



First Day Meeting for Worship	10:30 AM
First Day School	10:30–11:15 AM
First Day Meeting for Worship at West Phila. Mtg.	10:30 AM
Wednesday morning Meeting for Worship	8:30–9:00 AM with GSFS

February 2019

Sunday, 3rd	9:30 AM	Breakfast - Tim Wrona & David L.
	Rise of Meeting	Hospitality - Selette & Darryl
Sunday, 10th	9:15AM	Second Sunday Worship & Ministry
	Rise of Meeting	Hospitality - Sue W. & Ajima & Ryan
Sunday, 17th	Rise of Meeting	Lunch - Margaret W. & Sheldon
	12:30 PM	Monthly Meeting for Business
Sunday, 24th	9:15 AM	Friendly Bible Study
	Rise of Meeting	Hospitality - Jerry W. & Paul J.

At Green Street Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held at 45 West School House Lane, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Business meeting convened at 12:49 pm with a short period of silent worship. The clerk expressed gratitude for Friends in attendance.

19-1-01 JoAnn Seaver, Clerk, reviewed the agenda and it was approved.

19-1-02 Care and Counsel, first reading for Anshel Schaffer-Cohen applying for membership in West Philadelphia Friends Preparative Meeting

Bill Van Stone reported that on December 17, 2018, Bill, Susan Chast and Amy Kietzman sat together with Anshel Schaffer-Cohen to determine his clearness for becoming a member of WPFM/GSMM. This clearness committee recommended Anshel for membership. On January 6, 2019, Care and Counsel Committee agreed to send this recommendation to Business Meeting. As is the practice, this recommendation will be held over until next month's Business Meeting.

19-1-03 Minute to approve GSMM's applications to PhYM and FGC for grants to help fund the meeting house renewal

Jerry Williams read this minute and it was approved.

19-1-04 Report from Kitchen and Meetinghouse Use Working Group

Margie Felton and Gabbreell James reported that the Working Group consists of Meeting members and GSFS administration, and it is currently creating processes and procedures for use of the kitchen and other spaces in and around the Meetinghouse. The Meeting agreed that this Working Group should feel wide latitude to complete its work. It was suggested that the Working Group present the details of the developed processes and procedures to the Meeting, not for approval, but more to provide information and receive helpful feedback.

Gabbreell James informed the Meeting that she has learned there are only two places in NW Philadelphia that give away food. It is felt that our meetinghouse is an ideal location for providing food. Gabbreell suggested that we could ask Emily Glick from Philabundance to meet with the Meeting and see how we can work together. Friends approved setting this up. Friends also approved inviting GSFS Parent Association to participate. Ujima has implemented a food bank and Friends were encouraged to visit and learn. Friends expressed desire to both give out food and also share meals with those who come to the Meetinghouse.

Noah White and Doug Dawson from Father and Son and Friend Catering presented two opportunities for the Meeting to consider. They told the meeting about their work preparing Jumu'ah meals on Fridays for Masjid Muhammad and also meals for Hub of Hope. It would be very helpful if these meals could be prepared in the new meetinghouse kitchen. Friends were very grateful for these opportunities and enthusiastically approved for the Kitchen and Meetinghouse Use Working Group to move forward using the kitchen for these meals as a pilot. The Meeting looks forward to seeing proposals for an ongoing program. Friends were impressed that Margie and Gabbreell offered their time regarding opening and closing the meetinghouse for these uses.

Friends were very grateful that Noah, Doug, Margie and Gabbreell brought these opportunities to the Meeting.

19-1-05 Considering Green Street Meeting's Minute to PYM regarding the Multicultural Audit, endorsed by Central Philadelphia meeting, and the Minute from Germantown Meeting that recommends abandoning the audit. Our recommendation will be brought to Philadelphia Quarter Jan. 27, 2019

Jerry Williams framed the situation as he is seeking guidance prior to attending Quarterly Meeting next week. After lengthy discussion, the following minute was approved:

Green Street Meeting Minute regarding Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Multicultural Audit, 1st Month 20, 2019

Green Street Monthly Meeting recognizes that the RFP for the Multicultural Audit was issued after our minute of 10/21/18. GSMM met at our regularly scheduled Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business on 1/20/19 to reconsider the issue and united on the following.

We share the concern of Germantown Meeting in their minute of 12/9/18: "*Friends General Conference has recently released its report an Institutional Assessment on Systemic Racism following a two-year process with consulting firm, Crossroads Antiracism Organizing & Training. Their Central Committee is now committed to further discernment and to following the recommendations laid out. The FGC process covered many yearly meetings including Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. We believe that a full review of the FGC report by PYM and by our monthly meetings would prove fruitful. All yearly meetings have some different characteristics but at their deepest spiritual level have much in common. Even if specific incidents are not identical, the need for knowledge and greater understanding is something we all agree on. Monthly meetings in their communities and in joint groups (e.g. quarterly meetings and identity groups) have already undertaken much positive work.*"

We further recommend that PYM lay down the Multicultural Audit Steering Committee, that the PYM take up the work of FGC's institutional racism assessment as our own, as a constituent yearly meeting of FGC, and that a new process be created to carry this work forward, including that the PYM work to identify the right relationship of Undoing Racism Group to the PYM structure, to help carry this work forward.

The meeting closed at 4:10 after a brief period of worship

JoAnn Seaver, Clerk
Anthony DiGiovanni, Recording Clerk

Those in attendance:

Shannon Baaes	JoAnn Seaver
Viv Hawkins	Bill Van Stone
Lola George	Noah White
Lori Sinitzky	Gabbreell James
Margie Felton	Douglas Dawson
Jerry Williams	Robin Mohr
Russ Endo	Chris Mohr
Gabriel Ehri	Walter Sullivan
Michelle Schmitt	David La Fontaine
Anthony DiGiovanni	

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Our Meetinghouse Renewal Campaign

Hands-on fundraising to renew our meetinghouse began in the Spring of 2018 and the work continues today. Our historic meetinghouse was built in 1876, with additions in 1877, 1901, and 1917. Despite ongoing stewardship, it is time to renew the life of this home of ours.

This hundred-year renewal is making us all feel good and we hope you will share that good feeling for being part of it. The old kitchen has been transformed. We can picture ourselves communally preparing our coffee hours, lunches and dinners with readily available equipment with lots of space bordered by gleaming walls and shelves. There are working areas not only for adults but for our children. Overhead, a smooth ceiling and recessed lights cover necessary pipes and rewiring.

We picture ourselves in the dining room, at last made accessible to all, surrounded by cheerful colors made brighter with new light fixtures for energy efficient lights and ingenious window treatment. And, a dream come true, we are able to hear each other since acoustic panels are part of the scheme.

We marvel at the repurposing and transformation of neglected spaces to create venting for the stove, separate storage rooms for the meeting and for the school, a cleanable floor extending the new colors of the dining room into formerly dark places, the latest in storage units reclaiming under stairs space.

Green Street Friends Meeting has at its heart being warmly welcoming. Now, our presentation matches our practice – thanks to F(f)riends like you.

Our dreams of renewal have been given form by the work of our Property Committee and our architect, Larry McEwen. Let us walk you through all that is planned.

Our aim is to present our meetinghouse as an open place for worship, welcome, and service. While the meeting is able to use some of its reserves—the legacy of generations past—to contribute substantially to the \$825,000 total cost of the project, our meeting community today has committed to raising \$225,000 in a special campaign. The meeting asks you to consider what resources you might share and asks for your gift. There are several ways that you can contribute directly to Green Street Monthly Meeting's fundraiser to bring us to our goal beyond what our Trustees have allocated. Donations in any amount will assist Green Street Meeting. What matters most is that our meeting's Friends consider personally significant contributions to this once-in-a-generation opportunity to reinvigorate our community's physical space.

Our website contains a link for making donations, and the fundraiser brochure and pledge card are available in the office. To receive a copy, please contact our meetinghouse secretary, Ashanta Washington secretary@greenstreetfriendsmeeting.org or call (267) 285-0553. The pledge card shows you several options for making a gift. For more information, or to make your recurring or one-time gift contact joann.seaver@verizon.net.

The good uses of Green Street's meetinghouse are many and cover generations—generations of members and attenders and their families, and generations of children in Greene Street Friends School who fill the dining room every school day and the meeting room on Wednesdays. The school uses the meetinghouse for occasions such as parent dinners, school trustee meetings and Martin Luther King Days of Service. The meetinghouse has held weddings—welcoming same sex marriages since the 90's, memorial services, workshops, committee meetings, coffee hours that last well into the afternoon, conferences, Monthly Meetings for Worship for Business, and a free series of Documentaries and Discussion for all-comers. It has been the spiritual home of our membership, creating a holy space for worship, searching, insight and support. It has helped us build a warm and vital community that is enlivened by our outreach into our Germantown community.

No gift is too small! Please join us in making the meetinghouse fundraiser a success.



REPORT ON THE PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING Jan. 27, 2019

From the draft minutes of the January 27, 2019 Meeting of Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting held at Monthly Meeting of Philadelphia (Arch Street):

We settled in briefly. Hollister Knowlton, clerk, asked Friends to speak from the silence about what was on their hearts. A number of Friends rose to speak. Finally, as time drew near our closing hour, Hollister asked for thoughts from a few who had not yet spoken. She concluded by drawing ideas together: Friends of Color have waited too long; the work

of addressing the systemic racism within our society must go on; we can learn from and even implement those findings from the FGC audit that apply to PYM, although the FGC assessment, in itself, is not enough for our yearly meeting; the multi-cultural audit committee has worked hard against great difficulties and we thank them, though we think PYM should lay it down and let us go a different direction; we need to see whether there is a role for the Undoing Racism Group; and we recommend that the RFP be stopped though we may find useful elements therein.

PQM unites in recommending to PYM that the MASC be laid down and that no further action be taken on the RFP, and that the work go on.

Greg Barnes, Recording Clerk

Seven members of GSMM attended the PQM on January 27 where our minute of January 20 and the Minute of Germantown Meeting of December 9, 2018 were considered. Essentially, GSMM shared the concern of Germantown Meeting that the findings and processes of the *Institutional Assessment of Systemic Racism* of Friends General Conference had relevance to PYM as it contemplates fulfilling our own desire to do an audit/self-assessment of systemic racism with the aim of making our meetings welcoming and spiritual homes for all.

Along with representatives and members of the other meetings in PQM, we united on forwarding the recommendations to the leadership of PYM that are shown in the draft minutes

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The Spirituality of Money series was cancelled for January 13. We will complete the series on **Sunday, February 10** ~~at~~ 9am.

MONEY AS INVESTMENT

Moving our money into action by how we invest or divest in people and institutions, how do we put our values into action through our monetary transactions, do our current investments reflect our values?

MONEY AS ACCOUNTABILITY

Review, reflection on how our monetary choices reflect our values, what is our sacred responsibility, and the right order of our relationships, budgets, financial statements, and audits as documents for spiritual reflection on how our money is used in the world

This is a community retreat for Green Street members and attendees -- it is not for friends and acquaintances who are interested in the topic. If you've only attended Green Street Meeting a couple times and you've been considering getting more involved, we'd love to have you attend! Don't worry if you haven't attended any of the previous sessions.

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PhYM Young Friends Winter Gathering will be held Friday 2/8 7pm to Sunday 2/10 12pm. They are joining us for Worship and some will stay for hospitality

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Save The Date:

April 28, 2019 will be our Circles of Care lunch, sponsored by Care & Counsel Committee.

Meeting for worship is at 10:30. All are welcome

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