

Willamette Quarterly Meeting
February 3, 2018

10 - 10:30 Meeting for Worship
10:30 - 11:45 Meeting for Worship for Business

Nina Joy Lawrence, presiding clerk; Sara Michener, recording clerk.

attendance 35

Additions to the agenda? None.

Treasurer's report / budget. Laura Arcidiacono read the treasurer's report as the treasurer is not present. Friends expressed concern that we have a deficit budget. We approved the budget with the understanding that we will come up with a creative solution in the future to achieve a balanced budget.

Ministry and Oversight: Laura Arcidiacono reported for Ministry and Oversight.

1. The new Youth Safety Policy was presented. Friends approved it as a working draft. This will go out with the Minutes of this Meeting. It will be disseminated to Meetings, Worship Groups and isolated Friends. A final draft will be prepared for Spring Quarterly Meeting.
2. State of Society Process: We prepare these to tell each other what's happening in spiritual life of our meetings. We are sending out our guidelines. They will be attached to these Minutes. Please follow them.

Nominating Committee: There is no new information from Nominating Committee. Sara Michener is still on it and has no information. Laura Arcidiacono would like to serve on Nominating Committee. John Alcott would also like to serve. Meeting approved these Friends to join Esther Schiedel and Sara Michener on Nominating Committee. We need a new clerk of Ministry and Oversight. Kathleen Hering would like to serve on Ministry and Oversight. We propose reinstating the previous practice of asking clerks of each Meeting's Ministry and Oversight Committee to automatically be members of Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Oversight. If needed, meetings could appoint another Friend to fill this post. Meetings are asked to give feedback on this proposal.

Fall QM date question. John Etter proposed the dates of 28th to 30th of September for Fall Quarterly Meeting at Camp Cleawox. Friends approved.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon: Joe Snyder is currently serving as President of this vital mission. We are having trouble with funding because of changes in the money from the state of Oregon and the Federal government due to changes in immigration policies. Friends' donations to EMO are matched by a generous Quaker donor. We can donate on the EMO website and specify it as qualifying for the Quaker matching donation by writing this in the comment section of the donation process. Joe would like each of us to give him a contact to send information to in each Meeting, Worship Group, or interested isolated Friends.

Men's Retreat. March 9-11 at Big Bear Camp, Nelson Mt. Road, Walton, Oregon. Many men have gained much from these events. All are encouraged to ask questions and if they identify as male friends are invited to attend these great happenings.

Pacific Northwest Quaker Women's Theology Conference: June 6-10 2018. This year's theme is Answering That of God in Every One: Recognizing, Imaging, Naming, Abiding. These very inspiring gatherings are powerful ways for women Friends, both programmed and unprogrammed, to connect. All are encouraged to attend.

Next Quarterly Meeting Date: May 4-5, 2018 at Multnomah Meeting.

Announcements

Remember when sending materials to Meetings that they also are to be sent to Worship Groups and Isolated Friends. This is now easier with the new North Pacific Yearly Meeting Directory, to be found on line at npym.org. There is a way to search for isolated Friends from each of the different Quarterly Meetings.

Salem Friend Meeting will be hosting a meeting for worship for Convergent Friends on April 29 at 6:30pm. Convergent Friends is a gathering of Friends from both unprogrammed Meetings and Friends churches. Friends are invited to look for opportunities to join in this conversation.

Fellowship of Reconciliation announces that the annual regional conference, June 30-July 3rd at Seabeck, WA, is being organized by young women of color this year. Friends who are moved to erase racism are invited to attend; this is an extraordinary opportunity to listen. www.forseabeck.org