

**Centre Quarterly Meeting
of Baltimore Yearly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends**

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business was held October 11, 2009 at West Branch Friends Meeting, Grampian, PA.

Representatives of the constituent Monthly Meetings were present as follows:

Dunnings Creek: Susan Williams, Norman Williams

State College: Elwood Way, Emily Way

West Branch: Peggy Fry, Walt Fry, Robin Greendonner, Bob Wriglesworth, Bill McFadden, Betty M, Fadden

Opening Worship included the reading of the query "Caring for One Another" and advises from the 2009 draft of Faith and Practice

Susan Williams, Centre Quarter Clerk welcomed all and thanked West Branch Friends for their hospitality and "exquisite – over the top meal". She also thanked Ron Thorp of West Branch for the First Day School discussion from Mark 5:1-13, 18-20 "Recognizing Jesus", part on an ongoing series on Covenant Communities. We are to open our hearts, eyes, ears so that we can understand the ways in which we are to live.

The minutes from June 7, 2009 Quarterly Meeting at Dunnings Creek were circulated and approved.

New Business:

Norman Williams, on behalf of Dunnings Creek and Fishertown Meetings, presented the reunification of the Meetings. The whole idea has been seasoned among the members of both Meetings. Dunnings Creek presented the following Minute:

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Jerry Miller, Fishertown, forwarded the following Minute via Norman:

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Friends approved the minute of Dunnings Creek Friends.

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Centre Quarter, having approved of the minutes brought forth for the reunification of the Meetings to be known as Dunnings Creek Friends Meeting, approved forwarding our approval to Interim Meeting to be held in March 2010. We will defer to the Interim Meeting clerk as to the proper presentation.

Meeting Reports:

Fishertown

The Mennonites will not go forward with a shed type building on the grounds because of the inability to meet requirements. The Mennonites are excellent caretakers and have been very good with the care of the Meeting House. The Mennonites are self-insured, but Fishertown Friends do have the building insured. There are 30 to 40 or more in attendance.

Long time Fishertown clerk, Fred Ickes, died August 16, 2009. We approved asking for a memorial minute. Nancy Gordon's husband has past away.

Dunnings Creek

The sudden death this past week of Rachel Lewis Marks, a former associate member, at the age of 37 was reported. A potluck was held for new members. Transfers for the Cryder Family from Langley Hill were received. There is a new birthright member in Anna Margot Chemutai Creider born September 7th. Two meetings for worship/picnics were held at Indian Lake. A September breakfast was held.

Bob Miller (Lou Gehrig's Disease) is incredibly weak. But his spirits are incredible. He is still able to lift the spirits of those who visit him.

State College

There are 30 children enrolled in First Day School. Clerk Gary Fosmire has Parkinson's disease. He will continue to clerk as long as he is able. The furnace went 'kaput'. A new furnace should be on line this week.

West Branch

We celebrated a wedding under the care of the Meeting. Abby McGraw and Colt Stiles had a beautiful day at Abby's home though it could have been a few degrees warmer. Our clerk, Bill Thorp, is to remarry in December. Our Cemetery Committee is very well organized and takes very good care of our cemetery, which is the community Protestant cemetery. We have purchased addition acreage and will develop an ashes only section.

Following closing worship, we adjourned to meet again at State College Friends Meeting on April 18, 2010.

Susan Williams, Clerk

Walt Fry, Recording Clerk for the Day