

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

FOURTH MONTH (April) 2023

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

Sunday April 2

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

Contact Wendy Robinson: robburton@comcast.net

10 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom* and at the Meetinghouse

Sunday April 9

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

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

11:40 am Hybrid/Blended Meeting for Business

Sunday April 16

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Starting at Meetinghouse

9:40 -10 am Potluck at Meetinghouse

10:15 am Meeting for Worship at Meetinghouse and via Zoom

Sunday April 23

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

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

11:45 am Virtual Potluck

Sunday April 30

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

10 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse

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corvallisfriends@gmail.com Next deadline or to submit items 5/1/23. Send to bob11340@comcast.net

*Join Zoom Meetings: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86417666994?pwd=anAwZU04a0J0TWQvaVRSSkptNmlyUT09>

Meeting ID: 864 1766 6994 Passcode: 959966 or phone (253) 215 8782

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business

March 12, 2023

Friends present: Donna Gerry, Bob Burton, Wendy Robinson, Kathy Miller, Nina Joy Lawrence, Nancy Ewald, Carmen Brummet, Bob Henderson, Susan Easton, Jay Thatcher, Esther Schiedel

A Reading “In order to know God, we have to know all the faces of God” (spoken by a Friend at FGC (Friends General Conference)) was followed by **Expectant Silence**

Minutes of February Meeting for Business- were **approved**

Treasurer’s Report - was **Accepted**

Report of Threshing Session on Meeting Outreach Contributions The outcome of the threshing process was to encourage the Meeting to emphasize in its giving, the goal of locally reducing the amount of homelessness and economic inequality. We also discussed the Quaker groups we donate to and a desire to treat them all equally. FWCC started Right Sharing of World Resources. The main change suggested was to add Unity Shelter to our list of recipients. Wendy recommended approval of a \$12,400 total as our aspirational Outreach budget to be revisited in December Meeting for Business. **Approved:**

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| FWCC | \$400 |
| Right Sharing of World Resources | \$400 |
| FCNL | \$800 |
| AFSC | \$800 |
| We Care | \$3,000 (more than 75% of We Care’s awards were to keep people in housing) |
| Linn-Benton Food Share | \$3,000 |
| Corvallis Daytime Drop-In Center | \$1,000 |
| Unity Shelter | \$3,000 |

(Unity Shelter is the umbrella organization for Corvallis Housing First)

TOTAL DONATIONS
\$12,400

Spiritual Care Committee Report

Memorial Meeting for Roger Weaver to be on April 15 at 10:30.

Meeting for Worship at the Meeting House will now start at 10:00 **every** Sunday morning. Friends, who wish to, are encouraged to come to the Fellowship Room around 9:30 any Sunday morning to share snacks before Meeting for Worship. It is assumed people will be unmasked when eating in the Fellowship Room or outside.

The “field trips” suggested by SCC: Weather stopped the trail hike, but not the work at the Linn-Benton FoodShare where six people packed 90 boxes in two hours and then went out to share a repast at a Corvallis restaurant. The committee encouraged Friends to plan some fun activities together.

State of Society Report: First reading was made by Nina Joy Lawrence. Additions and corrections are still being solicited. 2nd draft version will be published in the Wednesday Digest.

Nominating Committee: Nominating Committee requests Meeting to move on a nomination early. We would like Meeting to consider approving Marybetts Sinclair as Grounds Coordinator. Since Laura Horsey laid down this position and spring is here, we need a Groundskeeping Coordinator right away. Do Friends feel okay approving this nomination now rather than seasoning it for a month?

Approved

- In light of their interaction with people about Meeting responsibilities, Nominating Committee is considering that it might be best if SEEK becomes a Volunteer Coordinator position where the Coordinator could facilitate

or nurture Quaker related activities offered by Friends. (No decision requested.)

Major Meetinghouse: After reviewing bids made for painting the entire external wall surfaces of the meetinghouse, **we approved Meeting doing the exterior painting ourselves.** Bob Burton will work to organize volunteers for hopefully the second and third weekends in September. The apparent water staining of ceiling and wall in the Meeting room was also discussed.

House and Hospitality: With regard to the Meetinghouse refrigerator- **Meeting asked** Kathy Miller and Abigail Stoughton to explore the energy cost of keeping our refrigerator on constantly.

Willamette Quarterly: Spring Quarterly Meeting May 19-21 at beautiful Camp Arrah Wanna near Welches. Register between April 1 & April 23 , Online at: willamettequarterly.org

Next Meeting for Business – April 9

Names and contact information for the Spiritual Care Committee 2022-2023

CFM Spiritual Care Committee members are available to receive comments, concerns, and requests in regard to the spiritual life of the Meeting, in all its current forms, and the care of members and attenders. A private meeting may be arranged via Zoom, phone, or email if so desired. Contact any of the following:

Jay Thatcher, jthatch@peak.org

Wendy Robinson, robburton@comcast.net

Kathy Miller, (541) 207-7304

Abigail Stoughton sabigail@comcast.net or 541-758-5057 (home and cell)

Carmen Brummet, brummetc@peak.org

Advices & Queries - Harmony with Creation

Rejoice in the majesty of nature. Pray that the Presence will lead us to our rightful place in the creation.

We are each part of the intricate web of life; each choice to act or not to act can have profound consequences. We live in such a complex world that we can do considerable damage without knowing it. Choices that are beneficial in one direction may be harmful in another.

We take care to conserve and protect the whole of life. Both scientific inquiry and spiritual reflection lead us to deeper understanding of the interconnected, constantly changing systems in which we live.

The essence of the Divine Light can be found in our connection to the natural world. Our collective experience of this deep interconnectedness with all nature helps us understand the connection between ecological and cultural diversity, know the Earth as teacher, and value inspiration from a range of faith traditions.

We face the difficult challenge to change our manner of living to come into harmony with creation. As we support each other's efforts to use no more than our fair share, we guard against waste and resist the temptations of convenience and the inertia of the status quo. We help each other look for ways to counter attitudes of human arrogance, domination, and greed which threaten Earth's equilibrium.

- In what ways do we seek harmony with Creation? How does science help us live within It respectfully?
- In what ways do we honor all living things? Do we seek the holiness inherent in the order of nature, the wildness of wilderness, and the richness of the world?

- How do our daily habits and choices reflect our respect for the web of life?
- What will the impact of our current choices be on the lives of future generations?
- How do we educate ourselves and others about living in harmony with the earth?
- What can we do to make the community of life whole?

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



Meetinghouse yard work party, summer 2022.

In picture at top of column, left to right: Laura Horsey, Bob Henderson, James Cox, Marybetts Sinclair

