

# CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING ELEVENTH MONTH (NOVEMBER) 2023

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship: 10:00-11:00

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

## THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

### Sunday November 5

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

### Sunday November 12

**8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship** Willamette Park  
**10:00 am Hybrid Meeting for Worship** Zoom\* and Meetinghouse together  
**11:40 am Online Meeting for Business via Zoom**

### Sunday November 19

**10 am Meeting for Worship**  
**10 am Silent Walking Worship** Meet at Meetinghouse  
**11:30 am Potluck**  
**11:30 am - 2:00 pm ARE: completing Final Affairs forms**

### Sunday November 26

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

**Second Hour programs will be announced in the Wednesday Digest**

\*Join Zoom Meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84281206597?pwd=L1hnbTBpcUp4RC9NSXdERUM3K3FrUT09>

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## Minutes: Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business

October 8, 2023

**Friends present:** Bob Burton (Clerk), John Burt, Laurie Childers, Susan Easton, Nancy Ewald, Donna Gerry, Laura Horsey, Nina Joy Lawrence, Wendy Robinson, Bob Henderson (acting recorder)

*"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." (NPYM F & P, p. 43)*

**The Meeting opened with a period of expectant quiet.**

**Minutes of the September Meeting for Business** Approved.

### Treasurer's Report

Wendy Robinson reminded participants that in an effort to simplify financial reporting, when a check or bill has not cleared for the month the report covers, it will not be included in the report. This way the report mirrors what the bank records show. For example, for the past month only the gas and water are included; other utilities have not yet cleared.

The sub-account within the Meeting's bank account that collects donations for propane fuel for the homeless will continue to receive contributions as it has done for the past two years.

The Afghan Refugee Account still holds designated funds for use when called upon.

The Treasurer's Report was Accepted with thanks.

### Spiritual Care Committee Report

Wendy also provided the report for the Spiritual care Committee, which met Wednesday, October 4.

1. *There will be an in-person listening session with people who attend Meeting in-person, including people who attend walking meeting, as a second hour on October 15. There will be a potluck at the Meeting House that day.*
2. *SCC is encouraging everyone to attend the Zoom meeting organized by Western Friends "Which Way Worship." on October 21st, 1 to 2:30 PM as part of our consideration of the hybrid meeting.*
3. *After this meeting a threshing session involving our whole meeting will be set with Mary Ward.*
4. *There will be a Taco Potluck with the families of the children on a date to be determined. Everyone is welcome to attend and we will also brainstorm other activities between the children and the Meeting.*
5. *If people are interested in participating in a Friendly Sevens meal, please contact Abigail.*

With regard to the Friendly Sevens gatherings, it was pointed out that the purpose is to get to know one another better, and that the groups can include fewer than seven people if smaller groups are preferred. [Addendum: Abigail Stoughton, Friendly Sevens contact person, adds that the gatherings can be lunches or dinners in private homes, at the meeting house, or at restaurants.]

### Report of Library Committee

Nancy Ewald prepared a report on behalf of the Library Committee for its September 29, 2023 meeting.

*"Present were Nancy Ewald, Carmen Brummet, and Craig Sanders.*

*After a brief period of silence, we looked over the "Library Committee Procedures" from years past as a starting point for how we want to proceed. It was understood that this is not written in stone, and changes could be made as appropriate in future.*

*Incidental to locating a copy of Ruth McNeill's article about the restoration of the CFM library in the November 2017 issue of Friends Journal, we noted that Nina Joy Lawrence, Jay Thatcher, and Jon Stoll had all written articles in recent issues of Western Friend. It was agreed that articles written by CFM members in Quaker periodicals should be kept in the CFM History notebook in the library. We will get copies of these articles for this purpose.*

*A discussion of how to proceed, given the historic underuse of the library and acknowledgment of the pointlessness in buying books that may never get read, led to the decision to not buy any new books (with the exception of Pendle Hill Pamphlets, which form an ongoing resource and have been explicitly requested by at least one member of the Meeting) until the committee has requested (and hopefully received) feedback from CFM members and attenders.*

*Accordingly, we agreed to announce our intentions and solicit feedback in coming Sundays. We will ask what topics are most of interest, and also whether folks are interested in participating in book discussion groups.*

*We also agreed to promote personal favorites among the books already in the library, for starters, to see whether there is any response of interest.*

*We also plan to post info about access to the weekly YouTube video series, QuakerSpeak, in the library. This series of short videos on a variety of topics is sponsored by Friends Journal and is free."*

Appreciation was expressed for the Committee's work. Additional comments suggested restarting the Pendle Hill pamphlet subscription (approximately \$220.50 for 3 years; APPROVED), and a suggestion that when local Friends write an article in a

Friends publication that they let others know by mentioning it in the Wednesday Digest.

### **Groundskeeping Report**

This report was delayed until the coordinator could be present.

### **General Comments**

At a future date the Meeting may experiment with a borrowed camera/microphone unit to see if it provides better hearing of shared messages for on-line participants.

### **Announcements**

- Please refer to the upcoming events and dates reported in the Spiritual Care Committee's report above.
- Laurie Childers mentioned two local events: 1) She will give a talk Monday evening, Oct. 9, 6:30 PM, at the Meeting House on her and John's trip to Japan; and 2) Laurie, John, and a few friends will have a sale of their pottery, wooden bowls, and related artwork at the Meeting House on Saturday, Oct. 14, from noon to 4 PM. Laurie and John plan to donate their profits to charity.
- Nina Joy Lawrence reported that the Meeting House grapes are nearing ripeness and that the Meeting may have a grape-picking and juicing event like it did last year.

**Next Meeting for Business:** November 12, 2023

**Meeting closed with a period of silence.**

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### **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](mailto:jthatch@peak.org)
- Wendy Robinson, [robburton@comcast.net](mailto:robburton@comcast.net)

- Dana Edwards, [nondo99@yahoo.com](mailto:nondo99@yahoo.com) 541-232-3214
- Abigail Stoughton [sabigail@comcast.net](mailto:sabigail@comcast.net) or 541-758-5057 (home and cell)
- Carmen Brummet, [brummetc@peak.org](mailto:brummetc@peak.org)

### Advices & Queries - Peace

We practice love and peacemaking within our families, in our meetings, and in the greater Quaker community. This experience will support our testimony of peace as we are involved in the larger world.

Peace is the state in which we are in accord with the Divine, the earth, others and ourselves. We know that true, lasting peace among us is attainable through unity in the life of the spirit.

When a conflict is beginning, we take steps to resolve it quickly and reduce the damage it does. When a conflict has ended, we take toward forgiveness, reconciliation, and restoration. In this way we help break the cycles of violence. We work to create the conditions of peace, such as freedom, justice, cooperation and the right sharing of the world's resources.

As we work for peace in the world, we search out the seeds of war in ourselves and in our way of life. We refuse to join in actions which lead to destruction and death. We seek ways to cooperate to save life and strengthen the bonds of unity among all people.

- *Do we live in the virtue of that life and power which takes away the occasion of all war?*
- *Do we refrain from taking part in war as inconsistent with the Spirit of Christ?*
- *In what ways do we take part in war indirectly?*
- *What are we doing to remove the causes of war and to bring about the conditions of peace? Where there is hatred, division or strife, how are we instruments of reconciliation and love?*
- *Do we recognize that we are capable of both violence and peace? How do we build bridges that lead us to faith and resolve conflict?*
- *How do we communicate to others an understanding of the basis of our peace testimony?*

- *As we work for peace in the world, how are we nourished by peace within ourselves, our families, and our meetings?*

*From North Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice. Copies are available from the Meeting and online at [npym.org](http://npym.org).*

### Holiday Giving Tree Project

The Meeting's annual Holiday Giving Tree project starts in the middle of November. Please join in the fun. Purchase gifts for families in need. Take them to the meeting house and place them, unwrapped, under the Christmas tree by sundown on 12/7. Or take them to the [Vina Moses Giving Tree \(https://www.vinamoses.org/giving-tree-program\)](https://www.vinamoses.org/giving-tree-program) Store, where families can shop from 12/10 to 12/15 at no cost to themselves. The store will open soon at 934 NW Kings Blvd, in the shopping center with Rice's Pharmacy.

You will find a good supply of tags (listing various ages of children) on the tree at the Meeting House. Jay Thatcher is willing to take tags to Friends or share tag information on request. Tags are also available digitally on the Vina Moses website: [vinamoses.org](http://vinamoses.org) and at many businesses in the area.

Don't know what a child of the age on your tag would like? We suggest books, puzzles, games, STEM/STEAM activities, and toys that promote active play. You could also consult some expert advisors, such as children in your family or in the Meeting.

The Vina Moses Center needs your help in other ways and at other times of year, as well. Perhaps you'd like to contribute money or invest some time at the Giving Tree Store. For more information, visit [vinamoses.org](http://vinamoses.org) or contact Jay at (541)758-9333 or [jthatch@peak.org](mailto:jthatch@peak.org).

### Note: 3rd Sunday experiment in November

We are trying something different for 3rd Sunday potluck in November. Walking for Worship will meet at the Meetinghouse at 10 AM that day. The walkers will walk quietly into the Worship room at 11 AM, and join for announcements.

We look forward to hearing how people receive the experience. We hope it will give us more relaxed time to share fellowship in a luncheon meal (like in the old days).