

EAST CHESHIRE AREA MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS
held on Saturday July 9th 2016
Disley Meeting House
Minutes

Minute 16.07.01: Friends present

27 Friends attended

All of our Meetings are represented except for Crewe and Nantwich Meeting.

The accompanying elder is Ann Lewis.

The trustee present is Peter Eccles.

Minute 16.07.02: Reading

The Epistle of Britain Yearly Meeting was read.

Minute 16.07.03: Caring for Friends

We have heard the names of Friends who we wish to hold in our thoughts prayerfully. Our Assistant Clerk, with the help of Liz Morris, will write to them on our behalf.

Minute 16.07.04: Application for Membership - John Lovatt

Further to Minute 16.05.11 we have heard the report on the visit that Ann Lewis and Tom North have made to John Lovatt . Our thanks to them. We are pleased to accept John's application and ask Jill Maguire to pass on our welcome to Membership of East Cheshire Area Meeting.

Minute 16.07.05: Application for Membership - Sarah Worth

We have received an application for Membership from Sarah Worth who attends Crewe and Nantwich Meeting. We appoint Marie Lebacq and Jacqui Moore to visit her and look forward to hearing their report at a future Area Meeting.

Minute 16.07.06: Regional Gathering 5th November 2016

Planning for Regional Gathering has continued busily.

The title is to be "Quaker responses to violence and war: from protest to engagement",

The format will be similar to the Gathering two years ago. Phil Lucas, John Lampen and Diana Lampen will speak, and there will be a rich range of small group exploration on "dilemmas at the sharp end" and on "developing our peace skills". Teenage General Meeting will participate; they are meeting that weekend in Wilmslow. Children and Young People's Committee are planning for under 12s.

The plans were greeted with enthusiasm.

Minute 16.07.07: List of Members and Attenders

Ben Evens has told us of the suggestion that the LoMA might henceforth exist separately for each area meeting. A number of Friends find it useful to have the wider spread of information, as we have at present, and are very keen to keep this ease of contact.

Recognising that it may be easiest, at least soon, to have an electronic list that is printable but secure, we ask a small group to meet with Owen Little of Manchester and Warrington Area Meeting who is exploring possibilities in this direction. We ask them also to consult Friends House for experience and tools that ease production. We ask Friends to volunteer their services to the Clerk and Ben Evens for this exploratory group.

Minute 16.07.08: Dates and Venues for AMs in 2017

We ask our Assistant clerk, Sally Mendham, to consult with LMs and Children and Young People's Committee to arrange the venues and dates for Area Meetings in 2017 and bring this to AM in September 2016. We encourage local meetings and special groups to consider what further events they might want to arrange in intervening months.

Minute 16.07.09: Red Flag over Bermondsey, July 10th

The performance of "Red Flag over Bermondsey" [by the Journeymen Theatre Company] was greatly appreciated by 42 Friends and their families who attended. Lynn and Dave Morris thank Friends for their generous donations to the charity they support, The Seir Women's Co-operative on the West Bank, Palestine. £306 was raised on the evening. Their new play commissioned by Quaker Concern Against Torture is "Feeding the Darkness" which shines a light on

state sanctioned torture through story, poem and song. They would be very happy to return on a future date to perform this for Friends if a local meeting would like to host it on behalf of Area Meeting.

We thank Friends from Marple Meeting who provided refreshments before and after the performance and helped with setting up and clearing up afterwards.

Minute 16.07.10: Peace Strategy Group

We thank the group for their report, which is attached to the Minutes, and express our appreciation for all their work.

Minute 16.07.11: Five minute find out - Gavin Mendham

We thank Gavin for offering reflections on his life.

Minute 16.07.12: Report on the ECAM website

Peter Eccles has encouraged us to make better use of our website, to share the many activities that are going on in the area meeting as well as reports of events both locally and nationally. Peter will shortly be creating a "How to Use" document. Local Meetings are encouraged to have an editor who is responsible for seeking out material to be posted on that Meeting's part of the website.

A more detailed report and recommendations is attached.

Minute 16.07.13: Marriage of Susan Todhunter and Paul Scott

We have received notice that Susan Todhunter, member of Frandley Meeting was married to Paul Scott at a civil ceremony at Manley Mere, Frodsham on Saturday 18th June 2016.

Minute 16.07.14: Report on Meeting for Sufferings July 2nd 2016 - Andrew Backhouse

We thank Andrew for his report.

We ask Children and Young People's Committee to identify two young people to attend the YP engagement event in December.

Friends are encouraged to make good use of the colourful leaflet on Our Faith in the Future.

A written report is attached.

Minute 16.07.15: Prison Chaplain's Conference 7-9 October Birmingham

We thank Denise Renshaw for agreeing to attend the Prison Chaplains' conference, and agree to pay the costs.

Minute 16.07.16: Two Education reports

We have received a written report from Christopher Bagley of a meeting of QVINE (Quaker Values in Education Group) which he attended at Friends House on April 30th. The report has been circulated to local meetings and is attached to these minutes. In the report, Christopher has urged those interested to contact him.

We have also received a copy of the Summary Report of Quaker Schools Project carried out by the University of Bristol, which is attached to the minutes.

Minute 16.07.17: We thank Disley Friends for their hospitality.

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting:

Frances A Hill, Clerk

Area Meeting Clerk

NOTICES

ECAM Picnic, Disley

Meeting House Sunday 17th July. Starts with all-age worship to prepare for the picnic from 10.15 but all welcome to attend after their own meeting.

Next Area Meeting:

Saturday September 10th at Macclesfield. *Exact venue to be confirmed.*

Lunch then 13.45 start.

Dates for your diary

- “Over the Top - peace education in action” by the Journeyman Theatre Disley Methodist Church, October 28th 7.00pm for 45 minutes followed by refreshments.
- Regional Gathering, Wilmslow Guild Saturday November 5th
“Quaker responses to violence and war: from protest to engagement”
- An exhibition to commemorate the formation of the No Conscription Fellowship will be held at Marple Library 7-26 November.

