

Minutes – Disley meeting for Worship for Business – 05.11.23

1. During our Opening Worship we heard read Section 10.3 from Quaker Faith & Practice

2. The Minutes of our Business meeting held on Sunday 3rd September had been circulated.

3. Matters Arising:

(a) Treasurer: Jennifer has reviewed our financial situation. Major expenditure is going to be needed over the next two years, especially on repairs to the meeting house. In view of this we will not be sending a further contribution to Britain Yearly Meeting this year. We will send a contribution of £150 to Northern Friends Peace Board. We thank Jennifer for all her work on our behalf.

(b) Friday evening Meeting for Worship:

We have discussed re-instating our Friday evening Meetings for Worship on Zoom (3rd Friday of the month). Clare Finnis has kindly offered to host them and they will begin again on Friday 17th November at 7.30pm.

We thank Clare for this and we will organise a Rota of Friends to support her.

4. Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday, 12th November:

Ann Lewis is making us a poppy wreath to take down to the Remembrance ceremony at the War memorial in Disley on Sunday 12th November.

Anne & Dave Sumner will represent Disley meeting at the Remembrance ceremony.

5. Worshipping Group in Glossop:

Keith Braithwaite has expressed his thoughts on seeking support for establishing a worshipping group in Glossop, to meet perhaps once a month for six months on a weekday evening with reviews of the outcome after three months and six. He asks for both spiritual and practical support, eg. raising awareness of the group in Disley meeting and, providing some degree of Elder support.

Keith has had positive feedback from individuals at Marple and Stockport meetings. He suggests the venue for the group will be Bradbury House in Glossop. We propose an Outreach event to publicise the group and Keith will continue to take advice from 'Discovering Quakers'.

Disley meeting wholeheartedly welcomes this idea and supports Keith in this project. We will send this Minute to Area Meeting for discussion and ask AM to support this experiment.

6. ECAM Library Catalogue: Till Geiger

Till has told us about the ECAM-wide Online Library catalogue which is to be presented to Area meeting on Sunday 12th November by the group formed by ECAM on 19.09.23, considering that a Union catalogue throughout all LM libraries will be beneficial.

Till asks us to decide whether we need an online Library catalogue. We are grateful to Till who has briefed us on the issue of the ECAM Library catalogue in advance of Area meeting on 12th November

7. Christmas Arrangements:

(a) All-age Christmas Worship will take place on Sunday, 17th September. The theme will be – 'Bayard Rustin'

(b) Christmas Card List – Ann Lewis, Till Geiger & Anne Sumner will organise this. We are grateful to Margaret Wood for writing the cards over the past few years.

(c) Christmas Day Meeting for Worship – Monday 25th December from 10.30am to 11am: Keith B. has reminded us of Section 27.42 of Quaker Faith & Practice: 'Another testimony held by early Friends was that against the keeping of 'times and seasons'. We might understand this as part of the conviction that all life is sacramental; that since all times are therefore holy, no time should be marked out as more holy; that what God has done for us should always be remembered and not only on the occasions named Christmas, Easter and Pentecost' but we welcome the opportunity for Friends to celebrate on this day.

9. Representatives at AM & Intervisitation

(a) Ann Lewis & Ben will represent us at Area Meeting on Sunday 12th November at Stockport Meeting house.

(b) Ann & Ben Evens visited Macclesfield meeting on 5.11.23

10. Collections: In September we collected £170 for Stop Ecocide International. In October we collected £201 for Medical Aid for Palestinians. In November we are collecting for Friends World Committee for Consultation

Notices:

Area Meeting at Stockport: Sunday 12th November at 1.45pm, preceded by Lunch

Sunday 19th November, after Meeting for worship: Keith B. will lead us on 'Quaker Structures'

Quakers in Buxton meet at 'The Green Man gallery' on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7.15pm. All welcome.

Signed: Anne Sumner: 1.20pm - Clerk for this day - 05.11.23