

## Willamette Quarterly Meeting

Spring Quarter 2010

Sky Camp, Lowell, OR

April 25, 2010

John Etter, Presiding Clerk

The Meeting opened with worship, with 17 Friends present as Meeting commenced.

**2010-4-25 (1) Minutes of the February 6, 2010, WQM Meeting for Worship for Business** were read and approved.

**2010-4-25 (2) Treasurer's Report:** Clerk John Etter read the report submitted by Lyn Gordon, Treasurer. The treasurer noted that income and expenses thus far in 2010 are nearly equal, with \$800 budgeted to assist with the Sky Camp costs beyond what registrations will cover. Without additional donations, the Spiritual Life (Financial Aid) Fund may not have enough to cover aid for events later this year. Donations to the fund are most welcome. The Meeting **accepted** the report.

**2010-4-25 (3) Nominating Committee:** Nancy McLaughlan reported that the committee members have continued to meet by telephone to fill the slate, acknowledging Leonora Kent's help after her term was completed. Their particular emphasis is the Ministry and Oversight Committee, as they feel the need for their services may increase with the changed structure of WQM gatherings. The Committee reported no success in finding Friendly Adult Presence for the Junior Friends for this session of WQM. *They suggest that individual Meetings continue their efforts in building a Junior Friends program.*

**The nomination of Gretchen Williver (Central Oregon Worship Group) as Assistant Registrar** was presented. She would serve as Assistant now, moving into the Registrar position in February 2011 to continue until February 2012. A new Assistant Registrar will be named in February 2011. **Approved.**

**2010-4-25 (4) Registrar's Report:** Clerk read the report provided by Darlene Colborn, registrar. There were 74 total registered participants, 54 adults and 20 youths. 35 came for 2 nights, 13 for one night, and 6 for the day. There were also 16 visitors, 5 students from Wellsprings Friends School, and 11 Tibetan/Tuvan visitors.

*The Clerk will write a letter of appreciation to the Tibetan and Tuvan visitors, thanking them for their participation.* **WQM thanks John Allcott for arranging these visits. Friends also expressed appreciation for the presence of Wellsprings students.**

**2010-4-25 (5) Ministry and Oversight Committee report:** Rae Lawrence, clerk of M & O, reported that the three members of the committee present this weekend have been asked to address several concerns. *She asked Friends to return to local Meetings and Worship Groups with a request for new participants for the Committee.* The Committee usually meets in person at WQM sessions, then by telephone or e-mail between sessions as needed. The job description will be revised and posted on the WQM website.

A Friend suggested that the M & O Committee could be filled by each Monthly Meeting identifying a member to serve, leading to greater communication within WQM and additional Spirit-lead participation. This idea was referred to M & O for seasoning.

Friends expressed a desire for WQM Minutes to be shared more broadly with individuals in the local Meetings. Meetings have differing practices regarding distributing the Minutes beyond the Clerk and/or contact person. **The recording clerk agreed to the request to boldface the approved decisions and italicize the actions needed in the Minutes.**

**2010-4-25 (6) Fall WQM Planning Committee:** Jane Snyder, Fall Planning Committee member, reported on the next gathering on October 2, 2010, at Multnomah Meetinghouse in Portland, with the theme "Feeding the body, feeding the Soul." There will be intergenerational food-related service project opportunities (food bank and food distributors for homeless people), farm visits, and meals from local sources. Overnight hospitality with local Friends will be offered. Friday night activities may be arranged, depending on additional planning assistance.

*The two identified members of this committee request additional Friends' help in planning and taking responsibility for this gathering.*

Friends on the current Planning Committee reported difficulty in finding staff for the Children's Program for weekend events. Should we facilitate the children "just hanging out?" Committees were encouraged to elicit children's input in planning activities, and to plan for older and younger groups to join together for some activities. The Planning Committee for fall has already found some of the Children's Program staff needed.

**2010-4-25 (7) Announcements:** Friends are invited to attend the Wellsprings Friends School graduation on June 17 at the First Christian Church in Eugene.

Having extended beyond the scheduled time, the Meeting moved into waiting worship with a minimum of disruption.

John Etter, Clerk

Chris Cradler, Recording Clerk