

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

SIXTH MONTH JUNE 2024

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship: 10:00-11:00

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THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

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

Contact Bob Ward bobward1948@gmail.com

10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse

11:30 am ARE (Adult Religious Exploration) hybrid at FMH and on Zoom

Wednesday, June 5

6:30 pm "Seeking Right Relationships: Indigenous Alaskan People and Quakers"
(details inside) on Zoom.

Sunday June 9

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship

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

11:40 Meeting for Business Zoom and Meetinghouse together

Sunday June 16

10:00 am Outdoor Meeting for Worship the Firefighter's Memorial in Peavy Arboretum, followed by a potluck meal.

10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse

Sunday June 23

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship,

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

11:30 am ARE (Adult Religious Exploration)

Sunday June 30

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship,

10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse

11:30 am ARE (Adult Religious Exploration)

*Join Zoom Meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84281206597?pwd=L1hnbTBpUUp4RC9NSXdERUM3K3FrUT09>

Meeting ID: 864 1766 6994 Passcode: 959966 or phone (253) 215 8782

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Corvallis Friends Meeting for Business

May 12, 2024

Present: Bob Burton (Clerk), Susan Easton (Recording Clerk), Bob Henderson, Bob Ward, Ann Fuller, Jay Thatcher, Nancy, Ewald, Esther Schiedel, Laura Horsey, Carmen Brummet, Kathy Miller, John Selker, Craig Sanders, Abigail, Stoughton, Dana Edwards, Donna Gerry

Centering Silence

Minutes of April 14, 2024 Meeting for Business were approved.

Treasurer's Report(s)

The Assistant Treasurer noted two corrections to the April, 2024 Treasure's Report.

Left off was a \$10,000 donation

A deposit of \$584.25 was uncategorized, but presumed to be rent.

Notations for the May report are:

A larger amount for electricity due to malfunctioning thermostat,

Meeting supplies in the amount of \$51.48 were donated to Meeting,

The POP program is finished for the year. Over the heating season, \$12,516 was donated.

*** Meeting accepted the Treasurer's Reports**

Request for Hosting WQM Spring 2025

Clerk stepped aside. Jay Thatcher stepped in to clerk the discussion. Bob Burton and Bob Ward spoke on behalf of the opportunity for CFM to host the Willamette Quarterly Meeting (WQM) in May, 2025. They noted that Quarterly Meeting is an old tradition that facilitated Quakers from the region to join in fellowship with each other. Our region includes Meetings in the Willamette Valley, the Oregon Coast, the Oregon/Washington border, the Cascades, and Boise. It has also been an

opportunity for Quaker youth to enjoy a relationship with their Quaker peers. This is an opportunity for the new attenders in our midst to learn more about how Quakers function, and to get to know Friends outside CFM.

FWCC (Friends World Committee for Consultation) is getting ready to launch an initiative to deepen relationships between Quakers worldwide and to revitalize Quaker meetings. This could be an opportunity to tie into that initiative.

The Quarterly Meeting traditionally met Saturdays, quarterly, but in recent years changed to meeting yearly for a weekend retreat. The host responsibilities rotated among Eugene, Corvallis/Salem, and Portland meetings. We are now being asked to host the 2025 WQM.

It is expected that task lists from this year and last year will be available for our guidance.

Responsibilities would be shared with volunteer coordinators from WQM, but we would be responsible for:

- Deciding on a theme for the retreat,
- Providing a Clerk for the WQM Meeting for Business,
- Finding and arranging a venue to hold 60-100 people,
- Organizing the retreat spaces and providing volunteers to arrange spaces,
- Organizing meals,
- Organizing lodging for those needing it.
- Bob W and Bob B have agreed to coordinate CFM volunteer efforts. Several people volunteered to help with the planning and implementation as they are able including Donna Gerry, John Selker, Bob Henderson, Kathy Miller, and Esther Schiedel. It is anticipated that other volunteers will step up

and that volunteers from other meetings will also help out.

*** Meeting minuted its acceptance of taking on host responsibilities for WQM in May of 2025.**

Spiritual Care Committee (SCC) Report

The Deepening Friendly Connections event was very successful with several initiatives organized:

- Walking Buddies Contact: Carmen Brummet (brummetc@peak.org)
- Women's monthly luncheon. Contact Abigail Stoughton (sabigail@comcast.net)
- Spiritual Friendship. Contact: Jay Thatcher (jthatch@peak.org)
- Weekly spiritual questions discussions.

Outdoor Meetings for Worship will start June 16, meeting at the Firefighter's Memorial in Peavy Arboretum, followed by a potluck meal. Outdoor M4W will continue through the summer on 3rd Sundays (July 21, August 18, September 15, and October 20). Donna Gerry noted that she can coordinate rides for anyone needing a ride.

Edits are being made to a new pamphlet, developed by Jay and Carmen, to hand out to new attenders.

*** Meeting accepted the SCC report.**

Adult Religious Exploration (ARE)

Committee Report The Becoming Friends program continues on second hour, fourth Sundays until they have worked through all the questions developed earlier in the year. The next program will continue to explore testimonies and start on the next category "Meeting Process & Etiquette."

First Sundays will cease for the summer, but suggestions for fall programs are welcomed.

Contacts for ARE are:

- Abigail Stoughton (sabigail@comcast.net),
- Lisa Perelli (lperell730@gmail.com),
- Georg Stahl (georg_herbs39@yahoo.com).

* Meeting accepted the ARE report.

Nominating Committee Report

Nominating Committee presented a slate of nominations for the coming year for the various roles required by Meeting to function. The report will be held over to season, until the June, 2024 Meeting for Business. The report will be published in the Wednesday Digest, the newsletter, and is available from members of the Nominating Committee:

It was noted that two Friends, Nina Joy Lawrence and Donna Gerry, asked that their assignments be considered provisional.

Nominating Committee called attention to the context surrounding the change, approved by Meeting for Business, of SCC evolving into two committees, Pastoral Care and Ministry.

Clerk of Meeting reminded Friends that the report is made with reservations. Friends may contact the committee with any concerns they have regarding assignments. Those conversations will be considered private.

The Clerk and another Friend thanked the committee for their work in light of the abbreviated time frame to this spring and the success in filling 4-5 major positions with new people.

- Craig Sanders 541-971-2813
- Laura Horsey 503-381-3265
- Susan Easton 541-602-5747

*** Meeting provisionally accepted the Nominating Committee Report.**

Reports of Volunteer Coordinators

Grounds: The Peace Pole donated by Nancy and Peter Ewald was erected (with thanks to Bob Henderson), MaryBetts suggested putting stones around the base of the Peace Pole. Laura Horsey suggested we each contribute a stone to the base.

The Meeting Room emergency exit door porch, has a newer, safer railing (with thanks to John Selker and Bob Burton).

Benches which interfered with mowing have been removed.

Trellises for the arbor have been reinforced and should remain stable for several more years.

The new sign for the front of the Meeting House has been ordered and, hopefully, will arrive by the next potluck.

Major Meeting House Maintenance:

Grounds and MMM have had a fruitful and productive collaboration.

Looking ahead, Meeting may need to replace the heating system. MMM is looking into a splitheat pump system.

Privacy and Access to Corvallis Friends Mailing List and Directory

Clerk requested that Meeting allow him to name an ad hoc committee of members from Wednesday Digest, Newsletter, Directory, Nominating Committees, to sort out issues of privacy with technology and digital media.

* Meeting agreed to allow the Clerk of Meeting to set up an ad hoc committee.

We Care Donna asked for guidance on bringing reports from We Care Board meetings to the CM. Friends thought one, concise, report a year was good. She was thanked for her efforts in supporting an important focus of Meeting's ministry locally.

Announcements

The Ride of Silence to commemorate bicyclists who have died and to educate people about bicycle safety will take place Wednesday, May 15, 2024. Bicyclists will gather at Osborn Aquatic Center at 6:30 pm begin riding at 7 pm.

Next meeting for business: 6/9/24

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"Seeking Right Relationships: Indigenous Alaskan People and Quakers"

Wednesday, June 5, 6:30 pm Pacific on Zoom. Registration is required at <https://sites.google.com/npym.org/home>

Panel contributors: Maia Genaux (Pullman-Moscow and Chena Ridge Meetings, NPYM and AFC), Cathy Walling (Alaska Friends Conference), Juulie Downs (Camas Friends Church, Sierra Cascades Yearly Meeting), Andrew Franklin (Camas Friends Church, Sierra Cascades Yearly Meeting)

Over recent years, Alaska and Sierra Cascades Friends have worked to recognize the harm Quakers have done historically to Alaska indigenous people. This panel will speak from that work, including truth tribunals, resurrecting a historical book, facing family histories, and contributing to a cultural center in an indigenous community. Following the panel, small breakout groups will provide an opportunity for Friends to share their own concerns and actions to address harm with care, and the group will gather for closing observations.

The session is hosted by the North Pacific Yearly Meeting Anti-Racism Working Group and the NPYM Peace and Social Concerns Committee. All are welcome.

