



CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

JANUARY 2019

❖ ALL ARE WELCOME ❖

Sunday Worship: 10 – 11 am

Wednesday Evening Worship: 7 – 7:45 pm

Clerk

Nina Joy Lawrence

Recording Clerk Team

Laurie Childers, Esther Schiedel

Treasurer

Wendy Robinson

Spiritual Care Committee

Clerk tbd

Adult Religious Exploration Committee

Bob Ward

Children and Youth Program

Esther Schiedel

Groundskeeping Coordinators

Kathy Miller, Scott Smith

House & Hospitality Coordinators

Nancy Ewald, Susie Smyth-Tucker

Major House Maintenance

Bob Burton

Meeting House Scheduling

Sid Rosen



Corvallis Meeting:

www.quaker.org/corvallis
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Willamette Quarterly Meeting:

www.willamettequarterly.org

North Pacific Yearly Meeting:

www.nypm.org

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

SUN

1•6

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

11:30 am Personal Reflections on Hearing Loss - and How We Respond as Friends

~Susan Easton, Nancy Ewald, Ruth McNeill

SUN

1•13

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

11:40 am **Meeting for Worship for Business**

WED

1•9

4-6 pm Circle Group for Living in the 3rd

Age of Life Topic: "Our personal goals and aspirations for this phase of life" - facilitated by Ruth Penton. Call Donna Gerry for transportation.

THU

1•10

Stone Soup (2nd Thursdays @ St. Mary's)

1-4 Prep/Cook: contact barb@barbaralevine.com

5-7 Serve/Clean: contact rachel.peck1@gmail.com

SUN

1•20

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

11:45 am (til 1:15) **Threshing on the NPYM draft Minute on Racism** *~Laurie Childers*

SUN

1•27

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

11:30 am **Potluck**

This newsletter comes out on the first Sunday of the month, and by e-mail a few days earlier. Submissions and delivery requests go to Lisa Yagoda, editor: corvallisfriends@gmail.com. Next deadline: Saturday Jan 26, 2019.

DECEMBER 2018 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

Corvallis Monthly Meeting for Business Minutes

12/9/2018

Acting Clerk: Jay Thatcher

Acting Recording Clerk: Esther Schiedel

Present: Susan Easton, Nancy Ewald, Bob Burton, Jon Stoll, Sherry Rosen, Sid Rosen, Bob Ward, Lisa Yagoda, Judy Hays-Eberts, Wendy Robinson, Shirley Moore, Kathy Miller, Xiaoming Hu

Meeting began with expectant silence. The clerk read these queries from NPYM Faith and Practice:

- Do we each take an active part in the life of our meeting? In what ways do we grow by participating in the life of the meeting?
- Do we provide youth with responsible opportunities and encouragement to participate in meeting life and structure?
- Do we express our skills and gifts in service to the meeting and to the Spirit? Do we recognize and support others in doing so?
- How do we welcome and involve newcomers?
- How do we encourage attenders from all ethnicities, backgrounds, and faith perspectives to share in the life of the meeting? Do we urge them to consider membership when they are ready?

November Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter

The Pre-Nominating Committee of John Selker and Bob Ward recommend Bob Burton to serve on the Nominating Committee from January 2019 to December 2021. Bob Ward asked that the Meeting approve this nomination today without the usual month of seasoning in order for the committee to start work earlier. Meeting approved.

The Committee also noted that many regular attenders and newer Members lack knowledge, experience, and/or confidence in their

understanding of Quaker business practices. After some discussion, Meeting approved the formation of a small group to consider ways to approach this problem and approved Wendy Robinson, Bob Burton, Esther Schiedel and either Bob Ward or John Selker to this group.

Nominating Committee clerk, Lisa Yagoda, reported that they are not ready to name an additional member to Spiritual Care Committee at this time. She suggested that the Spiritual Care Committee might find support in other ways in addition to adding another member. Bob Burton, the only member of the Spiritual Care Committee present, agreed that other or outside support is a good idea.

Treasurer's Report was accepted with gratitude. Wendy noted that we were able to make all our yearly donations to various groups.

Adult Religious Exploration (Bob W. and Judy reporting) recommended that the Third Age Circle become a self-organized group, releasing the ARE members to take on another need or priority of CFM. The group will remain an open circle – we encourage any and all Friends to join in at any stage. Meeting approved.

The Third Age Circle Group requested:

1. Use of the Fellowship Room for our monthly sessions and subgroup meetings on Wednesday late afternoons.
2. Permission to rotate a key among the people who will convene the sessions. Over half the regular participants already have keys, so this may just be a formality.
3. Budgeting a reasonable sum - \$100.00 is suggested -- within the Library fund or SCC for practical books and resources on Third and Fourth Age. These will live in the library for everybody in the Meeting and their families to learn and prepare for later life.

Meeting approved these requests.

A small worship sharing subgroup has formed.

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They requested use of the Meetinghouse and asked that the usual fee be waived. Meeting approved. Meetinghouse Scheduler Sid Rosen will reserve the space for this group. Sid would like to put the Meetinghouse schedule onto an online calendar where it will be accessible to users. Meeting approved. We noted that the Meeting website is not active—there is a calendar link on it but the information is out of date.

Spiritual Care Committee (SCC, Bob Burton

reporting) continues to be primarily working on care and logistics around the needs of individual Friends.

Peace, Justice and the Environment

Committee of the Whole: Susan Easton shared that there is a public meeting on affordable housing scheduled for this coming Thursday (December 13) at 5:30 at the Public Library.

Meeting closed with silence.



Our Yearly Giving Tree

Thanks to all the efforts of the folks in the Meeting, we collected 540 lbs. of food items to be split between the South Corvallis Food Bank and St. Vincent's (north Corvallis). That included: 53 juices (2-liter bottles, 6-pack individuals, and 12-pack cans); 73 condiments of all kinds; and 181 other food/non-food items. Quite an impressive lot!



Special thanks to those who stayed and helped count, box, and carry the boxes to Sheila's car, and clean up and put away the "tree" for next year. Big job!

~Nancy Ewald

Advices and Queries on Home and Family

Live in the assurance that all are children of God.

Hospitality in the home is a vital force for spiritual nurture; it helps all family members learn to respond to that of God in everyone.

Know that a family may be made of single adults, of differing combinations of adults, or of adults and children, sharing a bond of love. Meeting provides an essential sense of family for those without families, including those made single after years of marriage or other life commitment.

We give home and family priority in our lives.

The meeting can support, yet cannot replace, the family in the care of children. At the same time, every member of meeting is responsible in some measure for the care of families, including children.

Stay aware of the many ways the meeting can act as a family-and the ways it cannot.

Be both bold and tender in offering assistance to families that may be experiencing discord or domestic abuse.

- How do we make our homes places of friendliness, peace, and renewal, where Spirit is real for those who live there and those who visit?
- How do we maintain a climate of love and trust in our meeting which invites families to be open about their satisfactions and challenges?
- How do we keep commitments outside the home from encroaching on the time and loving attention the family needs for its health and well-being?
- Does our home life support our need for both a sense of personal identity and shared living?
- What supports do we offer to the aging, the widowed, the separated or divorced, and members of families affected by disruption or trauma?
- How does the meeting assist families to improve communication, family life, and the rearing of children in a context of love?

~ North Pacific Yearly Meeting, *Faith and Practice*, 2017

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