

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

THIRD MONTH MARCH 2022

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship: 10:00-11:00

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

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 March 6

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park

Contact Bob Ward bobward1948@gmail.com

10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse

Tuesday March 8

7 pm to 8 pm SEEK: FCNL Priorities (details inside)

. Wednesday March 9 to Saturday March 12

Friends General Conference (FGC): White Privilege Conference 2022 – online (details inside)

Sunday March 13

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship

10:00 am Hybrid/Blended Meeting for Worship Zoom and Meetinghouse together

11:40 am Meeting for Business Hybrid/Blended

4:30 pm Confluence LBGTQ chorus: LOVE (details inside)

Sunday March 20

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship (start and end at Meetinghouse)

9:30 am Joint outdoor potluck at Meetinghouse

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

Monday March 21

5:00 pm Reading Group - *Fit for Freedom Not for Friendship* (details inside)

Tuesday March 22

7 pm to 8 pm SEEK: JOY! What brings you joy?

Sunday March 27

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship,

10:00 am Hybrid/Blended Meeting for Worship Zoom and Meetinghouse together

11:45 am Virtual Potluck

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business - February 13, 2022

Clerk: Susan Easton

Recording Clerk: John Selker,

Friends present: Bob Burton, Jay Thatcher, Wendy Robinson, Marybetts Sinclair, Bob Henderson, Laurie Childers, Laura Horsey, Nina Joy Lawrence, Nancy Ewald.

The Meeting Started with Expectant Quiet

Correction to last month's minutes: Jay recommended that the minutes show a blank for House and Hospitality since this position is to be filled. ***This change was approved.***

Treasurer's Report – *The monthly summary was accepted.*

Funds for propane. Encampments at 6th street are very busy for natural gas tanks - \$932 for one week. So far this cold season the project has expended about \$10k, and will need about \$15k total to fund this for the year. *Question:* Does the meeting for business want to allow for donations to this account, so that these would be tax deductible? ***Yes, the meeting approved this opportunity for people to give to this program.***

Budget threshing session: Overview of recommended changes from last year. The ad in the GT is no longer seen as useful (\$311). The library is also not seen as active. These were “zeroed out.” The SEEK committee said they could reduce to \$400 from their previous \$1000. \$400 was added to the budget to “welcome friends,” which was assigned \$400 for informational materials etc. House and grounds. Do we need the cleaning company to come every 4 weeks? This was reduced by about 10% to \$1,080. The grounds keeping would be continued at the \$1000 level to pay people to weed and mow. Hybrid meeting was reduced to \$200 for the coming year. The only other changes were to the donations. Oregonians against the death

penalty would be reduced to \$0 reflecting the on-going governor's moratorium, and the in Lieu of taxes was reduced to \$0, and the annual increase was reduced to 0%, taking this all together the previous donations of \$13,597 were reduced to \$11,570. Regarding the toothbrush program, these have no longer been provided because of the high shipping costs. The Food Bank is occasionally buying brushes from the Dollar store. John and others suggested that we look for new options, and try to continue the toothbrush program, which was approved (to keep the toothbrush program in the budget). A more economical option will be sought. After discussion the Meeting decided to reinstate the donation of toothbrushes to the Food Banks and the donation of \$800 for this purpose was reinstated.

The house and grounds team – a question of stewardship. Photos of the house were shared. Access from the handicapped area to the meeting house is obstructed by grass. The grass is well entrenched in the plantings of the area between the road and the meeting room. Two items are suggested to be addressed to set up an ad hoc planning committee to: 1. address the concrete work and potentially widening the overall entrance from the sidewalk to the front door/bike parking (get bids); 2. Maintenance in the grass in the beds.

Timing of projects: The planting season is coming up, and replanting would be targeted for May. Would like to have a first meeting of the ad hoc committee this week to formulate a plan and obtain a budget for the effort. **The meeting approved having an ad hoc committee develop a plan for the plantings and paving projects.** The meeting did not think we needed to have a threshing session on this topic.

The meeting is putting a place holder of \$8000 for re-painting and garden/concrete work.

The meeting approved the budget as presented by Wendy with the amendments presented above.

Spiritual Care Committee Report: Jay presented that there will be an introduction to Friends meeting Feb 15, 7-8 PM. It is not an “open meeting,” but rather by invitation (so as to keep it small and non-threatening).

SCC also recommended scheduling outdoor meetings to occur from May through September, and this recommendation was accepted by the meeting.

SEEK – Laurie gave a brief update on upcoming events.

Peace, Justice, & Environment - Is there a threshing session planned? No one could speak to this.

House and Grounds – addressed above in the context of budgets.

Next Meeting for Business – March 13

SEEK (Spiritual Exploring and Engagement Kommittee) Tuesdays March 8 and 22 by Zoom (use the link for Meeting for Worship)

March 8.FCNL priorities. FCNL stands for Friends Committee on National Legislation. It is a 100+ year old Quaker lobby organization, with a wonderful “green” building across the street from the Senate. FCNL employees each focus on particular policy areas. They meet with experts, congressional aides, and members of congress. They are lobbyists that work to get Quaker values of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality, and earth care into the bills that become the laws of our country. They are respected for their ability to bring wisdom to the table. They often help draft the bills themselves. FCNL periodically asks Quaker Meetings and Churches to give considered input on what the legislative priorities should be. **We discussed these on February 8.**

At this session we will break into small writing groups to craft the 30-word statements requested by FCNL.

At April 10th’s Meeting for Business, we will approve the statements, possibly with edits, to send to FCNL.

March 22 we will share our joys and sources of joy with each other

March 20-22, 2022. Friends General Conference (FGC) of the Quakers: White Privilege Conference 2022 – online. You must pre-register to receive the reduced fee for the conference.

<https://www.fgcquaker.org/deepen/enrichment/help-your-meeting-challenge-racism/fgc-white-privilege-conference>

FGC has supported Friends to attend this conference for over ten years and we are excited to gather Friends once again for this conference. The conference is open to both Friends of Color and white Friends

We will send out our regular discount registration code via email upon receipt of registration. Please know that we only provide discount codes to Quakers or Quaker organization affiliated attendees.

Remember that the pre-registration form does not automatically register you for the retreat. Please register for the White Privilege Conference on their website.

<https://www.theprivilegeinstitute.com/>



Monday March 21 5 pm Fit for Freedom Not for Friendship Book Group by Zoom
<https://westernfriend.org/fit-freedom-not-friendship-reading-group>

Confluence LBGTQ chorus “LOVE”

Sunday March 13 4:30 First Congregational UCC Corvallis 4515 SW West Hills Blvd

Founding Artistic Director, Raymond will conduct the Confluence chorus and Influence ensemble in songs from pop to classical, Broadway to jazz alley.

Tickets are available online at www.confluencelgbtchorus.org/tickets from Confluence members, or at the door. Advance tickets are \$15 general admission and \$12 seniors and students. At the door, tickets are \$18 and \$15. No one is turned away due to lack of funds.

Covid-19 precautions will be followed. All concert attendees must show proof of vaccination. Masks are required indoors. Seating will be distanced and limited. Reserved ticket holders will be seated first, and then others as space allows. Please dress warmly or bring a lap blanket. Doors and windows will be open, and intermissions may be outdoors.



Advices & Queries--Sexuality Part 1

We do well to look past the outward appearances of orientation and identity to see the quality of all individuals and relationships in our meetings. Just as there is that of God in every person, there is that of God in every relationship that calls upon God. We remain tender toward all relationships founded on integrity, mutual respect, commitment, and love.

When dealing with issues of sexuality and sexual behavior, we strive for an appropriate balance between open, honest discussion and protection of privacy and confidentiality for individual members and attenders.

We take care to avoid sexual behavior based on license, exploitation, oppression, and violence in our personal lives and to witness against such behavior in our meetings and communities.

- Do we accept and appreciate our sexuality as part of our humanity and as a gift from God? How do we integrate our sexuality and our spirituality?
- How can we help each other be faithful in expressing our sexuality? Do we support members and attenders with love and care relating to their sexuality and gender identity? • How safe is our meeting? How do we create an environment appropriate for discussion of deeply personal issues?
- How willing are we to talk openly and listen carefully when others’ ideas and behavior are different from our own? How do we respond to that of God in them while acknowledging our own discomfort or disagreement?
- As individuals and as a meeting community, do we avoid stereotyping and judging people based on their relationships, sexual orientation, or gender identity?

From North Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice. Copies are available from the Meeting and online at nypm.org

[*****](http://www.confluencelgbtchorus.org/tickets)

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