

## **MINUTES OF QAN PLANNING & HOLDING MEETING**

### **24 February 2017@ Friends House**

Present: Penny Robbins, Fiona Meadley, Anne McNeill, Jill Green, June Buffery, Judith Bromley Nicholls, Rowena Loverance, Zelie Gross, Linda Murgatroyd, Lucy Morrill, Caroline Coode, Rebecca Bellamy

#### 1. Echo Chamber

Fiona Meadley reported on the impact of this 2016 QAN exhibition, including positive responses, visitor numbers, publicity and follow on. June Buffery confirmed that the expenditure had been within budget.

#### 2. Selection process

Fiona thanked the selection panel: Zelie Gross, Rowena Loverance and Rebecca Bellamy for considering the applications and selecting and giving feedback to Jill Green. There was some discussion as to why there had not been more applicants. Some artists find it difficult to say whether their art is "Quaker" work or not. Rebecca wondered if it was too much pressure, artists would have to be prepared to commit a lot of time to make an exhibition work, and suggested QAN promote smaller regional exhibitions to mentor members.

#### 3. 2017 QAN exhibition

Jill Green, who has been selected for the forthcoming Spring exhibition at Friends House, circulated details of "Making Connections". The exhibition starts on 4 May and runs till the end of July. The Committee agreed to increase the QAN funding to up to £2000, towards the cost of launch, flyers & distribution and exhibition catalogue. Jill asked for help with hanging, and is planning to be at the exhibition every Thursday.

#### 4. Future of QAN

Penny Robbins reminded Friends that she had agreed at the last AGM to hold the fort pro tem, and would seek to stand down at the forthcoming AGM.

Anne McNeill suggested QAN pay for services to members, and charge a fee to cover this.

Rebecca Bellamy volunteered to do a consultation with the membership as to what they want from QAN, based on what they would be willing to pay. The committee asked Rebecca to submit a proposal by end March for the terms of such a consultation, to include an honorarium to her for doing this work.

On this basis, it was agreed to delay the AGM until after the results of this consultation is known (before the end of July).

Linda Murgatroyd was asked to book a venue for the AGM in late Oct (either Saturday 21 or 28), possibly at Bull Street Meeting House in Birmingham/Woodbrooke/Oxford/Kingston Meeting House. Linda would seek to liaise with Midland Friends if the venue were in Birmingham.

Penny Robbins confirmed that she is willing to remain as Acting Clerk, with Fiona Meadley's support, till October. She also asked for support with the newsletter and website. Linda Murgatroyd offered to continue updating events on the website, and

coordinate the newsletter. Rebecca Bellamy offered to put the newsletter onto mailchimp. Lucy Morrill continues to be willing to work on the website, once Jean Chettle is well enough to be able to train her.

The Nominations Group (Caroline Coode, Jill Green and June Buffery) asked to stand down, as they have been unable to identify any new volunteers to serve as Clerk and on the committee. The Committee asked Rebecca to include in her consultation a request to members as to what skills they are willing to volunteer, to determine whether there are likely to be volunteers to be voted in at the next AGM. Penny will send Rebecca job descriptions of the various roles required.

It may be necessary to meet again after the consultation, before the AGM.

5. 2018 calendar

Linda Murgatroyd is working with FWCC on a new calendar project, and wishes to ask QAN members if they would like to contribute images by mid March. The committee approved her emailing members in QAN's name in the coming weeks, as it would be too late to leave it till the next newsletter.

The meeting was brought to a close with a moment of silent worship.