



CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

AUGUST 2019

♪ ALL ARE WELCOME ♪

Sunday Worship: 10 – 11 am

Wednesday Evening Worship: 7 – 7:45 pm

Clerk

Susan Easton

Recording Clerk Team

Nina Joy Lawrence, Esther Schiedel, Jonathan Stoll

Treasurer

Wendy Robinson

Spiritual Care Committee

tbd

Adult Religious Exploration Committee

tbd

Children and Youth Program

Yalda Asmatey

Groundskeeping Coordinators

Kathy Miller, Mark Boyd

House & Hospitality Coordinator

Susie Smyth-Tucker

Major House Maintenance

Bob Burton

Meeting House Scheduling

Sid Rosen



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corvallisfriends.org

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Willamette Quarterly Meeting:

www.willamettequarterly.org

North Pacific Yearly Meeting:

www.nypm.org

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

SUN

8•4

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

11:30 am **Threshing on the proposed resolution on Bias in Corvallis**

SAT

8•10

10:30 am Memorial Meeting for Henry Van Dyke, followed by potluck

SUN

8•11

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

11:40 am **NO** Meeting for Business

WED

8•14

4-6 pm **Circle Group for Living in the 3rd Age of Life** at the Meetinghouse. Open to all. FMI: Bob Ward

THU

8•15

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

8•18

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

SUN

8•25

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

Second Hours

(including potlucks) are mostly on hiatus until September.

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 July 27, 2019.

JUNE 2019 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

Corvallis Friends Meeting For Worship for Business

July 14, 2019

Annual Corporation Meeting

Clerk: Nina Joy Lawrence

Recording Clerk: Esther Schiedel

Friends Present: Susan Easton, Roger Weaver, Bob Henderson, Jonathan Stoll, Jay Thatcher, Bob Ward, Lisa Yagoda, Nancy Ewald,

Meeting began with expectant silence.

Bob Henderson read the following from NPYM Faith and Practice 2017

Friends strive for simplicity in the use of our earnings and property, in our speech, and in our manner of living, choosing that which is clear and useful.

Do we clutter our lives with things and activities? What are the ways out? What helps us avoid commitments beyond our strength and light?

How does our meeting help us simplify our lives? How do we order our individual lives to nourish our spiritual growth?

June Minutes were approved as published in the July Newsletter

Nominating Committee Report was approved with a few corrections. The list will be made available to Friends for reference.

The Clerk will ask Bob Burton and John Selker to decide which of them can convene the *Spiritual Care Committee*. The committee will choose its clerk.

Memorial Minute draft for Henry Van Dyke was read and approved with some changes. The Meeting and the Van Dyke family will hold a memorial service in Corvallis on August 10 at 10 am. We will look for the memorial minute that was written for Jackie Van Dyke as that would be appropriate to share at the service as well.

Nancy Ewald reported that **David Meade** died early this morning. His daughter was with him. As David was involved with many faith communities and other groups in Corvallis, Nancy and others will check with them and his family members about planning a memorial service.

Children's Program: Esther Schiedel reported that Geneva Wolfe, one of our childcare providers, will be heading off to college in August. The meeting approved purchasing a prepaid gift card as a thank you gift for her. The children will make some thank you cards. Geneva has recommended a replacement. Esther and incoming Children's Program Volunteer Coordinator Yalda Asmatey will interview her.

Adult Religious Exploration Outgoing Clerk Bob Ward provided a list of all the second hour programs the committee has organized since September 2017, as well as other topics and activities that might be of interest to Friends in the future. Friends expressed their appreciation for the work of Bob and the Committee.

Midweek Meeting for Worship (Wednesdays 7-7:45 pm) is listed at the top of the Meeting Newsletter. Should we list it on the calendar in the Newsletter and in the Wed Digest and let F/friends know if it is not going to meet? Esther reported that the group is generally small and usually is not held when she and Charles are out of town. Esther will see if there are volunteers who could help with communication about when the group will meet and when not.

NPYM: Esther read a letter from Lucrecia Humphry, Clerk of North Pacific Yearly Meeting, asking that Friends hold the meeting in the light during its annual session this coming week. Nina Joy suggested Friends take a moment to do so. Several Corvallis Friends will be attending and commuters can still register to attend.

Peace, Justice, and Environment concerns of Friends: The *Friends Committee on National Legislation* local group could use more members—they do not have to be associated with the Meeting. Jay Thatcher reported that the group has had meetings with staff from the office of Representative DeFazio and is planning to meet with staff of Senator Merkley.

Jonathan Stoll suggested and Meeting approved scheduling a second hour discussion of the *Bias*

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Response Problem Statement.

Latin America Friends Peace Team Coordinator
will be visiting the Pacific Northwest in November

Next Meeting is scheduled for Sept 8, 2019.

Friends expressed their gratitude to Nina Joy for her service as Clerk.

Meeting closed with silent worship.



Volunteer for Peace, Justice, or the Environment

By Jay Thatcher, volunteer coordinator PJ&E

Fourteen years ago our meeting was led to fill several needs of the meeting with volunteer coordinators and volunteers. This has allowed us to "simplify our operations and still maintain the essential functions and character we value." This pattern has served us well for the three practical areas of Major Meetinghouse Maintenance, Groundskeeping and House and Hospitality. This Spring I asked the Nominating Committee and the meeting to try it out again for our work on Peace, Justice and the Environment. I hope to keep Friends organized and motivated to answer our calls to serve and change the community and the world.

There are several ways I envision helping on this work:

- Offer opportunities to Friends for service or social change work in Corvallis and around the Religious Society of Friends. I hope to do this in a way that will minimize anyone's shame or guilt when not led to take up concerns of others.
- Consult as Friends find an idea, an inkling or a leading to work on an issue or a need. I could help them find open ways to proceed, connect with others and ask for support.
- Receive the requests for Friendly visitors who are coming under concern.
- If the meeting wishes, I'd be happy to convene small

groups to consider matters that clearly deserve the faithful attention of a gathered group but might be a bit complex for meeting for business. Two perennial issues where this may help are:

- statements on social and political issues referred to us by other meetings
- contributions we make to other groups doing good work in the world.

I'm aware of several new, live initiatives among us that seem to have Life this summer. A group advocating with our Congressional representatives and the FCNL for living together in peace, justice and mutual care for the shared world. We're planning for Monica Mayer of Friends Peace Teams in Latin America to visit Corvallis on November 12. We'll probably find some way to learn about and consider Palestine, perhaps with a speaker or a program. We may be able to help with a refugee family from Mexico which plans to arrive in Corvallis sometime in the coming weeks or months. If you are interested in helping on one of these areas or feel a nudge to work on another one, please contact me. I'm eager to help us find our way together to an active vital presence in Corvallis and in the work of the Religious Society of Friends.



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Hunter's Open Space structure at North Pacific Yearly Meeting. L, some Junior Friends enjoying the space, R, Hunter and Friends with the dismantled structure



2019-20 OFFICERS & COMMITTEES REPORT

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Meeting Clerk Susan Easton	Spiritual Care Committee Bob Burton 2020 John Selker 2020 Annaliese Watson 2021 Abigail Stoughton 2022 Judy Hays-Eberts 2022	Treasurer Wendy Robinson Asst. Treas. Susan Easton Asst. Treas. Esther Schiedel	Library Ruth McNeill Nancy Ewald
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VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Groundskeeping Kathy Miller Mark Boyd	Heating Charles Kettenring	VOLUNTEERS: Groundskeeping: Marybetts Sinclair, Jay Thatcher, Wendy Robinson, Bob Burton, Jeff Kline, Ellis Kline.	Major Meetinghouse: Charles Kettenring, Jay Thatcher, Jon Stoll, Scott Smith, Wendy Robinson, John Selker, Jeff and Ellis Kline
Children and Youth Program Yalda Asmatey	Art Coordinator Yalda Asmatey	Children and Youth: Esther Schiedel, Nina Joy Lawrence, Wendy Robinson, Laurie Childers	House and Hospitality: Abigail Stoughton, Susan Easton, Nancy Ewald
House & Hospitality Susie Smyth-Tucker	Peace, Justice & Environment Coordinator Jay Thatcher		
Maj. Meetinghouse Maint Bob Burton	Outreach Jonathan Stoll		

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		UU Peace and Justice Kathy Miller	
			Submitted by the Nominating Committee: Jon Stoll 2019 Laurie Childers 2020 Bob Burton 2021

North Pacific Yearly Meeting Reflections

By Esther Schiedel

Part of the fun was riding there with Nina and Shirley and riding home with Hunter and Lisa. The weather cooperated, the campus was beautiful.

I participated in Worship Walking (Worship Sharing in a small group by walking and then standing or sitting outdoors). Our group was a little confused the first day with not having (or locating the queries) and with some participants not understanding the guidelines of worship sharing. We never did quite do it "right" but that was okay as I think we connected with each other.

I thought the Clerk, Lucretia Humphrey, did an excellent job as did others in giving reports, clarifying, and being patient with Quaker process. Initial lack of unity on the minute on racism led to listening and working together and unity on a revised minute on Sunday.

I benefited from an interest group on reading the Bible and a morning Bible study group (as I don't have a great relationship with that book). I also attended an excellent interest group on

communicating on climate change.

There were interesting booths from various Friends organizations, lots of tempting books in the bookstore (I succumbed to a few). Hunter brought her Open Space sculpture/structure which of us bonded over setting it up and taking it down each day. I and many others enjoyed sitting/lying/dozing in it.

And finally, those of us from Corvallis put together a very last minute adhoc skit for Community Night--a skit about trying to come up with a skit. Although that was lots of fun and actually went quite well, perhaps next year we might plan something ahead of time??

Quarterly Meeting update: May 29-31 2020

Camp Arrah Wanna in Welches Oregon. Multnomah Meeting will host--providing the theme, any sessions and clerking Meeting for Business. This camp provides many different sleeping arrangements from Motel like bedrooms to more rustic cabins. Mark your calendars!



Jay MCing Community Night, and moments from our skit. Photos by Mary Klein of Western Friend
More NPYM photos here: docs.westernfriend.org/index.php/s/PFgbJ7s7WTCZqiZ

Advices and Queries on Equality

We treat every person with respect and love, based on our belief in the fundamental equality of all of humankind.

We examine ourselves as individuals and in our meeting communities to be sure that we are practicing the testimony of equality in reality and not just paying lip service to it.

We cherish those parts of the history of the Religious Society of Friends that show us opposing slavery and refusing to doff our hats to superiors. We also acknowledge that Friends are not perfect in treating all human beings with equal respect and that there is work yet to do, both among Friends and in the world, to achieve the vision of a social order based on the testimony of equality.

- 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?.

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

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