



CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

TENTH MONTH OCTOBER 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 Yalda Asmatey</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 corvallisfriends@gmail.com</p> <p>Willamette Quarterly Meeting: www.willamettequarterly.org</p> <p>North Pacific Yearly Meeting: www.npym.org</p>	<p>↓</p>	<h2>THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR</h2>
	<p>SUNDAY 10-4</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>MONDAY 10-5</p>	<p>4:00 pm Can Quakers and Others Help Prevent an American Slide Into Dictatorship? Hint: Nonviolence Will Be Key! Pendle Hill Lecture Details inside</p>
	<p>SUNDAY 10-11</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 Wednesday Digest has Links to all Zoom events listed</p>
	<p>TUES 10-13</p>	<p>7-8:30 pm Adult Religious Exploration Sid Rosen: How Spirituality influences his musical compositions. Live music! Via Zoom</p>
	<p>WED 10-14</p>	<p>4-6:00 pm Third Age Listening Circle via Zoom.</p>
	<p>SUNDAY 10-18</p>	<p>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom</p>
	<p>TUES 10-20</p>	<p>7:00 pm Threshing Session: Meeting donations to organizations. Zoom link in Wednesday Digest</p>
	<p>SUNDAY 10-25</p>	<p>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom 11:45 POTLUCK via Zoom</p>
	<p>Tues 10-27</p>	<p>7-8:30 pm Adult Religious Exploration "How Quakers Can Transform the World" Video and discussion. Via Zoom</p>

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SEPTEMBER 2020 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business September 13, 2020

Conducted via Zoom videoconferencing

Clerk: Susan Easton

Recording Clerk: Esther Schiedel

Friends present: Nina Joy Lawrence, Donna Gerry, Judy Hays-Eberts, Ruth McNeill, Abigail Stoughton, Bob Burton, Wendy Robinson, Nancy Ewald, Sid Rosen, Jay Thatcher, Barbara Forrest-Ball, Bob Henderson

Meeting began in expectant quiet.

The Clerk shared this quotation: *Give light, and people will find the way.* ~ Ella Baker

Friends approved the minutes of August 9, 2020 as printed in the newsletter.

Esther Schiedel asked about distributing the minutes by email in the Wednesday Digest before the newsletter comes out. A Friend had inquired about doing this as it would give those who did not attend Meeting for Business more time to consider issues before the Meeting.

After some discussion, Friends approved doing so once the minutes are ready.

Committees and individuals who are involved in activities of interest or actions on behalf of the Meeting should provide information directly to the Wednesday Digest editor.

Treasurer's Report was given and accepted with gratitude.

Wendy Robinson and Jay Thatcher reported on the extended threshing process to determine what organizations the Meeting wants to donate to. Friends have been making suggestions and an annotated list of potential recipients has been shared through the Wednesday Digest. They recommended that the Meeting schedule two threshing sessions to see where we go from here. Meeting approved scheduling Zoom sessions for Tuesdays September 29, and October 20, starting at 7:00 pm.

In addition to which projects or organizations to contribute financial resources to, there are a few broader questions to consider. The first threshing session will focus on these questions:

- *Would we like to sprinkle money around, or keep it focused on just one or a few causes?*
- *Are we committed enough to some good work to start our own project?*
- *How often do we want to take on the process of considering the causes we wish to support? Should this decision bind us for months, years or decades?*

Spiritual Care Committee Report:

Several committee members continue to host a virtual Meeting for Worship on Sundays (and Virtual Potluck on the fourth), assisted by others in Meeting who are familiar with Zoom. Kathy Miller continues to be the contact for Walking Meeting for Worship. The Zoom meeting link remains unchanged through September. Susan E. will likely change it in October for the remainder of the year.

Queries, as appear in the newsletter, are shared during vocal ministry in Meeting for Worship on the third Sunday of the month. This has been well received.

The committee sends welcome letters to new attendees via email as addresses are provided.

Abigail continues to coordinate home visits for Meeting for Worship and conversation for a couple of Friends. These are on hold right now due to the hazardous air quality and the colder weather.

A care committee for James Cox has been formed and includes Abigail Stoughton, Bob Ward, Kathy Miller and Jon Stoll. They are scheduling visits and meal donations. Friends are encouraged to donate to the meeting to help cover costs for James's housing and other needs. Friends approved the meeting covering

additional costs as needed up to \$1500.00. SCC encourages Friends to bring topics of concern to Potluck, to share and inform and perhaps receive input. It's proven to be an opportunity for focused and fruitful conversations.

Spiritual Care Committee raised the topic of allowing small groups to gather for Meeting for Worship at the Meeting House. Friends discussed this, as several Friends are really missing having worship in person. We noted that three to four Friends have met there for Wednesday evening worship over the past month with the windows open and seated spaced apart. Friends advised against the use of ceiling fans. We feel the need to establish guidelines for gatherings there. We are unsure of any possible legal ramifications of meeting there during the pandemic. We will gather more information and establish some guidelines

Adult Religious Exploration held the first Zoom video and discussion on Tuesday, September 8. Upcoming topics are
Sept 22: Quaker Video: How Spirituality makes activism more effective
Oct 13: Sid Rosen: How Spirituality influences his musical compositions
Oct 27: Quaker Video: How Quakers Can Transform the World

Peace Justice and Environment

The workgroup exploring ways to express our Meeting's support of social justice has met and suggests building an enclosed bulletin board next to the bike rack which would share information about Friend's beliefs and other information, artwork etc. It would be updated monthly.

Addressing Racism workgroup met and Barbara Forrest-Ball shared a draft statement. We will discuss this next month.

Meeting closed with worship

Next Meeting for Business – October 11

Circle for Third Age Living.

Third Age Listening Circle will next meet on Wednesday October 14th, 4-6 pm, via Zoom. The link will appear in Wednesday Digest.

Check in to a safe space and share your joys and sorrows. Listen and be heard.

Bring yourself, just the way you are.

Contact: Judy jhe@peak.org or

Sid: sidrosen53@yahoo.com for more info.

Adult Religious Exploration

Tuesday Oct 13 7-8:30 pm: Sid Rosen: *How Spirituality influences his musical compositions.* With Live Music!

Tuesday Oct 27 7-8:30 pm: *"How Quakers Can Transform the World"* A short video put together by Friends General Conference will start our program and inspire our discussion. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sDBva-1UFY8&feature=youtu.be>

We encourage you to watch this in advance as well as during the first few minutes of our hour+ together.

Links will be in Wednesday Digest

For further information contact Laurie Childers childers@peak.org

Can Quakers and Others Help Prevent an American Slide Into Dictatorship? Hint: Nonviolence Will Be Key! October 5 4:00 pm
George Lakey Free! Online Registration required. Call Pendle Hill Retreat and Study Center for more information: 610-566-4507, ext. 137

ADVICES & QUERIES: DISCERNMENT (part 2)

North Pacific Yearly Meeting, *Faith and Practice* 2018

Advice: Friends expect unity as the outcome, not as the starting point, of communal discernment. We proceed in the peaceable spirit of the light of Truth, with forbearance and warm affection for one another. Light will be shed on matters from many angles. We trust that as Truth is spoken, its power cannot be resisted.

We express our views but refrain from pressing them unduly. It is less important for any individual to be heard than it is for Truth to be given voice.

Group discernment and the search for unity may require us to accept with good grace a decision of the meeting we do not entirely agree with.

Contributing to the meeting's discernment is a responsibility of membership. This includes attending meetings for business and being faithful in the service of the meeting's affairs.

Queries: Do we regularly take part in meetings for business? Do we uphold the meeting in prayer when we cannot be present? Friends Spiritual Disciplines

- Do we come into meeting for business prepared to be changed? Are we ready to let go of our individual thoughts and wishes and let the Holy Spirit lead the meeting to unity?
- As difficult problems arise, are we careful to meet them in a spirit of love and humility, with minds open for creative solutions? How do we avoid taking sides and forming factions?
- Do we avoid the pressure of time, neither unnecessarily prolonging nor unduly curtailing full consideration?
- Are we aware that we speak through inaction as well as action?

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