We ask the premises committee to come forward with a report for our next business meeting in October, with recommendations for their priorities for the urgent repairs.

Due to our wider concerns about the scope and costs of repairs and how we are going to pay for them, we will hold an open “bricks and mortar” meeting in Spring 2025 in an attempt to see our way forward.

We hold the premises committee in the light as they carry out this work for our meeting and we thank Lizzy for her continued support.

(c) Area Meeting at Disley Methodist Church on Saturday 14th September at 10.30am

We are hosting Area Meeting. There is a list to sign up for food contributions or let Anne S. know by phone or email. The Church will be open from 9am on 14th September. Also, contributions for the lunch can be dropped off at the Meeting house on Friday.

4. Quaker Week and World Quaker Day:

Saturday 28th September – Sunday 6th October (World Quaker Day)

The theme is 'Simple, Radical, Spiritual'.

Our Elders will find out about World Quaker Day on 6th October in the hope of incorporating it into our Meeting for Worship. The idea is to ask three Friends to give short ministry on each of the words: Simple, Radical, Spiritual and we thank Till for facilitating this.

5. Kindlers workshop suggestion, Spring 2025

We have heard our Elders' suggestion of inviting The Kindlers to run a day workshop next Spring, opening this to Friends from other local meetings. If the Meeting House is free we may hold this as a Hybrid meeting. We welcome this idea and we ask our Elders to take it forward understanding that the £100 fee to the Kindlers could be shared by making a small charge for the day.

6. Online Friday evening Worship on 18th October: Memorial Meeting

Till has asked for the help of Elders in arranging an informal online memorial meeting for remembering those known to us who have died recently.

We agree that this will take place as part of the regular online worship on Friday 18th October from 7.30 to 8.30pm. We may hold this as a Hybrid meeting and we will let Disley meeting know.

7. Intervisitation: We are due to visit Crewe & Nantwich meeting in October/November

8. Ben Evens & Jan V. will represent us at Area Meeting at Disley Methodist Church on 14th September

9. Collections: In August we collected £100 for Friends House Moscow. In September we are collecting for Medical Aid for Palestinians.

Notices: Spiritual Review: Sunday 3rd November after shared lunch

Signed: Anne Sumner Clerk for this day – 8th September 2024