

**At a meeting of Warwick Friends held at the Quaker Centre
on Sunday 5th May 2019**

Present: 8 Friends were present for our meeting, starting at 12 noon and Rob Hooper acted as the duty Elder.

Minute 19/25 We appoint Edward Creasy to act as clerk and Anna Edelston as assistant clerk for this meeting only.

Minute 19/26 *Advices & Queries* No 7 was read aloud during worship today, March 3rd.

Minute 19/27 Past and future area meetings

Gill Smith represented us at Hall Green FMH on Wed 10th April and reported back to us on the following Sunday. We appoint John Sheldon to represent us Sutton Coldfield FMH on Sat 18th May at 2pm and ask our Friend to report back to us in due course.

Minute 19/28 Report from Elders

We received the annual report of our Elders, filed with these minutes.

We thank them for their work on our behalf, as it has been a demanding year and they have facilitated many events. The Clerk, has asked for it to be minuted especially: 'Our Clerk is particularly grateful for the Elders' pro-active response to the difficulty of having no assistant clerk and in their support at Business Meetings'.

Looking ahead, we would remind Elders and all who serve our Meeting not to take on too much and to be mindful of their own wellbeing.

The matter of Churches Together in Warwick has been raised. We feel that when a representative(s) is/are appointed, they should be clear of what we are and what we would be involved in and that the Meeting fully supports them. We ask our Elders to talk to Nominations Committee about representation on Churches Together in Warwick and return to us with their findings and suggested Terms of Reference for this appointment.

THIS PART OF THE MINUTE 19/28 IS CONTINUED.

Minute 19/29 Workshop idea - Elders

Our Elders brought to our attention the possibility of a workshop facilitated by Stephen Allen of Beverley Meeting, who is researching into 'Exploring influence amongst Friends'. The purpose of the workshop is to be productive and enriching for our Meeting. There would be no cost to us but we would need to provide a meeting space for the workshop and to coordinate attendees.

Registration would be up to a maximum of twenty people, minimum of five. Consent for an audio recording would be required.

We agree that this might be a helpful workshop and ask our Elders to arrange this if they feel it right and also to consider the possibility of inviting friends from nearby meetings.

Minute 19/30 Children's Meeting Rota Concern

CYPC brought us their concern (supported by an article in The Friendly Link, filed with these minutes) that, though numbers of children attending Meeting are increasing, volunteers to help facilitate Children's Meeting are declining. There

are a variety of possible reasons for this but it puts the burden of responsibility for Children's Meeting onto parents, carers and guardians and could possibly prevent them from attending Meeting for their own spiritual nourishment.

We have been very exercised by this matter.

We agree to ask John Sheldon to allocate unfilled slots on the rota to volunteers. It would be the volunteers responsibility to arrange cover if they cannot do the allocated slot.

We also ask if CYPC can approach other nearby Meetings with DBS checked Friends to see if they could help to support our Children's Meeting.

We will also encourage those attending Meeting to obtain their own DBS check which may help in the future.

We have also considered the future possibility of using a paid 'Childrens' worker' to assist.

Minute 19/31 Proposed wording of sign for garden

THIS ITEM TAKEN BY THE ASSISTANT CLERK.

We recognise that we have not reached unity on this matter and will need to re-visit it.

God willing we shall meet again on Sunday June 2nd commencing 12 noon after Meeting for Worship, with agenda items and papers to the clerk by Thursday 23rd May.

Edward Creasy, clerk this time

Anna Edelston, assistant clerk

Continuing Minutes

Existing

13/37: WQM Members and Attenders List

14/03 (part) Review of Meeting List (see also 13/37 above)

16/28 (part): Fund-raising committee – annual report – re. use of contribution schedule

18/17: Advice re management of emails and current address list

18/62: Wording for Garden Sign

19/28: (part) TOR for representative to Churches Together in Warwick.