

# Gwynedd Monthly Meeting *of* Friends

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Meeting for Worship: 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Foulkeways: Thursdays: 10 a.m

Summer Worship: 9:30 a.m.

First Day School (Sept-June): 9:45 a.m.

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## **New Newsletter Editor**

Due to school and family commitments Amanda Vail is stepping down as newsletter editor. Starting with the September issue, Trish Schoor will take over.

Trish has experience in this area, lives in Lansdale and she is looking for a way to get back into Meeting life. She attended Gwynedd from 1989 until 1994 and taught First Day School with Mary Whiffen one year. Trish's email address is [trishschoor@comcast.net](mailto:trishschoor@comcast.net).

## **Welcome to the new cottage resident**

Jeremy Ramont will be the new occupant of the cottage. He will be here intermittently in August and fully available beginning Sept.1. Please help him as he learns his new duties.

## **Hilltop Tax Discussion**

In response to concerns expressed about the right ordering of payment of the Hilltop taxes, Overseers will convene a meeting to discuss this issue. It will be scheduled after their August meeting. Those who have knowledge of the facts and those who have questions or interest are encouraged to participate. Call Marty Wilcockson.

## **Horsham Meeting Celebration**

Members and attenders are invitation to rent space at Horsham's Flea Market to be held as part of their Country Fair on September 27.. The event is being held to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Meetinghouse and to help the Quaker School at Horsham raise funds for a new school building. The cost of renting a table is \$5.00. Contact Amy Jarrett at 215-643-1968 or [ajarrett@netreach.net](mailto:ajarrett@netreach.net) by August 15 if interested.

Other activities include a performance by the singing group "Faith and Practice, tours of the Meetinghouse and lots more.

# Meeting Bulletin Board

The father of our member Garrett Vail passed away July 8.

## **Interested in helping to provide guidance to the meeting on the use of the building?**

We are getting more non-Gwynedd requests for use of our property and we have no written guidelines. All people who might be asked this question should have the same information. Lea Stabinski will convene a meeting for this purpose in September. A Clerk will be chosen from among the group members. There will be at least one member each from the following committees in this group: property, worship and ministry, and overseers. This is anticipated to be a short-term commitment. Please call Lea at 610-279-4601 or email [spiritlea@aol.com](mailto:spiritlea@aol.com) if you would like to participate.

## **Quaker Bolivia Link**

The poorest and least developed country in South America, malnutrition, poverty and disease claims thousands of lives in Bolivia each year. The solutions can be simple: a greenhouse, a well, a visiting doctor; any of these can make a tremendous difference. QBL funds development projects across Bolivia and needs your help. Visit [www.qbl.org](http://www.qbl.org) for more information

## **Flash from the Past**

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Excerpts from minutes from Eighth Month

1803- The meeting was informed that some attention hath been paid towards raising money to defray the expenses of the Boarding school at Westown, They are desired to compleat the same and report.

1903- To attend our approaching Quarterly Meeting to be held at Gwynedd, we appoint our representatives Mary E. Livizey, Ellen Evans, Catharine Tomlinson, Emma Jones, Grace Sheppard, Ellen Shoemaker, E?ison Harris and Mary Livezey.

1953-Friends named to extend our welcome to the Goulding family reported discharge of that responsibility. There will be a special meeting for business of 14<sup>th</sup> of 9 mo to consider the financial situation of the Meeting. Harry Sprogell, Clerk

*Highlights from Meeting for  
Worship with a concern for Business*

Seventh Month 2003

Gwynedd Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends meeting for worship with a concern for business was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2003 at the Meetinghouse in Gwynedd, Pennsylvania.

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### **Overseers Committee**

Reba Mohan reported for Marty Wilcockson on the Brackin wedding held on Saturday July 5.

### **Hilltop EEOG (Expanding Educational Opportunities at Gwynedd) Committee**

Stacy Wyckoff reported on the July meeting of the EEOG. They are considering the possibilities of a school, a summer camp, a middle school enrichment program, and a community center. They agreed as a group to concentrate on the idea of a summer camp and an enrichment program for middle school children. They are working on a draft paper, which will delineate ways for the committee to proceed. They are looking into practical matters including matters of finance and location.

### **Interfaith Hospitality Network**

Carolyn Moon reported that all went well with the Interfaith guests this summer. It was a small group this time. Appreciation was expressed for all who helped. For the future, Interfaith is looking for other congregations to participate and members of Gwynedd Meeting are asked to spread the word. It would help if someone had a contact with Abington Meeting and could mention this matter to them. Roger Buchanan will take this to the North Penn Ministerium.

### **Library**

The annual report for the library Committee was read by Clerk, Rich Himmer. The meeting accepted the report. Children's books are not circulating and it was agreed that a notice be placed in the newsletter to encourage their use. It was suggested that the Meeting consider the purchase of a software program and a computer for the library in order to perform cataloging tasks, especially since the annual report mentions a backlog in the processing of new books and materials.

### **AdHoc Committee on the Peace Center**

Connie Lezenby reported that Laura Roberts, Roger Buchanan and she met in July. They decided to visit Langhorne Peace Center and will meet with them first week of September. Others are invited to join.

### **Minute of travel**

Vicki Hain Poorman requested a minute of travel. She will be attending the Mid-America Yearly Meeting Sessions.

There was no Recorder's report.

The Treasurer's Quarterly Report was held over until August.

## **Annual Report of the Office Manager**

November 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003

As office manager, my objective is to provide the underpinning of services and support that help the Gwynedd Monthly Meeting (GMM) carry out its work. I handle business, practical, and financial matters, and serve as an information and communications hub. My efforts for the past eight months have been focused on organizing information and developing routines that contribute to the smooth functioning of the meeting.

### **Highlights**

- I have set up automatic debit and direct deposit banking arrangements to pay routine creditors, government agencies, and employees. This will ensure timely payment and increase convenience for payees, and decrease administrative burden on GMM.
- I have been working and will continue working on streamlining accounting.
- I have systematized routine tasks, such as the production of monthly calendar. This helps to capture information and saves time.
- I have been working and will continue working on systematizing the collection of information so that it can be accessed and manipulated in one software program, rather than various, sometimes incompatible, programs. This will contribute to maintaining current information, and to generating useful reports.
- I have been involved in extensive work to repair computer and software to avoid replacement of costly equipment.

### **Comments**

- The tasks I perform are more complex than originally described to me during the hiring process.
- The position involves defined responsibilities that are sometimes at odds with immediate demands of individuals. Nearly every request made by an individual is described as needed "ASAP".

### **Future**

- I will develop a binder containing a calendar of monthly priorities and tasks.
- I will develop templates for financial reports for various committees and Treasurer, providing a useful and applicable level of detail.
- I will continue to learn the history, concerns, values, and requirements of GMM so that I can be responsive to these issues in providing services to members, attenders, and others involved in the life of the meeting.

~~July 17, 2003~~

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