

# **Willamette Quarterly Meeting Minutes 2-4-17**

Held in the Corvallis Friends Meeting House

Clerk: Jay Thatcher Recording Clerk: Sid Rosen

**Treasurer's Report**—Lyn Gordon: see attached

*Year-to-date:* Appreciation of Charlie Kimball, who handed off duties to Lyn. Nothing of concern in report, pretty typical. Lyn forgot we need to limit pays to contractors to \$600 which triggers report to IRS. There are different ways to work around this. Income and expenses are about equal. Donation made to Junior Friends for Guatemala trip. Around \$3000 balance in account. Q: What is the purpose of the Spiritual Life Fund? A: It is set up like a scholarship fund to help isolated Friends to support travel to Quarterly Meeting. **Authorization is needed from Quarterly Mtg. to obtain an IRS filing number. Quarterly Meeting approved this authorization. Year to date report was approved.**

*Proposed budget:* see attached proposed budget: There is a slight bit more income because of the increased contribution per member. Q: How many people are being assessed? About 415 people. Q: Shall we authorize funds for another Guatemala trip? The trip is not until 2018. Money has been set aside for tech costs. Quarterly Spiritual Life Fund: There should be a place on the on-line registration for donations to Spiritual Life Fund. Friends should go to their Monthly Mtg. to request funds. **Proposed budget was accepted.**

**Nominating Committee Report**—Esther Schiedel: There are a lot of openings. The Quarterly Meeting web-site has been turned over to Jaffer Syed. Junior Friends have approved Kathe Mullen and Sabrina Freewynn as advisors. Clerk and recording clerk should be provided by host meetings. The main need is for M&O members. Quarterly Meeting approved Esther Schiedel as Nominating Committee, and Junior Friends advisors approved. People are in general overwhelmed by their lives and unable to take on positions when approached. Jay Thatcher noted that clerking Quarterly Meeting is a good place to learn clerking skills. **Nominating Committee report was approved.**

**Report from Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon**—Joe Snyder: Refugees have been cut off for 4 months. EMO's work has been put on hold and income has been deeply limited. Reserves have been spent off; there is no operating capital. Trying to raise \$100-150,000 to get through these months. Friends have donated \$10,000 in matching funds. There are sufficient funds to do energy workshops. Also training sessions on how to respond non-violently to situations that come up.

**Minutes from last Quarterly Minutes approved.**

**Friends shared memories** of Charlie Kimball of Florence Worship Group, who was a long-time regular attender and served many years as treasurer of this Quarterly Meeting.