

Birmingham Friends Meeting -- Financial Process

There is a process for raising the funds necessary to conduct the business of Birmingham Friends Meeting. Friends who feel moved to do so give a contribution to the Treasurer. Their contributions are whatever and whenever they choose to give. There is no collection of an offering at Meeting nor is there any canvassing of funds or suggestion of how much anyone should give. The amount of the contribution is known only to the Treasurer.

At each Monthly Meeting for Business there is a Treasurer's report so that the membership is aware of the extent of funds in the treasury. Anyone is welcome to attend Meeting for Business.

Once a year the Finance Committee meets to form a budget for the upcoming year that is presented to the Monthly Meeting for its approval. The budget is based on past member/attender giving – particularly for the most recent year. The fiscal year runs from September 1 to August 31. The budget is available to anyone. The focus of giving in the budget is to various Friends' concerns.

Birmingham Monthly Meeting is a member of Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting (GPQM), together with 6 other meetings in Michigan, and is a member of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting (LEYM). It has financial obligations to both of these organizations. Birmingham Monthly Meeting makes its per capita contributions to these larger Friends organizations based on the number of its members and attenders who contribute to its treasury during the year an amount equal to or greater than the minimum assessment. For 2020/2021 this assessment was \$65. Because most meetings have members on the rolls who have moved away as well as numbers of active attenders who are not members but who make financial contributions, this method reflect financial reality more accurately than making contributions based on membership alone.

Contributions may be sent to the Treasurer, payable to Birmingham Friends Meeting :

Inge Brieger
13133 Vernon Ave.
Huntington Woods, MI 48070

Regular contributions can also be sent to the Treasurer via your bank's bill pay process.