



CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

SEVENTH MONTH JULY 2021

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship: 10:00-11:00

Our Meetinghouse is located within the traditional homelands of the Chepenefa band of the Kalapuya speaking Nation.

Clerk Susan Easton		<h2 style="text-align: center;">THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR</h2>
Recording Clerk Team Nina Joy Lawrence Esther Schiedel John Selker		See Wednesday Digest for Links to all events For help or questions, contact Bob Burton, 541-231-3352 or bob11340@comcast.net
Treasurer Wendy Robinson	7-2, 7-3, 7-9, 7-10	NPYM Interest Groups via Zoom <i>Details inside</i>
Spiritual Care Committee Judy Hays-Eberts Adult Religious Exploration Laurie Childers	SUNDAY 7-4	8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship , Willamette Park contact Wendy 541-753-6101 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom 10:00 am Meeting for Worship --Meetinghouse
Children & Youth Program Yalda Asmatey Groundkeeping Coordinators Mark Boyd, Nancy Roberts	SUNDAY 7-11	8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom and at Meetinghouse 11:40 am Meeting for Business via Zoom
House & Hospitality Abigail Stoughton Major Meetinghouse Maintenance Bob Burton	7-14 To 7-18	NORTH PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING via Zoom <i>Details inside</i>
Meetinghouse Scheduling Sid Rosen	SUNDAY 7-18	8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship , 10:00 am Meeting for Worship
Rides Coordinator Donna Gerry	WED 7-21	3:30-5:30 pm. Third Age Circle Group. <i>Details inside</i>
Corvallis Meeting: corvallisfriends.org Facebook.com/CorvallisFriends Meeting	SAT 7-24	12:00-4:00 pm Memorial Service for Jim Kimball <i>Details inside</i>
Willamette Quarterly Meeting: www.willamettequarterly.org corvallisfriends@gmail.com	SUNDAY 7-25	8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship 10:00 am Meeting for Worship 11:45 POTLUCK
North Pacific Yearly Meeting: www.npym.org	SUNDAY 8-1	8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship 10:00 am Meeting for Worship

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June 2021 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business June 13, 2021

Conducted via Zoom videoconferencing

Clerk: Susan Easton

Recording Clerk: Esther Schiedel

Friends present: Donna Gerry, Bob Henderson, Nancy Ewald, Nina Joy Lawrence, Kathy Miller, Karuna Nunyara, Jan Evans, Jay Thatcher, Bob Burton, Wendy Robinson, Jeff Kline

Meeting began in Expectant quiet worship.

This meeting served as our **Annual Corporate Meeting**. Corporation Officers Wendy Robinson, Nina Joy Lawrence and Esther Schiedel were present. Lorena Reynolds is the fourth officer and did not attend.

The minutes of 5.9.21 were approved as printed in the newsletter.

A written Treasurer's report was provided and accepted with gratitude. Wendy explained that the issue of the returned check was resolved and a replacement check was sent and accepted by the bank. There was a designated donation towards support for James Cox. Bob Ward will be acting Treasurer while Wendy is out of town.

Spiritual Care Committee: Jeff reported that members are feeling overcommitted with roles for the Zoom Meetings for Worship.

Friends discussed the issue of in-person worship at the Meetinghouse—which has taken place this morning and last Sunday. **Meeting approved in-person meetings under the following conditions:**

1. Attendees should be fully vaccinated
2. Attendees will wear masks
3. The Meetingroom will be set up to allow distance between attendees
4. The Meetingroom will be ventilated as much as feasible given weather conditions.

Jeff will set up the chairs in the Meetingroom and make a sign listing these guidelines.

Karuna brought up the issue of people who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons. We decided they should contact Spiritual Care Committee.

Friends noted the conflict of holding Zoom Meeting for Worship and in person Worship at the same time; we will address this in our future decisions.

Not all participants in the Zoom Meeting for Worship are on our email lists. Hosts should invite attenders to send their email addresses to corvallisfriends@gmail.com requesting to be added to the Wednesday digest and/or newsletter email lists.

The called committee on Hybrid Meeting needs and expenses provided a written report. Expected costs are estimated to be \$1600 plus \$45 per month (approx. \$550 per year). The committee noted that they will need to experiment with different configurations and/or equipment to find out what will work best for what we decide to do. **Friends approved going ahead with purchasing the needed equipment and service** as we feel these will be useful for Adult Religious Exploration, Meeting for Business and other various functions even if we choose not to hold hybrid Meeting for Worship.

Friends briefly discussed Hybrid Meeting for Worship. Issues include cost, concerns about inclusion and exclusion, time commitments, and the many unknowns. We noted that Friends have been gathering and worshipping in different ways: walking worship, small group gatherings, Zoom. These and others will probably continue. Nancy emphasized and Friends agreed that including all people who want to continue worshipping with us is morally necessary. Although there may be inconveniences, these are not as big an issue as kindness and inclusion.

Kathy asked **for funding and approval to reserve a shelter/picnic area** at one of the local parks for a Meeting gathering this summer. **Meeting approved.**

MINUTES CONTINUED & NOTES

Meeting approved House & Hospitality

going ahead with hiring a cleaning service to deep clean and start regular cleaning service at the Meetinghouse.

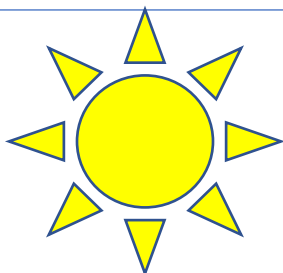
We have received some inquiries from people wanting to rent the Meetinghouse for classes or other gatherings. We will hold off on this for the time being.

Nominating Committee presented a report.

We still have a vacancy for Meetinghouse scheduler but given that we are not yet renting the space to others this is not a critical need. There is still uncertainty in some other areas as we transition into the future. **Meeting approved the existing report.**

Meeting closed with silent worship.

Next Meeting for Business is July 11, 2021



North Pacific Yearly Meeting 2021 Virtual Annual Session

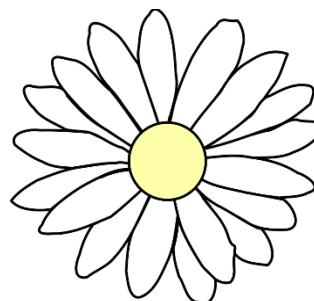
Friends of all ages from around the Northwest and beyond will again gather virtually for Annual Session on Zoom in July for Worship, fellowship, fun, interesting presentations & discussions. We are making it more fun this year for Younger Friends. Children will receive an exciting box of crafts and other activities. The theme for this year's Annual Session is Courage in the face of Fear--Faith, Hope, Love. Cherice Bock, Creation Justice Advocate at Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, will be the Friend in Residence. Register now at as.npym.org/registration for North Pacific Yearly Meeting's Virtual Annual Session & Pre-AS Interest Groups. Events begin with Interest Groups on the weekend evenings of July 2&3,

and 9&10, the two weekends before the main Annual Session (AS). The main days of AS will begin with get-acquainted games for all ages and Worship on the evening of July 14th. Annual Session will continue through midday July 18th. The schedule is available at as.npym.org/schedule.

If you would like to serve as a Zoom host or cohost or provide tech help, or find additional opportunities to support Annual Session visit as.npym.org/support

Third Age Circle Group. Wednesday July 21, 3:30-5:30 pm. Theme: "What does climate change mean to us in the Third Age, and what can we do with the time we have left that could make a difference?" **All welcome. For Further Information:** corvallisfriends@gmail.com

Saturday July 24. 12:00-4:00 pm. Memorial Service and Celebration of Life for Jim Kimball at Adair County Park, 7295 NE Arnold Ave, from 12 to 4 pm. Vegetarian lunch will be served at 1:30. Please RSVP by July 5 if possible [Jim Kimball Memorial](#)



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 Nominating Committee Report Corvallis Friends Meeting

Officers and Committees

Clerk of the Meeting Susan Easton	Treasurer Wendy Robinson	Spiritual Care Committee	Adult Religious Exploration	Corporation Officers
Recording Clerk Team Esther Schiedel John Selker	Ass't Bob Ward Ass't Esther Schiedel Ass't Susan Easton Library Committee Nancy Ewald Barbara Forest-Ball	Judy Hays-Eberts 2022 Abigail Stoughton 2022 Jeff Kline 2023 Kathy Miller 2023 Jay Thatcher 2024 Wendy Robinson 2024	Laurie Childers Barbara Forest-Ball Carmen Brummet Karuna Nunyara, Nina Joy Lawrence	Esther Schiedel Nina Joy Lawrence Wendy Robinson Lorena Reynolds

Volunteer Coordinators and Volunteers

Groundskeeping Coordinator Laura Horsey	Heating (Meetingroom) Charles Kettenring back-up: Bob Henderson, Jay Thatcher, John Selker	Outreach Coordinator John Selker	Children and Youth Program Coordinator Yalda Amatey
Meetinghouse Scheduler alt: Bob Henderson	Art Coordinator Yalda Asmatey	Rides Coordinator Donna Gerry	Volunteer Coordinator Peace Justice and Environment: John Selker
House and Hospitality Coordinator Abigail Stoughton	Major Meetinghouse Maintenance Coordinator Bob Burton	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u> Children and Youth: Nina Joy Lawrence, Jay Thatcher, Wendy Robinson, Jon Stoll, Scott Smith	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u> Art: Aayenda Asmatey-Stoll
<u>VOLUNTEERS</u> P, J and E: Nina Joy Lawrence	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u> House and Hospitality: Nancy Ewald, Jeff Kline	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u> Grounds: Mark Boyd, Marybetts Sinclair, Jeff Kline, Gary Graupensberger, Nancy Roberts, John Gentile	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u> Major Meetinghouse Maintenance: John Selker, Charles Kettenring, Jay Thatcher
<u>VOLUNTEERS</u> Outreach:			

Communications

Address List/Directory Jan Evans	Facebook Admin. Laurie Childers	Newsletter Printing Mark Boyd back-up: Scott Smith	Website Pat Omidian
Phone Messages Nancy Ewald	Newsletter Editor Esther Schiedel back-up Bob Burton	Wednesday Digest Editor Bob Ward back-up Bob Burton	Mail Sorting Wendy Robinson, Jay Thatcher, Susan Easton
Statistical Report Craig Saunders			

Representation

We Care Donna Gerry	Western Friend Jay Thatcher	Corvallis Interfaith Group Laurie Childers	Sustainability Coalition Kathy Miller and Donna Gerry
FCNL Jay Thatcher	AFSC Pat Omidian	Mens' Coldweather Shelter Bob Burton	

Submitted by: Esther Schiedel, Donna Gerry, Carmen Brummet, and Robert Burton (2021 Nominating Committee)

Ruth Jones McNeill, 1949-2021



Memorial Minute

Ruth Netta McNeill, as she was known until her marriage, was born in Chicago on March 13, 1949. She died on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2021 in Corvallis, Oregon.

Ruth was born into an academic family and excelled in school. She attended Swarthmore College, 1966-70, majoring in anthropology. Her father wanted her to pursue a Ph.D; she wanted to enter the world of theater. Instead, she became a primary school teacher, first in West Hartford and then Boston. She was a very dedicated teacher and had a strong empathy for her pupils. She married Bart Jones in 1992, becoming officially Ruth Jones McNeill. They moved to Oregon in 2004 where she taught preschool before retiring.

She became a Quaker – a Friend – and found community in Corvallis Friends Meeting. Her involvement in the meeting included serving on Nominating Committee, and also on Ministry and Oversight Committee, where her leadership role included writing a pamphlet on introductory Quakerism intended for visitors to the Meeting and new members. Additionally, she helped to write the "History of Corvallis Monthly Meeting" that is found in the Meeting's *User's Manual*. She also served for many years on Library Committee, and it was in that role that Ruth showed her gifts of organization and scholarship, spearheading a major revamping of the committee and of the library itself. Friends serving with her on the committee found her

Ruth's love of learning naturally extended itself into exploring the lives of Quakers, and eventually into her invention of a card game, **Famous Quakers Memory Game**, which she collaborated with another member of the Friends meeting to publish and sell.

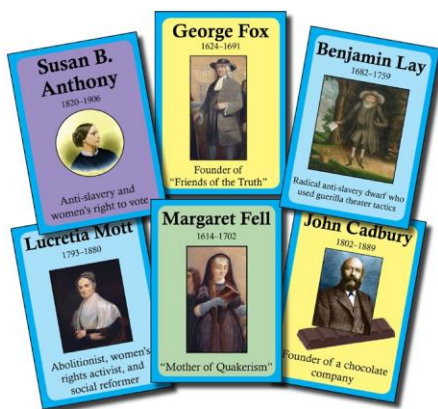
Other activities taking important roles in her life in Corvallis were Reevaluation Co-counseling, where she is remembered as a caring, capable, and dedicated teacher and co-counselor; involvement in Mid-Valley Hearing Loss Association as her own hearing deteriorated (she also helped make it possible for people with hearing difficulties to participate in settings where groups are speaking and listening); volunteering at Room at the Inn, the local overnight shelter for homeless women; and promoting universal health care in her work with Health Care For All Oregon.

Among the things she enjoyed were basketry; textiles, which she both admired and wove; words, which she read in abundance and spoke and wrote with precision; and museums and archeological sites, at both of which she demonstrated considerable stamina.

She battled cancer off and on beginning in 1989, showing a dogged determination not to allow it to define her existence. At one point she was informed that people with her diagnosis had a life expectancy of two to three years.

Her response included a trip to Peru – with its wonderful textiles, archeological sites, and museums – and outliving that grim forecast by 20 years. Ruth is survived by her husband, Bart Jones; two brothers, John Robert McNeill and Andrew Duncan McNeill; a sister, Deborah Joan McNeill; and eleven nieces and nephews.

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inspirational, diplomatic, and resourceful in dealing with this monumental task. She wrote an article about this experience, which was published in the November 2017 *Friends Journal*.

Above, a few cards from Ruth's Famous Quakers Memory Game

ADVICES & QUERIES: Community (part 1)

North Pacific Yearly Meeting, *Faith and Practice* 2018 <https://npym.org/?q=fandp/all-versions>

“Let your life speak” is traditional advice for Friends. The life of a Quaker meeting also speaks: by giving practical support for members and attenders in need; cherishing the children and young people finding their spiritual paths; encouraging, guiding, and eldering Friends with love in discernment or in following leadings; welcoming new seekers; and stepping forth in Spirit-led witness in the wider world.

- How do we foster love, truth, and harmony within our meeting community?
- Is our community a shelter where we can grow in the Spirit? How can our community provide the best combination of safety and challenge to encourage spiritual growth?
- How do we as individuals share our gifts with the meeting? How do we as a community help individual Friends find their own gifts and share them with others?

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