

Doylestown Friends Meeting

Minutes of Meeting for Worship for Business - December 10, 2023

Clerk Liz Fritsch opened the meeting with a period of worship. Eight Friends attended in person and two via Zoom. The November minutes were approved after one amendment was agreed upon.

Treasurer:

- Wally Evans reported that there was an increase in contributions over previous months, but the amount received so far in this fiscal year remains well short of where we should be at this time of the year. The amount of contributions needed in the next 7 months is \$39,307.
- In addition to the regular monthly expenses, postage expenses were incurred for the appeal letter mailing. A major maintenance charge for the removal of the hedge on the adjacent property (\$1,420) was assumed by the meeting.
- The budget for maintenance this year is already at 50% of budget with the paint job still pending.

Finance committee. Ken Miller reported that all of the letters requesting additional year-end contributions have been sent out.

Nominating:

- Wendy raised the nomination of Lisa Wildman to join the Communications Committee, starting in January 2024. The Meeting approved the nomination.
- There will only be 2 people on the Communications Committee starting in January 2024, and Wendy indicated that another volunteer would be greatly appreciated.

Worship and Ministry. Maggie reported that the committee has been involved in a collaborative effort to plan for worship on Christmas Eve. Plans are in place that will include readings, silence, and music.

Pastoral Concerns:

- Bill Thode reported Arla Patch's Outreach presentation was very successful, with about 54 attendees and \$500 in the Free Will Donation baskets. Arla is willing to show the film to our Meeting in a few segments as fourth Sunday Forums if the Meeting would like.
- The committee brought forward the following people to be released from the membership: Elena (Tafoya) Ambrose, Marta Ernst, Tracey (Wentzel) Fredendall, Samuel Moyer, Lisa Hamilton, and Ruth Valdez. The Meeting approved the recommendation.

Hospitality. No reports.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee. No reports.

Property Committee:

- Dave Crosman reported that he is communicating with a heater contractor to address ongoing issues with the thermostat.
- The exterior of the Meetinghouse will be painted when the weather is improved and when the painter has availability.

Communications Committee. No reports

First Day School. No reports.

Bucks Quarterly Meeting. No reports.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. No reports.

Other Business:

- There was discussion that it would be helpful to have the draft minutes from the previous business meeting posted on the listserv further in advance of the next business meeting so that people have more time to review before approving. The goal going forward will be to post the draft minutes about 2 weeks prior to the next business meeting. In addition, Joe Simek will post all of the 2023 minutes to the Meetinghouse website.
- Liz Fritsch will organize a conversation with the Worship and Ministry, Pastoral Concerns, and the Peace and Social Concerns Committees to establish a rotating schedule for 4th Sunday monthly events in 2024.
- There were the following expenses related to outreach activities: signage for the front of the Meetinghouse, music activities for 2024, and new packet materials. These activities are being funded, at least in part, by an Outreach Grant from Quarterly Meeting.
- There is a plan to have a musical event on the first Sunday of each month in 2024. Dave Crosman will be the first performer on January 7th. There is a budget of \$200 for the year to invite outsider performers.

The meeting was adjourned after a moment of silence.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob McMahon, Assistant Clerk

Doylestown Monthly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends
2023 Report on Membership
CORRECTED 1/22/2023

We started 2023 with 157 members and closed with 154.

We gained no new members.

We lost 4 members who were released 12/10/2023. (I can't explain the discrepancy.)

We have 154 adult members and 5 minor (under 21) members as of 12/31/2023.

Submitted by:

Anne (Cookie) Biggs

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