

Willamette Quarterly Meeting
Spring Quarter 2012; May 4-6
Camp Cleawox, Florence, OR
Betsey Kenworthy. Presiding Clerk

Meeting for worship for business opened with silent worship followed by the reading of the agenda and introduction of committee members and planners. Esther Schiedel, Clerk of the Nominating Committee, reported that the committee is seeking one more member of Ministry and Oversight.

Minute 2012-5-5 (1) Robert Smith, who passed away earlier this year, was very active with the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. The representative to Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon from WQM is now Joe Snyder. EMO represents a number of churches in Oregon and allows them to have a unified face for purposes of advocacy and charitable works. They value a Quaker presence on their board.

Discussion is ongoing about EMO becoming an interfaith rather than ecumenical organization. At present it is only a Christian organization. However, it lacks representatives from the evangelical churches. Is it a welcoming organization for homosexuals? EMO is supportive of the gay community, but can't advocate policy, due to divergent opinions.

Minute 2012-5-5 (2) Epistle from Friends' World Conference in Nairobi, Kenya. Jane Snyder was present as the Clerk of the Section of the Americas (English). Joe Snyder spoke about the power of the gathering and will offer further discussion about Friends' World Conference in the afternoon.

Minute 2012-5-5 (3) Laying Down of Meetings in the Quarter:
Willamette Falls Worship Group was under care of Multnomah Monthly Meeting. It was officially laid down in 2008, but the process was not reported to the Quarterly Meeting. That action is now officially reported.

Minute 2012-5-5 (4) Current List of Meetings and Worship Groups of the Willamette Quarter was read:

Boise Valley Monthly Meeting
Bridge City Friends Meeting
Central Oregon WG
Corvallis Monthly Meeting
Eugene Friends Meeting
Fanno Creek WG
Florence WG
Lower Columbia WG
Mountain View WG
Multnomah Monthly Meeting
Salem Friends Meeting
South Mountain Friends Meeting

Umpqua Valley WG

Oregon State Penitentiary WG exists, but is not formally under the care of a Meeting. Its closest ties are with Salem Meeting.

Minute 2012-5-5 (5) Visitation of isolated friends is important and will be supported.

Meeting for worship for business was adjourned until the afternoon.

Second Session, Saturday afternoon.

Minute 2012-5-5 (6) Reading of Minutes from morning session. Minutes were approved.

Minute 2012-5-5 (7) Treasurer's report: Willamette Quarterly Meeting has a little over \$4,000 in the bank, and is in good shape.

Minute 2012-5-5 (8) The Nominating Committee is pleased to nominate Jeff Lumb as a member of WQM Ministry & Oversight Committee. His membership is approved.

Minute 2012-5-5 (9) Registration report: 73 people are here, 12 of whom are children.

Minute 2012-5-5 (10) State of Society Reports:
Representatives from the following meetings and worship groups read reports.

Boise Valley Monthly Meeting
Bridge City Friends Meeting
Central Oregon WG
Corvallis Monthly Meeting
Eugene Friends Meeting
Florence WG
Lower Columbia WG
Multnomah Monthly Meeting
Salem Friends Meeting
South Mountain Friends Meeting
Umpqua Valley WG (given orally)

Announcements:

Lower Columbia Worship Group is hosting another Quaker Music Festival on August 25th and 26th, 2012 in Sea View, Washington. Friends from both Yearly Meetings in the Pacific Northwest will be participating.

The next Quarterly Meeting is the weekend of October 5th & 6th at Multnomah Monthly Meeting. Please come and accept hospitality of Portland Friends.

Thank you again to the planners.

Meeting closed with a short period of worship.

Betsey Kenworthy, Presiding Clerk
Andrew Graham, Acting Recording Clerk