



# CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

SEVENTH MONTH JULY 2020

*ALL ARE WELCOME*

Sunday Worship: 10:00-11:00 via ZOOM

Wednesday Evening Worship: contact Esther 541-602-2254

<b>Clerk</b> Susan Easton <b>Recording Clerk Team</b> Nina Joy Lawrence Esther Schiedel John Selker <b>Treasurer</b> Wendy Robinson <b>Spiritual Care Committee</b> Judy Hays-Eberts <b>Adult Religious Exploration</b> Laurie Childers <b>Children &amp; Youth Program</b> Yalda Asmatey <b>Groundkeeping Coordinators</b> Mark Boyd, Nancy Roberts <b>House &amp; Hospitality</b> Abigail Stoughton <b>Major Meetinghouse Maintenance</b> Bob Burton <b>Meetinghouse Scheduling</b> Sid Rosen <b>Rides Coordinator</b> Donna Gerry <b>Corvallis Meeting:</b> <i>Corvallisfriends.org</i> <i>Facebook.com/CorvallisFriends</i> <i>Meeting</i> <b>Willamette Quarterly Meeting:</b> <a href="http://www.willamettequarterly.org">www.willamettequarterly.org</a> <b>North Pacific Yearly Meeting:</b> <a href="http://www.npym.org">www.npym.org</a>		<h2>THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR</h2>
	<b>SUNDAY</b> 7-5	<b>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship,</b> Willamette Park contact Wendy 541-753-6101  <b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b> via Zoom See Wednesday Digest for Link For help or questions, contact Bob Burton, 541-231-3352 or <a href="mailto:bob11340@comcast.net">bob11340@comcast.net</a>
	<b>WED</b> 7-8	<b>4:00-6:00 PM - Third Age Circle Group</b> meeting. Topic: "Our personal spirituality" All welcome. See information inside newsletter
	<b>THUR</b> 7-9	<b>Stone Soup</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursdays@ St Mary's) 1-4 Prep/Cook contact <a href="mailto:msandor@oregonstate.edu">msandor@oregonstate.edu</a> 5-7 Serve/Clean contact <a href="mailto:winograk@yahoo.com">winograk@yahoo.com</a>
	<b>SUNDAY</b> 7-12	<b>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship</b> Willamette Park  <b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b> via Zoom <b>11:40 am Meeting for Business</b> via Zoom See Wednesday Digest for Link
	<b>SUNDAY</b> 7-19	<b>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship</b> Willamette Park  <b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b> via Zoom
	<b>WED 22</b> - <b>SUN 26</b>	<b>NPYM Annual Session</b> via Zoom See details inside
	<b>SUNDAY</b> 26	<b>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship</b> Willamette Park  <b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b> via Zoom <b>11:45 POTLUCK</b> via Zoom See Wednesday Digest for Link

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## JUNE 2020 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

### Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business June 14, 2020

Conducted via Zoom video conferencing

Clerk: Susan Easton

Recording Clerk: Esther Schiedel

Friends present: Bob Henderson, Wendy Robinson, Bob Burton, Nina Joy Lawrence, Nancy Ewald, Judy Hays-Eberts,

Meeting began in expectant quiet.

The Clerk read the following quotation:  
*[Meeting for Business is] about looking for Truth as a body, rather than about our individual sense of the truth. We need to enter worshipfully into our meetings for business. We need to wrestle with the issues, to share our glimpses of the Truth as we see it, and then we need to let go and listen deeply until all those glimpses give us a sense of the Truth as a whole. This takes time, patience, and surrender. – Michael Wajda, 2007*

The minutes of May 10 were approved as published in the newsletter.

We noted that this is our Annual Corporation Meeting. Corporation officers Esther Schiedel, Wendy Robinson, and Nina Joy Lawrence are present. Our fourth corporation officer is Lorena Reynolds.

Wendy Robinson provided a written Treasurer's Report. She has mailed a check from the Meeting's brokerage account at Edward Jones to transfer those funds to Friends Fiduciary.

Meeting has made the donation of \$3,000.00 to Linn Benton Food Share. Wendy asked that Friends who have also made donations to the Food Share let her know those amounts, so that we can have a total sum of donations coming from the Meeting. Individual amounts donated will remain anonymous.

Wendy and Jay Thatcher have met to consider how the Meeting wants to distribute the \$12,000.00 we approved donating to organizations/causes. They are making a list of current recipients and a list of solicitations that the Meeting has received, along with brief descriptions of each. This information, and a request for comments from Friends, will be sent in an upcoming Wednesday digest email.

Food Bank - Because of the COVID 19 pandemic and upsurge in the number of food bank clients, the toothbrushes CFM provided to the Food Banks are all given out and more are needed. Meeting approved the purchase of another case of toothbrushes

Spiritual Care Committee Report: Judy Hays-Eberts will be the SCC Clerk for the coming year. Jeff Kline and Kathy Miller are the new members. Bob Burton and John Selker are rotating off the committee. Virtual Meeting for Worship: We thank the expert non-SCC volunteers who will help the slightly more complex process function smoothly: Jay Thatcher, Ruth Penton, Nina Joy Lawrence, Pat Omidian, Susan Easton.

We hope to schedule an in-person Meeting for Worship at a park in July (19 or 26?) or August. Suggested locations include: arboretum, Avery, Willamette, MLK Jr, Harding Center/School. Jeff will look at and reserve. A concurrent Zoom meeting is also possible.

SCC extends blessing to the walking meeting. Friends who are interested in joining the walking meeting can contact Wendy for more information.

The Friendly "triangles" (weekly phone connections by Friends) seem to be working well. This is something we may want to continue in the future.

Some Friends gathered outside with Roger Weaver a week ago and plan to do so again. Jim Kimball would also welcome outside visitations.

Esther Schiedel asked about holding Wednesday Worship at the Meetinghouse as this is generally a small group. Friends suggested outside meeting there, but inside, well-spaced apart with windows open would also be acceptable. Friends approved going ahead in a way that feels safe.

Wendy Robinson and Nancy Ewald have developed a questionnaire about the form of the Wednesday Digest that will be distributed through the Meeting's list serve. Copies will also be sent by mail to those Friends who do not have access to a computer. After the responses to the questionnaire are tabulated there will be a threshing session scheduled to discuss any changes to the Wednesday Digest.

Meeting closed with silent worship.  
Next Meeting for Business – July 12

**NORTH PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING  
Annual Session**

***Deepening the Roots in Troubled Times***  
Wednesday July 22 - Sunday 26 Online: .  
Register at < <https://as.npym.org/registration>>.

While we won't be gathering in person, the Planning Committee has been hard at work creating an online event that will include much of what Friends love about Annual Session -- Worship Sharing, Interest Groups (starting July 10th!), Plenaries, Music, Community Night, Children's Program, Quaker Fair, and more are all on the schedule.



**Third Age Circle Group meeting.**

Wednesday July 8, 4:00-6:00 PM –

Topic: “Our personal spirituality”

All welcome. (this topic held over from June in order to discuss relevant national events in June)

You might want to address one of the following questions:

- What have you found to be spiritually uplifting?
- Have you had a particular spiritual experience you'd like to share?
- How is one of the following a deep source of spiritual inspiration to you: art, music, poetry, nature, travel, birth and children, relationships, family, prayer, meditation, Quaker practice, other religious traditions, the death of friends or family.

• Or feel free to formulate a question about your own spirituality and answer it. For more information contact Carmen Brummet (brummetc@peak.org) or Ruth Penton ruthpenton124@gmail.com

Zoom link will be in the Wednesday Digest on July 1 and July 8.

**SMALL MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP**

Spiritual Care Committee is now having small outdoor Meetings for Worship for more vulnerable Friends and we have decided to offer this option to everyone! Folks wear masks, bring their own chairs, & sit 6-10 feet apart. Call Abigail at 541-758-5057 if you would like her to help arrange an outdoor Meeting for Worship of 4-6 folks in your yard! People & outdoor place of your choosing!

## ADVICES & QUERIES: PARTICIPATION IN THE LIFE OF THE MEETING

North Pacific Yearly Meeting, *Faith and Practice* 2018

When meeting for worship holds a central place in our life, regular and punctual attendance follows.

Friends hold in the Light those who are unable to participate fully in the life of the meeting.

We contribute to the life of the meeting in many ways: attending meeting for business, committee service, offering and accepting spiritual support, and praying for the spiritual strength and health of the meeting.

Contributing our time and resources makes our love visible.

Friends are encouraged to consider what gifts of service we are led to provide and how we may grow through this service. We also uphold others in their service.

We consider carefully the needs of our local meetings and wider Quaker work and the level of financial support we can bring to them.

We encourage attenders to become acquainted with Friends ways and to participate in the meeting community. We encourage attenders to apply for membership when it is evident that the meeting has become their spiritual home.

- Do we each take an active part in the life of our meeting? In what ways do we grow by participating in the life of the meeting?
- How has our group grown together through its activities? Do we bring together groups across generations in a loving community?
- Do we provide youth with responsible opportunities and encouragement to participate in meeting life and structure?
- Do we express our skills and gifts in service to the meeting and to the Spirit? Do we recognize and support others in doing so?
- Do we visit one another in our homes, and keep in touch with distant members?
- How do we welcome and involve newcomers?