



# The Bulletin

## London Grove Monthly Meeting

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### February 2012

#### *Query for Second Month* Meeting for Business

Is our meeting for business held in the spirit of a meeting for worship in which we seek divine guidance?

Are we careful to keep in the spirit of worship each of the concerns that emerge, whether of nurture, of Spirit, of social concerns, of property, or of finance?

Are Meeting decisions directed by prayerful consideration of all aspects of an issue and are difficult problems considered carefully with patient search for truth, unhurried by the pressures of time?

How do we respond if we notice the meeting has lost an understanding of the presence of God?

Do we recognize that we speak through our inaction as well as our action?

*Do I regularly attend meeting for business and in a spirit of love and unity? If unable to attend, how do I attend to my responsibility?*

*Do I consider prayerfully the many concerns that are lifted up on any issue, acknowledging that the search for truth in unity involves what God requires, being open to personal transformation as the community arrives at the sense of the meeting?*

#### Adult First Day School

February 5 - Meeting for Worship for Business

The Committee of Care and Membership invites everyone to a **hearty winter luncheon of soup** after Meeting for Worship for Business. RSVPs are not required.

February 12 - Quaker Quest and Spiritual Hospitality


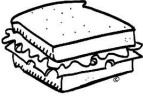
February 19 - Quaker Quest and Spiritual Hospitality

February 26 - Bible Study with Bob Frye

#### Book Club

The next London Grove book club meeting will be on Wednesday, Feb. 8. We will meet for a sandwich supper at 6:30 pm and discussion of *A Hidden Wholeness* by Parker Palmer at 7:30 pm.

**February 2012**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 7:30 pm Property Com- mittee Meeting	3 1:30 pm 300th Year Com- mittee Meeting	4 6:30-9:30 pm Film "Waiting for Superman" and discussion at Bayard Taylor Library, Kennett Square
5 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Meeting for Worship for Business Followed by soup lunch  	6	7	8 6:30 pm Book Club: Sand- wich supper at 6:30 pm and discussion of <i>A Hidden Whole- ness</i> at 7:30 pm.  	9 7 pm Care and Membership Committee Meeting	10	11
12 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am First Day School  7 pm Worship and Ministry Committee Meeting	13	14	15 7:30 pm Peace and Social Jus- tice Meeting	16	17	18
19 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am First Day School	20 7:15 pm Reli- gious Education Committee Meeting  <i>Deadline for material for March Bulletin</i>  See p. 4 for <i>Bulletin</i> address	21 9:30 am Library Committee Meeting	22	23	24	25
26 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am First Day School 2-4 pm: Quaker Quest-Quakers and Family  6 pm Adult Supper	27	28	29			

## Decisions by Meeting – January 2012

The following decisions were made during Meeting for Business held on January 8, 2012:

Meeting approved the Minutes of our December 4, 2011 Meeting for Business, with minor corrections.

Meeting approved the Proposed Budget for 2012 as presented by the Finance Committee. Contributions toward the budget are anticipated to be \$110,290. Members, attenders and other seekers are requested to make contributions throughout the year instead of at year end in order help with the cash flow needs of the Meeting throughout the year.

Meeting approved a Travel Minute for Susan Rhodewalt in support of her upcoming trip to Ramallah, Palestine. She will accompany a group of Westtown seniors and then remain in Palestine, working with educators in the West Bank and various peace-related initiatives on both sides of the border. She will carry the Minute to Ramallah Friends Meeting and the Friends International Center in Ramallah.

## Treasurer's Report – December 31, 2011

The beginning balance was \$35,510.94. Total income for the month of December was \$35,610.50. Total expenses were \$37,497.85 including contributions to eight Quaker organizations, the De-Mining Project, UNICEF, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Western Quarter Meeting and the London Grove Upkeep Reserve. The net ordinary income *for the month* was \$-1,887.35, with an ending balance of \$32,623.59.

A very positive note is that *London Grove met 100.7% of our contribution budget for the year* and we ended the year with a surplus of \$4,352.00. We thank deeply all the families and individuals who contributed to London Grove Meeting in 2011.

## Finance Committee Notes – Budget for 2012

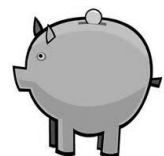
Our budget for 2012 is slightly larger than 2011, with budgeted income of \$113,790 about 2% greater than actual receipts in 2011; and budgeted expenses of \$113,790, about 7% greater than actual expenses in 2011. This includes contributions to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Western Quarter Meeting, the London Grove Upkeep Reserve, Quaker Quest and outreach contributions to eight Quaker organizations. May this be a "Friendly Reminder" of the financial needs of our meeting and that all members and attenders are asked to contribute to help meet this year's budget.

## Preliminary Agenda – Meeting for Business – February 5, 2012

Minutes of January 8, 2012 Meeting for Business  
Treasurer's Report  
Care & Membership Committee report  
Quaker Quest Committee report

## From Peace and Social Justice Committee

The Peace and Social Concerns committee wants to remind people to save their spare change for the UNICEF Simple Meal fundraiser next October.





## Adult Supper

Sam and Lisa Cypressi have opened their home at 11 Winterset Court, West Grove, PA, for the London Grove Adult Dinner on Feb. 26th at 6:00 P.M. It is a pot luck, so please bring a side dish or dessert. Please RSVP to them at [scypressi@verizon.net](mailto:scypressi@verizon.net) or call at 610-869-7386 if you need directions.

## Philadelphia Yearly Meeting News

**Yearly Meeting Called Session, Saturday, February 11, 2012, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at Arch Street Meeting House.** Clerk Thomas Swain has announced a Called Session of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to consider our yearly meeting programs and concerns. Our current financial situation and efforts to better align our expenses with our income in support of Quaker faith and work will be presented and considered. Discernment and consideration by members is important to this work. Gathering begins at 9:00 am; the Meeting begins at 9:30 am. Junior Interim Meeting will be held concurrently and childcare will be available. *This Called Session replaces the previously scheduled February Interim Meeting.* Parking is available at Arch Street Meeting House (enter from 4<sup>th</sup> Street).

### PYM Today Online

**PYM Today Online** will be coming soon to your email inbox. PYM is sending the first issue to all households for which they have an email address. If you want to receive it, but do not receive your own copy, just go to the PYM website [pym.org](http://pym.org) and, in the little slide show on the home page, you will see the notice for **PYM Today Online** and a button to click on and sign up. It will be published monthly in addition to our twice-yearly printed journal, *PYM Today*.

*New address for London Grove Bulletin articles. See listing below.*

### Child Care for February

February 5	1st hour 2nd hour	Alexia Vaughan Brenda Macaluso and Tammy Brosius
February 12	1st hour 2nd hour	Kelli Trice Marianne Whitlock and Cintra Murray
February 19	1st hour 2nd hour	Georgia Delaney Judith A. Montague and Dawn L. Thompson
February 26	1st hour 2nd hour	Mary Jo Ciganek Lisa Cypressi and Sam Cypressi

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 The Western Quarter website: [www.localquakers.org](http://www.localquakers.org) has a link to London Grove.  
 Philadelphia Yearly Meeting [www.pym.org](http://www.pym.org)  
 London Grove Monthly Meeting, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Friends General Conference, Western Quarter and London Grove Friends Kindergarten each have Facebook pages also.