

Abington Quarterly Meeting – Twelfth month 3, 2023 Called meeting via Zoom

AQ clerk, Kelly Green, opened the meeting shortly after 9AM with a brief interval of worship. Then he introduced the topic: considering the Coordinator Support Committee's recommendation for a quarterly coordinator.

Robert Reiff gave the report, The report is also attached to these minutes. The committee consists of: Tom Armstrong, Kelly Green, Amelia Diamond, and convener Bob Reiff.

The AQCSC recommends Laura Lanza – a member of Green Street meeting; she has been working for PYM and previously for the Phila Quarter. She has diverse background in communications and education (for details see her post at: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/laura-lanza883>). She has expressed confidence she can do the quarterly coordinator job, which will involve in-reach and outreach communications primarily.

Rebecca Cratin/Plymouth asked if she can drive to all AQ mtgs; and how many hours will she work per week? Bob Reiff answered: yes she will drive to meetings; and initially she will work 20 hrs/wk.

Mary Ellen McNish/Byberry asked if Laura's references have been checked. Bob said "No," references were not checked because members of the committee had previous dealings with her.

Zoya Kachadurian/Richland said she feels that references need to be checked.

About 5 friends spoke, agreeing that references should be checked.

Rebecca asked if the coordinator needs clearance to be with children. Zoya said that clearances are only needed for people who will be alone with children.

A friend asked: Do we need another called meeting? Kelly suggested we might want to authorize the Coordinator Support Committee to go ahead and hire after they have checked and determined that references are satisfactory. A friend affirmed that Kelly's suggestion should be OK if we get a written report from them, before officially hiring. There was support for this and **it was approved**. authorizing the committee to hire and after allowing (an appropriate interval) for consideration of the references, report the hire to the quarter membership.

Bob Reiff gave an update on the newly reconstituted Finance Committee which consists of Tom Armstrong – AQM Treasurer, Linda White – Assistant Treasurer, Jim Hejl, Marguerite Hayes, Kelly Green – AQM Clerk and Robert Reiff, convener. The committee oversees the financial transactions of the Quarter.

Bob mentioned a plan to transition the Assistant AQM Treasurer, Linda White, into the Treasurer position with the Treasurer, Tom Armstrong, assuming the Assistant Treasurer position effective 7/1/2024. This suggestion will be brought to the Qtrly Mtg in February '24 for approval. Kelly thanked new members Jim and Marguerite for their willingness to serve on the finance committee. The report is filed with these minutes.

Betsy Lukshides/Horsham spoke about the Worm Project speaker – Dr. Clarence Freed – who is being scheduled for the next Qtrly Mtg in February '24, which will be at Horsham. Ann Tucker/Richland asked if Dr. Freed's talk will be on Zoom. Betsy said if we want Zoom we would have the 9AM quarterly meeting in Horsham's "all purpose room", then have worship in the main meetinghouse room, and then move back to the "all purpose room" for the Worm Project talk. A brown bag lunch will follow. Horsham

will provide beverages and desert selections. There will be volunteers with clearances for children, who do not wish to stay with the adults.

Judy Inskip/Gwynedd asked what kind of permission would be needed to have a speaker for a Quarterly meeting and if it would be a problem if it changes the schedule. The clerk said that we have all ready discussed, your request to have someone from the Ujima Friends Peace Center to speak at fifth month quarterly meeting at Gwynedd. If a meeting would like to bring a leading or a speaker to a quarterly meeting should bring it forward at Representative meeting. The leading or a speaker, doesn't have to come forward only when a meeting is hosting the quarter. your representative can bring it to the representative meeting and as way moves we can schedule as needed at any quarterly meeting,

Zoya recommended the Netflix movie about Bayard Rustin, noting his Quaker background.

Tom Peterson/Unami recommended the 12/3 Philadelphia Inquirer front page article about overcharging US customers by drug companies.

Asking if there were any further topics for discussion, and seeing none, Kelly called the meeting to a close at 9:45 with a minute of worship.

Kelly green ,Clerk & Dan Turner, recording for the meeting.