



CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

FEBRUARY 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

2•3

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

11:30 am **CFM Service Fair:** How we, as a meeting, get things done. (Details in Weds Digest)

SUN

2•10

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

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

WED

2•13

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

THU

2•14

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

2•17

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

11:30 am **Sharing our Spiritual Roots:** Three Friends will trace the story of their spiritual sources, evolution and practice. Who knows where that conversation may lead us?

SUN

2•24

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

11:30 am **Potluck**

SUN

3•3

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

11:30 am **Film Illuminating Racism Issues in the US.** Watch Weds Digest for details.

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 Feb 23, 2019.

JANUARY 2019 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

Corvallis Monthly Meeting for Business Minutes

1/13/2019

Acting Clerk: Jay Thatcher

Recording Clerk: Esther Schiedel

Present: Nina Joy Lawrence, Susan Easton, Ruth McNeil, Nancy Ewald, Judy Hays-Eberts, John Selker, Annaliese Watson, Mary Jane Gray, Yalda Asamatey, Kathy Miller, Wendy Robinson, Bob Ward, Bob Burton

Meeting began with Waiting Silence. Jay read the queries on Equality from NPYM *Faith and Practice*:

- *Do we regularly examine ourselves for evidence of privilege and prejudice?*
- *What are we, as individuals and as a meeting community, doing to overcome the contemporary effects of past and present oppression?*
- *How do we avoid being drawn into violent reactions against those who are destructive of human dignity? Do we reach out to the violator as well as the violated with courage and love?*
- *How do we make our meeting open to all, regardless of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and identity, or class?*
- *Is our meeting place physically accessible and welcoming to all?*

December Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer

Treasurer's Report was accepted with thanks.

Wendy Robinson presented a preliminary Budget for 2019 for our consideration. We will make suggestions and consider it next month. One suggestion made was to include \$100 in the Library budget for purchasing books suggested by the Third Age group. This was approved last month.

Peace, Justice and the Environment

Committee of the Whole: Bob Burton asked for feedback on our week helping at the *Men's Shelter*: was doing it all in one week okay? John Selker wondered if we needed two people for each role, others pointed out that this could be

helpful to new volunteers. Meeting thanked Bob for coordinating our participation this year.

A report from the ad-hoc group exploring *support for attenders in service* was distributed. **Meeting approved these two proposals for Second Hour:**

Sunday, January 28 - combined with the Potluck: an organized activity to learn new things about each other. In rotating trios, Friends will share insights into their life journey, vocation or calling, interests and activities, skills and talents...

Sunday February 3 – A CFM 'Service Fair' with people who hold roles in the Meeting giving brief descriptions of their committee or function. There will be a chance to talk about what draws us toward, or holds us back from service to the Meeting – and what we would need.

Meeting approved the formation of a group to consider how the Meeting can provide organized guidance and resources for people to explore Quaker faith, practice and methods, and/or to take part in activities beyond silent worship. Bob Ward, Susan Easton, and Esther Schiedel volunteered. Meeting approved their service.

Yalda asked if Corvallis Friends were interested in holding a *Women's retreat*. Nina, Yalda, and Annaliese will organize this.

Art Coordinator Yalda Asamatey asked for guidance in her role. Friends referred her to the description in the User's Manual and expressed support for her invitation to Friends to contribute artistic expressions in various forms.

Major Meetinghouse Maintainance: The sidewalk in front of the Meetinghouse is dark. Bob Burton will install a motion sensor light on the sign above the bicycle rack.

Nominating Committee recommended Abigail Stoughton as an additional member of Spiritual Care Committee (SCC). Meeting approved. The length of her term will be defined later after consult between Abigail and SCC or Nominating

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Committee.

Spiritual Care Committee (SCC) reported that Stephanie Van Dyke will be planning, with our Meeting, a memorial service for Henry and Jackie Van Dyke in August.

SCC encourages everyone to *stand up when speaking* during and after worship, and encouraged hearing impaired people to test the *new improved amplifier* and radio system and provide them with feedback on how well it works. More headphones will be ordered.

For announcements, Friends are asked to speak from the area outlined with blue tape. An easel board is nearby for recording details about events such as time or location.

SCC has started a *new practice of posing a question* for a brief sharing response at the time of introductions before the rise of Meeting for Worship each Sunday. They plan to continue this.



Uprooting Systemic Racism Threshing Sessions

[Complete text of this article is in 1/23 Weds Digest]

We had two threshing sessions about the document proposed by the NPYM Uprooting Racism Committee (of which Laurie is a member), sent in the 1/16 Weds Digest. We had 4 suggested tweaks.

Our brainstormed list of things to do to uproot racism locally:

- Research to find out how people of color [PoC] are impacted locally, e.g. arrests/incarcerations. NAACP and SURJ are resources.
- Leveraging privilege by: assisting in courtroom, in schools, in real estate/landlord issues, and with Legal Aid. Is

there anything similar to CASA (volunteers advocating for minors in court) for PoC?

- Attend trials/court appearances of white supremacists. Share the risk, show the judges it matters.
- Engage with “that of God” in white supremacists. First, learn how to. Show curiosity without judgement. Listen. Say “ouch.” Don’t take it personally.
- Create book groups to educate ourselves. A mentor from NAACP once led a book group reading *“Growing Up White.”* We could do something similar. *Small Great Things, Between the World and Me, White Fragility*, were some titles suggested. [More titles: <https://>

npym.org/AS2018/uprooting-racism/UprootingRacismResources_0.pdf]

- Repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery.
- Create a “movie club” to view films addressing racism together. Library has DVDs; we can’t stream at the meetinghouse without internet there. Open this to the public?

List of what to do from prominent black Quakers:

https://npym.org/sites/default/files/What_to_do-Barrington_Julye_Lists.pdf

Other books, articles, & websites:

https://npym.org/AS2018/uprooting-racism/UprootingRacismResources_0.pdf

~Laurie Childers

Advices and Queries on the Meeting and Friends of All Ages

The meeting community is the seedbed of our spiritual lives.

Meetings heed the needs of their members and attenders as they move along their life journeys.

As Friends we place a high value on intergenerational activities to nurture life in the Spirit.

- How do we recognize and cherish the contributions that Friends of all ages make to our Quaker community?
- How does our meeting stay tender to those who may be discomfited by children?
- How do we value each other as children of God without prejudgetment based on age?
- How does our meeting walk alongside members and attenders at all stages of their lives?
- How does living in Quaker community nurture a meaningful life?

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

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