

# Quaker Arts Network

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

Held at 2.30 pm on Saturday 11 March by Zoom

### Minutes

Attendance: 22 Friends were present

Apologies had been received from Stevie Kraye, Sue Tyldesley and Tracey Martin.

#### 1 Opening worship

We spent some minutes in silent worship, during which an extract from Jack Kirk, "A Sense of Wonder," Editorial, Quaker Life, "Friends and the arts," special issue, June 1979

#### 2 Minutes of the 2022 AGM

The minutes the 2022 AGM have been circulated and put on the website (at <http://quakerarts.net/documents/>)

#### 3 2022 Annual Report and Accounts

We accept the 2022 Annual Report and accounts and these have been put on our website.

Quaker Arts have continued to thrive through 2022, with more in-person events taking place as Covid has subsided, both dramatic performances and exhibitions and workshops . Online activities have also continued to enable our community to come together. These included a New Year's concert with a rich varied programme, and a creative writing workshop in the autumn.

Two books featuring some of the Loving Earth panels were published early in the year. QAN would very much welcome help to improve the marketing of books published by QAN so that our art, spirituality and witness can be shared more widely.

Our Treasurer, John Lampen reported on the accounts the committee's banking intentions. We are grateful to John Lampen for his work in managing our finances, and to Peter Ullathorne for examining the accounts.

#### 4 Application for Registered Charity status

We have recently heard that our application to become an unincorporated charitable association was successful. Quaker Arts Network is now **Registered Charity Number 1202268.**

## 5 Future QAN activities

- **BYM events**

We plan to hold a stall at the YM on Sunday 30th April and hope to see Friends there in person. We will not be holding an online event this year.

- **Loving Earth project exhibitions and Publications**

Two further books arising from the Loving Earth Project are now in preparation. A children's book, led by Rici Marshall Cross, and a poetry book edited by Tracey Martin.

The project has a busy programme for the rest of 2023 and would welcome a few further volunteers to help with events in London in the autumn of 2023 or with and with some administration thereafter.

Plans are being made for a poetry reading to launch the poetry book and an exhibition at Friends House, on 5th October.

- **George Fox video project**

John Lampen reported to us his discussion with the Children and Young People's staff at Friends House who will be inviting Friends and Meetings (especially younger ones) to make videos inspired by an aspect of George Fox's life and ministry, which would be collected together and made available online in 2024, to commemorate Fox's 400th anniversary. We hope that The CYP team will launch this in late summer.

- **Creative Writing group**

Interest has been expressed in the formation of a creative writing group. This might involve a variety of activities including writing workshops/ readings/ discussions etc. We ask Sylvia Clare and Saskia Stenson to take this forward.

- **Funding for Quaker arts projects**

We hope to use some of our money to support Quaker arts projects but will need more trustees with time to set up and manage a process for doing this.

## 6 Appointments

The QAN trustees form a committee to which other QAN members who would like to participate actively in the work of QAN are invited. Sean Jacke, Amanda Jones, Andy O'Hanlon and Martin Harnor have all participated actively in this way during 2022. Others interested in participating in our work, whether by organising or helping with events or projects or in other ways, are encouraged to get in touch.

The following were appointed as QAN trustees to serve until our next AGM.

Clerk:

Vacant

Assistand Clerk:

Kate Green (North East Thames AM)

Treasurer: Cherry Simkin (South East London AM)  
Communications manager: Sean Jacke (North West London AM) -  
Loving Earth Project : Linda Murgatroyd (Kingston and Wandsworth AM)  
Social media: Sylvia Clare (Hampshire and Islands AM)  
Trustee: John Lampen (Central England AM)

We thank Sue Tyldesley for her service as trustee; she continues to work with the Loving Earth Project and is on its Steering Group. John Lampen and Linda Murgatroyd continue as trustees. They had indicated their wish to be released as treasurer and clerk respectively at our last AGM. However we have not yet been able to find a new clerk.

Andy O'Hanlon (Hampshire and Islands AM) and Sean Jacke are acting as a search group for a future clerk or co-clerks. A role description and Andy's contact details are on the News page of our website. We ask Friends to support their search prayerfully and by suggesting possible names to them, and to support the trustees meanwhile.

## **7 Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

Linda Murgatroyd  
(Clerk)

Note: After the formal business we were treated to some thoughtful and inspiring talks from Mark Waistell (a singer/songwriter), Kate Green (dancer and choreographer) and Sally Beamish (composer) about how their creative practice and their Quakerism are linked, under the title "Nourishing the Imagination". Each of these talks was illustrated with a short and moving performance

A few other Friends were able to join us for this and/or for informal discussion before the AGM.