

Quaker Arts Network
Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2020
held by teleconference on Saturday 23rd May 2020

1 Opening Worship

We welcome a number of new Quaker Arts Network members to this our first AGM by Zoom. We have been glad to spend a short time together in quiet worship.

2 Apologies

We have received apologies from Alec Davison and Ann Johnson.

3 Minutes of the 2019 AGM

These minutes are available at <http://quakerarts.net/documents/>

4 Annual Report

Linda Murgatroyd has presented the annual report 2019 to us and we accept it. We are glad to hear that committee is working well, focusing on the core business of communications and community-building, and of the success of the Seeking Routes exhibition and associated events at Swarthmoor Hall last summer.

5 Treasurer's report

June Buffery, our Treasurer, has presented the financial report and accounts, and we accept these. Our finances continue to be in a strong position.

We are very grateful to June for her faithful work as our treasurer over many years. We thank Barry Mercer for examining the accounts.

June has described the work of the QAN Treasurer, and we hope that a new Treasurer may come forward as June finishes her service. A role description is available from the clerks.

6 Fundraising

We wish to develop a regular income stream for the medium term, so that we can take continue our regular adverts in *The Friend* and support new projects as we are led. We have a new flyer (attached) which invites Friends to donate, and/or to ask their Local Meetings to donate to QAN, ideally on an annual basis.

7 Grant-Making

We are happy for the committee to continue to deal with requests for small grants on an ad-hoc basis, testing them against our agreed aims, and giving priority to QAN projects.

We are reminded of the BYM Hope Fund which may help some young people with arts projects and we ask the committee to explore possible collaborations.

8 Quaker Arts Network projects

A Seeking Routes exhibition

We have shared some reflections on this exhibition, the first group exhibition organised by the Quaker Arts Network, which featured works exploring Quaker witness and experience of environmental sustainability.

We thank Sally for her hard work and discernment in curating this excellent exhibition. We look forward to the publication of a "Ways to Kiss the Earth", a small book featuring many of the works in the exhibition.

B Friends in Tune

We have heard from Tony Biggin about some of the recent work of *Friends in Tune* and have enjoyed a performance of *Truth's a Seed* and *Spirit*.

Scores and recordings of a number of Quaker vocal and choral works are now available from the Friends in Tune Website: www.friendsintune.com

We regret having had to cancel the singing event planned for April in Worthing due to the COVID-19 lockdown, and hope to reinstate it in due course.

C Loving Earth Project

We have seen a video introducing the Loving Earth Project, a QAN project which grew out of the *Seeking Routes* exhibition and is now taking on a life of its own, in partnership with Woodbrooke and others.

The Riverhouse Barn Arts Centre who will be hosting a series of make and chat online events for the Loving Earth Project in the coming weeks, and Lottie Percival has made a series of 'how to' videos to support the project. We encourage Friends to consider participating in the project and publicising it in their own communities, to help people engage creatively with environmental issues.

9 Social Media

Our newsletter now goes to over 300 Friends, about half of whom often or always read it (a high proportion). The Quaker Arts Network Facebook group has enabled some interesting sharing among QAN members during the lockdown. We have 157 followers on Instagram but low reach .

We encourage Friends to post Quaker arts events at <http://quakerarts.net/events/> in good time for free publicity there. We encourage Friends to comment on Instagram or Share/like on Facebook to help improve QAN's visibility.

10 Appointments

We receive the following names of Friends to serve until the 2020 AGM unless otherwise indicated:

Clerk :	Linda Murgatroyd (Kingston and Wandsworth AM)
Assistant Clerk:	Kate Green (North East Thames AM)
Treasurer:	June Buffery (Oxford and Swindon AM) (until 31.12.20)
Committee members :	Elena Krumgold (Surrey and Sussex AM)
	John Lampen (Central England AM)
	Rosemary (Rosi) Robinson (Pickering and Hull AM)
	Sue Tyldesley (Central and North Lancashire AM)

These names being acceptable, our Friends are duly appointed. The committee would welcome further nominations at any time.

Alec Davison and Caroline Coode's service on this committee now ceases, and June Buffery's service will end in December. We thank them for their service, particularly to June and Caroline who have been active members since the Quaker Arts Network was initiated, nine years ago.

11 Revising the Book of Discipline

Simon Gray, a member of the Book of Discipline Revision Committee has told us a little about the Committee's initial work.

We have heard that the committee has been encouraged to be adventurous in exploring a range of materials and media which might be included.

We hope that the new book will reflect how Friends use the arts for spiritual nurture, witness and outreach, and encourage Friend to look out for, and submit artistic submissions through the submissions process. <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/qfp-idea/>

12 Other projects and events

We have explored a few possible future events which Friends may take forward in future, including projects on identity and our spiritual experience as expressed through the arts.

Linda Murgatroyd
Clerk

QAN ACTIVITIES

- Organising occasional events for creative activities, worship, face-to-face and online
- Sponsoring Quaker arts events - eg. exhibitions, projects
- Publicising Quaker arts events through our website, newsletters, social media, The Friend
- Encouraging use of the arts for spiritual growth, outreach and witness
- Sharing information about arts commissions and other opportunities



quakerarts.net



JOINING AND SUPPORTING US

Membership of QAN is free - You can join simply by emailing quakerarts@quaker.org.uk

If you'd like to introduce yourself to the many other Quakers in QAN, do post on our Quaker arts Facebook page or Instagram

We are a network of volunteers and your support is in several ways:

- **POST EVENTS** - it's easy to put your event details on our website - quakerarts.net/events. They'll appear when they've been moderated
- **TELL FRIENDS** - about QAN - share news, resources and experience through Facebook and Instagram
- **MAKE A DONATION** - we need regular donations to maintain our core activities (eg the website), to underwrite events and enable our activities to be more inclusive. We would love to be able to do more - eg to support projects in line with our aims. Please do link your mailing to make a donation, regularly if possible, and/or donate individually and/or hold a fund-raising event.

Donations can be made by BACS to: HSBC Branch 40 09 00 "Quaker Arts Network" account 42205660. If you make a BACS payment, please email the Treasurer - quakerarts@quaker.org.uk

To make a donation by cheque, please contact the treasurer - quakerarts@quakerarts.org.uk
if you're running a fundraising event, don't forget to let us know and put it on our website

- **GET MORE INVOLVED** - The small, organic, no-commitment, needs regular refreshing, and we would welcome all offers of help with administrative tasks, publicity or with particular projects. Just e-mail us to find out more.



quakerarts.net

quakerarts@quaker.org.uk

