

Willamette Quarterly Meeting
Winter Quarter 2012; February 4, 2012
Corvallis Friends Meeting, Corvallis, OR
John Etter, Presiding Clerk

The Meeting opened with worship, with at least 39 Friends present as Meeting commenced.

2012-2-4 (1) Minutes of the October 1, 2011, WQM Meeting for Worship for Business were read and **approved**.

2012-2-4 (2) Treasurer's Report: Lyn Gordon reported on the income and expenses for 2011, and the proposed budget for 2012. For 2011 all Meetings and one Worship Group sent assessments to WQM. Activities during the year brought in more money than they cost. Donations for the year were \$450 to Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and \$250 to Friends Peace Teams. Formal written acknowledgments were received from both organizations. Total expenses were less than income by about \$1300.

For 2012 four member groups have already sent assessments to WQM. Treasurer proposes increasing the customary \$800 subsidy for the spring and fall gatherings to \$1000, to give more flexibility in registration fee setting to planners. The potential "Other Experimental Gatherings" line item of \$800 is budgeted to encourage more experimentation in activities around the quarter. EMO donation continues at \$450 (\$75 per congregation), Spiritual Life Fund financial aid is budgeted at \$300 (forecast based on 2010 - 2011 average use), and FPT donation returns to 2010 level of \$500.

The 2011 Report and the 2012 Budget were approved.

2012-2-4 (3) Nominating Committee: Nancy McLaughlan presented a nearly full roster of officers and committees with terms beginning March 1, 2012, lacking only one member for the Ministry and Oversight Committee. Nominees presented for approval were:
Clerk: Betsey Kenworthy (Multnomah), 2014; Recording Clerk: Marian Rhys (Multnomah), 2014; Ministry and Oversight: Rose Lewis (Salem), 2013, Janet Jump (Bridge City), 2014, and Sakre Edson (Florence WG), 2014; Web Keeper: Jim Flory (Corvallis), 2013; Treasurer: Lyn Gordon (Multnomah), 2013; Registrar: Laura Arcidiacano (Bridge City), 2013; Assistant Registrar: Kehman Shaw (Bridge City), 2013; and Nominating Committee: Beth Hunt (Eugene), 2015.
The nominating slate was approved. A complete list of Officers and committees is attached to these minutes.

2012-2-4 (4) Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Representative Report: Clerk John Etter read the report sent by Joe Snyder. Joe had recently attended his first monthly meeting of "Bishops and Executives," with administrators of 10 member denominations envisioning for EMO's future. EMO's collective voice and outward mission will continue to be focused on socioeconomic issues with which Friends resonate: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, housing the homeless, opposing the death penalty, etc. EMO's voice is larger than that of any of the member denominations individually. Friends' concern about the lack of representation of non-Christian groups (particularly Jewish and Muslim congregations) is shared by Christian denominations within EMO. Joe assured us that Friends' concerns were brought forward and heard. Joe noted that he is willing to speak about EMO as well as his recent volunteer experiences in Guatemala and Haiti with individual Meetings.

Friends commented on the report, wondering about the various interfaith organizations with which individual Friends are involved. It was suggested that local interfaith organization

members may want to coordinate with Joe on statewide EMO activities. Offering an interest group at spring quarterly on this topic was suggested. Friends from Bend/Central Oregon Worship Group, Florence WG, and South Mountain Meeting spoke of their connections with interfaith groups in their locales.

2012-2-4 (5) Announcements:

- WQM's Men's Retreat will be held on March 9 – 11, 2012, at Big Bear Camp between Florence and Eugene. The Planning Committee is impressed with the camp's amenities.
- Spring WQM planners handed out "save the date" notices for a family camp format gathering on May 4 – 6, 2012, at Camp Cleawox in Florence. The camp is available from 2:30 pm on Friday until 2:30 pm on Sunday, with canoes reserved for Friends on Friday afternoon. It is a rustic camp, with a lodge and one small sleeping unit reserved for Friday night and a second sleeping unit reserved for Saturday night. Several Friends in the local Florence area are offering "less rough housing" in their guest bedrooms for those who need it.
- Pacific Northwest Quaker Women's Theology Conference will be held on June 13 – 17, 2012, at Menucha Conference Center above the Columbia River Gorge. Its theme "Living in the Life and Power: Inviting, Contemplating, and Enacting Grace" will be considered by women from North Pacific, Northwest, and Canadian Yearly Meetings.
- Bob Marvos and Jay Thatcher will plunge into the Willamette River on February 11, 2012, in an organized fundraiser for Special Olympics. They welcome donations as well as additional plungers to join them.

The Meeting paused for lunch to allow the new Ministry and Oversight Committee to meet, and then resumed.

2012-2-4 (6) Ministry and Oversight Committee: Janet Jump reported that the newly-constituted committee met during lunch. Janet will serve as committee clerk this year. Friends were directed to the WQM Handbook online for a description of Ministry and Oversight functions. In line with the handbook it was noted that another member of the committee is still needed.

The Handbook needs updating. The committee asked for input from Friends on corrections and/or additions, with the expectation of bringing proposed changes to the annual WQM business meeting in February 2013.

2012-2-4 (7) Minutes of appreciation: Friends approved minuting appreciation to the officers and committee members who have completed their service to WQM. Appreciation to Corvallis Friends Meeting for their hospitality and hosting this gathering was also approved.

The meeting closed with a short period of worship.

John Etter, Clerk
Chris Cradler, Recording Clerk