

The Green Street Messenger
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Meeting for Worship

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November 2020

Sunday, 1st	10:30 AM	Via Zoom/83195217639
Sunday, 8th	10:30 AM	Via Zoom/83195217639
Sunday, 15th	10:30 AM 12:30 PM	Via Zoom/83195217639 Monthly Meeting for Business
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Green Street Monthly Meeting for Business Held Tenth Month 18, 2020

Via Zoom, Green Street Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held at 45 West School House Lane, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Ninth Month 20, 2020.

Business Meeting convened at 12:45 pm in prayerful silence.

Clerk Gabe Ehri welcomed friends.

20-10-01 Property Committee Report

Anthony Digiovanni, Clerk, reporting.

Our two big projects at the Meetinghouse are scheduled to be completed by the end of next week. The access ramp into the dining room need railing installed and some last sections of concrete poured. The HVAC equipment has been delivered and will be installed.

Inside the Meetinghouse is a mess. Property Committee will schedule a workday so that members who are willing and able can help.

20-10-02 Marriage Care Committee for Evan Draper and Emily Matt

Walter Hjelt Sullivan, Clerk, reported.

After postponing their originally scheduled wedding in Michigan because of the pandemic, Evan and Emily have been waiting for an opportunity to schedule a ceremony at Green Street as soon as the conditions allow. They have now moved to New Hampshire, where Evan has a job but not yet health insurance. With the continued increases in new COVID cases, they have decided to move forward with a hybrid wedding held at Evan's parents house in Massachusetts on Saturday, December 5.

In consultation with Care and Counsel and the Clerk, Walter has informed the couple that Green Street continues to hold their marriage in our spiritual care and endorses the ceremony that they are planning. Evan and Emily may include language to this effect in their marriage certificate even if no one from the Meeting is able to attend the ceremony in person.

Walter intends to attend via Zoom. Others from the Meeting are invited and Walter will share the relevant information as it is available.

20-10-03 Care and Counsel Committee

Lola Georg, Clerk, reported.

Marriage of Jocelyn Banks and Frank Perch

Care and Counsel joyously reported that a clearness committee has met with Jocelyn Banks and Frank Perch and that the committee strongly endorses their marriage under the care of the Meeting. Committee members were: Bill Van Stone, clerk, Susan Christian, Gabe Ehri, Cheryl McFadden, and Lori Sinitzky.

The wedding will be planned for sometime in December or January.

Friends responded with great joy as well and approved the committee recommendation.

A Wedding Support Committee for Jocelyn and Frank was established. Traci Hjelt Sullivan will serve as clerk. Members include Susan Christian and Victoria Greene.

Listening Groups

In response to a felt need for more personal support during these times of multiple societal stresses, Care and Counsel will host weekly informal listening sessions every Sunday afternoon at 4pm. Everyone is welcome to join. The sessions can be accessed through the same Zoom link as weekly Meeting for Worship and Meeting for Business.

20-10-04 Reopening Plan & Policies

Clerk, Gabe Ehri provided an update.

The Discernment Group met since our last business meeting to discuss further plans for potentially gathering for Worship in the Meetinghouse sometime in the future. We are gaining experience through hosting outdoor Meeting for Worship weekly. We recognize that indoor Worship can not happen until the construction projects are complete and the Meetinghouse has been put back together and deeply cleaned. The conditions of the pandemic continue to change. The Discernment committee is monitoring the situation and is prepared to announce indoor face-to-face Worship and the specific conditions for indoor Worship when the time is right. The information will be posted on the listserv and announced at Zoom Worship.

20-10-05 Plans for Thanksgiving

A friend asked whether, in spite of the pandemic, the Meeting will host some kind of Thanksgiving gathering for Green Street members and attenders as has been our practice. Friends liked the idea of gathering on Zoom so that we can be together and honor or gratitude during the holiday season. One friend suggested that this would be a great opportunity to celebrate the completion of the work at the Meetinghouse. Another suggested we might spend some time exploring what right relationship with our indigenous neighbors might look like.

Friends liked both ideas and asked Mary Noland, clerk of Hospitality Committee, to

lead a group to plan an event for the end of November. Walter Hjelt Sullivan agreed to work with the committee.

20-10-06 Possible Future Agenda Items

Clerk Gabe Ehri helped Friends to brainstorm possible agenda items for future Meetings for Business.

Friends agreed that they would like to hear reports from Budget Committee and the School Board in November.

Friends also welcomed an update on the various ways that members of the Meeting are contributing to mutual aid in Germantown area (the Germantown Mutual Aid Fund, the Germantown Supply Hub, the GSFS free public refrigerator, etc.) and ways that members of the meeting could contribute.

Friends also agreed to hear an update from the ad hoc committee exploring opportunities for community investment of some portion of Meeting reserves.

Closing

With gratitude for our work together, at 1:20pm, Meeting ended in worship with the intention of meeting again at the appointed time on Eleventh Month 15, 2020.

Gabe Ehri, Clerk

Walter Hjelt Sullivan, Recording Clerk

Attending:

Jocelyn Banks, Susan Christian, Anthony DiGiovanni, Bob Dockhorn, Lola Georg, Victoria Greene, Mike Kelley, Chris Mohr, Robin Mohr, Mary Noland, JoAnn Seaver, Traci Hjelt Sullivan, Bill Van Stone, Margaret Wood.

News & Announcements

Green Street Worship and Ministry Committee is very pleased to sponsor a series of workshops generously **offered by Green Street member, Viv Hawkins and her LifeCalls ministry.** The workshops are aimed at fostering individual and collective faithfulness in our work toward creating/being the beloved community, which is so needed in these challenging times.

The upcoming workshops will be **held via Zoom and require pre-registration for each workshop.** The 2 **pre-registration** links are below. When you have registered for the workshop(s) you wish to attend, you will automatically receive a confirmation email that includes the Zoom connection link to join that specific workshop(s) for which you pre-registered. **Please pre-register two weeks in advance of each workshop so we know we have sufficient participants to run that workshop.** If you have questions, please email Viv Hawkins at friendviv2@gmail.com.

These workshops will be recorded for use of Viv's ministry. People who do not wish to be recorded are invited to identify themselves at the start of each workshop, turn their camera off, and rename themselves on Zoom.

GSFM- Introduction to Spiritual Intelligencen - Sunday Nov 8, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Description In the same way that intelligence quotient (IQ) led to emotional intelligence (EQ), another measure, spiritual intelligence (SQ) was formed. SQ21 measures 21 skills of spiritual intelligence and provides guidance on how a person may increase their skillfulness in those 21 areas.

Viv will offer a 1-hour interactive introduction to these 21 skills. She is certified by Deep Change to speak about this model, to interpret assessments, and to offer debriefs. Additional description of SQ21 is available at <https://lifecallscoach.com/spiritual-intelligence-introduction/>

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Due to Covid-19, this year our **Thanksgiving Gathering** will be held via Zoom! More information will be released via ListServ

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