

Minutes of WSAQM Area Meeting November 14th 2020 by Zoom

Clerks: Martin Wall Anna Mullett

63/20. QF&P 25.14 was read in our opening worship today.

64/20 Local Meeting Representatives:

Bridgwater	Philip Parratt
Burnham on Sea	Sue Hammond-Lovatt
Ilminster	Huw Morgan
Minehead	Faith Cartwright
Spiceland	Ali Dominy, Pat Ebdon
Taunton	Sheila Harvey, Lynda Stewart
Wellington	Unable to appoint
Elder for the Meeting	Margaret Stocks

65/20 Membership Matters

- (i) We welcome Lyn Barlow into membership of WSAQM and her name will be added to the membership list of Minehead LM. We appoint Ali Dominy to visit and welcome Lyn to our Meeting and invite Lyn to choose a book as a gift to mark her entry into membership.

- (ii) We have received the transfer of membership by Russ Chapman from Hampshire and Islands AM to Ilminster. We warmly welcome Russ's official transfer.

66/20 Nominations

- (i) Taunton. Margaret Stocks has agreed to continue as elder for the triennium 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2023.

- (ii) Spiceland. Jen Bell and Sheila Whitlock have completed their service on Central Group. Sarah Bovey and Neil Rushton are nominated in their place from the end of 2020 for a period of time to be confirmed by Spiceland. Ali Dominy has agreed to serve another term on Central Group.

- (iii) Minehead. Faith Cartright will come to the end of her triennium as clerk and

elder of the meeting on 31 December 2020.

Minehead LM ask Area Meeting to appoint the following to the **Core Team** to carry out the work of clerk and elders and overseers and such other work as may be necessary for the period January 2021 to end of December 2021 in the first instance:

Peter Atherton, Lyn Barlow, Jane Cooper, Jenny Gateau, Keith Garner, Anandi Saraph, Gian Zucchelli.

Minehead LM ask Area Meeting to appoint Peter Atherton as correspondent for the purposes of keeping contact with the meeting. This name will be forwarded to Britain Yearly meeting and to the Area Meeting website.

- (iv) Bridgwater. Shirley Anthony will come to the end of her triennium as elder on 31st December 2020. Gilly Lee will come to the end of her triennium as an overseer on 31st December 2020. No nominations are available to replace them but Gilly has offered to continue her service until a way forward can be created.

All these nominations were accepted.

67/20 AM Calendar for 2021

The AM Calendar was circulated and was agreed by the Area Meeting with the amendment that the Life of Burnham Meeting should be heard at AM in January.

68/20 Reports

- (i) Treasurer's Reports. We have received and accepted the examined Area Meeting accounts for 2019. With regard to our current financial status – income has been reduced by the pandemic, but finances are sound and we will positively address the challenges that arise in the coming year.
- (ii) Quaker Life. This report will be posted on our website.
- (iii) Trustees. We have received two reports from Trustees.
1. The Annual Report to the Charity Commission 2019
 2. A current report to Area Meeting.

With regard to the transfer of membership of Burnham on Sea LM to North Somerset Area Meeting we ask Clerks to Trustees to contact North Somerset AM to obtain a progress report on this matter and to update our AM with the information.

69/20 Contact Lists for 2021

We sought clarification regarding the Contact Booklet listings. The treasurer confirmed that the Contact List differs from the Membership List. There is no direct link between the numbers in the contact lists and LM's contributions.

70/20 Wedding at Spiceland

We are delighted to record that a Meeting for Worship for the solemnisation of marriage between Nicola Ashmore and Joe Hague on 5th June 2021 has been approved by WSAQM.

71/20 Date of Next Meeting.

Our meeting closed at 12:15 - Clerks thank Friends for their attendance and support. We hope to meet again for Area Meeting on Saturday January 23rd 2021. The next meeting of the Business Team is on December 7th at 19:00.