

Caln Quarterly

Fall 2008

"Go through the world and be valiant for the truth upon earth"

George Fox

FALL QUARTERLY MEETING
October 19, 2008
Chambersburg Friends Meeting
10 AM

Schedule:

10:00 am to 12:00 pm Meeting for Worship
with Meeting for Business rising from our worship
10 am -12pm First Day Session for all aged youth.
12-12:30 Lunch
12:30- 2 pm Program:

How Do We Be Quakers in the Modern World?

Exploring Bullying On Personal, Physical, and Political Levels

Please join us for a day of learning, discussion, and fun activities. We will be exploring a variety of topics centering on our identities as Quakers and how we should react to situations in the modern world.

- **What are the differences between who we are historically, our historical practice, and who we are today? How do I describe being a Quaker in the 21st century?**
- **Violence: Our reactions and responses, personal and societal**
- **Political Process: What does it mean to be a Quaker in the modern, political world?**

Please bring bullying stories from past and present to share.

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OUR WEBSITE: www.calnqm.org for the quarter newsletter, several of our monthly meetings' newsletters, upcoming event postings, and links to Quaker organizations.

Send NEWSLETTER submissions to: Marie Ryan, Coordinator coordinator@calnqm.org 610-777-5825. Newsletter submission deadline is one month before the upcoming quarterly meeting.

Please send address corrections and mailing preferences by email or phone to the coordinator or use the secure "update your contact information" form on our website

Future Quarterly Meeting Dates

- *October 19, 2008*
Chambersburg MM
- *February 15, 2009*
Schuylkill MM
- *May 2, 2009*
Camp Swatara
- *August 16, 2009*
Old Caln Meeting House
- *October 18, 2009*
Lancaster MM
- *February 21, 2010*

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Minutes of the Summer Meeting Of Caln Quarterly Meeting, The Religious Society of Friends,
Held At Old Caln Meetinghouse on Eighth Month 17, 2008.

Minutes

Friends gathered for coffee and socializing around 8:45 this morning. At about 9:00, we settled into worship, and at about 9:10, clerk Deborah Miles from Uwchlan Monthly Meeting told us that John Hayden had agreed to clerk this meeting when she thought she would be unavailable.

The agenda was presented and approved.

Darlington Hoopes, Jr. presented the treasurer's report. Although \$3,476.49 more was spent than received, there remains \$19,016.58 in the treasury. Darlington presented a report on expenses for Camp Swatara from the treasurer of Lancaster Monthly Meeting, Karen Zimmerman. There was a shortfall of \$371.41, which Darlington paid to Lancaster. Darlington also stated that he has a challenge knowing the amount of the Monthly Meeting covenants; he requested Meeting treasurers give him those figures for 2008-09 immediately. Questions concerning the way Lancaster handled the Camp Swatara finances were asked and answered. The Quarter recognized the enormous amount of work accomplished by Liz Gates to successfully plan this year for our gathering at Camp Swatara. Meeting also expressed appreciation for Darlington's work.

Darlington was unable to participate in the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) treasurer's meeting at residential sessions. Betty Lamborn attended in his stead. She said it was interesting, but she felt she was unable to bring anything relevant back to Darlington.

Clerk brought a request from PYM for a delegate to the Peace Gathering in January from Caln Quarterly Meeting. There is a \$300 registration fee, a 5 day hotel cost, and some meal costs. Meeting agreed to fund this delegate with up to \$1500. We agreed that a request be sent out to all members and attenders of all Monthly Meetings to write a one page letter proposing him or herself, or someone else. The Nominating Committee, with the clerk participating ex officio, will make the Quarter's selection from this collection of letters and bring it to our next meeting for consideration. Marie will post this request to Monthly Meeting clerks, clerks of Peace Committees, and newsletter editors. Jody Kinney will help Marie with this request. Thomas Swain, clerk of Yearly Meeting brought to our attention that this Peace Gathering is a result of a proposal from Downingtown Meeting and Caln Quarterly Meeting.

The auditing committee from Reading Monthly Meeting audited the books of the Quarterly Meeting. There was approval to accept a bank error in our favor of under \$2.00. Other than that, the books were in perfect order.

Because clerk Chuck Barbour was suddenly unable to attend this meeting, Jody Kinney gave a brief report from Committee for Oversight of the Regional Coordinator (CORC). They had a conference call together last Monday. Together they advised all to remind members and attenders that the Quarter exists.

Marie presented a report on her activities. She urged us to have two or three adults to lead pieces of the children's program at Camp Swatara, so she can dedicate her time there to handle the unplanned and emergency situations. She pointed out that most of the children come with a hope to play outside, only a few need a structured program. Her one-size-fits-all program has been a challenge, though it works extremely well, and she hopes to involve more people in its planning. Marie then went on to tell us of her many other activities.

There was no report from the Nominating Committee on the Worship and Ministry Committee.

Clerk suggested we have a structure for formalized reporting from the Monthly Meetings. We agreed to an alphabetical order for these reports: Bradford, Chambersburg, and Exeter at summer meeting; Harrisburg, Lancaster, and Reading at fall; and Sadsbury, Schuylkill, and Uwchlan at winter. During our spring meeting at Camp Swatara, all Meetings will report on their activities.

Mose Cornwall suggested Bradford Meeting has gone into aestivation, burrowing into the mud to protect themselves from the summer's heat. However, they had over 300 people on a Marshallton Walk where explanations were made about the history of the Meeting and Quakerism. Mose pointed out that occasionally Bradford does things.

Marie Ryan gave a brief report from Chambersburg. They are looking forward to Quarterly Meeting to be there in October with a theme of "What are Quakers."

Jeb Smith gave a report of Exeter Meeting. They have a new clerk and a new birthright Friend born recently. Everyone is

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invited to participate in a canoe trip on August 30. The meeting is anticipating its 250th anniversary.

Meeting agreed to start our fall meeting in Chambersburg with Meeting for Worship at 10:30, followed by Meeting for Business, lunch, and the program—not necessarily in that order. The actual plan will be set by the clerk and coordinator.

Mose Cornwell told us about a huge limb that fell out of a tree right next to the old Caln Meetinghouse and in a spot where Friends had just been standing. Meeting expressed gratitude that there were no injuries and no damage to this old building.

These minutes were read, corrected, and approved. Meeting for business ended at about 10:25. There were 22 present. All Meetings of the Quarter were represented except Chambersburg and Schuylkill. We had a guest from Middletown Monthly Meeting (Concord Quarter).

We planned to worship together for an hour, have a brown bag lunch, and then listen to Thomas Swain, Middletown Monthly Meeting (Concord Quarter), clerk of PYM, discuss “My Call to Labor for Peace.”

Our next meeting will be held in Chambersburg, October 19, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Herr, Recording Clerk

FROM THE COORDINATOR'S DESK

We will gather in Chambersburg on October 19th for our last quarterly meeting of 2008. The younger friends of the meeting have created a multi-generational program which will address the issue of violence, and bullying in particular, focusing on how we, as Quakers, face and respond to violence, both historically and currently. Once again I am awed by the depth and wisdom exhibited by so many of our younger friends. I am moved by their willingness to step forward into leadership roles when provided with the opportunity. Having attended several programs created by Chambersburg's first day school youth and parents, I wholeheartedly look forward to this latest creation. Please come out to Chambersburg to take part in the business of the quarter, to share in fellowship with friends, and to experience the afternoon program.

At the summer quarterly meeting Friends determined a process for selecting our delegate for, *Heeding God's Call: A Gathering on Peace*. We are fortunate to have received applications from several dedicated peace workers willing to represent Caln Quarter in January. Our delegate will be named on October 19th.

There are so many opportunities for worship and fellowship among friends these next few months. See page four for a listing of some of what is offered. Going to the websites of Caln quarter, PYM, and Pendle hill should provide a detailed description of any listing. I want to highlight just a few of the upcoming events:

- Downingtown Friends Meeting will hold its annual Fall Festival on October 11 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on the historic grounds of Downingtown Friends Meeting. Families have gathered here for over 30 years to enjoy the music, delicious foods, a variety of activities for children, and plant, craft, and white-elephant sales. It's simply an enjoyable day for families to participate in activities aimed at fun for everyone—and all practically in your own back yard.

As one of the largest fall festivals in the region, Friends Fall Festival offers families a day of wholesome fun and value. A special supervised area includes children's crafts and games. There's also a hay wagon ride and exceptional face painting for both kids and adults

- On November 1st Sadsbury Friends host a Sacred Sing and covered dish supper (more on p. 4)
- On January 31 (snow date 2/7) Lancaster hosts the 2nd annual Contra Dance for younger Friends (p.5 and watch for the flyer).
- Several MMs in the quarter have hosted the Eyes Wide Open (EWO) exhibit. Sadly, there continues to be cause for the exhibit to be shared. Downingtown Friends have scheduled EWO for this Oct. 25-26. Details will be posted at their new website: <http://www.downingtowntownfriendsmeeting.org>.

Other meetings with new websites are Lancaster www.Lancasterpaquakers.org and Exeter <http://exeter-mm.pym.org>. Check them out, they are works of art!

Oct 19: Caln Quarterly Fall Meeting for Business, Chambersburg Friends Meeting

Oct 11: Downingtown Friends Fall Festival at Uwchlan MM. Tag sale starts at 9am other festivities at 10am

Oct 10-12: PYM weekend retreat for **Young Adult Friends** (aged 18-35), Burlington Meeting HouseOct 10-12: Training of Trainers In Conflict Intervention, Swarthmore Meeting, <http://Swarthmore.quaker.org/>Oct 16: Right Sharing of World Resources, Public Gathering at Arch St. 6-8pm **contact Viv Hawkins** at friend-viv@yahoo.comOct 17-19: PYM **Middle School** Halloween Gathering, Burlington Meeting HouseOct 18: Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream, Hollister Knowlton www.awakeningthedreamer.org

Oct 25-26: Downingtown Friends host the Eyes Wide Open exhibit.

Oct 25-26: PYM **Young Friends** Halloween Gathering, Burlington Meeting House—with John Scardina

Oct 25: Quaker Quest at Arch St Meetinghouse. Can each of our MMs send a representative?

Oct 25: Quaker Arts Conference sponsored by Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts, held at Pendle Hill in Wallingford PA

Nov 1: Sacred Harp Sing at Sadsbury Friends (see announcement below)

Nov 8: AFSC's Annual Public Gathering, Arch St MH, "Keeping True to the Testimonies of Peace & Justice", the keynote speaker is Gwen Ifill. The event begins at 1:30 pm

Nov 15: Worship and Ministry Gathering at Chestnut Hill Meeting, 9:30-3 pm

Nov 22: Gathering for Extended Worship, Chester Meeting 9:30-4 pm

January 13-17, 2009—"Heeding God's Call: A Gathering on Peace", Arch Street Meeting House

Fall Programs at Pendle Hill: <http://www.pendlehill.org> Phone: 610-566-4507 or 800-742-3150

***Youth Worker's Training Retreat Oct 10-12, 2008

Just North of Slavery, Oct 19-23, 2008

Joyful, Quakerly, and Carbon Neutral, Nov 7-9, 2008

Envisioning a Moral Economy, Nov 9-13, 2008

Clerking: Serving the Community with Joy and Confidence, Nov 14-16, 2008

Claiming Our Peace Testimony, Dec 5-7, 2008

Radical Spirituality, Radical Simplicity - Jan 9-11, 2009

November 1, 2007 10 AM-4 PMSadsbury Friends invite all Friends to **TWO BOOK SING**

FROM THE ORIGINAL SACRED HARP, COOPER AND DENSON editions

Our singing emphasizes participation, not performance. The music is from The Sacred Harp, a tune book which has been in print since 1844. The "harp" is the human voice, and Sacred Harp is sung a capella, without any instrumental accompaniment. The music is printed in "patent notes" wherein the shape of the note head indicates the syllables FA, SOL, LA and MI.

The Sacred Harp includes early American psalm tunes, folk hymns, fusing tunes, and anthems, as well as English, Scottish, and Irish folk tunes and camp meeting hymns. Non-denominational. All are welcome, you do not need to know how to read music, or have a trained voice. No experience necessary!

For Information: **Laura Densmore 610 793-5102 or LDensmo1@swarthmore.edu**

Sadsbury Friends Meetinghouse Simmontown Road 1/2 mile east of route 41 Christiana, Pa

Dinner on the grounds, bring a dish to pass

Loaner and sale books (both editions) available

Exeter Meeting Hosts Canoe Trip



Friends of Exeter Meeting enjoyed a trip down the Schuylkill River on August 30. They were joined by several fellow Friends from Downingtown and Lancaster Meetings.

Photographed by Sam Kerr who also attended the trip.

Friends of all ages gathered in August for a canoe trip down the Schuylkill River, guided by Courtney and John Stokes of Exeter Meeting. The seven river mile trip, taking two and a half hours, started at Ganshawny Park in Douglassville and ended at Towpath Park in Chester County. Exeter Friends were delighted to have members of Downingtown and Lancaster meetings join them.

The seven canoes and six kayaks were filled with all levels of canoe enthusiasts. There were several beginners and first-timers who managed the route and occasional rapids with great success. Some members of Exeter's First Day School tried kayaking for the first time and picked it up with ease. Several beautiful bird species were spotted on the route, including a Bald Eagle.

Friends gathered at Exeter Meetinghouse for breakfast prior to departing in a caravan to the starting point. Later, Friends enjoyed a picnic lunch at Ganshawny Park where several young Friends decided to take a plunge into the river to cool off. The Stokes' look forward to guiding another trip next year and all are welcome.

Coming Up:

CONTRA DANCE for Younger Friends

Date: January 31, 2009 with snow date February 7, 2009

Caller: Shane Knudsen (and maybe another caller or two)

Band: The Contra Rebels

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church 321 W. Chestnut St Lancaster, PA 17603

Time: 7:00pm to 10:00pm

We're inviting everyone age 13 through college (and FAPs)

Have questions? Contact Shane Knudsen at 717-431-7417 or Marie 610-777-5825



Agenda
Quarterly Meeting at Chambersburg Monthly Meeting
October 19, 2008 10 am

10-12:00 Worship and Meeting for Business

Welcome/Conducting our business in the spirit of worship

Which of our 9 MMs are represented today?

Welcoming of guests

Introduction of the agenda

Treasurer's report (Darlington Hoopes)

CORC (Coordinator oversight- Chuck Barbour)

Have suggestions re the coordinator (generated by the PYM/QM/MMs relationship project) been addressed as per Swatara request?

Coordinator's report (Marie Ryan)

Nominating Committee/Clerk, ex officio

Propose Caln Q's candidate for Peace Conference

Nominating Comm.:

Has a new QM Worship & Ministry Comm. been formed as per Swatara decision (to address possibly reestablishing visiting friends & improved electronic communication)? Is there a report from the

Gifts & Concerns:

MM reports from: Harrisburg, Lancaster, Reading

Next QM: 2/15/09, Schuylkill (???)

11:50 Reading of the Minutes (Jim Herr)

12:00 Brown Bag Lunch supplemented by drinks and snacks from Chambersburg Friends

12:30-2 pm Multi-generational Program

Quarterly Meeting Eve

Young(er) Friends are invited to a sleepover on Saturday Night October 18—the night before Quarterly Meeting. We will gather around 6 – probably for pizza, playing games, and hanging out. The idea is to be informal, since we have more planned programming on Sunday.

Adults bringing kids would be welcome to stay for supper and some fellowship, and we can find hospitality for them.

Contact Sandy Grotberg: 717-658-6719 or Marie Ryan: 610-777-5825 regarding the sleepover and/or hospitality needs.

Two meditations written by **Sarah and Lori Moore**, Young Friends of Chambersburg Friends Meeting

The quiet embraces you as you let your MIND wander, or pray, or think. It is perfect, surrounded by PEOPLE who understand, who don't care what CLOTHES you are wearing, or how you look. They share something. WE all share something. We are all free, and we are THANKFUL. But we are all something else, too. None of us are the same. We are DIFFERENT. And those differences bring us together. Together we pray. And together we LEARN.

SILENCE, not a lack of sound but a centering of the SOUL. An atmosphere which lacks nothing but encompasses every thought, every feeling, and every INDIVIDUAL person, family, Friend. LESSONS are learned, taught by one's own self or that ENTITY which he or she contacts with his or her heart in the room with NEIGHBORS surrounding him or her in peace. A CREATION of an ENVIRONMENT in which everyone is accepted and all his or her thoughts and feelings are respected because everyone matters in this world and the next and everyone can come together in SILENCE.

June 20 - July 8, 2008

Wallingford to Johnstown, PA

Overview:

In June, eight Quakers pedaled 300 miles across Southern Pennsylvania as a corporate witness for Stewardship of the Earth. This EarthQuaker Biketrip was a sustainable (and joyful) travel option for those attending FGC's 2008 Summer Gathering with opportunities for service, worship and play en route. The bicycle trip was open to anyone with interest - irrespective of attendance at the Gathering.

The EarthQuaker Biketrip offered Friends the occasion to put faith into practice. Participants made the commitment, for eight days, to experience the daily practice of sustainable travel and communal living. Worship sharing and discussions en route wove together the Quaker testimonies of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality and stewardship of the earth.

The EarthQuaker Biketrip's core team was composed of Carl Magruder, Pacific Yearly Meeting, Emma Churchman, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and Kristina Keefe-Perry, New York Yearly Meeting, the Logistics Coordinator for the trip.

Co-Sponsors of the EarthQuaker Biketrip included: Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, Friends General Conference, Friends Institute Granting Group, Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia, Pendle Hill, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and Quaker Earthcare Witness.

The Trip:

The EarthQuaker Bike Trip provided a powerful witness and sense of community to its participants and to those they visited along their way. The statement that Friends are willing to do things differently for the sake of Earth was reflected back by the Meetings visited, who wrestle with their own concern for earth. Community was the happy byproduct of all efforts towards faithfulness.

The hospitality given by the meetings in Caln Quarter was generous and full of Grace. The riders were particularly impressed by the power of Quaker inter-visitation. Some of them were members of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and had not traveled to visit and worship with others in the YM. The simple act of spending time in worship and conversation was powerful - especially recognizing common dilemmas and Meeting issues, and engaging in Worship Sharing together.

After arriving at and becoming part of the high-activity atmosphere of Friends General Conference *Summer Gathering* - EQBT riders expressed that the time spent on the bike ride was excellent preparation for time spent at the Gathering. One rider said that he felt like the ride was very "real" and that he experienced spiritual growth that he did not expect. -. The EQBT was able to bring a grounded, community-centered energy to Gathering. All participants expressed interest in doing a bike ride next summer, and recruiting more riders.

Go to www.calnqm.org
to read Emma Churchman's full report, and to find link to pictures, blogs, and media reports.

Quaker Quest

Quaker Quest Consultation Day Oct. 25, 2008 Arch St. Meetinghouse 9:30am-4:30pm

Quaker Quest is a dynamic new approach to outreach that has brought seekers to meetings all over England. It is based on the idea that Quakerism, "a spiritual path for our time," is simple, radical, and contemporary.

Monthly Meetings throughout the yearly meeting will be sending representatives to Arch St on the 25th to meet one of Britain's Quaker Quest founders and to Learn how this program can nourish a meeting. For questions and to register call: Harry & Lois Forrest at 609-654-3673 or send an email to: callighrf@medleas.com

Email: coordinator@calnqm.org to request copies of written materials describing Quaker Quest in more detail.

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CALN QUARTER OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

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October 19, 2008
Chambersburg Friends Meeting
10 AM

Schedule:

9:30 am coffee & light refreshments

10 am- 12 pm Meeting for Worship

Meeting for Business

12 pm Brown Bag Lunch

Program: 12:30- 2 pm How do we be Quakers in the Modern World?

Directions to Chambersburg MM: The meeting house is at 630 Lindia Dr. – Take 81 S. to Exit 16 –Rt.30.
– Right on Rt. 30 through the center of Chambersburg (It's a town square). – Rt on N. Franklin (.6).
– Left on Grandview (.1). – Rt on Harrison. (.1) – Left on Atherton (266 ft) . – Rt on Lindia Dr. (.1)

There is a parking lot on the right, meeting house is on the left. **717-261-0736**