



# CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING MAY 2020

☞ **ALL ARE WELCOME** ☞

**Sunday Worship: 10 – 11 am VIA ZOOM**

**Wednesday Evening Worship: cancelled until further notice**

**Clerk**

Susan Easton

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**Major House Maintenance**

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**Rides Coordinator**

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**Corvallis Meeting:**

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

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**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 5-3** 10:00 am Meeting for Worship  
via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/105101463>

**SUN 5-10** 10:00 am Meeting for Worship  
via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/105101463>  
11:40 am **Meeting for Business**

**THU 4-14** **Stone Soup** (2nd Thursdays @ St. Mary's)  
1-4 Prep/Cook: contact [msandor@oregonstate.edu](mailto:msandor@oregonstate.edu)  
5-7 Serve/Clean: contact [winograk@yahoo.com](mailto:winograk@yahoo.com)

**SUN 5-17** 10:00 am Meeting for Worship  
via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/105101463>

**SUN 5-24** 10:00 am Meeting for Worship  
via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/105101463>

**SUN 5-31** 10:00 am Meeting for Worship  
via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/105101463>

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 May 30, 2020.

# APRIL 2020 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

## Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business

April 19, 2020

**Clerk:** Susan Easton

**Recording Clerk:** Esther Schiedel

**Friends present:** Ric Dod, Wendy Robinson, Nina Joy Lawrence, Jay Thatcher, Donna Gerry, Judy Hays-Eberts, John Burt, Bob Henderson, Jim Kimball, Laurie Childers, John Selker, Ruth McNeill, Bob Burton, Nancy Ewald

Meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing. We began in expectant quiet.

The Clerk read the following

*Friends approach decisions in Meeting for Business in a spirit of searching and listening rather than a determination to be heard as an individual voice. In each decision, we are seeking to be guided by the Light. This causes us to listen to each other as we do in Meeting for Worship, knowing that each of us may be given a measure of the Light that will help us see our way forward.*

*It is well to remember that we are called to be faithful in small, routine things as well as large ones. Regardless of the perceived importance of each business item, we strive to remain open to the leadings of the Spirit and to experience its gifts of trust, humility, compassion, and courage.*

-- [goosecreekfriends.org](http://goosecreekfriends.org)

**The minutes from the March meeting were approved.**

**Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.**

Wendy noted that she has not transferred the brokerage account to Friends Fiduciary. Friends discussed whether those funds should go into the Growth and Income Fund (which has a greater return) or the Green Fund (less return but invests in alternative energy). Friends approved investing in the Green Fund.

Ric Dod wondered if the meeting files a 1099 for our childcare workers. Wendy will investigate whether this is necessary in our case.

Our new cleaning crew has not proved satisfactory and continuing to employ them would require us providing workman's compensation and other complications. Meeting approved having House

and Hospitality research other local companies who provide good service and treat their employees fairly.

**Spiritual Care Committee Report was presented in two sections:**

*We have put together a short protocol for people serving as either Greeter or Host during the time we are relying on Virtual Meetings for Worship. This will be added to the SCC section of the User's Manual.*

Friends expressed appreciation for Ruth Penton, Pat Omidian, Jay Thatcher, and Nina Joy Lawrence who have acted as Greeters and Hosts. Attendees should be aware of their home background sounds and mute their microphones except when speaking out of the silence; but keep their speakers on.

*Do we need to organize our outreach, to be sure that some are not left out? We might combine a sign-up with a list of Friends who we know are feeling a bit isolated but might not sign up on their own (such as Mary Jane Gray). A local Grange has a system with pods of three people – they all keep track of each other: person 1 calls person 2, who calls person 3, who then calls person 1. If anyone in the pod has a concern that requires attention, that can be brought to the Clerk or SCC.*

*We are bringing this to business meeting to see if Friends would like to institute this process. Person 1 could be the "reporter" who checks that things get completed, and is responsible to bring issues up to the clerk, as needed. Otherwise, any person in the pod could check in with their pod, if they do not get a call. We could provide a weekly query that the pods might address. How frequent should calls be?*

The Committee invites comments and suggestions on this idea. We noted that some F/friends might not be able to make calls but would welcome them.

**Religious Exploration:** We are exploring ways to publicize and invite others to our Zoom worship. We noted the importance of some screening of access to the meetings as "zoom bombing" by uninvited guests has occurred during other Zoom meetings. **Friends approved the purchase of a year's Zoom subscription by the Meeting.**

Susan will update our listing in the Gazette-Times.

The Committee is exploring ideas for activities

# MINUTES, CON'T

Friends can do together while observing social distancing.

**The State of the Meeting** report was shared with Friends. There was some discussion over what time period the report should cover. In the past the reports have been read at the Spring Willamette Quarterly Meeting and may have included events occurring in the months before that. The WQM has changed to a once a year gathering and this year's planned meeting has been cancelled due to the pandemic. Friends decided to include only information from 2019. Friends approved the report with a spacing correction to Henry Van Dyke and the addition of our "Food and Hygiene Supplies Collections for the Local Food Banks" under "Other Activities of the Meeting." The report will be printed

in the Newsletter and sent to Yearly Meeting.

**Peace Justice and Environment:** Style Guidelines for submissions to the Wednesday Digest have been emailed to Friends. Several people expressed concern about the number of items being listed and some have had difficulties in reading the Digest. It was suggested that most attachments be in *pdf* format. Friends need to find a time to consider what is appropriate content for the Digest.

**Nominating Committee** submitted their report for seasoning. It will be formatted and sent out to Friends and published in the Newsletter

Meeting closed with worshipful silence

Next Meeting for Business – May 10, 2020

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## Corvallis Friends Check-In Triangles Sign-up

Spiritual Care Committee is initiating a phone contact process we hope will encourage all of us to stay in touch during this time of obligatory isolation.

It will work like this: perhaps weekly, person number one would call person 2, who would call person 3, who would close the triangle by calling person 1. Any break in the communication would be followed up by the one noticing it, checking-back to see how the non

responding person is doing. We intend to suggest short queries to consider together that might foster getting to know the other person better, or in understanding how their life is at this moment.

***If you are interested in participating in this process,*** please reply to Bob Burton [bob11340@comcast.net](mailto:bob11340@comcast.net), or Judy Hays-Eberts [jhe@peak.org](mailto:jhe@peak.org), or Abigail Stoughton [sabigail@comcast.net](mailto:sabigail@comcast.net)

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## Ways To Make Monetary Donations To The Meeting

There are several ways to donate to the Meeting.

### **CHECK:**

You can write a check and put it in the donation box in the Meeting Room. You can also mail it to Wendy Robinson, Treasurer at 2824 NW Garryanna Dr., Corvallis, OR 97330.

### **CASH:**

You can make a cash donation and put it in the donation box in the Meeting Room. There are donation envelopes next to the donation box so that you can be credited for the donation and receive a tax receipt at the end of the year.

### **STOCK:**

You can donate stock to the Meeting. The Meeting has an account with Edward Jones (Sam Mercer, financial advisor), 410 NW Walnut, Suite B, Corvallis, OR 97330. The Meeting is in the process of changing its brokerage account to Friends Fiduciary, so please talk to the Treasurer before making a stock donation. The advantage of donating stock is that the donor does not need to recognize the capital gain

on the stock because it is being donated to a charity while still receiving a full tax credit on the donor's tax return.

### **BILLPAY:**

You can have some financial institutions cut a check to the Meeting on a periodic basis and mail it to the Treasurer.

### **EFT:**

You can arrange with your financial institution to make an electronic transfer of funds (EFT) directly into the Meeting's checking account at Umpqua Bank. Please contact the Treasurer for details and so that she can provide you with a tax receipt at the end of the year.

### **MORE:**

If you have any questions about how to make donations, please contact the Treasurer, Wendy Robinson, directly at [robburton@comcast.net](mailto:robburton@comcast.net) or 541-753-6101.

If you want to receive a reminder that your donation is due, please contact Wendy Robinson, the Treasurer directly.

## Advices and Queries on Ministry

Friends seek to discover the gifts and discern the service to which we are called. In making life choices, we consider ways that offer the fullest opportunity to develop our individual abilities and contribute to the wider community while providing for ourselves and our families.

In daily work, we seek to manifest a spirit of justice and understanding, thus giving a living witness to the Truth.

Friends recognize that we are given gifts for the use of the meeting and the world. The meeting seeks to recognize and nurture the use of those gifts.

Remember that our simple presence can be a ministry-at a bedside or at a protest.

- Are we careful to wait for and move under the leading of the Spirit in the exercise of our gifts?
- How do we minister to each other, offering and receiving advice and support in a spirit of love and humility?
- Do we hold with tenderness each of the varieties of ministry exercised among us?
- When our ministry involves social and political action, how does it stay grounded in Truth and Love?
- How does our meeting nurture and support calls to service?

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

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