

Scattergood Friends School & Farm  
School Committee Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
30 July 2013

**Mission Statement**

**Scattergood Friends School challenges students with a college-preparatory curriculum, farm experience, a shared work program, and community living in the spirit of Quaker faith.**

Present: George Bergus, Rebecca Bergus, Ruth Dawson, Debbie Galusha (clerk), Karen Greenler, Ruth Hampton, Lucy Hansen, Callie Marsh, Dan Schlitt, Doyle Wilson, Bob Winchell, Allan Winder, Katherine Young

Absent: Claire Cumbie-Drake, Phil Henderson, Russ Leckband

Faculty Present: Christine Ashley, Louis Herbst, Amanda Paul, Rüdiger Rückmann, Mark Shanahan, Alicia Streeter, Thomas Weber

The clerk opened the meeting with a period of quiet worship. She then shared the following reading:

When it is faithful to its foundations, Quaker education is neither student-centered, nor discipline-centered; it is inward-centered. Quaker education operates from the conviction that there is always one other in the classroom—the Inward Teacher, who waits to be found in every human being.

Paul Lacey

“Education and the Inward Teacher” (pamphlet). Wallingford, PA: Pendle Hill, 1988.

**Minute:** We approve the open and closed minutes of our May 11, 2013 meeting.

We appreciate the sub-committee reports. We look forward to hearing about the survey conducted by the academic subcommittee. It is good to hear that the new vegetable packing building is near completion. We recognize how much work has gone into the facilities, and trust that the problem of bacteria in the water system will soon be resolved. We welcome the new faculty members, and offer our encouragement to all the staff.

We give initial approval of the following proposed change for the School Committee Handbook:

Under the paragraph heading, Clerk’s Responsibilities on page 19, G.5 it is to say, “In March, the clerk is to contact Illinois Yearly Meeting and

Northern Yearly Meeting about their selecting a representative to serve on the School Committee if there is not a current representative.”

**Minute:** We approve both the short financial report for the Yearly Meeting sessions, and the more detailed one for our information.

**Minute:** We approve the dates the clerk gave us to consider for School Committee meetings. We will meet on September 7, November 9, 2013, and on January 11, March 15 (Des Moines), May 3, and July 22, 2014.

**Minute:** We approve the Farm Report for the Yearly Meeting sessions.

**Minute:** We approve the Head’s Report for the Yearly Meeting sessions with some editing for brevity, which Christine and the clerk will work on.

**Minute:** We approve the School Committee’s report for the Yearly Meeting sessions.

The clerk closed the meeting with a time for quiet worship, to continue as a closed meeting after a break. We look forward to meeting again, God willing, on 7 September 2013.

Callie Marsh, recording clerk