

Portland Friends Meeting
Current and Proposed Appointments to Positions
Updated August 2023

Key to color coding:

Black inked name indicates someone continuing from 2023 into 2024

 An open blue line indicates a position to be filled

A name with an asterisk (*) indicates the committee clerk or convener

Please, look at the following lists and notice the openings and requests for volunteers. If something speaks to you, either contact a Nominating Committee Member (below) or speak with the clerk/convener of the committee involved.

Nominating Committee Members are:

Chris Beach (772-2779), beachris99@gmail.com
Elizabeth Szatkowski... (274-3564), eliz.szat@gmail.com
Brad Bussiere-Nichols.. (756-5586), bunic5@gmail.com
Stefanie Fairchild..... (272-6500), stefaniefairchild@yahoo.com
Dorothy Grannell..... (233-6587), stemp41@gmail.com

Individual Positions of Responsibility

Clerk of Meeting	Peter Woodrow
Clerk's Support Committee	Mags Fehr Lea Sutton Jessica Eller Genna Ulrich
Co-Recording Clerks (2)	David Hingston & Rob Levin
Recorder (Meeting's official records)	Lise Wagner
Treasurer (<i>Operating Account</i>)	Kathy Beach
Treasurer (<i>Contributions</i>)	Jane Mullen
Reviewer of Financial Records	Beth King
Special Needs Fund	Elizabeth Szatkowski Chris Beach
Youth Religious Ed. Coordinator	Emily Troll
Nursery Coordinator	Susan Grannell
Meetinghouse Use Coordinator(s)	Jennifer Frick, _____
E-group Coordinator	Heather Denkmire
Back-up person	Sharon McDonnell

Individual Communications Positions

Newsletter	Website	Directory
David Hingston (editor) Liz Maier (mailing help)	Rachel Nagle	Sarah Cushman

Ministry & Counsel

Responsibilities: Oversees worship, spiritual life of the meeting, marriages, deaths, membership, and clearness committees. Usual term of service = 3 years. Typically, 3rd Monday evening of the month, or as needed.

Gifts/Interest: *Seasoned Friend/Attender, supporter of the meeting's spiritual life.*

*Maggie Fehr ('25)	*Chris Beach ('24)	Beth Bussiere-Nichols ('25)
Maggie Fiori ('24)	Jessica Eller ('24)	Sally Farneth ('25)
Fritz Weiss ('26)	Ann Dodd-Collins ('26)	Lyn Ballou ('26)

Financial Stewardship Committee

Responsibilities: Formulates with the Treasurers the annual budget, reviews income & expenses, ensures financial health of the meeting, supports Treasurers.

Gifts/Interest: *Seeing money as a spiritual exercise, comfortable and capable with its management.*

*Jo Linder, Sue Nelson, Alan Farneth, Dick Stratton, Becky Steele, Joyce Blossom, Diana White, Kathy Beach (*ex officio*), Jane Mullen (*ex officio*)

Co-Convenors for Discernment regarding Use of Shared Witness Fund (Responsibilities and Gifts to be added)

Denis Lachman, Mary Tracy, Emily Troll

Adult Religious Education Coordinators

Responsibilities: Coordinate, connect with, schedule any adult religious education programs that are proposed by members and attenders and that are programs that fit well with the Quaker values of Simplicity, Truth, Love, and Community.

Gifts/Interest: *Curiosity, openness, and ability to work with others to facilitate worthwhile adult education programs.*

Mary Tracy & Genna Ulrich

Building & Grounds Committee

Responsibilities: Monitors building & grounds, helps with and arranges for maintenance, plans semi-annual clean-ups by members and attenders.

Gifts/Interest: *Love of the Meetinghouse and grounds, hands-on caring, willingness to attend to meetinghouse & attend occasional committee meetings.*

Liz Maier, Syl Doughty, Peter Raszmann, Jim Maier, Wayne Cobb, David Hingston,
Megan Holt, Sumner Caughey

Helping Hands: Kathy Beach, Chris Beach

Library Committee

Responsibilities: Maintains the library & encourages its use, adds to the collection, hosts occasional art show.

Gifts/Interest: *Loves books and encouraging others to use this Quaker collection.*

*Andy Grannell, Sally Farneth, Mia Bella D'Augelli, Muriel Allen

Cemetery Committee

Responsibilities: Oversight of cemetery and related matters, including: keeping records, arranging burials, caring for the grounds, and answering questions.

Gifts/Interest: *Love of the cemetery, and its history, care, and preservation.*

*Andy Grannell, Anne Payson, Bob Massengale, Doug McCown

Events Coordination Committee

(Meets only when needed for a major event)

Responsibilities: Help those planning a major Portland Friends Meeting event or member's life event (e.g., memorial service, wedding). The committee will help recruit and orient volunteers for each event.

Gifts/Interest: *Love of helping to arrange and hold events; at ease with and enjoyment of social functions.*

*Kiya Smith, Mary Tracy, Liz Maier, Joyce Blossom, Kathy Beach, Genna Ulrich

Pastoral Care Committee

Responsibilities: Care for friends in times of sickness or need of any kind. Participation in the committee's meetings as well as helping individuals in need.

Gifts/Interest: *Compassionate feeling for others and ability to reach out to others and listen well to them.*

Stef Fairchild, Joyce Blossom, Kristina MacCormick, Mags Fehr, Paula Rossvall, _____

Welcoming Committee

Responsibilities: Helps all attenders and members, new and longtime, get to know each other better; coordinates greeters, invites newcomers to join the e-group.

Gifts/Interest: *Desires to build a sense of community; understands how it feels to be new to a group; interested in getting to know more people.*

Dorothy Grannell, Sandi Jensen, Lyn Ballou

Greeters (Sunday Mornings)

1st Sunday: Stan Scott & Gail Scott

2nd Sunday: Mary Tracy & Mags Fehr

3rd Sunday: Genna Ulrich & Hannah Colbert

4th Sunday: Fritz Weiss & Ann Dodd-Collins

5th Sunday: Paula Rossvall & Ruth Gallagher

Youth Religious Education Committee

Responsibilities: Works with the Youth Religious Ed. Coordinator to plan classes, helps with occasional intergenerational worship, Advent Garden, Christmas events, Easter breakfast, and oversight of nursery.

Gifts/Interest – *Love of children and enjoyment of furthering their spiritual growth.*

Bart Czyz*, Chris Fitze, Christine Fletcher, Sue Calhoun, Valerie Todd, _____,

Emily Troll (YRE Coordinator), Susan Grannell (Nursery Coordinator)

PFM's Resource Committee for Friends School of Portland

Responsibilities: Helps the school with process of spiritual discernment on a regular basis and around particular issues as they arise. Meets quarterly and as needed. Members take turns holding the board of the school in the light during its monthly meetings.

Gifts/Interest: *Supporter of the spiritual life, interest in education and the school.*

*Mary Tracy ('24), Mettie Whipple ('24), Nipper Harding ('23), Stan Scott ('23), Susan Lavigne

Leadings Committee

Responsibilities: – The Leadings Committee accepts applications for Leadings proposals twice a year. We meet in May and November to review all applications and make decisions on grants.

Gifts/Interest: *Curiosity, openness and ability to work with others to make decisions about spiritual leadings*

*Kathy Beach, Wayne Cobb, Mary Tracy, Sandi Jensen, Stef Fairchild

Clean & Close up After Meeting for Worship

Responsibilities: Locks building after doing a series of tasks to neaten/clean it and leave it safe, including: straightening chairs; closing curtains, turning off lights & fans; closing all fire doors; removing trash; cleaning hallway & parlor carpets.

Gifts/Interest: *Soul is restored by caring for our building; have 45 minutes once a month to do the job.*

- 1st Sunday of the Month: *Chris Beach & Kathy Beach
2nd Sunday of the Month: Peter Raszmann & Karin Wagner
3rd Sunday of the Month: Denis Lachman & Kiya Smith sharing w/ Liz and Jim Maier
4th Sunday of the Month: _____, _____
5th Sunday of the Month: Julie De Sherbinin, Kathy Hooke

Velasco Friends Meeting Sister Committee (with Durham Friends Meeting)

(Responsibilities and Gifts/Interest to be added)

*Fritz Weiss ('24), Ann Dodd Collins ('24), Sydney McDowell ('24)
From Durham Friends: Kim Bolshaw, (co-clerk). Krisna Evans

Peace & Social Concerns

Committee is currently *laid down*

Responsibilities: Concerned with the meeting's practice of the Testimonies of Peace and Equality.

Gifts/Interest: *Passion for peace and equality, able to represent the meeting and work as part of a team.*