



CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

MARCH 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
facebook.com/CorvallisFriendsMeeting

Willamette Quarterly Meeting:

www.willamettequarterly.org

North Pacific Yearly Meeting:

www.nypm.org

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

SUN

3•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

3•10

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

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

WED

3•13

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

THU

3•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

3•17

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

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

SUN

3•24

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

11:30 am **Potluck**

SUN

3•31

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

11:30 am **Uprooting Racism DVD** showing and discussion. 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 Mar 23, 2019.

FEBRUARY 2019 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

Corvallis Monthly Meeting for Business Minutes

2/17/2019

Clerk: Nina Joy Lawrence

Recording Clerk: Esther Schiedel

Friends present: Susan Easton, Laurie Childers, John Selker, Nancy Ewald, Mary Jane Gray, Yalda Asmatey, Jonathan Stoll, Aayenda Asmatey-Stoll, Satori Asmatey-Stoll, Bob Ward, Kathy Miller, Ruth McNeill, Donna Gerry, Wendy Robinson, Bob Burton, Patricia Omidian

Meeting began with expectant quiet. The clerk read a selection from NPYM Faith and Practice (p. 40)

Consensus... is a good way to find a decision that is generally acceptable to most people involved, but it is not what Quaker meetings for business are really reaching for. The question is not "What do we want to do?" but rather "What do Truth and Love require of us."

The January minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted with the clarification that "year to date" referred to 2019.

The proposed Budget for this year was distributed. Treasurer Wendy Robinson asked for the Meeting's decision on whether to continue the Meeting's *ad in the Corvallis Gazette-Times/Albany Democrat-Herald Newspaper*. This is paid for monthly. After some discussion, the Meeting approved leaving the amount as is while an ad hoc committee of Jonathan Stoll and John Selker investigate other possible venues for publicizing the Meeting.

Friends noted the need to budget sufficient *funds for Meetinghouse and Grounds maintenance* and approved \$2,000.00.

Meeting approved raising our donations to other organizations by 5%.

The *Budget* was approved with these changes. We expressed our gratitude to Wendy for her work.

John Selker reported that he shipped *Brigid's* remains and a family chest he had repaired. The Meeting will reimburse his expenses for this.

Spiritual Care Committee: asks for feedback on the new practice of inviting everyone to share something as part of introductions at the close of Meeting for Worship. They also wonder if there is interest in forming Friendly Sevens (small groups that meet together for meals).

Donna Gerry will act as *coordinator for rides for Friends*. She is working on an online calendar to help with scheduling these. The Meeting thanks Ruth McNeill for her work in establishing a system for responding to needs of Friends.

John Selker read letters from three attenders who are *applying for membership* in the Meeting: Patricia Omidian, Yalda Asmatey, Jonathan Stoll. As is our practice, Spiritual Care Committee will form Clearness Committees to meet with these applicants.

Website: Patricia Omidian reported the new website is up and more content will be put on it soon

Art Coordinator: Yalda Asmatey invites Friends to share their works of art in a celebration and a possible fundraiser. More details will emerge later.

Adult Religious Exploration: Bob Ward and Laurie Childers reported that the "Service Fair" with information about the various committees and roles within the meeting has been rescheduled to Sunday March 3.

Major Meeting House: Meeting expressed appreciation to Bob Burton for the motion activated light now on the bike rack shelter.

We noted that we need to make sure that space is maintained around the radiators in the Fellowship area.

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Other:

Friends would like to create some form of a *memorial for Brigid*, possibly in the Meetinghouse yard. We thought that we would consult with the children about this.

Meeting approved that Brigid's care committee write an *obituary* for her for our newsletter and possibly in Western Friend or elsewhere.

Questions from Western Friend, the project of the 3 Unprogrammed Western Yearly Meetings:

1Q) *In a proposed webpage of brief news items*

from member meetings what sorts of news items would we like to include? A: Our Third Age Circle group, art exhibits and sales.

Q2) *If Western Friend were to moderate an online forum (like a text chat room) what topics would be helpful to our meeting?* A: Racism, how we contribute to social change

Q3) *How could Western Friend help monthly meetings and worship groups share current news?* Question one's proposed webpage.

Meeting ended with expectant silence.



Library Committee Wants Your Input!

When you read your copy of Friends Journal or Western Friend, check out the book reviews and if you see a book reviewed that you think we should get for the CFM library, tell us!!

~Nancy Ewald

Save the Date: Willamette Quarterly Meeting

May 3-5, 2019

Multnomah Meeting House, Portland
Multnomah and Bridge City Friends Meetings hosting. The tentative theme is "Finding Light and Joy in an Ocean of Darkness." We're hoping to be as intergenerational as possible, looking for the joy we can find and bring.

Save the Date: Annual Session of North Pacific Yearly Meeting

July 17-21, 2019

Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon
(less than an hour from Corvallis!)

Jay O'Hara, as our Friend in Residence, will strive to deepen our faith, a transformational faith that connects us closer to God's purpose for us in these challenging times.

As we continue to strive for greater inclusivity know that *Abundant Financing* will again be offered. We want everyone's gifts at the table. Our community needs each of us. We strive to be more inviting and welcoming to all. We have worked to embrace all of our gender and sexual identities. We are in process of making our

community warm and welcoming to all people of color. We can only find wholeness and holiness with God when all of God's children are embraced with equality. Come and help us meet this challenge.

Friends of Color are invited to a retreat with Vanessa Julye the first weekend of April. Email for info: POCRetreat@gmail.com. Our Yearly Meeting will help anyone needing financial assistance to go.

We who are involved in the *planning could still use more hands*. Come join us! It is such a beautiful way to strengthen our faith as we work together.

Seeking a Spirit Led Way,
Lucretia Humphrey, Presiding Clerk

Advices on Sexuality

We do well to look past the outward appearances of orientation and identity to see the quality of all individuals and relationships in our meetings. Just as there is that of God in every person, there is that of God in every relationship that calls upon God. We remain tender toward all relationships founded on integrity, mutual respect, commitment, and love.

When dealing with issues of sexuality and sexual behavior, we strive for an appropriate balance between open, honest discussion and protection of privacy and confidentiality for individual members and attenders.

We take care to avoid sexual behavior based on license, exploitation, oppression, and violence in our personal lives and to witness against such behavior in our meetings and communities.

Parents support their children's healthy sexuality by providing good examples, constructively supporting each child's natural interest, and answering questions lovingly.

Friends are encouraged to maintain accurate resources on issues of sexuality, sexual behavior, and gender identity and to answer questions, especially from children, honestly and appropriately.

While the meeting can and should be a source of abiding love and support to members and attenders, we acknowledge that some situations may require professional intervention and others may require notification of law-enforcement authorities.

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

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