



CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

ELEVENTH MONTH NOVEMBER 2020

ALL ARE WELCOME

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

Wednesday Evening Worship: contact Esther 541-602-2254

Clerk Susan Easton Recording Clerk Team Nina Joy Lawrence Esther Schiedel John Selker Treasurer Wendy Robinson Spiritual Care Committee Judy Hays-Eberts Adult Religious Exploration Laurie Childers Children & Youth Program Yalda Asmatey Groundkeeping Coordinators Mark Boyd, Nancy Roberts House & Hospitality Abigail Stoughton Major Meetinghouse Maintenance Bob Burton Meetinghouse Scheduling Sid Rosen Rides Coordinator Donna Gerry Corvallis Meeting: Corvallisfriends.org Facebook.com/CorvallisFriends Meeting corvallisfriends@gmail.com Willamette Quarterly Meeting: www.willamettequarterly.org North Pacific Yearly Meeting: www.npym.org	↓	THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR
	→	See Wednesday Digest for Links to all events For help or questions, contact Bob Burton, 541-231-3352 or bob11340@comcast.net
	SUNDAY 11-1	8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship, Willamette Park contact Wendy 541-753-6101 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom
	SUNDAY 11-8	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
	TUES 11-10	7:00 pm. ARE Program: John Haroldson, Benton Co. District Attorney. Topic: Revisiting Demographic Conversion: are we ready?
	WED 11-11	1:00 pm. Third Age Listening Circle via Zoom
	SAT 11-14 to TUES 11-17	FCNL Virtual Annual Meeting. Visit https://www.fcnl.org/updates/annual-meeting-and-quaker-public-policy-institute-2020-27
	SUNDAY 11-15	8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship, 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom
	TUES 11-17	7-8:30 pm ARE Program: Ann Mbacke's Nonviolence/de-escalation training
	SUNDAY 11-22	8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom 11:45 POTLUCK via Zoom
	SUNDAY 11-29	8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom

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OCTOBER 2020 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business October 11, 2020

Conducted via Zoom videoconferencing

Clerk: Susan Easton

Recording Clerk: John Selker

Friends present: Abigail Stoughton, Bob Burton, Wendy Robinson, Nancy Ewald, Jay Thatcher, Kathy Miller, Bob Henderson, Carmen Brummet, Laurie Childers

We settled in through expectant quiet, and then considered this Michael Birkel (OVYM) thought: *For Friends, Meeting for Worship is a center of gravity. It draws all to it. It provides a place to stand. It holds everything else in its right place. Quaker worship is a direct encounter with the Spirit of God.*

Friends approved the minutes of September 13, 2020.

Treasurer's Report: Designated contributions for James Cox: \$1,398 against expenses of \$1,242. We Care recent budget was discussed, pointing out that 3/5th of their funds are used to pay rent and deposits.

The Spiritual Care Committee reported that they have been busy. Roger Weaver has chosen that there will be no more meetings with him during the poor weather of Fall and Winter. James Cox has been needing significant attention. Bart and Ruth McNeill are preparing for the move. Suzy Symth-Tucker's husband Ray has passed, and the family has been legally requested to be moved out of the house today. Folks are asked to make arrangements with James to walk. Contact Abigail to make schedules.

Adult Religious Exploration (ARE) – Sid Rosen will delay his program from Tuesday of the coming week to a time when in-person gathering is allowed. There will be a short-video-based ARE meeting in just over two weeks. The previous event was lightly attended (3 people), so it is wondered if ARE via Zoom are viable/desired.

Peace Justice and Environment is working on ad hoc efforts to **1.** appropriately acknowledge the meeting house location within traditional Kalapuya lands; **2.** Address systemic racism.

Proposals coming from the racism meeting:

1. Build an enclosed bulletin board on the street-side of the bike rack which would be updated monthly. Children and outside groups might help make material for the display. It could also be used to share about Quaker faith and history. A "Black Lives Matter" sign would be part of this installation. It would also welcome passers-by to join in meeting.
2. Have a statement on Racism, a draft of which was read. This could be added to the meeting website, and put on the bulletin board.

John supported the committee's efforts and suggestions. The monthly work to keep it up to date will require a committee to take leadership, supported by Wendy. Nancy supported the statements, but points out that words are cheap, and is looking for a more concrete proposal of action as well. Should we commit to funding in addition to the physical infrastructure? Bob Burton: Since the bulletin board is our only outward-facing information, it should reflect Quaker thought on War, Simplicity, Environment, The racial aspect is important, but let's not forget about the historical Quaker testimony.

Jay had a thought about the issue of the bulletin board being visible to those driving by: he thinks this is not practical. Regarding wording, the last paragraph: "supporting" seems a bit "parental." Jay would prefer "walking along side" (Laurie suggests "The empowerment of..."). Laurie would love an attractive board with changing content, including children's art work (Satori and Aayenda being excellent sources).

Bob Burton thinks the two parts could be responded to differently: part one needs to make a spec sheet for the object so it can be designed. The second part seems almost ready.

Nancy: why don't we take it back to the committee to get specs, and noting suggestions, hope the committee will bring a final version for consideration based on this feedback.

John support the proposal, and suggests that follow-on goal of material support to support the descendants of the people mentioned in the statement by way of scholarships, rent support, or other ideas.

Bob B., Laurie, John will work on developing a spec for the bulletin board.

It was agreed that the statements will be edited per the suggestions, and put in the Wednesday Digest to obtain any further suggestions.

Jay presented people's broad interest in doing things that reflect the Quaker leadings in these turbulent days. He presented a report that detailed possible activities to offer to the community that could be joined as a physical gathering at the meeting house, or someone's house, to write letters. Additional trainings were noted in his report, which is attached.

Bob Burton noted the ability of call-banks to help work in more critical states. This is done in 2 hr blocks, and typically you can reach 20-30 people in 2 hrs. All automated.

Jay will organize a meeting time, and it will be put in the Wednesday Digest. Friday in the evening appeared feasible for those present.

Second Threshing session dates. A session to discuss the dispersion of the Meeting's excess assets needed to be rescheduled to Oct 20, at 7 PM, followed by another meeting at 6 PM Nov 15 virtual meeting were proposed, and agreed to. These will be

Review of process during COVID -any adjustments needed? Wendy thinks the schedule is fine. The walking meeting can make its schedule work with silent meeting, but it is sometimes running long. John is feeling that there is a bit of divergence between the silent meeting and the walking meeting. Could we share announcements?

Bob Henderson thinks that the changing of the Zoom address is shaking people lose of the silent meeting, and asks if we need to change the Zoom address. We can use the waiting room to make sure that any disruptive person tried to attend. It is harder for people from afar to attend the meeting. Laurie, John agree.

Announcement: FCNL meeting with staff in Washington DC will be November 14-17. This will be a virtual meeting, so can be done from your home. Suggested donation of \$75 for all three days, and \$50 for one or two days. The meeting agreed to have the treasurer of the meeting provide scholarships for people for whom the cost would be difficult.

Meeting closed with silent worship

Next Meeting for Business – November 8

ADVICES & QUERIES: MINISTRY

North Pacific Yearly Meeting, *Faith and Practice* 2018

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?

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