

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

Seventh Month (July) 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 July 2

**8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park
10 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom* and at the Meetinghouse**

Sunday July 9

**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 Online Meeting for Business via Zoom**

Sunday July 16

**10 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom*, The Meeting house,
and at Ona Beach State Park**

(Watch Wednesday Digest for details (carpool, rides, and detailed directions)
11:20 Pot luck at Ona Beach

Sunday July 23

**8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park
10:00 am Hybrid Meeting for Worship Zoom* and Meetinghouse together
11:45 am Virtual Potluck**

Sunday July 30

**8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park
10 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom* and at the Meetinghouse**

This newsletter comes out on the first Sunday of the month. To subscribe by mail or email contact
corvallisfriends@gmail.com Next deadline to submit items 8/6/23. Send to ceelf@aol.com

*Join Zoom Meetings: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84281206597?pwd=L1hnbTBPcUp4RC9NSXdERUM3K3FrUT09>
Meeting ID: 864 1766 6994 Passcode: 959966 or phone (253) 215 8782

**Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for
Business**
June 11, 2023

Friends present

Bob Burton (Clerk), Carmen Brummet, Nancy Ewald, Donna Gerry, Laura Horsey, Loreen Olufson, Wendy Robinson, Esther Schiedel, Jay Thatcher, Bob Henderson (acting recorder)

Acknowledgement of Annual Meeting of Corporation

Corporation officers present: Wendy Robinson, Esther Schiedel

Reading: “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.”

Faith and Practice NPYM, p. 44.

The Meeting opened with a period of expectant quiet.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s Report

Wendy Robinson presented the Treasurer’s Report as of May 31, 2023. She reported that the apparent discrepancy noted at the May Meeting for Business in the April Treasurer’s Report regarding the March ending balance and the April beginning balance has been rectified.

The May 31 balance for the Afghan Refugee Account does not reflect the fact that a

landlord for two Afghan women refugees has been paid \$2,300 to prevent their eviction following loss of a job’s income. The check had not been cashed by the end of the reporting period.

Receipts from groups using the Friends Meeting House has continued and is beneficial for meeting budgeted expenses.

Bob Ward will serve as Acting Treasurer during July and August.

The Treasurer’s Report was Accepted with thanks.

Nominating Committee Report

Carmen Brummet provided updates to the Nominating Committee Report provided last month, and expressed appreciation to the many people who have generously agreed to serve in the various capacities. The updated Report was Approved and will be posted in the Wednesday Digest. Thanks was expressed to the Committee members for their work.

Spiritual Care Committee Report

Jay Thatcher presented the report from the Committee’s meeting on June 7. Outdoor worship and potluck on Third Sundays began on 5/21 in Willamette Park. Future gatherings will be held through the summer, scheduled as following:
 6/18 in Avery Park just west of the Lions’ Shelter
 7/16 at Ona Beach State Park
 8/20 at the Firefighters’ Gazebo in Peavy Arboretum
 9/17 at the Gazebo in Philomath City Park

A Threshing Session was held on May 23 to discuss the Meeting’s experiences with hybrid worship and how to work toward unity in virtual and physical worship. Sentiments expressed include:

Inclusion means hybrid worship every week.

We like the Zoom set up and the people who come to virtual worship. We want to meet that way several times each month.

Hearing ministry and announcements is not easy. Some Friends do not speak audibly. Some have hearing differences. The microphones and the installed hearing assistance system are not perfect.

The function and presence of information technology devices is a bother - every week.

It's hard to find people to host meeting.

The committee sees a few partial solutions.

They are looking for a hand held microphone for Friends offering vocal ministry or announcements.

Sunday morning child care services will be suspended for the schools' summer break.

The committee meets next on 6/28.

Meeting Scheduler's Update

Jeff Kline submitted a nice update regarding how some community groups have once again started using the Friends Meeting House for their gatherings since it reopened for outside use about a year ago.

Currently, there are about 9 or 10 regularly scheduled users, and a variable number of intermittent users. Outside users include meditation groups, yoga groups (specifically children and family focused yoga), three Alcoholics Anonymous groups, and one or two interest-focused groups. Several of these users have expressed significant gratitude for the opportunity to use CFM facilities, and frequently express that it is the spiritual ambiance of the Worship Room itself that is the greatest draw.

Jeff now maintains the Meetinghouse schedule as a Google Calendar. He is able to give viewing access to any CFM community member who would like to be able to view the calendar. The only requirement is that CFM

community members wishing to view the Calendar need to have a Google account and give him the specific email address with which they sign in to that Google account. Once he includes someone on the viewing list, Google sends a Meetinghouse Calendar weblink to that same email address. Jeff also tries to maintain a hardcopy calendar printout posted in the Meetinghouse foyer.

If any CFM community member would like to use the Meetinghouse, please do continue to contact Jeff directly before assuming from the calendar that a space is available, as there may be late schedule additions that aren't yet posted to the calendar.

Groundskeeping Report

Bob Henderson reported on behalf of Marybetts Sinclair that an automatic timer and control valve has been added to the drip system that irrigates the new planting in front of the Worship Room. Adequacy of the drip system timing and frequency is being monitored. The placement of the timer in the Fellowship Room is temporary until it and related wiring can be placed in a permanent location.

Other landscaping plants in the front and back yard must be hand-watered during the summer as in the past, and volunteers are needed to help with this task. An on-line "Meal Train" signup list has been created, and the link is posted in the Wednesday Digest. Volunteers are asked to please sign up for specific weeks to ensure adequate coverage. For more information on how to help, please contact Marybetts.

Next Meeting for Business: July 9, 2023

Meeting closed with a period of silence.

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

Wendy Robinson, robburton@comcast.net

Kathy Miller, (541) 207-7304

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

Carmen Brummet, brummetc@peak.org

Advices & Queries - Mutual Care

Our needs for love and care, and our response to these needs in others, make up a rich part of our lives. In an exchange truly grounded in love, each of us is both giver and receiver, ready to help and accept help. Neither pride

nor fear keeps us from the unconditional love and care of God manifested through others. Let neither comfort nor self-centeredness blind us to our need for others.

We listen to one another with openness of heart and in good faith, aware that greater wisdom than our own is required to meet our human needs. We lift up our hearts to the Source of all wisdom and power.

- In what ways do we bring together members and attenders, young and old, in love and community?
- Are we sensitive to each other's personal needs and difficulties? How do we assist in useful ways?
- Do we visit one another in our homes and keep in touch with distant members?
- How do we listen to one another, even beyond words?
- How do we provide mutual care while acknowledging our own limitations?
- How well are we able to love each other unconditionally?

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Zaida Knight has left Corvallis Monthly Meeting to be with family in Pennsylvania. Best wishes to her for her new life. The photo at left was taken at a farewell lunch.