Minute 2022-36 (excerpted)

Friends request that the Presiding Clerk notify monthly meetings about H.R. 5444 and S.2907 (A bill to establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies), and suggest that individuals write their Senators and Congresspeople to encourage them to co-sponsor and support passage of these bills.

Friends approved, and charged the Presiding Clerk to include this request with the Sessions summary sent to monthly meetings.

Friends also ask the Permanent Board to begin the process of researching New England Quakers' involvement with Indian Boarding Schools, and to do this in consultation with the Archives Committee and the Right Relationship Resource Group. We recognize that this research may happen in stages, may require funding from sources other than our operating budget, and may benefit from widespread input from around the Yearly Meeting. It is hoped that the Permanent Board may report back on progress and findings at Annual Sessions 2023.

Acknowledging concerns expressed on the floor about asking the Permanent Board to shepherd the work of the Yearly Meeting, the Clerk senses that the meeting endorses engagement with the work as delineated, and that the minute is approved.