

Coordinator Report for Concord Quarterly Meeting, April 28, 2019

Communication is the work that takes most of my time. During the last three months I have continued to send out the monthly Announcements, along with answering email nearly daily. I also periodically send out more targeted information aimed at people interested in particular issues such as Peace and Social Concerns or Care and Counsel people in the Quarter, for example. I am happy, when requested, to promote (include in Announcements, post on our calendar) events happening at meetings and Quaker schools and organizations in the Quarter or sponsored by meetings in the Quarter. I also promote youth and family events sponsored by PYM, and sometimes one of a kind PYM events. As an administrator of our Facebook page, I was given approval to try “boosting” the this Quarterly Meeting information for a period of time to spread the word further. Many more people were reached than would be without the boosting. I write some for the quarterly newsletter, edited by Rich Ailes, and send it out electronically and by snail mail.

Events have included helping with the recent PYM Friends in Fellowship event at Birmingham Meeting. Working with Western Quarter and others to plan this Quarterly Meeting has been a bigger project than usual since it is not at a meeting, and involved advance preparation for the afternoon program, along with the many tasks to keep track of. I also attended three events sponsored by PYM: a day on welcoming new friends on February 9, a day on aging concerns on February 23, and Continuing Sessions on March 24. A report on Continuing Sessions is on our website while the notes from the other events were circulated to various people in the Quarter.

I also attended the first organizational meeting of the Delaware Valley Friends School/Concord Quarter Care Committee held on March 4, and took the minutes (now posted on our website). The group came up with a number of ideas of how to grow the relationship between the school and the Quarter. The next meeting is Monday afternoon, May 6 and is open to anyone interested in the Quarter.

I also support the Concord Quarter Working Group on Aging Concerns which usually meets monthly with note taking and logistical arrangements for meetings and programs, including our next program on May 4 on “The End is Dear”.

Visiting each meeting several times a year is also part of the job, so each month I plan to visit 2 or more meetings on Sunday mornings. I really enjoy connecting with those present and hearing what is on their hearts.

All in all, it has been a great experience working for the Quarter. And I very much appreciate all the support I get from you.

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