

Fall 2018 Concord Quarter Coordinator Report by Lynne Piersol

What does your Coordinator do? My day to day work includes helping to plan Quarter events such as Quarterly Meetings and the recent Parents' Morning Off, posting events on the website and on the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PhYM) calendar, participating in the Aging Concerns Working Group and Planning Committee meetings and taking minutes, keeping track of who's who in the various meetings and making sure that information gets to PhYM, and attending Annual and Continuing Sessions of PhYM and reporting back (these reports are on the Concord Quarter website under the Coordinator tab). I also send out monthly announcements and the quarterly newsletter (for which I am grateful to Rich Ailes for editing), and post on our new Facebook page. And you see me when I visit your meetings on Sundays. I also help individual meetings with publicity and logistics at times.

This fall has been busy! First there were plans for a Hayride and potluck at the Stratton's farm on September 23, which unfortunately was rained out. We'll try again next year! The Aging Concerns Working Group had a workshop on October 13 for which I did logistical support with the help of committee members and took notes. Right after that was Quarterly Meeting on October 28 at Middletown Meeting. Approval of the Care Relationship with Delaware Valley Friends School means that the CQ Nominating Committee, which I also support, is planning time to discern who will be on the Care Committee so that names can be brought forward at January Quarterly Meeting.

Next came a Follow Up Session with Callie Janoff from NYYM's ARCH Program, on November 17, a half day that was included in the plans for the April Aging Concerns Facilitator training she facilitated with George Schaefer. I worked with the Working Group and Callie to plan the day, and how we could ensure the remaining funds from Friends Foundation on the Aging were spent appropriately (and completely!).

December 1st was our Parents' Morning Off event, jointly sponsored with Western Quarter. It has been a pleasure to work with Sarah Kastriner, their Coordinator and their new Youth Coordinator, Claire Brandenburg Taylor. Tom Haviland and Elson Blunt were a great help that day, especially with outdoor play. We look forward to more joint events, including a joint Quarterly Meeting in April.

I also attended PhYM Continuing Sessions on November 3rd and wrote up my impressions for the Concord Quarter website. PhYM Youth Engagement Staff recently invited all Quarter Coordinators others to Friends Center to meet with the Youth and Community Engagement Coordinators, a twice a year event. It was great to hear what is going on in their Quarters and to consult with each other about various issues like, for example, how other meetings handle the need for sound amplification.

I continue to enjoy serving Concord Quarter and look forward to seeing you at programs and when I visit your meetings. I hope you will reach out if you have a comment, or a suggestion. Planning Committee, (which meets four times a year) and The Working Group on Aging Concerns (which meets monthly) are open to anyone interested. I can be reached at: concordquarter@pym.org or 610-864-3802 (I do check my messages).