**Hertford and Hitchin Area Meeting Stevenage MH 2:30pm 20 Jan 2024**

**Clerking by Guilden Morden**

**Agenda**

**Opening Worship**

**Administration and Correspondence**

* Next AM: Hitchin, Saturday 16 March 2.30pm
 (at which the triennial report from Hitchin is due)

**Membership Matters**

**Responses to Quaker Life Conference**

Part of AM Minute 23.62 on the Quaker Life Conference:

Our Quaker Life representative, LM reminded us that our Local Development Worker can help us build our communities. She returned [*from the conference*] with two questions for us.
 - Do we feel it would be beneficial to further nurture and sustain the Area Meeting?
 - Secondly do we want to celebrate the 400th anniversary of George Fox’s birth, which is planned to be worldwide?
We thank Lynne for offering to help us address these questions. We seek suggestions from Local Meetings for the January Area Meeting so that ideas are shared and continuity is greater.

Part of Minute 03.24 from Hitchin Meeting:

We have considered the questions arising from the Quaker Life Conference.  It was suggested that our current structures do not meet the needs of new activist attenders, and our ageing membership can be reluctant to attend Area Meetings because of other commitments and failing health.

We suggest a trial of weeknight online meetings for business which might be better attended, with large social gatherings at least annually.  Can each local meeting try to invite Area Meeting Friends to their events?'

Our Spiritual and Pastoral Care Team plan to consider the commemoration of George Fox's 400th anniversary at their next meeting.

**Reports**

* Meeting for Sufferings - attached
* Peace Cottage Community Hub (Hoddesdon) – attached

**Hertfordshire Faith Covenant**

* See attached

**Nominations Matters**

* To assist with the Tabular Statement
* AM Interfaith Representativel

**Trustee Matters**

* Data Privacy Policy
The draft Data Privacy Policy and the Information Security statement are attached

**Finance Matters**

* Examiner of AM Accounts

**Closing Worship**

**Notices & News of Friends**