

Willamette Quarterly Meeting

Spring Quarter

Sky Camp

May 1-3, 2009

Jeanne Kimball, Clerk

Up to 50 people gathered for Meeting for Worship for Business on May 2, 2009. We opened with silent worship.

1. **Nominating Committee**, John Allcott reporting. Rose Lewis was nominated for Ministry and Oversight. **Meeting Approved.**
2. **Treasurer's Report**, Lyn Gordon reporting. We are still in good shape, with \$7300 on hand. There is \$1980 in the Spiritual Life Fund. These figures reflect the \$1000 donation already given to the Friends Peace Team. We still need to make a deposit for the Fall Quarterly, however. (See attached report.)
3. **Thank you note received**, from Ann Dusseau on behalf of Friends Peace Team.
4. **Announcements** were made.
5. **State of Society Reports.** The following reports were shared:
 - Eugene Friends Meeting, Alexandra Barnard reporting
 - South Mountain Meeting, Leslie Laing reporting
 - Multnomah Meeting, Lyn Gordon and Leslie Carter reporting
 - Bridge City Meeting, Gerhardt Quast reporting
 - Central Valley Worship Group, Bob Marvos reporting
 - Salem Meeting, Rose Lewis reporting
 - Corvallis Meeting, Jay Thatcher reporting

Thirty people were present for a second Meeting for Worship for Business on May 3, 2009.

1. **Registrar's Report**, Darlene Colborn reporting. Attendance for this Quarterly Meeting was 83, including 20 children. All the camps fees were covered, including \$450 in fee waivers and scholarships.
2. **Future of Quarterly Meetings.** Several people have approached Jeanne with concerns about the viability of our Quarterly Meetings, given the low attendance of recent years and the lack of people willing to plan the sessions. Discussion ensued, with the concern of moving the dates to the end of April to avoid May complications. **Meeting approved this change, if Sky Camp is available.** Leonora Kent will follow up on this change. Jane Ewert is willing to continue as camp site liaison unless someone else wishes to step in. More people requested scholarships this session. We decided four plus the registrar makes a good number for the planning committee. South Mountain

appreciates having a north and south site, since they rarely make the long drive to Mt. Hood. Do we still meet the affinity needs of our members, one Friend asked? Another Friend reminded us that Quarter Meeting attendance was historically part of our obligation as members (just like Annual Session), because business is attended to at these sessions (“It’s what Quakers do!”). Also, in the past each Meeting was responsible for a meal at these sessions, which tended to get more people involved from the various Meetings (with the exception of Salem and Corvallis who host us at the winter Quarterly Meeting)

The concern of whether or not Quarterly Meetings still meet the needs of individuals and families in the current Quarter arose. Jeanne suggested we query all the Meetings and Worship Groups to get a sense of their take on the future of our Quarterly Meetings. Ellen Hubbe, Nancy McLauchlan, and Jay Thatcher agreed to assist Jeanne with formulating these queries. **Meeting Approved.** Jeanne will contact this committee over the summer.

Meeting ended with Meeting for Worship, beginning with a healing call for Carri Morrison.

Respectfully submitted, Sakre Edson, Recording Clerk