



CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

MARCH 2020

☞ **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

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Wendy Robinson

Spiritual Care Committee

Bob Burton, John Selker

Adult Religious Exploration Committee

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Groundskeeping Coordinators

Kathy Miller, Mark Boyd

House & Hospitality Coordinator

Abigail Stoughton

Major House Maintenance

Bob Burton

Meeting House Scheduling

Sid Rosen

Rides Coordinator

Donna Gerry



Corvallis Meeting:

corvallisfriends.org

facebook.com/CorvallisFriendsMeeting

Willamette Quarterly Meeting:

www.willamettequarterly.org

North Pacific Yearly Meeting:

www.nyppm.org

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

SUN
3-1

10:00 am Meeting for Worship
11:30 am **Explain this!** Discernment, Clearness, and Unity explained.

SUN
3-8

10:00 am Meeting for Worship
11:40 am **Meeting for Business**

THU
3-12

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
3-15

10:00 am Meeting for Worship
11:30 am **Uprooting Racism:** How do we live out the minute passed at Annual Session 2019? Led by Steven Aldrich from Olympia Friends Meeting

WED
3-18

4-6PM **Circle Group for Living in the 3rd Age of Life** at our Meetinghouse. What are we letting go of, or leaving behind at this stage of life? What new features are arriving in our lives?

SUN
3-22

10:00 am Meeting for Worship
11:30 am **Potluck**

SUN
3-29

10:00 am Meeting for Worship
11:30 am **Music!** Sid Rosen will speak about the spiritual aspects of composing music, and play guitar for us.

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 28, 2020.

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FEB 2020 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Business

Feb 9, 2020

Acting Clerk: Nina Joy Lawrence

Acting Recording Clerk: Sid Rosen

Present: Bob Burton, Jay Thatcher, Judy Hays-Eberts, Wendy Robinson, Donna Gerry, Mary Jane Gray, Abigail Stoughton, Nancy Ewald, Ruth McNeil, John Selker

The Meeting began in silence, considering the Query, "How do we come to know an inward stillness amid the activities of daily life?" Queries on Prayer, NPYM Faith and Practice 2017

Previous month's Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report presented by Wendy:

Correction: Brokerage account balance is currently around \$30,000, not \$18,108. The Meeting accepted the Report.

Annual Budget: A few minor corrections need to be made to specific figures and wording. The corrected budget will be filed in the Treasurer's Record and the Meeting Budget Records. The Meeting approved the budget pending those changes.

Report on Assets by Jay and Wendy: Our assets should be around \$18,000 plus around \$2,000 for operating costs instead of the \$40,000 we currently have. They propose increasing our donations to the organizations to which we are already contributing, and/or to other organizations we want to support, to leave \$24,000 in assets. They would work with ARE to find times in the meeting schedule to have threshing sessions to explore where these increased donations would go. Wendy and Jay propose investing the remaining assets with the *Growth and Income Fund* at Friends Fiduciary. The Meeting suggested one of the alternates, the *Green Fund*, and the clerk noted that orally. The Meeting approved this plan and thanked Wendy and Jay for their work on this.

House and Hospitality: Abigail reported that Good Earth has done one treatment, and the next is scheduled for 2-10-2020. In their experience, it usually takes three treatments to take care of an ant problem like ours. Judy proposed that the Meeting find out more about these ants, ie. their place in the ecosystem.

Spiritual Care Committee: John S. reported that the SCC is caring for one member with cancer and another who has had a recent surgery. They suggest putting a white board on the inside of the closet door to replace the butcher paper easel we are currently using for announcements and other information. The Meeting approved trying this idea.

State of the Society Report: A draft of this year's report was passed out and silently read. We are to take it home to read and consider and discuss at next month's Meeting for Business.

Pre-Nominating Committee Report: Donna was asked and has agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. Her three-year term will end 12-31-2022. The Meeting approved.

The Meeting ended with a moment of silence.



NOTES

WILLAMETTE QUARTERLY MEETING | MAY 29-31 2020

Located at Camp Arrah Wanna (www.camparrah-wanna.org) in Welches, OR, near Mt. Hood, a little over 2 hours from Corvallis.



Join us for our first Annual Willamette Quarterly Meeting under the new structure of meeting one time per year instead of three.

This is a fabulous opportunity to connect, relax, worship, learn, and have fun with Friends from around the Willamette Quarter.

Children's Program led by Mim Coleman with Pickles!

Hospitality of the Heart

Attendance by RESERVATION ONLY
Register April 1-26
<http://willamettequarterly.org/>

Interfaith Potluck

Sunday, March 15, 2020 5:30-7:30 pm

The NEW Beit Am Building

4318 NW Circle Blvd. (behind the LDS Temple on Harrison), Corvallis, OR

Please invite your congregations and friends.

Vegetarian (dairy okay) potluck to accommodate dietary preferences.

Bring labels to indicate gluten-free, dairy-free etc. as appropriate.

Let us create and strengthen friendships among our faith communities.

Let us be the peace and love we wish to see in the world.



WQM Men's Retreat

Get off the grid for a weekend at Big Bear Camp near Walton, OR. You'll be in the company of worshipful, joyful local Quaker men living in a tumultuous secular society. We will talk over questions of faith, of living in the wider world while witnessing to our faith. We will take time to get to know one another and eat, work and play together a beautiful wooded property.

The Willamette Quarterly Meeting Men's Retreat starts on Friday 3/13 with a light evening meal and lasts through lunch on Sunday the 15th.

Suggested contribution is \$100 for the entire weekend. Adjust that amount for your personal money situation. Quakers and fellow travelers who identify as male are all welcome. To register, send an email Bob Marvos: rmmarvos@gmail.com

For more info, ask Jay Thatcher, Jon Stoll or Mark Boyd and look in the Wednesday Digest.

Advices on Discernment

Seeking and waiting for Truth's leadings is a discipline through which all can grow in patience, unity, and love. Decisions under the guidance of the Spirit knit the loving community together.

We remain patient and wait upon God as long as needed for a decision to emerge which clearly recommends itself as the right one.

We guard against contentiousness, obstinacy, and love of control and power. We remember that our views, however fondly cherished, may be wrong.

We season our decisions and test our leadings with patience and integrity. We take care to stay within our leadings, lest we outrun our Guide.

Friends approach meeting for business, committee meetings, and other occasions for group discernment with trust that the Holy Spirit will lead us to unity and right action. Unity is always possible because the same Light of Truth shines in some measure in every human heart. Communal discernment takes place in a context

of worship as those present seek divine guidance.

Friends expect unity as the outcome, not as the starting point, of communal discernment. We proceed in the peaceable spirit of the light of Truth, with forbearance and warm affection for one another. Light will be shed on matters from many angles. We trust that as Truth is spoken, its power cannot be resisted.

We express our views but refrain from pressing them unduly. It is less important for any individual to be heard than it is for Truth to be given voice.

Group discernment and the search for unity may require us to accept with good grace a decision of the meeting we do not entirely agree with.

Contributing to the meeting's discernment is a responsibility of membership. This includes attending meetings for business and being faithful in the service of the meeting's affairs.

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

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