



# CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

NINTH MONTH SPETEMBER 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.*

<b>Clerk</b> Susan Easton		<h2>THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR</h2>
<b>Recording Clerk Team</b> 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> Jay Thatcher Kathy Miller <b>Adult Religious Exploration</b> Laurie Childers	<b>SUNDAY</b> 9-5	<b>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship</b> Willamette Park Contact Bob Ward <a href="mailto:bobward1948@gmail.com">bobward1948@gmail.com</a> <b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b> via Zoom <b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b> at the Meetinghouse
<b>Children &amp; Youth Program</b> Yalda Asmatey <b>Groundkeeping Coordinator</b> Laura Horsey	<b>SUNDAY</b> 9-12	<b>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship</b> <b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b> via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse <b>11:40 am Meeting for Business</b> via Zoom
<b>House &amp; Hospitality</b> Abigail Stoughton <b>Major Meetinghouse Maintenance</b> Bob Burton	<b>SUNDAY</b> 9-19	<b>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship,</b> <b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b>
<b>Meetinghouse Scheduling</b> Jeff Kline <b>Rides Coordinator</b> Donna Gerry	<b>WED</b> 9-15	<b>3:30-5:30 by Zoom. Third Age Circle group.</b> <b>All welcome.</b> Theme: "Community". Topic and queries will appear in the Digest by Sept. 8. Contact Bob Ward <a href="mailto:bobward1948@gmail.com">bobward1948@gmail.com</a> .
<b>Corvallis Meeting:</b> <a href="http://corvallisfriends.org">corvallisfriends.org</a>	<b>SUNDAY</b> 9-19	<b>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship</b> <b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b>
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/CorvallisFriends">Facebook.com/CorvallisFriends</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/CorvallisFriends">Meeting</a>	<b>SUNDAY</b> 9-26	<b>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship</b> <b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b>
<a href="mailto:corvallisfriends@gmail.com">corvallisfriends@gmail.com</a>  <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>	<b>TUES</b> 9-28	<b>7:00-8:30 pm by Zoom SEEK (formerly known as ARE) Recognizing and Dismantling Cultural Oppression</b> Details inside

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## August 2021 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

### Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business August 8, 2021

*Conducted via Zoom videoconferencing*

**Clerk:** Susan Easton

**Recording Clerk:** Esther Schiedel

**Friends present:** Judy Hays-Eberts, Bob Henderson, Jay Thatcher, Bob Burton, Kathy Miller, Nancy Ewald, Bob Ward, Donna Gerry, Nina Joy Lawrence

### Meeting began in expectant quiet worship.

**Minutes of previous month were amended with the addition of the sentence:** *Jeff Kline has arranged for use of the Rotary Shelter in Willamette Park for worship on 8/15 and a reworded policy on attendance at the Meetinghouse which reads: After a lengthy discussion, meeting united on these concepts which will be edited by the Spiritual Care Committee and posted outside and inside the doors of the Meetinghouse:*

- 1. Each attendee over age twelve, by virtue of their presence at in-person meeting, affirms that they are fully vaccinated against Covid-19. If any individual who wishes to attend in-person Meeting for Worship and is not fully vaccinated for a compelling medical reason, they should contact the Spiritual Care Committee prior to attending in-person, so that the Committee can consider their situation.*
- 2. Each attendee will attempt to allow distance between themselves and others in the Meetinghouse and while attending in-person Meeting for Worship. Seating in the Meetinghouse will be arranged in an attempt to facilitate distance.*
- 3. While attending in-person Meeting for Worship, attendees will attempt to ventilate the Meetinghouse as much as is practically feasible given weather conditions.*
- 4. Friends are welcome to wear a mask.*

Bob Ward presented a written **Treasurer's Report. The report was accepted with gratitude.**

### Spiritual Care Committee will meet Thursday August 12

**Nominating Committee Report:** The Committee has felt the need to do some questioning of appropriate nominations to SCC, in view of some of the special stresses the work\* imposes.

Nominating Committee feels that it is very important to the health of the Meeting to have a vigorous and happy SCC, and that this committee probably should have strength of numbers, probably two members for each graduating class, or a total of 6 persons. At this point in the annual nominating cycle, Friends are just settling into their chosen work for the Meeting. Nominating Committee has felt a need to look to experienced Friends already heavily involved in Meeting work in filling the recent vacancy.

### **We nominate Esther Schiedel to the position vacated by Judy Hayes-Eberts.**

We decided to postpone until after this business meeting an active search for Jeff Kline's successor on SCC.

In looking at Esther's other commitments, we propose to make Bob Burton responsible for the newsletter, with Esther serving as alternate instead of vice versa, and to add Bob Burton to the list of alternate recording clerks.

\*To review special aspects briefly: We ask people to make a 3 year commitment. We ask SCC to be involved in discernment of issues related to Quaker worship, spiritual growth, welcoming people to the Meeting, counselling people especially about issues arising around spiritual practices and group worship. SCC receives requests for clearness processes for disputes, membership, marriage, and other life decisions. Besides a 2-hour meeting each month, SCC members have duties at Meeting for Worship, and ideally really need to be familiar with new and old attenders and the current life of the Meeting in its various manifestations. In addition, SCC has the

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pastoral care expectations that steeple houses assign to the minister or priest, namely visiting the sick or shut-ins.

In our Meeting, that has in the last few years taken the form of maintaining connection with them through calls and visits, when possible, as well as three quite prolonged and intense care committees with involvement of SCC members as well as other Friends. We recognize that some persons on the committee will be more drawn to certain of its activities and others, hopefully, will want to take on other work so that nothing is neglected. *We also want to emphasize what Judy Hayes-Eberts stressed, namely that pastoral care has been and should be the work and concern of the whole Meeting, as well as the special concern of SCC. We are all called to be ministers, and not just in Meeting for Worship.*

**Friends approved the nomination and the report. Meeting recommends that SCC should appoint care committees instead of just relying on volunteers from the Meeting.**

**Friends decided we are not yet ready to open the Meetinghouse to outside groups.**

We are delighted with the clean Meetinghouse and thank the **House and Hospitality Committee** for arranging this. We will let them determine how often the house should be cleaned.

**The memorial service for Ruth McNeill is Sunday August 29, starting at 3:30 pm at the Peffer pavilion in Starker Arts Park, Corvallis.** Arrangements have been made for sound amplification; Friends are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and/or folding chairs from the Meetinghouse. Friends should contact Donna to offer or request rides to the park. Refreshments have been ordered, Friends expressed concern about a self-serve buffet approach and suggested other options.

**Meeting closed with worship.**

**Next Meeting for Business will be September 12**

### **Friends in the News:**

**Jonathan Stoll** was the featured columnist for the *Albany Democrat Herald/Corvallis Gazette Times* **Interfaith Voices** on Saturday, August 21. [https://www.gazettetimes.com/lifestyles/faith-and-values/interfaith-voices-creating-an-increased-awareness-of-purpose/article\\_8e8d5de8-d98e-5824-8aa9-69f3aadd1ecb.html](https://www.gazettetimes.com/lifestyles/faith-and-values/interfaith-voices-creating-an-increased-awareness-of-purpose/article_8e8d5de8-d98e-5824-8aa9-69f3aadd1ecb.html)

Jon wrote about his podcast **Soul Force Ones** <https://www.soulforceones.com/> In the article. Jon makes a reference to **Laurie Childers**, who was one of those he interviewed

### **ARE becomes SEEK**

Your Friendly Adult Religious Education (ARE) committee has officially changed its name to Spiritual Exploring & Engagement Kommittee (SEEK). The “K” is so that you know we have a sense of humor.

We will plan most meetings to be on Zoom, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30, and maybe we can finish closer to 8 pm.

Our first session will be on Tuesday, Sept 28th, 7 pm. The subject will be **Recognizing and Dismantling Cultural Oppression**. Please read this document:

<https://www.dismantlingracism.org/uploads/4/3/5/7/43579015/okun - white sup culture.pdf>

and notice if any of these characteristics apply in your life. Are any antidotes listed useful? Where is the balance you feel would be healthy for the culture that we swim in? We will share using a Worship Discussion format.

We are in the process of setting up a 6-session course with Dr. Johnny Lake that we'll do in conjunction with the Oregon Fellowship of Reconciliation. This should happen this fall, on Zoom on a weekday evening. SEEK will keep you apprised!

Laurie, Karuna, Carmen, Nina Joy

## ADVICES & QUERIES: Unity (part 1)

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

Unity is found in God's will. If we are divided, when we listen in the Spirit together the way forward will become clear.

Each of us has particular transcendent experiences, and each must find ways to be true to them.

When an expression of that experience is strange or disturbing, we try to sense where it comes from and how it might nourish the lives of others.

People understand the Divine in many different ways.

Listen patiently and seek the truth which other people's opinions may contain for you. Avoid using hurtful criticism or language chosen to provoke anger or fear.

- When problems and conflicts arise, how do we work to resolve them in a spirit of love and humility?
- How do we let go of our individual desires and let the Holy Spirit lead us to unity?
- How do we open ourselves to the diversity of culture, language, and expressions of faith in our yearly meeting and in the world community of Friends?

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