

Quaker Earthcare Witness Continuing Counsel Committee
Cenacle, Chicago, IL
2011 October 20 and 23

Approved on 2011 December 3

Present (for one or both meetings): David Ciscel, Louis Cox, Dick Grossman, Mary Jo Klingel, David Millar, Shelley Tanenbaum, Roy Taylor, Roy Treadway, Rod Zwirner, and Anne Mitchell (*ex officio*). Jack Bradin and Barbara Letsch could not be with us. eric joy joined the first meeting.

First Meeting on 2100 October 20 at 3:50 p.m.

Thanks – Dick Grossman

Dick thanked the Continuing Counsel Committee and Anne Mitchell for our work and Roy Taylor for planning the Annual Gathering.

Review of the Annual Gathering – Dick Grossman

The CCC added several items and changed the schedule, particularly for the Thursday afternoon and evening sessions. We also clarified who would clerk the evening meeting.

Jack Bradin, Barbara Letsch, Bill Holcombe, and Nancy Halliday sent regrets that they cannot be at the 2011 Annual Gathering.

Dick Grossman and Roy Taylor will oversee Thursday's meeting for introductions and preview of the weekend. Mary Jo will clerk telling our stories – our introductions, what people are doing for earthcare.

QEW can provide some remote participation for the plenary sessions. Roy Taylor will have a video camera of the four presentations to create a DVD and You Tube-like on QEW website. **Skype is difficult for main business meetings, but we will try it. David Millar and Louis Cox will facilitate connections with Jack Bradin and Allen Stockbridge for Steering Committee Meetings.** Alan Dixon will talk with the Publications Committee by Skype.

Rod Zwirner will substitute for Barbara Letsch on the Nominating Committee at these sessions. Persons interested in planning the 2012 Annual Gathering will meet at dinner on Thursday and other days as needed.

Roy Taylor will orient the Friday morning “Defining the Issues” with five to seven minutes for each presenter, followed by a few questions (if we have time) and worship sharing afterwards facilitated by the Spiritual Nurture Committee. Six worship-sharing groups will be led by assigned persons. We encourage time to sit and listen and reflect on what is said, but expect some messiness.

Dick Grossman and Roy Treadway will facilitate the meeting of the Sustainability: Faith and Action Working Group and work out the process of deciding its future.

While each committee, working group, and project will have just one, longer meeting at this Gathering, meals and free time can also be used. We expect groups to do their work in advance.

If funds are left over from the Annual Gathering, the extra money could be allocated to Mini-grants. While \$1,500 has been budgeted, \$1,000 additional funds need to be raised to reach the desired \$2,500 for the Mini-grant project.

Each clerk of committees, working groups, and project are expected to provide a list of members to Anne Mitchell after this meeting (as soon as possible). Also, yearly meeting representatives should tell Anne that they are on the SC. The Nominating Committee will put out lists of members and ask for persons interested in serving QEW.

Future Meetings of the Continuing Counsel Committee – Shelley Tanenbaum

Shelley wondered whether CCC needs to meet each month throughout the year. **Would six shorter electronic meetings be sufficient for CCC?** Action items at the meeting 48 hours in advance by email would be also valuable. All this would make the work of the CCC Recording Clerk easier than currently.

Nominating Committee – Rod Zwirner

We still need nominations for CCC Recording Clerk and Publications Committee Clerk. We need to encourage others to be involved in the SC. The development of QEW needs to be strengthen, not just as part of Finance and Development Committee. Many people need to help with development. Priority setting and development go hand in hand. Our third meeting for worship for business focus on Sunday will focus on the development priority.

Approval of the 2011 September 28 Continuing Counsel Committee (CCC) Minutes – Dick Grossman

CCC Minute 2011.10.01 Continuing Counsel Committee approved the Minutes of our 2011 September 28 Electronic Continuing Counsel Committee Meeting.

Listener's Concerns – Dick Grossman

eric joy hears we are ready to take another step and questions it. Dick and eric will talk.

We closed with silence.

Second Meeting on 2100 October 23 at 8:00 a. m.

We crowded around a table at breakfast at the Cenacle to prepare for the Steering Committee's final meeting for worship for business this year.

QEW.NET on Food

We were reminded that QEW.NET has considerable material concerning Food.

Endorsement of "A Call to Integrate Faith, Ecology, and the Global Economy" – Dick Grossman

After some discussion, we agreed that the Endorsement of "A Call to Integrate Faith, Ecology, and the Global Economy" considered by the Steering Committee on Saturday need not be approved electronically by our sign-on process if Friends could approve it in business meeting on Sunday. Copies have been distributed so that Friends have been able to read it. Since it is an endorsement of a statement by other Friends, changes in wording are not possible. We agreed to bring it to the business meeting for approval and also clarify to whom the endorsement should be sent.

Public Statement on “Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery” – Dick Grossman

Because of some concerns over the wording and content of the Public Statement on “Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery” proposed by Mary Gilbert, we agreed that this should be revised in consultation with Mary Gilbert and others concerned. It could be reviewed by the United Nations Support Working Group, if necessary, and considered for approval by the Steering Committee, using our 96 hour approval process. If approved, it would be sent to Friends and others by our public distribution process. CCC will recommend this process during Sunday’s business meeting.

Nominations – Rod Zwirner

We reviewed the nominations of clerks and at large Steering Committee members to be presented to the business meeting, including a proposal for an *Ad Hoc* Committee on Development.

Outreach Concerns – David Millar

David outlined his concerns about the lack of enthusiasm for all QEW Friends, including members of the Outreach Committee, to help with outreach through Friends yearly and monthly meetings. This is a systemic problem, although it may be improving. Perhaps if each person in QEW is given a responsibility, our outreach will be more effective.

Closed in Silence

We closed in a brief moment of silence before preparing for the Annual Gathering’s closing meeting for worship for business.

Roy C. Treadway

Recording Clerk