

## USFW Board Meeting at Marion First following Fall Gathering

The board met Oct. 29, 2011 with the following people present: Penny Sitler, Chris Nicholson, Ellen Craig, Judy Taylor, Libby Henshaw, and Shirley Wentz. We talked about the Quakeress, and decided that it would be good to get one out soon and possibly again in the spring. Penny asked that everyone send in something to her in two weeks, and she would organize and send it in to Rowena.

Westfield mentioned that they might be able to host the Spring Gathering. Penny will follow up with them. Keith Huffman of the program committee sent us the comments that were made about the IYM /USFW and Quaker Men banquet in July. Mostly they were positive, but there was an indication that we could improve our organization of the program. We also felt that it would be good to get the Quaker Men's group more involved. Hopefully, we can get the name of the meeting changed from banquet to luncheon, so that people who come don't feel they have to get dressed up for a formal meal. Penny will let the IYM planning committee know. Our web page is woefully out-dated, and Penny will contact someone to bring it up to date.

We talked about nominations for officers to be approved for the Spring Gathering. Kathy Harris has indicated that she would like to be on the board. It was suggested that we might consider her for the Assistant Clerk of Literature. Libby will get together with her to see if she is interested and decide how to divide the job up. Chris will help with this. As IYM is possibly going to split up, the question of the future of our organization needs to be considered. Ellen asked, "Why can't we be a general USFW group?" We wouldn't have to be associated with a yearly meeting, but could act as a group of Friends women gathered together to worship Jesus and spread his love around the world. We will all have to think and pray about this. The board will get together again before Spring Gathering.

Respectfully,

Shirley Wentz