

Quaker Arts Network Annual General Meeting

1 September 2018 at Friends House, Euston

DRAFT AGENDA

1. **Opening worship**

A quote from a 1657 epistle to Friends from George Fox was read in our opening worship.

2. **Agenda**

The agenda was accepted.

3. **Apologies received**

We have received apologies from *Judith Bromley Nicholls, June Buffery, Ann Johnson, Eden Thomas, and Jane Pearson.*

4. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the 2017 AGM have been circulated and placed on our website.

5. **Annual**

Linda Murgatroyd presented the 2017-2018 Annual Report which was accepted. We were encouraged to use the arts locally for Quaker outreach.

6. **Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer's report and accounts for 2017 were presented and accepted. We are grateful to June Buffery for her service and report.

7. **Nominations**

We thanked the members of the Holding Group for their service since September 2017 and appointed the following to serve in 2018-19:

Clerk: Linda Murgatroyd (Kingston and Wandsworth 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)

We still seek a co-clerk or assistant clerk and the committee would welcome further offers of service; the committee is empowered to make cooptions between AGMs . We agreed to explore the possibility doing some business by video link.

8. **Constitution and Quaker Recognised Body Status**

The meeting approved the draft constitution (subject to one minor alteration), and asks the clerk to pursue the application for QRB status.

9. **Future developments and news.**

Clerk's note: a formal minute of this item was not made. News of current projects was given and possible future events and developments were discussed. (Any future developments will be for Friends to organise ; at present the QAN committee does not aim to do more than advise and help publicise them.)

22 Friends present

Notes for the record:**News and possible future initiatives mentioned at the 2018 AGM or at other times during the day included the following:**

- The new *QAN website* produced by Michael Wood and Elena Krumgold with support from Linda Murgatroyd went live on 1 September.
(NB it has the same address quakerarts.net, but if your computer has saved the address you will need to rekey the whole address, and maybe press Refresh or Control+Refresh.)
The new site is simpler than our previous website and will be easier to maintain but includes fewer pictures. However it includes a live feed to the QAN Facebook page (the main way to share your images, poems, music and ideas) and it will be easier for Friends to upload information about their events, including images.
We encourage all Friends to use this to publicise any Quaker arts events - please encourage others to look at it and use it.
- *Friends in Tune* : a busy tour of meetings starting this autumn. The hope is that this will develop into a larger Quaker Festival of Song in a couple of years.
- *Collateral Damage Project*: the fist poppies will be going up in Friends House soon, and a large installation during November and December. Volunteers sought to help sew poppies onto backing cloth on October 18th and 23rd. (contact collateraldamage2018@gmail.com)
- *Swarthmoor Hall* is interested in the possibility of a *group art exhibition* there in July-August 2019, perhaps on a sustainability theme. There is interest in this and some possible co-curators.
- Mey Hasbrook will be at the *BYM Sustainability Group gathering " Bridging the Gap" on 19 - 21 October* and encourages other QAN members' participation.
- A possible *exhibition of Quaker poetry*, perhaps at the Priory rooms in Birmingham?
- 11 Friends expressed an interest in a creative writing/poetry group. They will be circulated with each others' email addresses so they can take this forward.
- The possibility of organising a *QAN event in the North West* including music.
- An invitation to help organise/attend a "*Quaker Spirit Gathering*" - an opportunity to include arts elements as part of deepening spirituality? Details of this initiative are at qqq.quakerspirit.com or from Stephen Feltham <quakerstephen@gmail.com>

Attendance: 22 Friends attended the morning and four more Friends attended in the afternoon bringing the total to 26.

Performances :

We enjoyed a rich and diverse set of short performances at the end of the day, organised by Alec Davison.

Offerings were from: John Lampen (poetry), Caroline Kendall (song with guitar), Karima Brooke (poem), Kate Green and friends (Chantraine dance), Emily Chen (poem), Brett Fletcher (poem), Jenny Vickers (song - with keyboard), Gregory Lint (violin solo), Hazel Morgan (unaccompanied songs), Lucy Aphramor (extract from one-woman show), Tony Biggin and Alec Davison (leading group singing).