

Nominations Committee Annual Report, May 2022

As we began the third year of restrictions and adaptations related to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Nominations Committee met from February through April via Zoom to discern committee needs. The committee was very grateful to the Care and Counsel and Publications and Records committees for their work compiling, printing and distributing the 2022 directory. We are also grateful to Monteze Snyder who manipulated data from Servant Keeper to create lists of members of Chapel Hill Friends Meeting and people who are currently serving on one or more committees.

Committees form the structure of the Meeting and do the Meeting's work. The Meeting's work includes caring for the Meeting's members and their spiritual development, its Meeting for worship, its property and finances, its religious education, outreach and social action. Committees serve the Meeting by studying issues and making seasoned recommendations to the monthly Meeting for business. Members and attenders are encouraged to be actively engaged with the Meeting through committee work.

The role of the Nominations committee is to discern the needs of the committees and to identify members and attenders whose gifts fit with each committee's role and responsibilities.

This year, the Nominations committee had the added task of discerning a new clerk of the Meeting to replace Chris Stanley. The subcommittee was made up of Pat Mann (Nominations), Ann Miller (Care and Counsel), Matt Drake and Alice Carlton (Ministry and Worship). The subcommittee contacted all the committee clerks for their suggestions and then met together to discern the personal qualities needed in a clerk of the Meeting. One name that rose through the discernment process was that of Ann Miller. We are pleased to report that Ann has agreed to serve as our next Meeting clerk.

In the past, most committees consisted of up to 9 members, three members rotating on or off each year. The last few years, we have been challenged to find 9 people to serve on committees. In fact, the Ministry and Worship committee only had 6 members last year, and other committees are working with fewer members than usual, and fewer than requested by their clerks. This year, we have tried to find at least 6 members for essential committees. We hope that in the future as members and attenders become more comfortable meeting in person, more people will choose to become active members of a committee. For the short term, we hope that committees will be able to adjust their activities so as to not overburden any committee member.

We are very grateful to Gwynne Pomeroy for her participation and leadership for the last 6 years. In August, we ask that the clerk of the Meeting appoint a "Naming committee" of two people who will discern two new members for the Nominations committee. Those names should be approved at the December Meeting for Worship as Nominations will begin its work again in January 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Annette Broadwell, Emilie Condon, Deborah Gibbs, Susan Inglis, Pat Mann, Gwynne Pomeroy (co-clerk), Leslie Rountree, Carolyn White (co-clerk)