



CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

APRIL 2020

❖ ALL ARE WELCOME ❖

Sunday Worship: 10 – 11 am VIA ZOOM

Wednesday Evening Worship: cancelled until further notice

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

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.nypm.org

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

SUN 4•5 10:00 am Meeting for Worship
via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/105101463>

WED 4•8 4-6PM 3rd Age Circle Group Virtual meeting.
Contact Bob Ward for link and details.

THU 4•9 **Stone Soup** (2nd Thursdays @ St. Mary's)
In need of new and young volunteers!
See page 3 for details

SUN 4•12 10:00 am Meeting for Worship
via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/105101463>

SUN 4•19 10:00 am Meeting for Worship
via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/105101463>
11:40 am **Meeting for Business TBD**

SUN 4•26 10:00 am Meeting for Worship
via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/105101463>

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MARCH 2020 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business

March 8, 2020

Acting Clerk: John Selker

Recording Clerk: Esther Schiedel

Friends Present: Nancy Ewald, Judy Hays-Eberts, Abigail Stoughton, Mary Jane Gray, Donna Gerry

Silent preparation

When it all seems too much: "Oh these vast, calm, measureless mountain days, days in whose light everything seems equally divine, opening a thousand windows to show us God."

John Muir

The **minutes** from last month as printed in the newsletter were **approved** with appreciation.

Treasurer's report was presented and accepted. Last month meeting approved increasing donations this year. Jay and Wendy will continue to work on how facilitate the meeting moving forward on this.

Spiritual Care Committee: The draft of the *State of Society report* was shared. This does not need our final approval until next month. We noted that the recent death of member Kathe Burt and the memorial held yesterday for her need to be included.

A handout on **COVID-19** (Coronavirus) precautions was shared with Friends this morning. We will forgo our practices of shaking hands and passing around the microphone that aids Ruth McNeill. We will put it on a mike stand for announcements.

Friends are reminded to stay home if showing signs of illness, to wash hands thoroughly, and to let the Meeting know immediately if anyone in your broader community has been in contact with an infected person.

Pre-nominating committee: Esther Schiedel is the second nomination to serve on Nominating Committee, term March 2020 - Dec. 2022.

Meeting approved her serving on that committee.

House and Hospitality: Abigail Stoughton and Nancy Ewald reported that Work Unlimited—the organization that used to clean the Meetinghouse—has cancelled our service. They propose hiring two people who formerly worked for that company and who are familiar with the Meetinghouse cleaning regime. Meeting approved our hiring CleanTeam. After some discussion about options for access to Meetinghouse keys, we approved providing keys to these individuals. Nancy and Abigail will contact Sid Rosen about this. Abigail has purchased cleaning supplies designated for the CleanTeam. These will be clearly marked and stored in the closet.

Groundskeeping report will be held over until next month.

Adult Religious Exploration: programs have been scheduled for the coming weeks.

Children and Youth Program: The program, has for the most part, five children who attend. The children are engaged in reading books together, cultivating conversation and opinions of their own about various issues. We read about Thoreau and discussed resistance and taxes; learned about various communities of the world who grow and eat rice; made animal collages; learned about FCNL; created a vision for the world; performed plays.

The vision for the children's program remains the same: to educate, inspire, and nurture, and testify what/how we want to see in the world as it relates to our Quaker ways. As we approach spring the children will begin stepping outside and engage with the environment and our neighbors. Fun times ahead!

At the memorial yesterday, one of the very young children who attended found a china tea set, broke one of the dishes and cut his hand. We had not planned on having childcare at the event (not being aware that young children would be in attendance). We decided that it would be a good idea to always arrange for childcare for similar

events in advance. The incident also served as a reminder for us to check for possible hazards to young children in the fellowship and worship spaces.



Events Cancelled

NPYM Annual Session cancelled. See Weds Digest and npym.org for details

Willamette Quarterly Meeting 2020 cancelled. Save the dates of May 21-23, 2021

Food Bank Needs

Corvallis Friends continue to support local food banks as those services adapt to the needs and requirements resulting from the COVID-19 crisis. Last week, Nancy Ewald and I divided and delivered a case (10 boxes of 144 each) of toothbrushes, purchased by Corvallis Friends, to the South Corvallis Food Bank and St. Vincent de Paul (the north Corvallis food bank). Both volunteers and guests expressed enthusiastic appreciation.

The food banks are operating regular hours, following guidelines to keep everyone safe. Linn-Benton Food Share, which provides goods to all food banks in the two counties, is going above and beyond to help, as well. St Vincent de Paul requests that cash donations be sent to Linn-Benton Food Share at PO Box 1920, Corvallis, 97339. South Corvallis Food Bank urges the same, or checks may be sent to SCFB directly at 1750 SW 3rd St., Corvallis, 97333.

This is a year when Friends and neighbors are needed more than ever to pull together for the benefit of all concerned. No one is untouched by the ongoing crisis. Yet here is an opportunity to show great love and share the joys of community. Keep shining the Light!

- Judy Hays-Eberts

The second Sunday in April, the 12th is Easter
We approved moving Meeting for Business to April 19.

Stone Soup Update from Beit Am

The community 'management' team for Stone Soup has reshaped Stone Soup in response to COVID-19.

Our next Beit Am/Friends collaborative meal is April 9.

1. They have asked that no one over 60 yrs work Stone Soup. The challenge is that perhaps 95% of the existing volunteers is older than 60, and many have compromised medical conditions.

2. The logistic operation of Stone Soup has changed: patrons will line up outside the door and will be required to wash their hands at an outdoor hand washing station, which is staffed by area youth; patrons then enter the dining room one at a time, pick up a meal to go, a drink to go...and then out the door.

Valley Catering is taking care of food production and packaging. Valley delivers meals to the kitchen.

With this reduced logistical demand, Stone Soup needs just THREE volunteers: one to cart the meals to the serving table; one to sit at the table; and a third who at the drink table. One of the volunteers is designated the 'lead', who also makes sure the door is unlocked at the start and locked at the end, etc.

Our meal next week, April 9, has three volunteers, considerably younger than 60 and in good health, who will manage this meal.

I hope to continue calls to the Beit Am community and Friends...to its young adults to help out since the pandemic may continue for months.

How can you help? If you know someone in their 20s or 30s with no compromising conditions, someone who would want very much to help out, they can contact me (Ken) and I'll connect them with the Stone Soup volunteer coordinator.

Or you can have them contact the coordinator directly: Robin.stonesouphelp@gmail.com

Stay well, Ken Winograd (Beit Am)

Queries on Discernment

- Do we patiently seek divine guidance to discern the right course of action?
- How do we test our leadings? Do we patiently and prayerfully seek clearness in the Light? Do we offer spiritual aid for others who are seeking clearness?
- When our own way is unclear, do we seek the counsel of others in our meeting?
- What can we do to help others recognize, temper, and strengthen their leadings?
- Do we hold our meetings for business in the spirit of worship, love, and understanding? How are we seeking God's Truth together in community?
- Do we regularly take part in meetings for business? Do we uphold the meeting in prayer when we cannot be present?
- Do we come into meeting for business prepared to be changed? Are we ready to let go of our individual thoughts and wishes and let the Holy Spirit lead the meeting to unity?
- As difficult problems arise, are we careful to meet them in a spirit of love and humility, with minds open for creative solutions? How do we avoid taking sides and forming factions?
- Do we avoid the pressure of time, neither unnecessarily prolonging nor unduly curtailing full consideration?
- Are we aware that we speak through inaction as well as action?

~ North Pacific Yearly Meeting,
Faith and Practice, 2017

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