





# CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

SIXTH MONTH JUNE 2021

*ALL ARE WELCOME*

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

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

<b>Clerk</b> Susan Easton		<h2>THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR</h2>
<b>Recording Clerk Team</b> Nina Joy Lawrence Esther Schiedel John Selker		<b>See Wednesday Digest for Links to all events</b> For help or questions, contact Bob Burton, 541-231-3352 or <a href="mailto:bob11340@comcast.net">bob11340@comcast.net</a>
<b>Treasurer</b> Wendy Robinson <b>Spiritual Care Committee</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> 6-6	<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
<b>Adult Religious Exploration</b> Laurie Childers <b>Children &amp; Youth Program</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> 6-13	<b>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship</b> <b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b> via Zoom <b>11:40 am Meeting for Business</b> via Zoom
<b>Groundkeeping Coordinators</b> Mark Boyd, Nancy Roberts	<b>WED</b> 6-16	<b>3:30-5:30 pm Third Age Listening Circle</b> via Zoom <b>Advance Medical Directives</b>
<b>House &amp; Hospitality</b> Abigail Stoughton	<b>SUNDAY</b> 6-20	<b>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship,</b> <b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b> via Zoom
<b>Major Meetinghouse Maintenance</b> Bob Burton <b>Meetinghouse Scheduling</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> 6-27	<b>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship</b> <b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b> via Zoom <b>11:45 POTLUCK</b> via Zoom
<b>Rides Coordinator</b> Donna Gerry <b>Corvallis Meeting:</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> 7-4	<b>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship</b> <b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b> via Zoom
<a href="http://corvallisfriends.org">corvallisfriends.org</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/CorvallisFriends">Facebook.com/CorvallisFriends</a> <a href="https://www.meeting.com">Meeting</a> <a href="mailto:corvallisfriends@gmail.com">corvallisfriends@gmail.com</a>	<b>WED</b> 7-14 to <b>SUNDAY</b> 7-18	<b>NORTH PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING</b> via Zoom. Details inside
<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>		

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## MAY 2021 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

### **Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business May 9, 2021**

*Conducted via Zoom videoconferencing*

**Clerk:** Susan Easton

**Recording Clerk:** Esther Schiedel

**Friends present:** Abigail Stoughton, Nancy Ewald, Bob Burton, Bob Henderson, John Selker, Carmen Brummet, Karuna Nunyara, Nina Joy Lawrence, Donna Gerry, Laura Horsey, Wendy Robinson, Laurie Childers, Kathy Miller, Jay Thatcher

**Meeting began in Expectant quiet worship.**

**The minutes of April 11 2021 were approved.** Friends clarified that approval in a Meeting for Business involves all those present at the meeting—including those who are not officially members of the Meeting.

**Spiritual Care Committee** report was read by Abigail Stoughton. Excerpts:

*Abigail will help small groups form for outdoor Meeting for Worship with individuals at their residence, such as for Roger W. with Annaliese and others. Contact Abigail to request or attend a small group Meeting for Worship.*

*Jeff Kline will check again with the Parks Dept. about current policy for reservations, and for Adair County Park, in hopes we can plan for a large outdoor Meeting for Worship during the summer.*

*Kathy Miller and Jeff Kline will be communicating with folks who have indicated they want to meet at the Meeting House now for Worship. They will explore concerns about what may be required to get started (masks, distancing, sign-up, etc) and begin to implement protocol for the initial group. Contact Jeff or Kathy to be included. Jeff will continue to check for updated government and health guidelines. If interest in in-person turns out to be larger than the limit allowed for indoor gatherings, additional groups can be formed to meet at alternate times.*

*Jeff has written instructions that will be provided to guest greeters for Meeting for*

*Worship on Zoom from now on. One of the attenders from a distance at Meeting for Worship on Zoom has volunteered to learn to be a greeter.*

*Judy Hays-Eberts (and Jay Thatcher) attended an online conversation this weekend about the Future of Worship, hosted by Western Friend and the Ben Lomond Center, with nearly a hundred Friends from Meetings around the country, including some who have invested in hybrid Meeting for Worship. There are huge resources online to help.*

**A second threshing session** on having a hybrid Meeting for Worship was held on May 4. A written summary has been shared with Friends and Donna provided a verbal summary today. Friends will continue to discern how we want to move forward.

In order to help with our ongoing discernment about whether we want to hold hybrid Meetings for Worship, **Friends approved a tech committee** of John Selker, Bob Burton and Jay Thatcher to investigate what would be required to be able to use Zoom at the Meetinghouse: including options, locations, and costs. They will report back to the Meeting.

A written **Treasurer's Report** was distributed. Wendy noted one donation check was returned by the bank, she will contact them for clarification as the explanation did not make sense. Our brokerage account is doing well—the interest will help us make our contributions to various causes and help with possible improvements inside and outside the Meetinghouse. The report was accepted with thanks.

**Nominating Committee** provided a preliminary written report. Volunteers are still needed to help with Outreach. We will need a Meetinghouse Scheduler once we are able to make the space available for in-person gatherings by outside groups. We will need to decide the role of the Library in the future. We will need to figure out ways to involve children and their families in the life of our Meeting and to serve their needs. **A final report will be presented next Meeting for Business.**

## MINUTES CONTINUED & NOTES

**Adult Religious Exploration** will meet on Tuesday, May 25 7 pm for a discussion of an *On Being* podcast featuring Robin D'Angelo and Resmaa Menakem

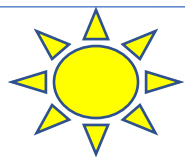
**Grounds Coordinator** Laura Horsey reported on the weeding party that was held yesterday. Volunteers are concerned about the prevalence of weeds—especially dandelions—in the yard and wondered about using an herbicide to help control them. Several Friends expressed concerns about using chemicals on the lawn. Laura and volunteers will develop an alternative approach. We recognize a need for visioning how we want the yard to look and be used—we hope that we can do this later this year.

**Peace Justice and Environment** Bob Burton talked about his experience in volunteering with the SORT (Street Outreach and Response Team) program to interact with homeless individuals and encourages other Friends to consider getting involved. Donna Gerry is involved with Climate Justice activities and is happy to share information about those.

**The Memorial Minute for Ruth McNeill was approved.** Nina Joy will submit it to North Pacific Yearly Meeting.

**Meeting closed with silent worship.**

**Next Meeting for Business – June 13**



### **Small Group in Person Worship at CFM Guidelines:**

1. Each attendee, by virtue of their presence at in-person meeting, affirms that they are fully vaccinated against Covid-19.
2. Each attendee will wear a mask while attending in-person meeting.
3. Attendees will attempt to allow distance between attendees while in-person in the meetinghouse.
4. While meeting in-person, attendees will attempt to ventilate the meeting as much as is practically feasible given weather conditions.

### **Register Now for North Pacific Yearly Meeting's 2021 Virtual Annual Session: *Courage in the face of Fear--Faith, Hope, Love***

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. **Cherice Bock**, Creation Justice Advocate at Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, will be the Friend in Residence.

Register now at [as.npym.org/registration](https://as.npym.org/registration)

**Children will receive an exciting box of crafts and other activities.**

Events begin with *Interest Groups* on the weekend evenings of July 2&3, and 9&10. 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](https://as.npym.org/schedule). Friends who wish to present an Interest Group can submit proposals until June 23.



**Memories of Jim Kimball:** Jim's family welcomes memories of his life with the Quakers in Corvallis. Please send reflections in any form, including short phrases or glimpses, to Bob Ward by **June 9**. Sara Kimball will weave them into narrative for the memorial service in July. [bobward1948@gmail.com](mailto:bobward1948@gmail.com)

**Jim's Celebration of Life will be July 24 in Corvallis.** Location TBD. This will be a bigger event. I'm hoping that most of us will be vaccinated by then and will feel comfortable traveling and gathering."

**Wednesday June 16, 3:30-5:30 pm. Third Age Circle Group** by Zoom. Advice on Advanced Medical Directives and small groups to work on completing them.

## ADVICES & QUERIES: CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

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

We value the part we have in shaping the laws of our country. It is our task to see that these laws speak to and answer that of God, which we believe is in every person. Our aim is the building of a social order that works toward the expression of divine love. Our first allegiance remains with God. If, by divine leading, our attention is focused on a law contrary to divine law, we must proceed with care. Before making a decision to oppose a law, we pray for further divine guidance; we consult with others who might be affected by our decision. When we reach clearness, we act with conviction.

When our decision involves disobedience to the law, we make the grounds of our action clear to all concerned. If there are penalties, we suffer them without evasion.

We care for those who suffer for conscience's sake.

- What are we doing as individuals and as a meeting to carry our share of civic responsibility for our community, state, and nation?
- How are we working for change in government when change is needed?
- How do we discern between meeting our obligations to the state and society and opposing those contrary to Quaker principles?
- What are we doing to uphold those acting under a concern aligned with Quaker belief ?
- Do we share our convictions in a spirit of loving concern?
- In what ways do we care for those who are vulnerable or are in poverty in our communities?

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