

## MINUTES

### PEOPLE OF COLOR

### WORSHIP AND REFLECTION GROUP

#### Meeting for Business and Breakfast

October 15, 2023 at Max Soha Restaurant, located at 1275

Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan (212-531-2221)

at 10:10 AM. Present: Linda Shirley, John Choe, CJ, Helen Garay Toppins



1. Reading of the Land Acknowledgement

2. Agreed: John Choe appointed Clerk of today's meeting, Linda to take minutes.

2. Announcement of Meeting of the Care and Accountability Committee to be held on November 12, 2023 at 12:30 PM - to be held in person at the Old Quaker Meeting House. Concerns and agenda items were discussed.

3. Finances: In order to access the \$5,000. Witness Fund grant from NYQM for Quakerism 101, its agreed John Choe is appointed Treasurer and Linda Shirley will take on the role of Clerk as needed for a term beginning October 15, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024. We agree to adhere by Flushing Monthly Meeting's financial guidelines and the New York State Attorney's guidelines for non-profit organizations. Any check over \$500. Will be signed by both the Clerk and the Treasurer. We leave it to John to determine a convenient banking account, either in person or online. Linda will write up a summary of the financial guidelines and post on our Google docs.

4. Quakerism 101 Curriculum. Linda has prepared a 12 lesson curriculum and presents the first draft, budget, and thoughts on how to implement this course of study along with ideas for the Adult Self-Directed Course and the Each One Teach One program. These documents will go out after the business meeting to various Friends who have expressed an interest in reviewing them. Since we already have a family on board we will start the first classes on November 5, 2023 and Linda will begin purchasing what is needed (Helen to donate from NYQM some of the supplies). Helen Garay Toppins will continue to work with Linda to revise and further develop the curriculum materials and when in a more complete state will be printed up and sent to the other meetings of the Quarter. Helen expressed a wish that the library we will be assembling be available to other meetings to borrow.

5. End of Year Appreciation. December 3, 2023 is the last POC meeting for the year. In appreciation the meeting that day will be a day of games, refreshments and the sharing of spiritual gifts. Awards may be given out by The Benjamine Ley Society, the Isaac Hopper Outward Bound Program, the Seek and Ye Shall Find Association, The Set the Bar Higher Circle, and The Adversity Challenge Alliance.

The meeting ends with a moment of quiet reflection.