

NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of Telephonic Meeting of March 20, 2016

Present: Fred Dettmer (Clerk), Spee Braun, Keith Johnson, Peter Phillips, Jim Whitely, Mary Williams

1. The telephonic meeting opened with worship and centering. The Clerk took a roll call and Friends shared the day's joys.
2. Treasurer's Business: The Treasurer summarized a document describing, and a worksheet setting forth, certain modifications to recipients of certain funds under the Trustees' care. Spee took the group through the "Recommendations" document with an eye to the Trustees' approval of a presentation to the body at Spring Sessions. First, attention was drawn to the previously decided re-designation of funds to assist ministry conducted by Yearly Meeting staff, and the suggestion was made that the Yearly Meeting account for those funds' actual use for that purpose. Second, seven funds were named for re-designation to better align them to the purposes of the original donors. Finally, six funds were proposed to be directed to the operating fund rather than committees or organizations. The question was raised whether the body or the Trustees should make these decisions. It was noted that the body has approved some such changes in the past; on the other hand some trustees felt that, while the body or various committees can be consulted, the administration of these trusts lies with the Trustees, not the body. The Trustees agreed to alert the body to its intentions at Spring Sessions and invite those concerned to consult. The Trustees then will hope to finalize these decisions prior to July and report to the body at Summer Sessions.
3. Timing of Distribution: The Treasurer noted that World Ministries did not receive a distribution from the Agnes Lawrence Fund in November 2015, and asked whether that distribution should be made instead to Black Concerns, FUM and Indian Affairs. The Trustees agreed to retain the distribution and determine an appropriate recipient at a later date.
4. After closing worship, the meeting adjourned.

Peter Phillips,
Recording Clerk