

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

THIRD MONTH (March) 2023

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship: 10:00-11:00

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Our Meetinghouse is located within the traditional homelands of the Chepenefia band of the Kalapuya speaking Nation.

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

Sunday March 5

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park

Contact Wendy Robinson: robburton@comcast.net

10 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom* and at the Meetinghouse

Sunday March 12

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park

10:00 am Hybrid/Blended Meeting for Worship Zoom and Meetinghouse together

11:40 am Hybrid/Blended Meeting for Business

Sunday March 19

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Starting at Meetinghouse

9:40 -10 am Potluck at Meetinghouse

10:15 am Meeting for Worship at Meetinghouse and via Zoom

Sunday March 26

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship back at Willamette Park

10:00 am Hybrid/Blended Meeting for Worship Zoom and Meetinghouse together

11:45 am Virtual Potluck

Sunday April 2

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park

10 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse

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*Join Zoom Meetings: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86417666994?pwd=anAwZU04a0J0TWQvaVRSSkptNmlyUT09>
Meeting ID: 864 1766 6994 Passcode: 959966 or phone (253) 215 8782

Corvallis Friends Meeting For Business

February 12, 2023

Present: Susan Easton (clerk), John Selker (minute taker), Bob Burton, Wendy Robinson, Jay Thatcher, Donna Gerry, Nina Joy Lawrence, Laurie Childers, Carmen Brummet, Esther Schiedel

Expectant Silence

Integrity can be viewed as the most basic testimony. It strengthens the other testimonies—and our lives—by saying that we will say and do what we are. Integrity is also doing your best at all things you do. Quakers strive to live with the truth in the world in every waking moment, with guidance from the Light in worship...

— A Guide to Quaker Practice, Friends School of Minnesota

Additions to Agenda -WeCare discussion.

The Minutes of January Meeting for Business approved without discussion.

Treasurer's Report

February Report – New approach now limits the report to only to transactions that have occurred before the end of the previous month. This means that this report has some information that was covered in the previous report, but for future months, this new system will be far easier to track and report. Accepted with gratitude.

Budget Report (selected summary of the discussion)

- Wendy presented the current budget proposal, and sought input on several aspects to help her develop the draft proposed budget. The first question was the Library committee's needs. Nina Joy mentioned that Hunter met with her and expressed that Hunter was excited about the library. People noted that Friends Journal has not been received by the meeting in several years. Nancy offered to try to help resolve this lack of subscription, as well as the apparent stoppage of the Pendle Hill pamphlets. It was suggested that the Library budget be \$300, and the newsletter budget be zeroed out. Regarding childcare, the Meeting previously set the wage at 105% of Oregon minimum wage for the first 6 months of employment. We have two care takers coming on Thursday, and who will start on the coming Sunday (recommended by Yalda). They are expecting 90 minutes of engagement per week. So this will be 3-hrs of wages each Sunday. On second hour program days (soon to be once-per-month), this will be 6 hrs per week. Wendy computes that \$1700 should be sufficient to get us through the calendar year for childcare. The SEEK budget was zeroed out. Regarding house and grounds, we wonder if we expect continuing major expenses? There has been discussion of outdoor seating behind the meeting house. The impending need to paint the house should be kept in mind. This could be on the order of \$10k, but we are not in possession of a quotation (Bob will be getting this for the next business meeting). Some people were also interested in new window coverings to make the meeting house more attractive.

Scholarship fund needs were explored. There have been no recent requests of this from the Corvallis Meeting community. Jay pointed out that the NPYM now allows for a sliding scale, so no one needs to ask the meeting for resources since this was instituted. He also points out that there will be 2 expensive Quaker conferences coming up in Monmouth this summer, so we need to be ready for this possible expense.

Bob Burton asks that we seek parity between costs of the meeting, and donations. It seems that we have seen inflation increase our internal costs, but we have not budgeted for an increase in donations. This idea will be discussed further in the scheduled threshing session on this topic (7PM Hybrid Thursday Feb 16th).

Summary: We will put \$300 for the library, zeroing out the newsletter, \$1700 for childcare, Seek will be zero, house and grounds is being explored, and we are putting \$250 into the NYPM abundant finance account. This leaves the Meeting about \$12,000 for donations to have a balanced budget.

Spiritual Care Committee

January Report – 4 items.

1. Jay and Wendy will lead the March 4 Friendly and Fun activities – details to be announced! Request that others come forward suggesting other such activities (movies? Bowling?).
2. State of society report. Will be up for approval in March. Nina Joy needs a helper to write the draft. Laurie Childers volunteered.

3. Membership records. After discussion of a proposed list, **Meeting approved that the following six memberships laid down: Cherrill Boissonou, Tom Holling, Hal Parks, Greg and Carol Paulson, Casandra Zievers**. Jay points out that if a past member wanted to re-initiate membership, this would be made with minimal effort.
4. The planned “Threshing session (7PM Hybrid Thursday Feb 16th)” is being done as a “called finance meeting.” Wendy will accept written recommendations from people who cannot attend which will be considered at that time. It is expected to provide a detailed recommendation for donations to be taken as weighty advice to be addressed in the March business meeting. **This plan was approved.**

State of the Meeting – Nina has been gathering submissions for inclusion. How are we rebuilding our connections in our community? Nina Joy suggested having a performance-art photo of our efforts be included in the letter. This would be staged in the meeting room next month. People would use yarn to show connections between us.

Children’s program – Nina Joy has gone through the job description with childcare providers and made a few changes. Key changes: 1. rather than requiring an adult be always present, we would say that an adult will be always available, if needed. 2. Adjusted the schedule to include fewer meetings. Jay would like to have it read over by anyone who is interested.]

Nina Joy is cleaning up the children’s room space – a big job that Hunter is helping with. The meeting should

anticipate that the childcare committee may make a call for new contributions for materials after the children have been fully consulted.

WeCare: Donna reported: "People applying for emergency funds and the amounts needed have increased, while funding has decreased from federal sources, faith community donations (down 32 percent), and supporting organizations (down 49 percent). A 50 percent increase in requests for assistance exceeded We Care's volunteers' capacity and the capacity of their coordinator. This important work helps Benton County people in need to remain housed, keep utilities on, kick substance dependence, and/or recover after domestic violence. Unfortunately, refusals for assistance have increased, due to lack of funds. We Care's Board is asking members of local churches to volunteer or recommend: volunteers for one new Board of Directors member, part time intake volunteers, and also a paid 20 hrs/wk Volunteer Coordinator. (Please also see attached Job Description and application information, below.) Donations are needed.

Contacts: To be a part time intake volunteer - Write wecare.benton@gmail.com or call Rex Cole at 541-243-8029. For the position on Board of Directors, contact Victoria Findlay at vfindlay000@gmail.com and if you are interested or can recommend a candidate for the 20 hours/week Volunteer Coordinator job, please refer to attached Job Description below. If you know a person or organization that might know potential candidates, please share the announcement with them. www.wecarecorvallis.org provides

information about the organization and its services."

Names and contact information for the Spiritual Care Committee 2022-2023

CFM Spiritual Care Committee members are available to receive comments, concerns, and requests in regard to the spiritual life of the Meeting, in all its current forms, and the care of members and attenders. A private meeting may be arranged via Zoom, phone, or email if so desired. Contact any of the following:

Jay Thatcher, jthatch@peak.org

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Kathy Miller, (541) 207-7304

Abigail Stoughton sabigail@comcast.net or 541-758-5057 (home and cell)

Carmen Brummet, brummetc@peak.org

Roger Keys Weaver

February 2, 1935-February 27, 2023

Kevin Weaver informed us of his death: "My father passed peacefully in his sleep last night."

Goodbye

by John Selker

Roger
Bristly cheek on mine
Heart seeking hearts
Love seeking expression
Poet in power's cold shadow
Echoing spirit.

Advices & Queries - Witness

We are glad to tell in words as well as deeds about the Truth and Faith that are in us. We seek fellowship with others of our own faith and with all people, realizing the oneness of humanity under God. Our witness is characterized by humility and a willingness to learn from others. We are constantly reminded that Truth is greater than the knowledge any one of us has of it. God did not put all the fruit on one branch.

We remain open to new leadings of Spirit, while taking care not to outrun our Guide.

Witness calls us into action.

We follow the witness that we are called to, with a whole heart, understanding that no one person can carry the weight of the whole world.

While we seek affinity with others who share the same concerns, we also seek

opportunities to find common ground with those who have differing points of view.

Speak Truth to power with love.

- How do our lives testify to our convictions as Friends? What are we doing to share our faith?
- How do we speak Truth tenderly, so that others may hear it?
- What ways do we find to cooperate with people and groups with whom we share beliefs and concerns? Do we listen with love and respect to those with whom we disagree?
- How do we respect and encourage the witness that arises out of our meetings?
- Are we faithful in witnessing to Truth in our community and to the world?

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