

AM Treasurers Report for AM activities 2017

1. Looking after one another

The Area Meeting supports Overseers, Elders, Trustees and other appointed role holders by paying for training. We also provide expenses for our appointed representatives and of course facilitate our area meetings.

| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|
| Officers | £602.65 | £262.80 | £1,269.54 |
| Representatives | £751.20 | £1,093.10 | £777.35 |
| Support of Meeting | £284.00 | £821.00 | £1,376.91 |
| Total | <u>£1637.85</u> | <u>£3,176.90</u> | £3,423.80 |

(2015 was the start of a new triennium for elders and overseers, so more training was needed that year.)

The support of our meeting includes subscriptions to Churches Together in South Yorkshire (£90.00) and the *Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service* (£35.00). *We will also have to pay our share of the accounting costs, which may add more than £300.00 – the amount is uncertain, as we have not asked the accountants to do the consolidation of all the AM finances before.*

And the money came from:

| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Schedules | £5,358.85 | £4,361.27 | £4,949.18 |
| Surplus | £3,721.00 | £1,184.37 | £1,527.44 |

Although we had a substantial surplus last year, 2018 is the start of a new triennium, so officers expenses will be higher, and are already nearly double the whole of 2017. Nonetheless, the Area Meeting now has reserves of about £5,800.

2. Supporting other Quaker groups

We support Quakers In Yorkshire (QiY) and Northern Friends Peace Board (NFPB) by quotas based on number of members.

QiY: £636.00 (£3/member)
NFPB: £1,802.00 (£8.50/member)

And the money came from designated schedules:

QiY: £1,927.19 (£1,291.19 surplus)
NFPB: £1,832.17 (£30.17 surplus)

Note that we continue to be very generous to Quakers In Yorkshire, giving nearly twice as much as they ask for – their subscription request has fallen substantially in the last two years.

3. Helping one another – Bursary Funds

| | Fund | In | Grants |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Woodbrooke bursary fund | £1,135.00 | £1,000.00 | £40.00 |
| Education bursary fund | £70.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Assistance bursary fund | £7,028.00 | £31.00 | £448.00 |
| General bursary funds (inc. Irene Gay) | £7,401.00 | £1,525.00 | £2,955.00 |

The Education and Assistance bursary funds are designated for these specific purposes from ancient legacies. Income is solely from interest and dividend payments.

The Woodbrooke and General Bursary Funds are kept up by scheduled donations. In 2017 we received a legacy of £1,000 each for the Woodbrooke and General bursary funds.

We supported attendance at Yearly Meeting Gathering in 2017 from the General bursary funds, for £2,127.00.

It has been suggested that some of the Irene Gay fund, now down to £4,708.14, should be specifically moved to the Woodbrooke fund out of respect for Irene's concern for education. In recent years, grants for attendance at Woodbrooke have been little more than £100.00. However, a typical weekend course there now costs £200.00 and more.