

Quaker Arts Network

Minutes of an Annual General Meeting, held on Saturday 20th July 2019, at Swarthmoor Quaker Meeting House.

1 Worship and welcome

Paragraph 21.32 of Quaker Faith and Practice has been read in our opening worship.

2 Apologies

We have received apologies from Alec Davison and June Buffery.

3 Annual Report

Linda Murgatroyd has presented the annual report 2018-19 to us and we accept it. We are glad to hear that the Network is now a Quaker Recognised Body and that the committee is working well, focusing on the core business of communications and community-building.

It has also been good to see the Network being of use to Friends with more diverse arts interests and to meet new Friends every time we have a face-to-face gathering. Our website and Facebook page also continue to be valuable tools for outreach and making connections.

We are very grateful to all who helped set up the Seeking Routes exhibition, especially Sally Oliver and Jane Pearson.

4 Treasurer's report

Kate Green has presented the report and accounts prepared by June Buffery, our Treasurer, which we accept. We are grateful to June for her faithful work as our treasurer, and also to Barry Mercer for examining the accounts.

Our finances continue to be in a strong position thanks to the "legacy" donation from the Leavers. However we will need to develop a regular income stream for the medium term or if we want to take on new activities. We are delighted to hear that Wanstead Local meeting has recently agreed to donate £50 to Quaker Arts Network on an annual basis.

5 Appointments (This item clerked by Dorothy Jerrome)

We have received the following names of Friends to serve until the 2020 AGM:

Clerk : Linda Murgatroyd (Kingston and Wandsworth AM)

Assistant Clerk: Kate Green (North East Thames AM)

Treasurer: June Buffery (Oxford and Swindon AM)

Committee members :

Caroline Coode (Northumbria AM)
Alec Davison (North East Thames AM)
Elena Krumgold (Surrey and Sussex AM)
John Lampen (Central England AM)

These names being acceptable, our Friends are duly appointed.

6 Future plans, priorities and financial strategy (LM)

[Note: We heard about of plans for the coming year . The committee proposes to continue to focus on core communications matters including the website and newsletter, and intends to hold some kind of event at the Yearly Meeting Gathering at Bath University in 2020, though this may not be the best place for an AGM. As well as encouraging and publicising other initiatives, QAN currently supports two projects : Friends in Tune, and the Loving Earth Project. This support is largely in the form of prayerful support for discernment and publicity; the requirements of QAN projects are set out in the constitution, on our website.]

We approve the committee's proposed financial strategy. This is to invite donations from meetings, individuals and others (but not introduce a membership fee), and to prioritise our expenses in the following order:

- (1) core costs - publicity, room bookings, travel expenses, QAN events, website
- (2) publicising Quaker arts events via the Friend on a regular basis (as an experiment at first)
- (3) supporting projects endorsed by the committee as "QAN projects"
- (4) grants to support other Quaker arts projects.

The latter would be a long term aim and would depend on having a wider group of Friends able to offer advice and willing to be drawn on for selection panels , etc.

7 Using the arts for Quaker outreach

We have explored links between the arts and ministry and how the arts can be used as Quaker outreach in a variety of ways, whether explicitly or not.

8 Afternoon workshops

This afternoon we will welcome others to join us in a set of workshops using dance, drawing and collage, textile and creative writing, under the general title "Fragile Abundance", associated with the "Seeking Routes" art exhibition at Swarthmoor Hall. This will be followed by a celebratory performance from some of those present.

9 Thanks

We thank Friends from Swarthmoor Meeting for their warm welcome and hospitality.

Linda Murgatroyd, Clerk
20 Friends present.