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Concord Quarter: Looking Ahead

Our January 22 Quarterly Meeting at Wilmington will offer a time for a brief reflection on the past and a look to the future as we move toward a new phase of our coordinator program. As reported in the last newsletter, Beth Lawn is retiring at the end of the fiscal year (June 30). Beth's retirement presents an opportunity to reflect on the coordinator program as it has developed over the past seven years and make plans for the future. Since it is likely that we will not have a contribution from our Yearly Meeting to help cover the costs of our program in the next fiscal year, a reassessment and possible reconfiguration is in good order. In October, the Quarterly Meeting appointed an ad hoc committee to consider the options for the coordinator program and charged the committee to report in January. A report from this committee, including recommendations, will be given at business meeting, but no decision made at that time. The Quarterly Meeting program that follows worship will consist of a reflection on the history of Concord Quarter, information about coordinator programs in other quarters, and a summary of the ad hoc committee's report (see minutes from the November meeting on p. 2). We will then have a time of

worship sharing on queries around our hopes and plans for our Quarter and the role a coordinator program plays. We will be called to look at our willingness to support the work of a coordinator, both financially and with our time and talents, and discern what the Spirit would have us do for the life and health of our Religious Society. It is expected that the monthly meetings will carry the process of discernment forward in their business meetings and Friends will come to our April Quarterly Meeting prepared to make a decision. It is important that Friends make a special effort to attend both Quarterly Meetings so that all may participate in the collective listening for the Spirit.

*And as many candles lighted, and put
in one place, do greatly augment the light
and make it more to shine forth; so
when many are gathered together into the
same life, there is more of the glory of God,
and his power appears, to the refreshment
of each individual, for that he partakes
not only of the light and life raised in
himself, but in all the rest.*

Robert Barclay

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Doug O'Donnell at January 22 Quarterly Meeting

Popular Philadelphia area musician and Wilmington Meeting attender Doug O'Donnell will offer a special program to children and to youth middle school through high school, at our January Quarterly Meeting. Doug has a multifaceted career teaching guitar and playing with a band as well as performing as a solo artist. He enjoys working with

young people and helping out with Meeting functions. A full morning of activities for our young people is planned, beginning at 8:30 with open ended activities, attendance at worship and a special group activity during FDS, and finally finishing with the music program with Doug. Please see the flyer insert for details.

Note: At the October 23, 2011 meeting at Westtown, Concord Quarter approved the formation of an ad hoc committee to examine our options regarding the Coordinator position following Beth's retirement in June 2012. The following report contains recommendations for consideration by our Quarter, to be discussed at the January Meeting for Business. The decision will be held over until the April meeting.

**Concord Quarter
Ad-Hoc Coordinator Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2011**

Present

Ray Hamilton (Concord), Gwynne Ormsby (Birmingham), Ron Ploeg (Willistown), David Scott (Wilmington), Julie Senko (Birmingham), Charlie Spadoni (Birmingham), Larry Wheeler (West Chester), Tom Woodward (Goshen).

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss possible next steps after Beth Lawn, our current Concord Quarter Coordinator, retires at the end of this fiscal year (June 30, 2012). The minutes of this meeting will be presented at next Quarterly Meeting in January as a starting point to solicit input and feedback from Quarterly Meeting members and from Monthly Meetings.

Background

We reviewed the Concord Quarter Coordinator income and expense statement from PYM for last fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. Expenses totaled \$61,575 of which \$54,271 was for salary and benefits. Gifts of support from Monthly Meetings totaled \$32,041. The difference of \$29,534 was covered by last fiscal year by a combination of exhausting our remaining reserve (\$5,118) and a subsidy from PYM (\$24,416).

PYM is facing serious financial challenges and has already warned that they are likely to be unable to continue subsidies for Quarterly Coordinators in the upcoming fiscal year. If we were to continue the existing arrangement with a new coordinator, assuming no increases in costs, our combined Monthly Meetings would be faced with having to make up the difference of nearly \$30,000 per year to make up for the loss of reserves and the PYM subsidy.

Some, if not all, of our Monthly Meetings are currently under financial strain due to reduced contributions and reduced investment income. In addition, Wilmington Monthly Meeting is considering transfer to Western Quarter which would further deprive us of income to support the coordinator position (\$4,500 per year).

Under the circumstances, it seems unlikely that our Monthly Meetings could come up with an additional \$30,000 per year. Monthly meetings could reduce their covenants to PYM to raise additional money to fund the coordinator position but this would further exacerbate financial challenges at PYM.

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Recommendations

1) We were in agreement that continuation of the role of a Quarter Coordinator is essential to the continued health and vitality of the Quarter but acknowledged that it seems impossible to continue the arrangement in its current form.

2) We discussed the need to change the position from paid employee with benefits to fixed price contract with defined roles and expected number of hours per year. The implied hourly rate would be above market rates (\$15-\$20 per hour) to make up for the loss of benefits. The following specific recommendations were made:

Characteristics of the Contract

Year-to-year contract

1099 fixed price compensation of \$25,000 per year

Expectation of 1,000 hours per year (20 hours per week for 50 weeks)

Candidate Qualifications

Quaker

Available to attend meetings on Sundays, some evenings, and some special events

Excellent organizational and communication skills (may be asked to submit a writing sample)

Ideally, the candidate would have a strong leading to do this work

Duties and Responsibilities (Prioritized)

Facilitate communication including writing and publishing the Quarterly newsletter

Provide administrative support for the Clerk

Serve as central contact person for the Quarter

Provide continuity for activity planning (send notifications and reminders, etc.)

Attend various Monthly Meetings in the Quarter on a regular basis

Proactively seek out and identify leadings within the Monthly Meetings, connect members from different Monthly Meetings who have similar leadings

Enable but do not drive programs

Coordinate events

If time allows, provide administrative support for smaller Monthly Meetings that are struggling

We also agreed that each prospective candidate may bring different unique skills and qualities and that therefore we should be open-minded and allow the job description to vary somewhat to take advantage of individual leadings and strengths.

3) We discussed sharing our plans with Western Quarter to see if there are any opportunities for synergies. This might include sharing one person to meet the needs of both Quarters, or sharing skills across Quarters, for example one person across both Quarters for administrative and communications work and a different person across both Quarters for youth or other program activity.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ron Ploeg, Convener

Circling Concord Quarter

Pennsylvania Women's History Project to hold events at Chichester

The Pennsylvania Women's History Project will be initiating a series of programs in 2012 entitled "Remember the Ladies" at the Chichester Meetinghouse at 611 Meetinghouse Road, Upper Chichester, PA 19061. On Saturday, March 26th at 2 PM, the PWHP will be joining a world-wide celebration of women artists as part of the 2nd International "Support Women Artists Now Day" (SWAN Day) at the Meetinghouse. Robyn Young, Executive Director of the PWHP, will present a program on Women Artists in Pennsylvania. In addition, there will be a women's art exhibit in the meetinghouse; women artists who wish to exhibit their work (in any medium) are asked to call 610-453-4075 or email [herashouse at yahoo.com](mailto:herashouse@yahoo.com) to make arrangements. Refreshments will follow. Cost of program: \$8.

On Saturday, April 28th at 2 PM the PWHP will host a program on "Finding Your Female Ancestors." This will be an instructional program on how to search for the hidden half of your family's history while doing genealogy research. Call 610-453-4075 or email [herashouse at yahoo.com](mailto:herashouse@yahoo.com) to register for the workshop. Refreshments available. Cost: \$12 per person.

Spring Worship and Meetinghouse History Program at Chichester

Concord Meeting invites all to our annual spring worship at Chichester meetinghouse on April 15 at 11:15 a.m. A short program will follow highlighting the connection of Ruth Ellen Davis, recently deceased, with Chichester meetinghouse, featuring memorabilia and historic artifacts. Refreshments will be served. Contact Robyn Young for directions, 610.453.4075, or [herashouse at yahoo.com](mailto:herashouse@yahoo.com).

Square Dance, Tubing, and Youth Group Events

Our second annual square dance at Westtown School will take place Feb. 18 with a snow date of Feb. 25. Once again we will whirl to the music of the Thornbury Ramblers and South Woods with Dave Dobbins calling; see the calendar for more information. Our summer Picnic and Tubing on the Brandywine will be held earlier this year due to low water levels in the creek in late July. Watch for the announcement of a date. Our youth group will meet at both events, sleeping over in the cabin at Westtown School after the square dance. The Youth Group will also have a daytime spring event in late April or early May. If you would like to be part of a committee to support the youth events please contact Beth Lawn.

Slow Death by Rubber Duck Book Discussion Sponsored by Westtown

Westtown Monthly Meeting's Peace and Social Concerns Committee is offering a special event to explore *Slow Death by Rubber Duck: How the Toxic Chemistry of Everyday Life Affects Our Health*, by Rick Smith and Bruce Lourie. A potluck supper and book discussion will be held at the home of Paula Kline and Alan Wright on Saturday, January 28, at 6:00pm. The address is 1019 Ashley Dr., West Chester 19382. Contact Paula at paula.kline@westtown.edu for more information. The book can be found in the Chester County Library.

Concord Quarter News is Going Electronic

Many of you now receive the Quarterly meeting newsletter by e-mail either directly or through listserves. To reduce costs, we will be increasing the numbers of members getting their newsletter this way with our next edition. If you receive your newsletter electronically and prefer a paper copy for any reason, please let Beth Lawn know and she will be happy to accommodate you.

Concord Quarterly Meeting

at

Wilmington Monthly Meeting

401 N. West St. Wilmington, DE 19801

January 22, 2012

Concord Quarter: Looking Ahead

8:15-8:30	Sign-in
8:30-9:45	Meeting for Worship for Business
10:00-11:00	Meeting for Worship with Wilmington Meeting
10:15-12:00	Youth and children leave for FDS followed by program (see next page for program and schedule)
11:00-12:00	Adult Program

Concord Quarter: Looking Ahead

Change brings opportunity. A significant change facing our Quarter is the announced retirement of our Coordinator Beth Lawn on June 30th, which presents an opportunity to reassess the coordinator program. Worship sharing on this topic will help to guide the discernment process already underway. Decisions will be held over until the April meeting. The program will consist of the following:

A Brief History of Concord Quarter

What Other PYM Quarters Do

Summary of the report from Ad Hoc Committee on the Coordinator Position

Worship Sharing on these Queries:

What are the Quarter's hopes/plans for the future?

What does having a Coordinator enable us to do?

What would we ask of the new Coordinator?

What are we willing to do ourselves?

12:00-12:10	Children and youth rejoin meeting to sing a song with Doug O'Donnell
12:10-1:00	Lunch: Hot soups and side dishes provided by WMM

Directions: Wilmington Monthly Meeting is located at the intersection of 4th & West Streets in downtown Wilmington. Drive time from West Chester is 30 minutes. Follow US 202 South to I-95 South, and take the Fourth Street / MLK Blvd exit. At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn left onto 4th St. Turn left at West Street (about 5 blocks from I-95); Meetinghouse is immediately on your left.

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January 22, 2012

Program for Children, Middle School, and Young Friends

Making Music with Doug O'Donnell!



- 8:30-10:00 Child care with activities children can join at any time
- 10:00-10:15 MFW with the adults
- 10:15-11:00 FDS with Wilmington Meeting

Children and youth will play an interactive game that requires them to practice listening skills. Discussion afterwards will center on how we listen and interpret what is said and how we work together in a group.

11:00-12:00 Program

Making Music with Doug O'Donnell

Doug is a professional musician who started studying music at an early age. For most of his youth he studied with Mark Unruh mastering the styles of blues, bluegrass, rock, country and jazz. In recent years his interest has turned to the study of bluegrass banjo and flat-picking guitar styles. Doug is a former member of the Philly indie-pop band Dr. Dog, playing venues across the country. He currently performs and records regularly with the rock-and-soul band Doublehorse and plays bluegrass, jazz, and blues in a variety of group and solo settings in the Philadelphia area. Doug teaches guitar at the Meridee Winters School of Music in Ardmore. He and his wife, Heather, are attenders at Wilmington Meeting. His program will include talking a bit about music in general, singing a few songs, teaching a song to the children and youth, and then preparing them to sing it to the adults.

12:00-1:00 Rejoin adults to sing a song with Doug and then have lunch

**Concord Quarterly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Held at Westtown Monthly Meeting
October 23, 2011**

Meeting began with a period of silent worship. Clerk Charles Spadoni welcomed everyone. There were 30 Friends in attendance. Friends welcomed visitors and Friends new to Quarterly Meeting. Friends from Birmingham, Concord, Goshen, Middletown, West Chester, Westtown, and Willistown were present. The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Proposal for Change in the minutes was made by Charles Spadoni. Friends approved the proposal from the Planning Committee that: “the narrative will be read along with decisions, but corrections to the narrative will be made afterwards, leaving just decisions for correction from the body during sessions. Reports will continue to be attached and not summarized in the minutes.”

Coordinator's Report was given by Beth Lawn and is attached to the minutes. A Friend asked how many meetings are represented in the youth events. Primarily West Chester, Westtown, and Birmingham youth attend in addition to one each from Willistown and Wilmington.

YouTube Outreach Project Proposal was given by Rich Ailes. The proposal was made that Audra Supplee of West Chester Meeting create an outreach message in video form and to upload it to YouTube. The video would be about 2 minutes in length. Rich presented an outline of what the video would include. Many suggestions were made in support of starting with a modern message and Friends responded that editing and creating videos is easy and that not only should Friends expect that it will take many different tries with different messages. It is the hope that many more are made because of their success. Friends approved in moving forward with the proposal.

Ad-hoc Committee for review of the Coordinator Program was given by Charles Spadoni. Since Beth Lawn is retiring from her position as Concord Quarter Coordinator and the Quarter will likely lose the financial support of the Yearly Meeting, the Quarter must decide what it wants to do with the program. Charles proposed an ad-hoc committee be formed to review the coordinator program and recommend changing, terminating, or continuing the program. The ad-hoc committee would report in January its progress, with a proposal in the April Quarterly Meeting. Friends approved of the committee formation.

The following Friends have volunteered to serve: Ron Ploeg of Willistown (convener), Julie Senko and Charles Spadoni of Birmingham, David Scott of Wilmington, Ray Hamilton of Concord, Larry Wheeler of West Chester, and Tom Woodward of Goshen. Representatives are still needed from Westtown and Middletown. Others are encouraged to attend the November 6th Planning Committee meeting where the committee will take up this concern.

Joys and Challenges In the January 2010 meeting for business, Friends approved requesting a less than five minute response to two queries: “What were your greatest joys and challenges this past year and what are your hopes for the next?” The host meeting and a meeting that does not host during the year will be asked to respond.

Westtown Response was given by Peter Lane and is attached to the minutes. Westtown actively looks for ways to engage the Westtown students with the Meeting.

Middletown Response was given by Rich Ailes and is attached to the minutes. The Meeting has experienced significant member and attender drops which have made it very difficult to run the Meeting. They are considering all options including laying down the Meeting and forming a worship group in its stead. A Friend suggested a small support group be formed to help. Ed Dunlop, Michael Wajda, and Tod Baseden offered their help in support of Middletown's discernment of their future. Friends approved of an ad-hoc committee of

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those 3 individuals. Other Friends are encouraged to contact Rich as they are led to help. A Friend noted how much time our endowments and property overwhelms Friends' limited time to be able to maintain a deep and engaged worship community. Another Friend suggested that a meeting for worship be held for the concern of shrinking meetings.

Concord Quarter's Budget approval was deferred to January.

Treasurer's report held over.

Scholarship Report held over.

Announcements

The next meeting of the Quarter's Planning Committee is 7:30pm at The Hickman on November 6th.

Meeting ended with a period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,
John Lavin, Recording Clerk

Charles Spadoni, Clerk

Westtown Monthly Meeting Report to Concord Quarterly Meeting Tenth Month, 2011

Like many monthly meetings we have a larger membership than active membership, yet we continue to thrive in our worship with the Westtown School community. Every year we celebrate the arrival of new students to our worship and Meeting community. For the majority of students worship in the manner of Friends is a new experience. Hymn sing, monthly queries and short readings, bi-monthly prayer meetings, and hospitality help us to enrich our connections and worship.

During the summer months we host a weekly potluck supper at the Westtown School Lake. Suppers were well attended by members of Westtown Monthly Meeting, Concord Quarterly Meeting, and Westtown School. We also enjoy and benefit from the visits of Beth Lawn, and the participation of Meeting members and children in the business and fellowship of Concord Quarter and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Westtown Monthly Meeting

Middletown Monthly Meeting Report to Concord Quarterly Meeting Tenth Month, 2011

Middletown Meeting has lost over 15 members in the last 2 years. Two members moved on to another faith, several members moved away, a few have aged and one couple moved to another local Meeting in the Quarter because of allergy problems with the Meeting's social room. This loss has been partially offset by the attendance of 3 members of the Lima Estates retirement next door. Two children of one of our members regularly attend on First Day, but the First Day School experience provided to them is not regular.

Attendance is down for both Meeting for Worship and Meeting for Business. Meeting for Worship typically

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can have as many as 10 in attendance and as few as 3. Worship is still deeply cherished by the community, with frequent ministry acknowledging the presence of God among us. Meeting for Business draws between 4 or 5 members and attenders. The Meeting for Business is still clerked and recorded at every session.

The Meeting still sees itself as a place where Quakers and attenders can speak about God's work in our lives that connects to the long Quaker/Christian tradition of relying upon the Inner Christ as a central guide for living. We have sought to bring this insight to other members of our Yearly Meeting through a series of workshops on Quaker Spirituality held at annual sessions and in our Meetinghouse.

However, remaining members are concerned that the Meeting will not be able to sustain itself with fewer attending to the responsibilities that come with maintaining a Quaker community. The Meeting has minuted its desire to consider the possibility of laying down the Meeting and becoming a worship group. There is a sense that a worship group will ease the pressure that comes from maintaining finances and business meetings. It could give the group an opportunity to grow from the ground up rather than try and recruit members into a shrinking community. The possibility of becoming a preparative Meeting under another Meeting's care is also being considered.

We realize this is step filled with consequences where even the process of consideration raises concerns. The Meeting wanted to report this up to the Quarterly Meeting to make Friends aware of our problematic status, but we do not want to place additional burdens on other Quakers to come to our rescue. We are only in an exploratory phase and are relying upon God's guidance to show us the way forward. The Meeting is open to feedback from the Quarter and would welcome input either from today's session or a face to face meeting with anyone who feels led to offer advice.

In faith,
Rich Ailes

Middletown Monthly Meeting representative to Concord Quarterly Meeting
10/23/2011

Coordinator's Report to Concord Quarterly Meeting October 23, 2011

Our first ever hayride and bonfire took place October 8 at Wynnorr Farm in Edgmont Township, which has been in the Quaker Stratton family (Middletown Meeting) for generations. Approximately 50 people from Concord and Western Quarters participated. The middle school youth (5th-8th grades) had a sleepover following at the Westtown School cabin. Twenty three youth, 16 from Concord Quarter, took part. Quarterly Meeting today offers another opportunity for children, youth, and families to gather for fun and learning here at Westtown. The youth will be back together again Dec. 30th when we go roller skating and sleepover at West Chester Meeting. The planning committee for these events so far consists of myself; Greta Rech, Western Quarter Children & Youth Facilitator; Todd Krasnai, and Audra Supplee, both of West Chester Meeting. If anyone would to join us you would be most welcome.

A square dance is being planned for February; the date will be announced as soon as we confirm with the bands. It will be held here at Westtown School as last year and will include a sleepover at the cabin for the youth.

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Our July tubing and picnic on the Brandywine has seen decreasing participation for each of the last four years. The water level is low at that time of year which makes for a lot of bottom scraping. We are going to try detaching it from the July Quarterly Meeting and holding it in late June or early July this coming year to see if the date change improves both situations. A date will be set after the Christmas holidays.

A project for a Concord Quarterly Meeting YouTube video is underway. The intention is to function like an ad to promote the modernity of local Quakers and Quaker Meetings in our Quarter. Rich Ailes will be reporting on this today.

At the Planning Committee meeting in September I announced my retirement from my job as Coordinator as of the end of the fiscal year (June 30). I gave early notice so we could plan together in these next months how to continue the work of the Coordinator Program with the possibility of a cut in funds from the Yearly Meeting next fiscal year. At our meeting, the Planning Committee decided that this was a good opportunity to review the Coordinator Program and make decisions about how to go forward with both a different person in the Coordinator position and a probable change in finances for the Program. Today the Planning Committee will ask the Quarter to approve a process for assessment, review, and planning for the next fiscal year.

The Coordinators of the Quarterly Meetings in PYM hold an annual gathering for their oversight committees to give them the opportunity to share information about their programs and to network. We also invite the members of the PYM Support and Outreach Standing Committee and several members of the PYM staff. Our meeting this year will be on Nov. 5th at Upper Dublin Meeting. Anyone and everyone are welcome to attend. If you would like to come and learn about the work of coordinator programs in other quarters please let me know and I will add your name to the list. We will be focusing this year on how we can go forward with our work with the probability of less funding from PYM.

The Planning Committee has suggested that I make up a schedule for meeting visits and publish it in the newsletter. Any plans made far in advance are subject to change, of course, but I have made up a schedule for the current quarter and published it in the October QM News. I try whenever possible to time my visits so that I can attend meeting for business. I will be in touch with the Planning Committee representative and also the monthly meeting clerk prior to each visit.

Submitted by Beth Lawn,
Concord Quarterly Meeting Coordinator

Coordinator Meeting Visits For the First Quarter 2012

The Planning Committee has suggested that I make up a schedule for meeting visits and publish it in the newsletter. Last quarter I visited 6 meetings with a total of 7 visits.

Any plans made far in advance are subject to change, of course, but my intention for the next quarter is to follow this schedule:

- January: 8 Concord; 11 Goshen; 22 Wilmington (Quarterly Meeting)
- February: 12 Willistown; 19 Westtown (with youth group)
- March: 4 Birmingham; 11 West Chester; 18 Middletown

CQM Calendar of Events: Pull Out and Post

January

- 22 **Quarterly Meeting at Wilmington**
8:15 to 1:00; programs for children, youth and adults. See flyer and p. 1 for details.
- 28 **Slow Death by Rubber Duck Book Discussion**
6pm, pot luck and discussion, sponsored by Westtown P&SC Committee. See p. 4 for details.
Sing and Jam at Tanguy Homesteads
7:30-10PM-ish, At Rich Aldred's home in Tanguy Homesteads, 37Twin Pine Way, Glen Mills, PA 19342; raldred at comcast.net, or 610.399.6724. See below for more details.
- 29 **Planning Committee Meeting**
7:30-9pm, The Hickman living room.

February

- 18 **Multigenerational Square Dance and Youth Group Sleepover**
7-9pm, Westtown School, sleepover for youth at cabin afterwards. Two bands-Thornbury Ramblers and South Woods, with Dave Dobbins calling. Refreshments. Please bring a non-perishable item for the food bank as your admission fee. Snow date Feb. 25.

March

- 10 **Annual Roast Beef Dinner at West Chester Meeting**
4:30 - 6:30 pm, 425 N. High St., WC, 19380. For ticket info call 610-696-0491, or email WCFMeeting at gmail.com.
- 26 **Women Artists in Pennsylvania at Chichester**
2pm, presented by the PA Women's History Project. See p. 4 for details.

April

- 14 **Spring Cleanup at The Hickman**
8:00am to noon. Continental Breakfast will be provided. To register contact Jen Mitman, Activities Manager, 484-760-6306, jmitman at thehickman.org.
- 15 **Spring Worship and Program at Chichester**
11:15 a.m.; refreshments. See p. 4 for details. Contact Robyn Young for directions, 610.453.4075, or herashouse at yahoo.com.
- 22 **Quarterly Meeting at Birmingham**
See April newsletter for details.
- 28 **Finding Your Female Ancestors at Chichester**
2pm, sponsored by the PA Women's History Project. See p. 4 for details.
- 29 **Planning Committee Meeting**
7:30-9pm, The Hickman living room.

- Ongoing Gentle Yoga** Willistown. 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Bring a blanket, mat, cushion. Call Sharon Bennett, 610.761.1962 for more information.
- Sacred Harp Singing** Birmingham. Laura Densmore 610.793.5102, LDensmo1 at swarthmore.edu.
- Tanguy Sings** Monthly; contact Rich Aldred; raldred at comcast.net, or 610.399.6724. Bring books, children, friends, instruments, voices, edible goodies, your own copy of Rise Up Singing!

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Coordinator's Report

Our Concord Quarter YouTube video is finished. It can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3KdZHW228Ho>. This is a first attempt at working with video for the purpose of outreach. Many thanks to Audra Supplee, our videographer par excellence, and Rich Ailes and Charlie Spadoni who worked with Audra to produce it. Audra also made a YouTube video of the October hayride and the youth group sleepover. It has not been released for general viewing, however anyone who would like to see it can go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nt-4NlaArSo>.

The Youth Group's winter holiday weekend event at West Chester will have taken place by the time most of you read this, and we will be working on more gatherings for the winter and spring. Several will be held in conjunction with other Concord Quarter events. We will have a sleepover at the Westtown School cabin after the square dance Feb. 18, and a one day outing in late April or early May. The young people will also get together at our annual picnic and tubing on the Brandywine in early July (date to be set soon). A Youth Group Committee is being formed to plan and oversee events for next year for the 5th-8th grade group and possibly a high school group. Please contact me if you would like to be part of it.

The Planning Committee and Ad Hoc Committee for the Coordinator Program have been hard at work on issues around the coordinator program sparked by potential changes in funding support from the Yearly Meeting and my pending retirement. Please see the articles on pp.1-3 and the flyer for the January Quarterly Meeting. It is important that everyone who is able come to this upcoming Quarterly Meeting and also the April one where discernment and finally a decision will be made about the program's future.

Beth Lawn

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