



CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

FEBRUARY 2020

☞ **ALL ARE WELCOME** ☞

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

Clerk

Susan Easton

Recording Clerk Team

Nina Joy Lawrence, Esther Schiedel, Jonathan Stoll

Treasurer

Wendy Robinson

Spiritual Care Committee

Bob Burton, John Selker

Adult Religious Exploration Committee

Laurie Childers

Children and Youth Program

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Groundskeeping Coordinators

Kathy Miller, Mark Boyd

House & Hospitality Coordinator

Abigail Stoughton

Major House Maintenance

Bob Burton

Meeting House Scheduling

Sid Rosen

Rides Coordinator

Donna Gerry



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corvallisfriends.org

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Willamette Quarterly Meeting:

www.willamettequarterly.org

North Pacific Yearly Meeting:

www.nypm.org

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

SUN
2•2

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

11:30 am **Quaker history:** a condensed overview, full of interesting twists and ironic turns ~Bob Ward

SUN
2•9

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

11:40 am **Meeting for Business**

THU
2•13

Stone Soup (2nd Thursdays @ St. Mary's)

1-4 Prep/Cook: contact barb@barbaralevine.com

5-7 Serve/Clean: contact rachel.peck1@gmail.com

SUN
2•16

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

11:30 am **FCNL Priorities** discussion. This is our Meeting's chance to influence the Quaker lobby in Washington DC. What matters most to us? On what issues would we most like them to lobby Congress?

SUN
2•23

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

11:30 am **Potluck**

SUN
3•1

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

11:30 am **Explain this!** Discernment, Clearness, and Unity explained. Come join the conversation and contribute your piece of the truth.

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. Next deadline: Saturday Dec 28, 2019.

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JAN 2020 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Business

January 12, 2020

Clerk: Susan Easton

Recording Clerk: Nina Joy Lawrence

Friends present: Pat Omidian, Jay Thatcher, Wendy Robinson, Ruth McNeill, Bob Henderson, Mary Jane Gray, Bob Burton, Abigail Stoughton, Shirley Moore, Lisa Yagoda, Nancy Ewald, Barbara Forest-Ball
Expectant quiet

"I saw also that there was an ocean of darkness and death, but an infinite ocean of light and love, which flowed over the ocean of darkness: and in that also I saw ...infinite love..." – George Fox

Approval of previous minutes

Treasurer's Report

Meeting **approved** that our donation in lieu of taxes should go to the city with a letter asking it be used for anti-bias training, rather than what we approved last month. Jon Stoll recently informed our treasurer that there is no movement on The Bias Response Initiative Plan currently.

Meeting **approved** sending \$84 each to both North and South Corvallis Food Banks, because there were enough toothbrushes donated that we didn't need to spend all we had earmarked for it this year.

Meeting discussed placing our brokerage account money into Friends Fiduciary, (stock market accounts). This meeting has not held a big endowment in the past. Should we give more money to the concerns we hold dear? Should we put money into the stock market or keep it in money market funds, not taking such chances of losing it as AFSC did. AFSC had to close offices helping out in many countries after the last crash. An ad hoc committee of Jay Thatcher and Wendy Robinson volunteered to investigate all angles further, and bring back a proposal to the meeting.

Lisa Yagoda, our representative to We Care, reported what she learned from attending their

recent quarterly meeting. We Care can't meet the needs of the community, and are seeking more money. Lisa will get the amount needed to our treasurer, who will bring a proposal back to us.

Wendy will bring a draft budget to the next meeting for business.

Treasurers Report was **accepted with lots of gratitude**.

Spiritual Care Committee Report

Please put phones on total silent mode during Meeting for Worship, rather than vibrate mode.

Needs of Friends: Bob Burton asked the meeting for ideas about how we as a meeting can respond to the pain and need of Peter Ecshwey and Emily Barry after Peter's car struck and killed the girl crossing the street in South Corvallis a few days ago? Letting them know we care and hold them in our hearts is very valued. Support is going to be important ongoing, since this is a grief process which heals slowly.

It was suggested that we might consider donating our in lieu of taxes money to help with better lighting on South Third Street.

The process of collecting the State of the Meeting is beginning. SCC will come to meeting for business with a first draft next month.

Nominating Committee

House and Hospitality has a volunteer Coordinator, Abigail Stoughton. Nancy Ewald is still on the committee and Jeff Kline has been added as a new volunteer. Meeting appreciates Jeff joining the team.

Pre-Nominating Committee

Nina Joy Lawrence and Susan Easton volunteered to be on the committee to nominate a new member of the nominating committee. Because we are behind schedule in this, Meeting **approved** "pre-seasoning" the nomination by sharing the name of the proposed new nominating committee member through Wednesday Digest and announcements after Meeting. This is so the nomination can be acted on in the February and the

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Nominating Committee can commence with sufficient time to work.

Peace Justice and Environment

Jay Thatcher reported on the work of the FCNL advocacy team. They felt disappointed when the item they have been working on all year was taken off the bill. When the vote came all of our representatives in congress voted the way FCNL hoped. Since the threat of war in Iran, the House suddenly passed similar bill to what FCNL has been advocating. It will now be debated in the Senate. The main effort of FCNL right now is on keeping peace with Iran. Our local representative in the house is one of the sponsors of a bill to repeal the draft, and the advocacy team is looking for a Friend interested in working on this. Talk to Jay or Bob Ward.

Library Committee

Ruth McNeill reported having a new member of the Library Committee, Barbara Forest-Ball. Susie Smythe-Tucker has gone off the committee.

Books checked out of the library will be due in 3 months rather than 6 months now. A record of pur-

chased books is now being kept by spread sheet. Old books are being culled. Books that don't belong are being moved. Please don't leave general stuff into the library corner that doesn't belong and blocks access to the books. 18 people checked out a total of 27 books in 2019. The library committee would like to encourage the use of the library. If Friends do not want to use the library, maybe it should be terminated and the yearly book allowance be spent for something else. The group is asking for feedback from meeting, particularly about what books to order.

Friends shared that the Library can be outreach for new Friends. Most of us are overwhelmed with the "information dump" we experience every day, which makes us less likely to check out books. It can help if new books are talked about after meeting, and in the newsletter. Most titles purchased have been on peace, justice and environment. Friends can be encouraged to look over the whole library. Maybe there should be an ongoing clipboard for book suggestions.

Next Meeting for Business – February 9, 2020



Interfaith Potluck

Sunday, February 16, 2020

5:30-7:30 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

1205 NW Walnut Blvd, Corvallis, OR

Please invite your congregations and friends.

Vegetarian potluck to accommodate dietary preferences.

Bring labels to indicate gluten-free, dairy-free etc. as appropriate.

Let us create and strengthen friendships among our faith communities.

Let us be the peace and love we wish to see in the world.

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Advices and Queries on Prayer

In prayer, Friends find humility and courage, guidance and strength for our daily lives.

Prayer requires attention.

Any form of prayer can open our hearts to God. Frequent and regular prayer leads us to become faithful in our lives.

- Do we set aside times of quiet for openness to the Spirit? How do we come to know an inward stillness amid the activities of daily life?
- Do we encourage in ourselves and in others a habit of returning to the Source throughout each day?
- Are we open to new Light, from whatever source it may come?
- How do we give communal attention to prayer, giving voice to joys and needs that Friends feel?
- How does our personal prayer life enrich meeting for worship?

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

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