



CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

OCTOBER 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

Bob Burton, John Selker

Adult Religious Exploration Committee

Laurie Childers

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

Rides Coordinator

Donna Gerry



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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

10•6

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

11:30 am **Origami Soul Boxes:** folding boxes for gun violence awareness, soulboxproject.org

WED

10•9

4-6 pm Third Age Circle Group (2nd Wednesdays @ the Meeting House) Worship Sharing and discovery for those in the new 'middle age' stretching from 55-80! Open to all.

THU

10•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

10•13

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

11:40 am **Meeting for Business**

SUN

10•20

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

11:30 am **Our FCNL Action Team:** introduction to their work and letter writing

SUN

10•27

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

11:30 am **Potluck**

SUN

11•3

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

11:30 am **Facing Trauma, Finding**

Resilience: physical traumas and beautiful lessons of resilience with Laurie Childers, Kriste York, and Chet Udell

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 Oct 26, 2019.

SEPT 2019 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Business

September 8, 2019

Clerk: Susan Easton

Recording Clerk: Esther Schiedel

Friends Present: Bob Henderson, Jonathan Stoll, Jay Thatcher, Bob Burton, Nancy Ewald, John Selker, Sid Rosen, Mary Jane Gray, Shirley Moore, Wendy Robinson, Carmen Brummet, Judy Hays-Eberts, Kathy Miller, James Cox, Sherri Rosen, Yalda Asmatey, Donna Gerry

Meeting began with expectant silence.

"I saw also that there was an ocean of darkness and death, but an infinite ocean of light and love, which flowed over the ocean of darkness: and in that also I saw the infinite love of God..." – George Fox

The minutes of the July Meeting for Business were approved with the correction of the spelling of Lucretia Humphrey.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Wendy Robinson. She and the Meeting thanked Susan Easton for handling the treasury during Wendy's absence. Wendy noted that she has set up a timesheet for the childcare providers to fill out and will pay them at the end of each month, based on the times recorded there. The report was accepted with gratitude

Spiritual Care Committee: John Selker reported that the committee has met. He and Bob Burton are co-clerks. The committee (which also includes Annaliese Watson, Abigail Stoughton, and Judy Hays-Eberts) would welcome volunteers to help with planning a fall retreat. SCC wants Friends to know that they are available to offer consultation and help. Their role is to help figure out *how* to address needs, not necessarily to meet those needs themselves. They urged all Friends to respond to requests for help.

Needs of Friends: There continues to be a need for meals for Ruth McNeill. Roger Weaver will be needing a ride to Meeting for the rest of September. Donna Gerry is our Transportation Coordinator; she was not listed on the Nominating

Committee report and asked that that be updated.

Adult Religious Exploration: Shirley Moore and Carmen Brummet reported that the committee has met and put together plans for the coming year, the schedule for September is in the newsletter

Children's Program: Yalda Asmatey reported there will be a threshing session next Sunday during Second Hour to explore what the Meeting wants to have for a program this year. She encouraged all Friends are to participate at least once in the children's program (which takes place during Meeting for Worship), so that they and the children will feel connected to each other.

Friends will be cleaning out the back "nursery" room and donating much of the contents currently stored there. If there are items that Friends are interested in, please let Yalda know.

Peace Justice and Environment: After some discussion, Friends approved adding our name to the Bias Response Initiative, created and signed by NAACP Corvallis/Albany and Corvallis King Legacy Advisory Board. Friends added "gender identity" to the list of possible targets of bias. Friends also approved earmarking our annual donation (currently \$1,000) that we make to the city in lieu of taxes, requesting that it go towards the creation of the Bias Response and Equity Coordinator proposed in the Initiative. While we would not pressure other groups to make similar donations, we think this action on our part might encourage others to do so.

Meeting House Scheduler: Sid Rosen recommended that we raise the rates we charge for use of the Meetinghouse by outside groups. Meeting approved raising these. Regular rate for the Worship or Fellowship Room is currently \$12 per hour and will increase to \$15; a discounted rate for non-profits is \$6 and will increase to \$9; both rooms currently rent for \$20 and will increase to \$25 beginning in the new year. The scheduler will let current groups renting the house know of these changes.

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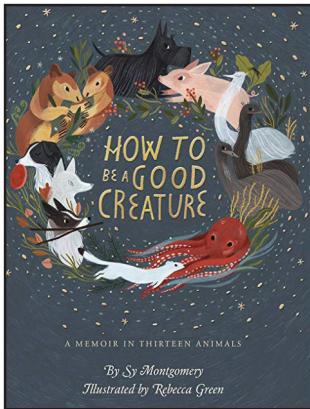
MINUTES (CON'T) AND MORE

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One group (War Tax Resisters) is scheduled to use the meetinghouse November 1-2. They asked if they might spend the night in the house. After some discussion we decided to season this matter for a month.



New in the Library



How to be a Good Creature, a Memoir in Thirteen Animals, by Sy Montgomery. The author, a field scientist, describes members of 13 species she got to know and love. In an engaging, personal style, she describes her relationships with individual animals, from a South American spider she calls Clarabelle to a weasel on her farm in New Hampshire and Octavia, an octopus living in an aquarium tank. She says that the world is far more vibrant and holy than we can possibly understand.

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Children's Program

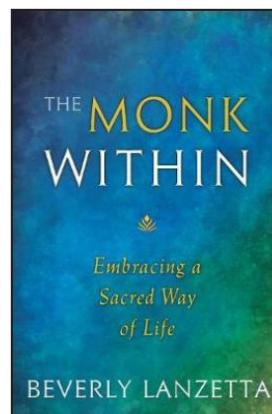
We launched our new children's program on Sept 22nd with a theme of Grounding Ourselves. Activities related to self-love included reading books, conversations, drawing self portraits, and poetry writing. We have an exciting October ahead of us with a monthly theme we're calling Welcome Fall, Welcome Friends. During this month children will explore activities related to caring and compassion. We are looking forward to reading more books, discussing sustainability, conflict resolution and nonviolence, and immigration and belonging. We will have a special intergenerational second hour to make origami boxes to contribute to a huge national art project based in Portland, OR that has the purpose of calling attention to gun violence in this country. We will also learn more about Quaker history. Of course we will also have some time to welcome and appreciate the Harvest.

~Yalda

NPYM Coordinating Committee Draft Minutes July 17 & 19 are available.

Next Meeting for Business – October 13, 2019

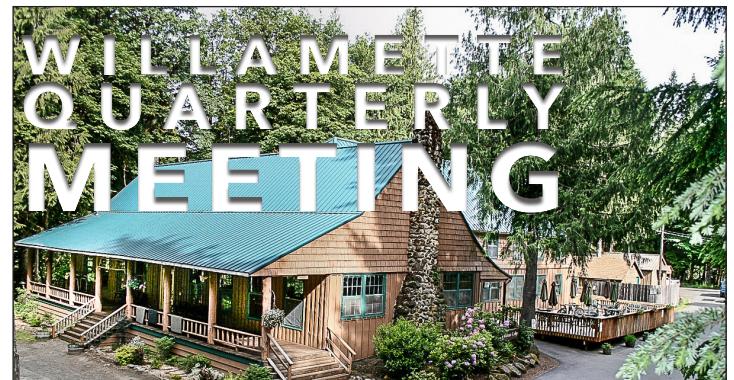
Meeting closed with silent worship.



The Monk Within: Embracing a Sacred Way of Life, by Beverly Lanzetta. The author starts from the acknowledgement that "the monastic heart" is within all of us. Identifying as a 'New Monk' involves an inner longing for contemplation and solitude, not necessarily in a monastery or convent. The author describes "the feminine way," which is open to anyone, and entails gentleness and intimacy. She also discusses "the wisdom of the elders."



SAVE THE DATE



MAY 29-31, 2020

Please join us for our first Annual Willamette Quarterly Meeting under the new structure of meeting one time per year instead of three. At Camp Arrah Wanna in Welches, OR (near Mt. Hood, about an hour east of Portland). More at willamettequarterly.org

Advices and Queries on Stewardship of Money and Other Resources

We seek a sound relationship to money and other resources, making decisions that reflect our testimonies of integrity, simplicity, equality, peace, and care for creation.

Our household and meeting spending plans are evidence of what is important in our lives.

We pay a fair wage to our employees and offer comparable pay for comparable work.

We refrain from hazardous speculation or participation in business matters that may be ethically suspect. We seek to invest our money and time in ventures that are planned to benefit the social or environmental good as well as to provide a fair rate of return.

Obsession with the things we have is a sickness. So also are envy and helplessness when we feel we haven't enough. Whatever our state of economic affairs, gratitude for what we have helps to prevent worries over losing it or resentment of others who live differently.

We accept our gifts and recognize with profound gratitude any opportunities to share them generously. We embrace and uphold Friends commitment to improving the human condition with all available gifts.

As Friends, we examine our decisions about money and other assets, and look in them for the seeds of war, injustice, and environmental damage.

- How do we use our time, talents, and material possessions to reflect that they are gifts from God?
- As individuals and as a meeting community, how do we show that we are stewards and not just owners of the property and resources in our care?
- How does the Spirit guide us in our relationship to money? How do our choices reflect the working of Truth and Love in our lives and in the world?
- How do we avoid judging others, and ourselves, by worldly criteria of wealth or status? How do we answer to that of God in those who have less than we do? in those who have more than we do?
- How do we use the gifts we are given in ways that build community and bring us closer to the Source and Center?
- What is our "fair share"? How do our social and economic choices help or harm our vulnerable neighbors-human and non-human? Can we identify "the seeds of war" in our choices?

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

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