

Miami Quarterly Meeting for Business
May 15, 2016
Louisville Friends Meeting

Minute 2016-05-01 Gathering. Richard Mitchell, acting Presiding Clerk, opened our session with a period of waiting worship followed by the reading of a query from a draft of the Faith Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

How do we benefit from inequity and exploitation? How are we victims of the inequality and exploitation? In what ways can we address these problems?

This reading was followed by a period of reflection during which several Friends spoke to the query.

Minute 2016-05-02 Roll Call. Betsy Neale, acting Recording Clerk, asked for the names of representatives.

Campus: No Representative
Community: Paul Buckley
Dayton: No Representative
Eastern Hills: Wilson Palmer
Englewood: No Representative
Green Plain: No Representative
Lexington: Betsy Neale and Richard Mitchell
Louisville: Kevin Klaphaak
Miami: David Pfaltzgraff-Carlson
Oxford: Andrew Garrison
Yellow Springs: Susan Hyde

Other Friends attending were recognized.

Minute 2016-05-03 Agenda Review. The agenda distributed by Clerk Richard Mitchell was approved.

Minute 2016-05-04 Treasurer's Report. No report had been received.

Minute 2016-05-05 Proposed Miami Quarterly Meeting Rotation Schedule. This report, which lists the meetings that are responsible for hosting and program for 2017 – 2019, was distributed by Martha Viehmann. Friends approved the schedule as submitted. A copy of the proposal is attached.

Minute 2016-05-06 Plans for Joint Quarterly Meeting. A preliminary report summarizing plans for Joint Quarterly Meeting at Camp Kern, Lebanon, OH on Oct. 29-30, 2016 was distributed. This report was provided by Lisa Cayard. The Planning Committee consists of Lisa Cayard, Martha Viehmann, Steve Angell, Rachel Moore, and Veronica Frost. Martha Viehmann summarized the report. Friends accepted the report with thanks.

Minute 2016-05-07 New Miami Quarterly Meeting Treasurer. Faith Morgan has offered to serve as our Treasurer for the next two years. Some Friends felt that it was more practical that a treasurer serve for a four-year term. Friends approved Faith Morgan's offer to serve for two years.

Minute 2016-05-08 Thanks to past Treasurer. Friends thank Frank Huss for his long and faithful service as treasurer of Miami Quarterly Meeting.

Minute 2016-05-09 New presiding Clerk. Veronica Frost offers to continue as our sole Quarterly Meeting Clerk, but she cannot attend our Fifth Month meetings due to a standing engagement. Cecilia Shore has offered to clerk our Fifth Month meetings for the next two years. Veronica Frost will develop the agenda and make any other advance preparations. Friends approved Veronica Frost as Clerk with Cecilia Shore presiding at Fifth Month meetings for the next two years.

Minute 2016-05-10 YM Planning Committee report. Martha Viehmann, co-clerk of the OVYM Planning Committee, gave us a preview of logistics and activities. Yearly Meeting sessions will be held July 27 – July 31, 2016 at Earlham College, Richmond, IN. The theme is 'One in the Spirit - Becoming a More Inclusive Religious Society.' Because Friends Music Camp is being held on campus at the same time, we will not have access to some of the buildings we are accustomed to using. The keynote speakers are Michael Birkel (Thursday) and Niyonu Spann (Friday).

Minute 2016-05-11 Proposals from Whitewater Quarter. Whitewater Quarterly Meeting brought 4 proposals to the April 2 Executive Committee meeting. Executive Committee forwarded these proposals to Miami Quarterly Meeting for its consideration before further consideration by Executive Committee.

- 1) Quarterly Meetings would no longer play a role in the endorsement of traveling minutes. Monthly meetings would originate and endorse traveling minutes for service within the yearly meeting. OVYM would consider traveling minutes for service beyond the yearly meeting.

Several Friends spoke in support of continuing the participation of the Quarterly Meeting in the endorsement of traveling minutes. Friends noted that we did not have information on why Whitewater Quarter made this proposal. Friends did not unite with this proposal.

- 2) OVYM would assume primary responsibility for shepherding new (monthly) meetings into the yearly meeting.

Again, Friends noted that we do not have information on Whitewater Quarter Friends' concern about this issue. According to our Faith and Practice, Quarterly Meeting has approval for the creation, inclusion, and laying down of monthly meetings. Friends did not unite with this proposal.

- 3) OVYM would share responsibility with the quarterly meetings for offering spiritual support to troubled monthly meetings.

Friends could not approve this proposal because it is already the charge of OVYM's Religious Nurture and Education Committee.

- 4) OVYM would share responsibility with the quarterly meetings in speaking to the wider society.

Again, Friends could not approve this proposal because it is already the practice of OVYM. We would welcome further dialog with Whitewater Friends about the concerns that underlie their proposals. Miami Quarterly Friends feel that Yearly Meeting annual sessions or Joint Quarterly Meeting can provide opportunities for further discussion of the context from which these proposals arose.

Minute 2016-05-12 OVYM Nominating Committee. Friends discussed the current difficulty finding people to serve the yearly meeting. One Friend noted that this is not a matter to finding volunteers but of discerning Friends with the appropriate gifts.

Minute 2016-05-13 MQM minutes on website. Friends approved having our minutes posted to the OVYM website.

Meeting for Business closed with a brief period of waiting worship.

MIAMI QUARTERLY MEETING Rotation Schedule, 2017 - 2019

Date	Host/Co-Host *	Adult Program	Youth Program
2/19/2017	Campus /Eastern Hills	Lexington	Campus
5/ /2017	Miami /Oxford	Dayton (SoS)	Miami
10/ /2017	Yellow Springs	Englewood	Yellow Springs
2/ /2018	Community	Louisville	Community
5/ /2018	Lexington	Oxford (SoS)	Lexington
10/ /2018	Joint Quarterly. Whitewater Quarter will host.		
2/ /2019	Eastern Hills /Campus	Yellow Springs	Eastern Hills
5/ /2019	Englewood /Dayton	Campus (SoS)	Englewood

10/ 2019

Louisville

Community

Louisville

* When two meetings co-host, the name in bold represents the location of Quarterly meeting.

(SoS) May quarterlies still include sharing of State of the Society reports. Interactive program plans are encouraged.

Hosts provide overnight hospitality if requested, greeting (name tags welcome), main dishes, salads, and beverages for the pot luck, First Day School for all ages, and a children's program. Teens are not likely to attend if there is no scheduled teen retreat. Middle schoolers may attend with their parents but have not done so without program planned by the OVYM MY committee in recent years. Hosts should contact the co-host to request and coordinate assistance.

Co-Hosts should expect to contribute some of the main dish/salad/beverages for the pot luck, assist with set up and clean up, and possibly help with children's programming, including transportation to a local attraction for the afternoon portion of the program.

Clerk sends out announcements and reminders.

Notes: Oxford and Dayton MM generally do not serve as hosts for Quarterly meetings. Eastern Hills and Miami MM will be scheduled to provide adult programming in the next rotation.