

Gwynedd Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business, August 16, 2026

Gwynedd Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business began at 11:02 AM on the 16th of August 2026 as a “hybrid” meeting with 9 Friends on Zoom and 29 in the Meetinghouse.

Worship: Out of silent worship, Howard Cell read the queries – from PYM *Faith & Practice*, pp. 209, “5. Nurturing Our Community: Religious Education in the Home and Meeting” that relate to personal practices. Friends responded in worship sharing.

Minutes: July 19, 2026, minutes were approved as written.

July 26, 2026, Called Meeting minutes were approved as written.

First Reading of the 2026-2027 Budget: Jim Hejl, Clerk of Stewardship and Mason Barnett, Treasurer

The budget draft with all of the line items for those who want a deeper dive will not be shared in Meeting for Business, but it is available online (GFM website under *For Registered Users*) for interested Friends.

Mason started by showing this fiscal year’s budget and actual figures. So far, there is a deficit this year of approximately \$16,000. Even if we reach the goal of budgeted contributions, we will still have a deficit this year based on the Projected Year End Spending.

Budget for 2026-2027 fiscal year (starts October 1, 2026)

Contributions

- Gwynedd Fiduciary is increasing their contribution to \$70,000. Going forward, each year Gwynedd Fiduciary will meet with Stewardship for a discussion of expected expenses and investment income to determine the amount that GF will contribute to GMM.
- The Gwynedd Friends School is increasing their contribution by 10% each year. They are paying 50% of the Meetings shared expenses. The aim is to get to about 70% per year. Fiscal year of school is different – July to June.
- Gwynedd Friends School Proposed Agreement is for \$55,150

Approved the Agreement with Gwynedd Friends School for the school to contribute to the Meeting \$55,150 for shared expenses.

- Hilltop increased their contribution to \$2,500. Hilltop is owned by Gwynedd Meeting Trustees, which holds the real estate.

Expenses

- A.Q.M./P.Y.M. is a formula of 23% of previous fiscal year’s contributions
- Charitable Contributions will only be given if the Meeting has a surplus.
- Committee Activity remains about the same as last year
- Operating Expenses increases. The line item includes insurance which increases every year.

- Payroll and Salaries increases. Cost of living increases are included in this figure. Employment of two new people for Sunday mornings September to May is an additional cost of approximately \$6,000.

Approved the additional expense of \$6,000 for the employment of two people for Sunday morning child care from September, 2026 to May, 2027.

- Property expenses are projected to be higher next year, more in line with expenditures this year.
- Standard increase in utilities
- Any surplus next year would go to Charitable Donations. If we have enough, we will give to Charity 3% of the previous year's contribution income and anything more would go back to Gwynedd Fiduciary.

Approved that if we have enough in our budget next year as excess then we will contribute 3% of the previous year's contribution income to Charity.

Question was asked about outside groups making use of the Gwynedd Meeting Building to bring in additional revenue. The answer was that we would need individuals to manage these events including making sure that the group renting is using the facilities for something that the meeting appreciates. The Meeting does not want use of alcohol and smoking on the premises. Hospitality would welcome additional members serving on the committee in order to be able to manage additional groups using the buildings.

Appreciation given to Mason Barnett for her well thought out hard work and diligence.

Approved the First Reading of the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget.

The budget is attached to these minutes.

House Sub-Committee: Emily Evans, Clerk of the House Sub-Committee. Summarized Annual Report including Inventory and Capacity.

- The meeting accepts historical and heirloom donations. Recent donation was a grandfather clock given by Tom Solenberger, grandson of Eliza and Thomas Foulke. Clock made in 1798 and has remained in their family until now. John Gill, clock expert is currently restoring the workings and face of the clock. Return expected by the end of the year.
- Manage lost and found in a cupboard in hallway between the library and parlor.
- Take inventory every year in the month of March. Report is attached.
- Provide guidelines for use of items in the Meeting.
- Looking for two members to join the Committee.

Accepted report with gratitude and thanksgiving.

The full Annual report and Inventory is attached to these minutes.

Nominating Committee: Marty Wilcockson, Clerk.

Approved Nominations

The full report is attached to these minutes.

Worship and Ministry Committee: Russ Bishop, Clerk gave an update on the Early Sunday morning worship.

Need to work out the details for the early morning meeting for worship. Tried to speak with Huldah Taylor about convening the early morning meeting for worship. She is currently out of town and they are waiting to speak to her. Time for the early morning meeting for worship is 8:30-9:15. Hope to have a report next month.

AQM Report from August QM: Jim Hejl, Representative

- Held August 2nd at Norristown— approximately 50 people.
- There was an open discussion about having the minutes from the meeting distributed.
- Jim Hejl was approved as Gwynedd Meeting trustee for Abington Quarterly beginning January, 2027. Deb Hejl was approved to finish Jim's term as a GFM rep to Abington Quarter. Appreciation was expressed for Karen Russell's years of faithful service.
- Discussion about drawing membership to the smaller meetings.
- Discussion about the Shoemaker Foundation scholarship and how it has helped. Helped Upper Dublin and Byberry with outreach. Shoemaker is happy with the result and looking to expand.
- Youth Program was discussed. 50th anniversary next year.
- FCNL letter writing campaign to PA Senators taking about reducing the use of force both domestically and internationally, in Abington on August 19th.
- Next Quarterly Meeting will be at Gwynedd Meeting on October 4th.
- Quarterly Business Meeting will be held the first Sunday in November at Plymouth Meeting.

Accepted Report for Quarterly Meeting.

October's Quarterly Meeting Schedule at Gwynedd and Flyer: Heather O'Malley prepared report, Stacy Kent Wyckoff presented the report for October 4th.

The full report and flyer are attached to these minutes.

PYM Annual Sessions Report: Judy Inskeep attended the PYM Annual Sessions at Cheyney University July 23-26.

Accepted report with gratitude

The full report is attached to these minutes.

Silent Worship

Other Business:

Clerk suggested beginning the September Meeting for Business with a query about language "What words shall we use?" Friends agreed.

Next month, the Meeting for Business will start at 9:15AM and if not completed by the time of Meeting for Worship, we will reconvene after Sips and Snacks.

The Meeting ended at approximately 12:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Davidson, Clerk; Christie D'Adamo, Recording Co-Clerk

1. The following reports are attached to these minutes:
2. 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget Reports
3. House Subcommittee Annual Report
4. House Subcommittee Inventory
5. Nominating Committee Report
6. October's Quarterly Meeting Report
7. PYM Annual Sessions Report