

Willamette Quarterly Meeting 2017 Men's Retreat Minutes
As recorded by Wesley Voth

3rd Month, 12th day, somewhere betwixt Daylight & Standard time, 2017
Big Bear Camp, Walton

13 Men Attending: Dave Ek, John Etter, Dave Fabik, John Hale, Keith Kohan, Joe Snyder, Claude Sterling, Jon Stoll, Jaffer Syed, Jay Thatcher, Kirby Urner, Wesley Voth, and Tom Wittick

Appreciation expressed for excellent local, organic, and some wild harvested food, and the program surrounding *What is the good news that we have to share, and what is the nature of our transformation and community?* This was done in both full group and worship sharing groups in the beautiful setting that is Big Bear, with the sounds of running water, Oregon chorus frogs, owls, and other birdsong. Thanks also to our hosts Hal Palmer and Tonia Blum.

Finances, John Etter reporting: cost per person was about \$75; we broke even for the year, and there is a small balance in the WQM Men's Retreat fund for next year.

Next year:

- Site will again be Big Bear Camp, again all welcome who identify as male and event will be alcohol-free
- Date: tentatively March 9, 10, 11—Joe will contact Neal to see if having it a week later would make it possible for him to attend as he has had an annual date conflict
- John Etter will coordinate finances and insurance
- Dave Ek will contact Bob Marvos about being registrar
- Food
 - Joe will do breakfasts
 - John Etter overall food coordination with help by Kirby
 - Wesley will do local food Saturday lunch
 - Jaffer (who left before the meeting) will be asked to again do a dinner
 - John Etter desserts
- Program—Jay & Dave Fabik
 - Dave Ek will “pick a preface” for Friday night
 - Idea from Claude—“What does it mean to be male or female?” in society, and among Friends
 - What does it mean to “keep low watchful”?
- Publicity—Dave Fabik

We parted in good humor, bonded together in mutual appreciation and love.