

# CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

## JUNE 2019

☞ ALL ARE WELCOME ☞

Sunday Worship: 10 – 11 am  
Wednesday Evening Worship: 7 – 7:45 pm

### Clerk

Nina Joy Lawrence

### Recording Clerk Team

Laurie Childers, Esther Schiedel

### Treasurer

Wendy Robinson

### Spiritual Care Committee

Emily Barry

### Adult Religious Exploration Committee

Bob Ward

### Children and Youth Program

Esther Schiedel

### Groundskeeping Coordinators

Kathy Miller, Scott Smith

### House & Hospitality Coordinators

Nancy Ewald, Susie Smyth-Tucker

### Major House Maintenance

Bob Burton

### Meeting House Scheduling

Sid Rosen



### Corvallis Meeting:

[corvallisfriends.org](http://corvallisfriends.org)

[facebook.com/CorvallisFriendsMeeting](https://facebook.com/CorvallisFriendsMeeting)

### Willamette Quarterly Meeting:

[www.willamettequarterly.org](http://www.willamettequarterly.org)

### North Pacific Yearly Meeting:

[www.nypm.org](http://www.nypm.org)

## THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

**SUN 6•2** 10:00 am Meeting for Worship  
11:40 am TBA

**SUN 6•9** 10:00 am Meeting for Worship  
11:40 am Meeting for Worship for Business

**WED 6•12** 5 pm Circle Group for Living in the 3rd Age of Life at Bob Burton's. Potluck at 6. Share one thing done to complete or update Advanced Directive and one positive thing working on. Open to all. FMI: Judy ([jhe@peak.org](mailto:jhe@peak.org) or 541-230-8325).

**THU 6•13** Stone Soup (2nd Thursdays @ St. Mary's)  
1-4 Prep/Cook: contact [barb@barbaralevine.com](mailto:barb@barbaralevine.com)  
5-7 Serve/Clean: contact [rachel.peck1@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.peck1@gmail.com)

**SUN 6•16** 10:00 am Meeting for Worship  
11:30 am TBA

**SUN 6•23** 10:00 am Meeting for Worship  
11:30 am Potluck and Pat Omidian welcome party!

**SUN 6•30** 10:00 am Meeting for Worship  
11:30 am TBA

This newsletter comes out on the first Sunday of the month, and by e-mail a few days earlier. Submissions and delivery requests go to Lisa Yagoda, editor: [corvallisfriends@gmail.com](mailto:corvallisfriends@gmail.com). Next deadline: Saturday June 29, 2019.

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# MAY 2019 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

## Corvallis Friends Meeting For Worship for Business

May 12, 2019

**Clerk:** Nina Joy Lawrence

**Recording Clerk:** Esther Schiedel

**Present:** John Selker, Lisa Yagoda, Laurie Childers, Wendy Robinson, MaryBetts Sinclair, Jon Stoll, Mary Jane Gray, Bob Burton, Ruth McNeill, Judy Hays-Eberts, Yalda Asmatey, Bob Henderson, Susan Easton

Meeting began with expectant silence

The Clerk read from *Advices and Queries - Stewardship of the Self* from North Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice, p 121

Friends can sometimes be too serious! Playing together joyfully strengthens family and community life.

We are mindful of the beneficial connections among physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. We also recognize that neither physical nor mental illness implies any spiritual weakness.

How do we make time in our lives for healthy play?

**Meeting approved**, with gratitude, the Minutes of 4.14.19 as published in the newsletter.

**Friends also approved a Minute** noting the special called Meeting held on 4.28.19 to approve the State of Society report before it was sent on to Willamette Quarterly Meeting which was held 5.4.19.

**Treasurer's Report** was presented by Wendy Robinson. It was accepted with gratitude.

After a month of seasoning, **Friends approved Patricia Omidian as a member**. House and Hospitality will plan a welcoming celebration.

**The ad hoc Outreach Committee recommended that we name an Outreach Coordinator**. Meeting approved and turned this over to Nominating Committee.

After some clarification and discussion, **Meeting also approved having a Peace Justice and Environment (PJ&E) Coordinator**. PJ&E would

remain a committee of the whole. This was also sent to Nominating Committee.

**Nominating Committee** will present these and other nominations at Meeting for Business next month.

**House and Hospitality** performed a minor miracle in clearing and cleaning the storage closet. Meeting thanks Abigail Stoughton, Nancy Ewald, and Susie Symthe-Tucker for their hard work on this.

**Groundskeeping Committee** Kathy Miller, Mark Boyd, and Mary Betts Sinclair are exploring ways to reduce yard work and are wondering how Friends wish to make use of our yard.

**Children's Program:** Esther Schiedel will be away for the next three Sundays and asked for volunteers to help with the children. Geneva Wolfe, one of our childcare providers will be graduating this year. In the past the meeting has given a thank you gift to providers, Meeting approved doing so for Geneva.

We would like some input from the children on the meetinghouse yard and on the back room, which is overcrowded with items. It was suggested that we start with a vision of how we want that room to be.

**Adult Religious Exploration** will present another video on racism for second hour May 19.

**Peace Justice and Environment:** Jon Stoll reported that several Friends have attended FCNL training sessions and found them helpful.

**Website:** Lisa Yagoda reported that the new meeting website is up and lists our meeting times.

**Willamette Quarterly Meeting** report: Esther Schiedel, Jon Stoll, Yalda Asmatey, Aayenda and Satori Asmatey-Stoll attended in Portland last weekend. Aayenda and Satori were the only children in attendance on Saturday and their presence was welcomed by Friends.

Esther gave a brief report on some of the activities at Quarterly. Business meeting was devoted

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to the proposed plan for future gatherings. The plan is to hold one gathering each year, at the same location, with the same planning committee (drawn from the member monthly meetings) and the same basic minimal schedule. The hosting meeting would rotate yearly, set a theme, provide a speaker or panel, and, if needed, a Clerk and Recording Clerk. WQM would hire a Children's Program Coordinator to plan a program and to visit monthly meetings to encourage family

participation. Abundant financing would be used for the gatherings. Laura Arcidiacano (Bridge City) has agreed to be Registrar and Sakre Edson (Florence) to Clerk "The Beloved Community Planning Committee." Esther volunteered to serve on the committee and welcomes ideas from Corvallis Friends.

**Next Meeting for Business June 9, 2019**

Meeting closed with worship.

## Laurie Childers' Accident

(This is compiled from some of John Selkers Caring Bridge updates. For the most current info, visit the site here: [www.caringbridge.org/visit/lauriechilders](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/lauriechilders))

Laurie Childers, precious wife of John Selker, and dear friend to many, had a very bad fall on Saturday morning May 25: about 15 feet (5m) onto her side and back. She broke many bones in her back, including the cores of two vertebrae, one of which being almost entirely crushed, and the other badly fractured, including major excursions of bone into her spinal column. She also broke 17 ribs, which complicates matters considerably.

Good news? Yes. Laurie has full feeling and strength in all of her extremities, did not get a concussion; and is under very good care in the Corvallis hospital. Her energy and ability to move her arms and neck has been improving daily.

After considering spinal stabilizing surgery, the plan for healing is 3 months of pure bed rest - rolling each 2 hrs from back to side to side. The doctor hopes that she can go home in a few days.

Those who wish to help Laurie and John with their next steps can visit the Caring Bridge website: [www.caringbridge.org/visit/lauriechilders](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/lauriechilders)

## North Pacific Yearly Meeting

July 17-21

Linfield College, McMinnville (an hour from Corvallis)

Details and registration at <https://as.npym.org>

*In coming together we form our beloved community. To make us whole we need you.*

Our Friend in Residence, Jay O'Hara, reminds us that the time of hope may be over. The world is in a catastrophic place with all scientific knowledge showing us that Climate Change is here. How then shall we live at the edge of this abyss? Jay is a member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting on Cape Cod, and is a co-founder of the Climate Disobedience Center. He was part of the 2016 team that shut down five pipelines carrying crude oil from Canada's tar-sands. A visionary climate activist, Jay works to deepen the spiritual underpinnings of powerful action in the world.

Through Abundant Financing, our Annual Session can continue to be accessible for Friends of all levels of financial means. We will continue working to make our place welcoming for Friends of color by following the suggestions made by last year's Friend in Residence, Vanessa Julye.

At the heart of our time together is the business meeting. We will consider a minute on undoing racism as we seek new ways to live more fully and with greater integrity.

## Advices and Queries on “Be Not Afraid”

Courage is a fundamental act of faith.

As Friends we examine our fears and have the courage to release those that prevent us from growing in the Spirit and following our Guide. As we continue letting go of our fears and following the motions of love, we are led into a new, more abundant and joy-filled life. Although this life is not always free of pain, it is graced with a courage that will endure any adversity.

We ask those in authority to employ their power to reconcile and unify us, rather than to exploit fear to divide us.

It takes courage to reach out to those who are creating fear and to those who are controlled by fear. We work to restore harmony through peacemaking and reconciliation based in mutual love. Disharmony is a manifestation of fear; it results in separation from God, from ourselves, from our fellow human beings, and from all of creation.

- How does fear influence our lives? Are our decisions based on fear, or do we trust the Spirit's urging toward love and reconciliation? How do we let go of our fears, trusting the Spirit, so that we can restore peace in our meetings and communities?
- Do we encourage each other through love to act in faithful witness? How do we identify and confront fears that deceive, enslave, and stop us from living faithfully?
- In times of trial and terror how can we open our hearts, return to God's love, and move forward with courage?
- What would we do, as individuals and as a community, if we were not afraid?

~ North Pacific Yearly Meeting, *Faith and Practice*, 2017

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