



CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

EIGHTH MONTH AUGUST 2020

ALL ARE WELCOME

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

Wednesday Evening Worship: contact Esther 541-602-2254

<p>Clerk Susan Easton</p> <p>Recording Clerk Team Nina Joy Lawrence Esther Schiedel John Selker</p> <p>Treasurer Wendy Robinson</p> <p>Spiritual Care Committee Judy Hays-Eberts</p> <p>Adult Religious Exploration Laurie Childers</p> <p>Children & Youth Program Nina Joy Lawrence</p> <p>Groundkeeping Coordinators Mark Boyd, Nancy Roberts</p> <p>House & Hospitality Abigail Stoughton</p> <p>Major Meetinghouse Maintenance Bob Burton</p> <p>Meetinghouse Scheduling Sid Rosen</p> <p>Rides Coordinator Donna Gerry</p> <p>Corvallis Meeting: Corvallisfriends.org Facebook.com/CorvallisFriends Meeting</p> <p>Willamette Quarterly Meeting: www.willamettequarterly.org</p> <p>North Pacific Yearly Meeting: www.npym.org</p>	<p>SUNDAY 8-2</p>	<p>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship, Willamette Park contact Wendy 541-753-6101 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom See Wednesday Digest for Link For help or questions, contact Bob Burton, 541-231-3352 or bob11340@comcast.net</p>
	<p>SUNDAY 8-9</p>	<p>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom 11:40 am Meeting for Business via Zoom See Wednesday Digest for Link</p>
	<p>WED 8-12</p>	<p>4:00-6:00 pm. Third Age Circle Group. Topic – “Leading Edge of our Concerns”. All welcome. For more information, see next Wednesday’s Digest or contact Bob Ward: 541-908-7598 or bobward1948@gmail.com Bob Burton: 541-231- 3352 or bob11340@comcast.net</p>
	<p>SUNDAY 8-16</p>	<p>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom</p>
	<p>SUNDAY 8- 23</p>	<p>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom 11:45 POTLUCK via Zoom See Wednesday Digest for Link</p>
	<p>SUNDAY 8-30</p>	<p>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom</p>
		<p><i>An apology from the Editor:</i> Please forgive the late arrival of this edition. I will aim to do better next month. Feel free to remind me. Humble Thanks, Esther</p>

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JULY 2020 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business July 12, 2020

Conducted via Zoom video conferencing

Clerk: Susan Easton

Recording Clerk: Nina Joy Lawrence;

Friends present: Ruth Penton, Bob Burton, Esther Schiedel, Ruth McNeill, John Selker, Laurie Childers, Wendy Robinson, Nancy Ewald, Judy Hays-Eberts, Abigail Stoughton.

Expectant quiet

Friends conduct of business is slow, because it takes time to sift ourselves and the matter at hand for ego, self-will, sincere mistakes, matters of individual conscience, and for reasons which may be excellent intellectually but not necessarily for God's will. The process is sufficiently precious to make it worth laboring to keep sight of its spiritual basis while we are in the midst of it.

--Patricia Loring "Spiritual Responsibility in the Meeting for Business"

June minutes: **Approved**

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Robinson provided a written report. Discussion: It was brought up that Olympia Meeting has to pay taxes on rental funds they receive. Is this something that Corvallis should be considering? Friends **Approved** that we leave our tax situation as it has been, with the inclusion of this note: We don't charge rent, but a use-of-building fee, which is very low and only meant to cover the cost of supplies, electricity and water used in operation of the building while a group is present. Friends accepted the Treasurer's Report with thanks.

Spiritual Care Committee: Judy Hays-Eberts reported they met and discussed suggestions presented by SCC to enrich our Zoom Meeting for Worship.

Queries: SCC wants to try reading a Query at the start of worship, in order to deepen our understanding of being Friends, and in place of having pamphlets about Friends for visitors. Several Friends have requested this. One Friends spoke of a similar practice being the most meaningful experience of her time as a Quaker. After Meeting, once a month a Query was deeply considered by each participant. Some Friends felt it artificially limits the free flow of worship time when read during worship.

Prompts: SCC has gotten feedback that Prompts and going around the group to answer them takes such a long time it becomes almost like having Second Hour. SCC feels that the time at the end of worship for sharing joys and concerns is a good time to share as Friends are led, and suggest we lay down using prompts for now. One Friends shared that prompts feel fresh and interesting and help us know each other.

Spiritual Care Committee will encourage the virtual potluck to continue.

Walking meeting is thriving with 7-8 people, and evolving into a special worship. Walking in silence is followed by about 15 minutes standing together, with everyone sharing a bit into the silence.

The Meeting appreciates the work of the committee. SCC is grateful for all the input and will consider further.

Adult Religious Exploration: Laurie Childers says ARE will meet in August. Some programs could begin in September.

MINUTES CONTINUED & NOTES

These will probably be on weekday evenings, not Sunday. They will not conflict with other Meeting activities. Any Friend who wants to get something going is encouraged to take it on; anyone with creativity is invited to step up. There will be Threshing sessions coming up about allocation of Meeting donations and about Wednesday Digest. Meeting requested that ARE set up programs that fulfill the Uprooting Racism minute passed last July at NPYM Annual Session.

Peace Justice and Environment: Nina Joy Lawrence brought a first attempt at acknowledgement that our Meeting House stands on Indigenous land, (see attached). Friends don't want the action to stop with posting something on our website. Words alone are insufficient. Some ideas: a stone with plaque on the meeting house land that people would see as they walk by; donations to a scholarship fund for Kalapuya youth; support work with Native Americans through FCNL; form a small committee to work on a way of moving us forward to address the wrongs. Friends support communicating with the tribe themselves, not just throwing money to feel better. Meeting **Approved** a committee of Nina Joy Lawrence, John Selker, and Wendy Robinson to bring back recommendations about how we might move forward.

Meeting also heard a reading of the North Pacific Yearly Meeting Uprooting Racism Minute passed at the 2019 Annual Session.

Meeting House Grounds:(New Groundskeeping Coordinators are Kathy Miller and Mark Boyd.) Kathy Miller sent word by Bob Burton that the pest and ant control people suggest we have a weed

house, rather than bark mulch. Kathy wants to research it and maybe move on it in August. Friends felt we might need to move on it sooner, since it would be good to hire Julian Sun. Some questions: expensive river stones, or crushed rock in the inconspicuous places that especially need rock now? Will we be able to do it before Julian leaves? John Selker would be happy to help. Meeting **Approved** that Bob Burton talk with Kathy and Mark, and go ahead with the project.

Next Meeting for Business – August 9, 2020

FRIENDLY VISITS

Spiritual Care Committee is arranging small gathering for Friends Call Abigail at 541-758-5057 if you would like a visit or to visit others.

Have Puzzles? Mary Jane Gray is interested in doing puzzles. If you have 100 - 150 piece puzzles, think about dropping them off at 400 Elks Drive for her.

Soul Force Ones podcast - rooted in our Quaker Faith, to a HipHop/Soulful soundtrack hosted by Corvallis Friend Meeting member, Jonathan Stoll (MC Stoll) and PhD candidate, colin cole (DJ Cole), Soul Force Ones is a multi-dimensional metaphor with layered meanings ... our shared oneness and a nod to what Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr referred to as, "meeting physical force with soul force." Soul Force Ones have simply realized that that same Light that burns bright at the source within them, burns within us all. We call that Light - Soul Force.

<https://open.spotify.com/show/7eX2liCxiX7L4RcHpJmp> Thanks! Jon Stoll

ADVICES & QUERIES: PRAYER

North Pacific Yearly Meeting, *Faith and Practice* 2018

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?

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