

Willamette Quarterly Meeting

Winter Quarter

Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp

October 2-3, 2009

Jeanne Kimball, Clerk

Forty two people attended Meeting for Worship for Business on October 2, 2009. We opened with silent worship.

1. **Minutes**, Sakre Edson reading. The Minutes of the Spring Quarterly Meeting were read and corrected to say “Central Oregon Valley Worship Group.”

2. **Treasurer’s Report**, Lyn Gordon reporting. We used \$900 in scholarships for this Meeting out of the \$1700 available in the Spiritual Life Fund. After paying \$6500 for this session at Mt. Hood, dues for Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and the scholarships for this Quarterly Meeting, Lyn still feels we will be in very good shape for the future. A concern was raised about Boise Valley Meeting folks not attending, and we were reminded that they can apply for funds from the Spiritual Life Fund along with everyone else. That fund continues to grow.

3. **Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon event**, Jeanne Kimball reporting for Lisa Devaney. Lisa has purchased a table at their annual dinner on October 13th in Portland. Six spaces are still available. Lisa hopes for broader representation from Willamette Quarterly Meeting. Please contact Jeanne Kimball, Lisa Devaney or Betsey Kenworthy to attend.

4. **Spring Quarter date change**, Jeanne Kimball reporting. Due to concerns of date conflicts brought up last year, the dates for Sky Camp next spring will be April 23-25, 2010.

5. **Winter Quarter date set**, Jeanne Kimball reporting. Unless we hear otherwise from Corvallis Meeting, the Winter Quarterly Meeting for Worship for Business and Fellowship will take place the first Saturday, February 6, 2010.

6. **Responses to the future of Willamette Quarterly Meeting**, Jeanne Kimball reporting. Jeanne noted that we have lots of input from Meetings and some individuals with ideas for the future of our Quarterly Meeting. A committee of Jay Thatcher, Ellen Hubbe, Nancy McLauchlan and Jeanne will go over the responses and give a report for consideration at the Winter Quarterly Meeting.

7. **Fall Quarterly Meeting Planning Committee**, Miriam Lange reporting. This committee struggled to put together this session, with the loss of some members and the lack of a clerk. Typically, the local Meetings handle this planning with Multnomah and Bridge City being responsible for fall quarter, Corvallis and Salem for winter and Eugene and South Mountain for spring. Is this process still working? Jane Ewert urged us to revisit why Quarterly Meetings are important and what is the value of us coming together from all over the state? “There is more to it than meetings and meals,” she noted.

Miriam has offered her services to do some strategic planning around how WQM might look in the future, using its limited time and resources. There was also some discussion about how Ministry and Oversight might assist the Quarter in this work, with clarification that this task was, indeed, within the job description of this committee. After the gathered input on the future of WQM is shared at Winter Quarter, a clearer picture may emerge.

8. **Registrar's Report**, Darlene Colborn reporting. A total of 76 adults and 5 children attended this session. Forty eight adults and all the children stayed over Saturday night; 26 adults came just for the day and two adults came for just Sunday. Friday night's potluck at Multnomah Meeting was attended by 45-50 people.

9. **Appreciation expressed**. The Meeting approved expressing great appreciation for the work of Darlene Colborn, Miriam Lange, Debbie Averill, Kirby Urner and Jane Snyder at this session.

The Meeting ended with a few announcements from Jeanne, including handouts from John Calvi that were made available to all.

Respectfully submitted by Sakre Edson, Recording Clerk