

# Community Companion

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March 27, 2017 to Jean Crocker-Lakness

## Calendar

*All events and meetings take place at the Meeting House unless otherwise noted.*

**Singing 9:45 am, Meeting  
for Worship 10 am**

**Second Hour or Carry in Potluck @ 11:40 am**

- March 5 Carry In Potluck Meal after Meeting for Worship biblical Meal  
FUN Committee appreciates and encourages locally grown food when possible. Community Committee asks that if you bring something that needs to be heated before eating, please attach brief instructions to your container. Also, it's helpful to mention the name & ingredients of the dish - thanks!
- March 9 Tender Mercies dinner (see page 45)
- March 10 7:00 Permaculture film (see page 6)
- March 11 Meeting work day
- March 12 Second Hour: Meeting for Worship with attention to Business
- March 19 Second Hour: Threshing session to discuss gift acceptance policy
- March 26 Second Hour: To be determined

Save the dates: July 2-8, FGC's Gathering; June 14-18 OVYM at Earlham College

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Caretakers: John Sniegocki and Elizabeth Groppe Childcare: Ellie Czejkowski & Sarah Rudolph

## Third Query from OVYM Book of Discipline, 1978: Social Relations; Universal Love

Are love and unity fostered among you? Do you manifest a forgiving spirit and a care for the reputation of others? If differences threaten harmony among your members, is prompt action taken in a spirit of meekness and love? Do you visit one another frequently? Do you keep in touch with inactive and distant members?

## February 2017 Business Meeting Summary,

Three Friends opened the business meeting with a period of worship during which the clerk read from the Britain Yearly Meeting Quaker Faith and Practice: *In our meetings for worship we seek through the stillness to know God's will for ourselves and for the gathered group. Our meetings for...business are also meetings for worship based on silence, and they carry the same expectation that God's guidance can be discerned if we are truly listening together and to each other... We have a common purpose in seeking God's will through waiting and listening, believing that every activity of life should be subject to divine guidance.*

**\*Treasurer's report:** - We spent \$3,689.34 out of our General Fund in January but \$1,645.20 was a transfer to the Building Reserve Fund. Our true expenses for January were in the expected range. Our investment account with Parnassus had a very good return last year. We received a check from Duke Energy due to a lawsuit settlement of over \$2,780.77. Various options were discussed for what to do with this money but the meeting felt clear to deposit into the General Fund and if we run a surplus in our budget at the end of the year, the surplus will be transferred to the Building Reserve Fund.

**\*Cannon Fund Report** - In 2016 the Cannon fund gained \$11,217 from investment and the Fund gave out \$4,323 during the year to Meeting Members. The individual gifts were presented to the meeting and Mary Ann explained what categories the gifts fell under and rationale for approving these requests. The plans for activity for 2017 were presented. The fund has already spent \$500 at the request of an attendee to help cover legal fees for a Dreamer (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) who is a student at Berea College. The personal story and connection to our meeting was greatly appreciated and allowed us to feel the positive impact our meeting can have on people's lives.

**\*Report from Paulette on Traveling Ministry:** Paulette Meier - Paulette presented a plenary session for a women's retreat at Baltimore Yearly Meeting that focused on early Quaker Spirituality. While in the region she gave a concert at Swarthmore in Philadelphia. In New York she presented a program for City Lights in New York City and did a plenary session at Purchase Quarterly Meeting. Paulette shared the endorsement of her traveling minute from Baltimore Yearly Meeting. It was clear from her report that her ministry was both important and deeply appreciated by those who heard her. The traveling minute was added to the minutes

**\*Report from Threshing Session** on welcoming refugees and immigrants: Notes were read from the Threshing Session that was held at the recommendation of the peace and social concerns committee, and others, who were discussing a request to put up a sign at meeting welcoming immigrants and refugees. The threshing session asked Friends to reflect what we as a meeting are being called by God to do to support immigrants and refugees, as well as address broader global concerns, at this time. There was consensus that while we are comfortable putting up a sign, a sign by itself is not enough. Much of the discussion centered on involvement with organizations that are currently working with refugees and on the sanctuary movement. During Business Meeting we entered into a time of worship to reflect on these notes. Out of worship it was suggested that a representative of Community Friends should attend the next Sanctuary Coalition, which is being supported by the Amos Project, Meeting on Feb 26th or that we serve as a solidarity congregation for local sanctuary congregations. An Ad Hoc Committee on Sanctuary and Related Issues was created to research next steps and to bring recommendations for action to the next business Meeting. Four Friends volunteered and meetings will be announced on the email list in case others would like to attend.

**\*Religious Development:** Religious Development Committee met on February 5, 2017. We reviewed plans for child care and teaching First Day School for the upcoming months. Sarah and Abby have child care covered for the rest of the school year, except for spring break. We will make arrangements to cover these dates. We still need a primary teacher for March 5 through April 2, and April 9 – 30. We considered the committee's work in the past year for the State of the Meeting report. We also discussed the need for mulch under the climber in the spring. We hope to get some mulch donated if possible.

**Summary of the February Meeting for Business Minute, continued**

\*Nominating Committee: Nominating Committee met on February 7th to plan for our Second Hour that will be held February 26th. The aim is to inform members about the various committees that run our meeting, to challenge Friends to reflect on the fact that Quakerism does run on committees and how we can carry out the work of meeting without over burdening ourselves. We will give special attention to Peace and Social Concerns Committee's current lack of leadership.

\*Stewardship: No Report

\*House and Grounds: Caretaker's request to remove honeysuckle was approved. They approved getting mulch for Religious Development. The Solar Panels, Painting of the House and the Electrical Issues will be reported to the State of the Meeting Report. The next work day is set for March 11th. The Committee minuted their appreciation to Tom Zalla for his valuable and skilled work for the committee.

\*Adult Religious Education: No Report

\*Unity with Nature Committee: The Committee met last Sunday and are discussing a Conservation easement to maintain the woods on the property in perpetuity. The committee will be sending out a survey on recycling to members and are planning an open house on solar panels to share their success with the community. A movie night with an ecological theme is planned for March 10th.

\*Ministry & Counsel: The committees met and discussed the statistician's report and are contacting inactive members. They are working on the state of the meeting report so committee clerks are asked to send their report to them to help them with that. The committee approved spending \$300 for traveling expenses to assist Paulette Meier to travel in the ministry. There will be another threshing session on the gift policy on March 19th. The Quarterly Worship Sharing was held on January 15th on clearness committees and was a success.

\*Outreach Committee: - The committee met. A new clerk was selected. Discussions were held about the welcoming book.

\*Peace & Social Concerns: No Report

\*Community Committee: No Report

\*Tender Mercies: - Going well, members solicited suggestions for meals from the attendees. Tacos were the request and the meal went over very well.

\*Miami Quarterly Meeting February 19 at Eastern Hills Meeting. There is a planned teen/middle youth overnight.

\*Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting: Executive Committee: Budget is being prepared and they will be looking at how much each meeting should be expected to contribute. They are in the process of planning for annual meeting to be held June 14-18th at Earlham College in 2017, which is earlier this year than in years past.

\*FCNL: No Report

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**Notice from Lisa Cayard**

State of the Meeting Report: Please turn in your summary of the past year's work for your committee by March 10th to Lisa Cayard. Lisacayard@embarqmail.com

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**Quaker Humor**

Friend Jones sat down to his breakfast with the day's newspaper. He was shocked when he turned to the obituaries page to find an announcement of his own demise. He immediately pulled out his cell phone and called the clerk of his Friend's Meeting. "Has thee seen the announcement of my death in the newspaper?" he asked the clerk. "Errr, yes," responded the clerk. Then after an uncomfortable pause he added, "... Um, where exactly is thee calling from?"

## Tender Mercies

The purpose of Tender Mercies is to provide housing and supportive services for homeless adults with the histories of severe mental illness. Our permanent supportive housing model addresses the root causes of homelessness, thereby preventing a return to the streets for our region's most vulnerable persons.

As a solution for homelessness, our supportive housing model addresses two key problems:

- Without housing, there is no basis from which to mitigate the factors which lead to homelessness.
- Without supportive services, a resident is likely to regress for the reasons that led to their loss of housing in the first place.
- To help our residents improve their quality of life, we provide security 24 hours a day 365 days a year, medication monitoring, meals, laundry, assistance with benefits/income/vocational readiness, job training, computer training, GED/literacy building, living skills (hygiene, budgeting, appointment scheduling), counseling, and symptom management.

We measure success in terms of residential tenure and improving our resident's quality of life. In 2013, we achieved the following:

- 67% of residents moved out of Tender Mercies into community-based independent living with increased income.
- 85% of individuals who entered the program actively participated in the process of obtaining mainstream government entitlements (such as SSI, Medicaid, and Food Stamps) within 3 months of their move-in.
- 86% of residents in permanent supportive housing maintained housing arrangements at Tender Mercies for at least 12 months.

In 2013, Tender Mercies served 220 residents with permanent and transitional supportive housing, conducted 153 resident activities including 32 outings and assisted 146 residents with income. Volunteers prepared and served 96,543 individual meals and gave approximately 104,300 hours of their time.

In addition, Tender Mercies is also cost effective for Hamilton County. One night at Tender Mercies costs about \$40 per resident; jail is closer to \$80, and a psychiatrist hospital close to \$500 per day.

What can Community Friends do to help?

- We can serve a meal once a month. The residents have no disposable income and without this meal, they do not eat
- Contact David Funck for more info

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## 2017 FGC's Gathering at Niagara Univ.in New York State July 2-8

Registration opens April 3, 2017. Register early to maximize access to workshops and financial aid.

The week of the Gathering is packed with programs and events, from small group morning workshops to public evening plenaries, and programs for children, teens and young adults. For more information, check out FGC's website: [www.fgcquaker.org](http://www.fgcquaker.org)

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**Holistic Mental Health Network presents 2 programs with Dr. Rebecca Hatton, a member of Ann Arbor Friends Meeting (bio and how to register on page 6)**

### **Open Dialogue: "Beyond Mental Illness"**

Thursday, March 30, 2017 7pm - 9pm No charge, RSVP requested

Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church

103 Wm. Howard Taft

Cincinnati, OH 45219

### **Innovations in Recovery:**

### **New Paradigms for Psychosis**

Friday, March 31, 2017

9:00 Check in

9:30am - 4:00pm Workshop

\$45 and Lunch provided

The Recovery Center

2340 Auburn Ave.

**From Our Second Hour Reflection on Service to Our Meeting 2/26/17 (Nominating Comm.)****Community Friends Meeting Committee Descriptions – *\*seeking new members***

**\*Adult Religious Education** identifies the religious and spiritual education needs of Community Friends Meeting, and plans Second Hour or other events to meet those needs. The committee also coordinates the calendar of meeting second hour events initiated by meeting committees or members.

**\*Community** helps plan occasions that increase fellowship. These include carry-in meals that occur every first Day of each month, special summer events, support of committees that host visiting Quakers as well as other social events to enhance the life of the Meeting.

**\*House and Grounds recommends** policies and implements actions assuring quality maintenance and improvements to the Meeting House, property and grounds. It also acts as liaison with our adjacent property neighbors.

**Library** is charged with purchasing books, periodicals, and pamphlets for the Meeting library. It maintains the Meeting's collection and promotes its use.

**Ministry and Counsel** fosters and strengthens the spiritual life of the Meeting. It is responsible for the quality of the Meeting for Worship and the Ministry to the spiritual and human concerns of members and attenders. *(must be a member of the Religious Society of Friends)*

**Newsletter prepares** *Community Companion*, the monthly newsletter of Community Friends Meeting, and sees to its publishing and distribution. *(could use a photographer)*

**Nominating** meets to find people to serve on committees and represent the Meeting at wider Quaker bodies with the approval of the Meeting. Persistence and interpersonal skills are helpful for persons considering serving on this committee. *(Nominated by Ministry and Counsel -Main focus is Jan. to April.)*

**Outreach** spreads awareness of our Meeting and of Quakerism to those in the broader community who may be interested. The committee helps welcome and integrate new members and attenders into the life of the Meeting by creating systems to ensure that newcomers learn about the core of the Quaker Way.

**\*Peace and Social Concerns** helps the Meeting understand and implement the testimonies and principles of Friends as they bear upon public issues. *(in need of a clerk)*

**\*Religious Development** plans curriculum for First Day School Activities which support the spiritual development of children and teens and recruits teachers. Many members of the committee take on some teaching responsibilities; the committee also arranges for childcare.

**Stewardship** is responsible for advising the Meeting on financial matters.

**\*Unity with Nature** In a spirit-led space, the committee reflects on the gift of our natural world, and how we might protect it. They look for positive ways to address climate change and share information, to inspire or support effective environmental action by individuals, and Community Friends Meeting.



Service to our Meeting from the nominating Committee, continued

**Other positions:** Presiding Clerk, Assistant Presiding Clerk, Recording Clerk, Assistant Recording Clerk (*This position will be open.*) Web Clerk, Archivist, Statistician, Directory editor (*This position could be open.*), Cannon Fund Trustees.

**Representative(s) to Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Executive Committee and Miami Quarter**

If you haven't answered the queries yet please do so, Nominating Committee is asking for your feedback by March 6th - send to [djordan@fuse.net](mailto:djordan@fuse.net)

**Queries:**

a. What can we do to increase participation in the work of the meeting without overburdening members of any committees?

b. Peace and Social Concerns has been inactive except for two recently requested meetings because no one is clerking. Some think that there are too many committees. What do you think about our committee structure and what can we do to improve it?

c. What gifts, talents, passions or willingness do you have to share with Community Friends Meeting or are there others you might suggest for any committees/positions?

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The Unity with Nature community is sponsoring a film showing Friday evening, March 10

INHABIT: A PERMACULTURE PERSPECTIVE

Friday, March 10, 7:00 pm

Community Friends Meeting, 3960 Winding Way, 45229

This beautiful 2015 film shows 20 people in a variety of landscapes around North America who are engaged in a permaculture way of life. Permaculture (permanent culture) is an ecological design process for seeing the world, growing food and re-designing households and neighborhoods. It has been spreading around the world for over 30 years and is practiced in city, suburban and country settings. The film presents deeply satisfying ways of life that can help us survive these turbulent times as we connect with neighbors and the land. Link to trailer: <https://vimeo.com/119915612>

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**Rebecca Hatton, PsyD**, Licensed Psychologist worked in the public mental health system for 18 years with people managing the effects of trauma. She has been in independent practice specializing in psychosis since 2011. She has conducted workshops on recovery-related issues across Michigan since 2009. She has extensive psychosis-specific training, including: • Certification in Open Dialogue family therapy • Facilitator, Hearing Voices Network She lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Website: [drebeccahatton.com](http://drebeccahatton.com)

Contact: [holisticmh@yahoo.com](mailto:holisticmh@yahoo.com) or call/text Deborah [513-328-8178](tel:513-328-8178)

To register go to [www.recoverycenterhc.org](http://www.recoverycenterhc.org) (click donate button) if paying by check contact [holisticmh@yahoo.com](mailto:holisticmh@yahoo.com). A limited number of scholarships are available. Space is limited to 75 individuals

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<http://www.whiteprivilegeconference.com>

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**Thursday, April 27 - Sunday, April 30, 2017**

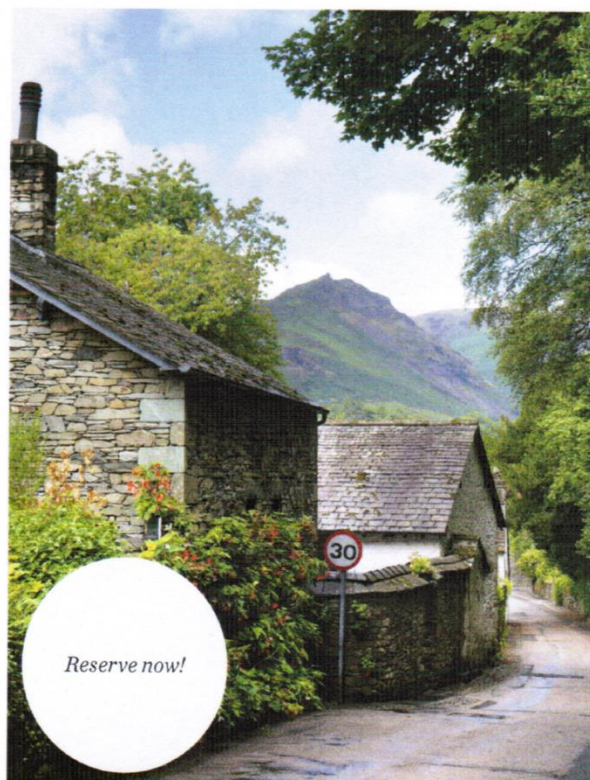
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