

Willamette Quarterly Meeting Treasurer's Report, Winter Quarter 2013 (Feb. 2, 2013)

Annual Income/Expense Summary 2012	Notes
Income/Assets	
<i>Checkbook balance at beginning of year</i>	\$ 4,391.20
<i>Assessments Rec'd</i>	\$ 1,830.00
<i>Spiritual Life Fund donations</i>	\$ 220.00 \$175 @ Spring QM, \$45 @ Fall
<i>QM Registration Fees</i>	\$ 4,125.00 \$2,690.00 Spring, \$1,435.00 Fall
<i>Misc. Income</i>	\$ 44.85 Men's retreat 'profit'; added to fund
Total Income	\$ 6,219.85
Expenses/Liabilities	
<i>Office & Misc. Expense</i>	\$ 62.39 Nominating Cttee. conference calls
<i>EMO Membership</i>	\$ 450.00 Paid June 2012
<i>Friends Peace Teams donation</i>	\$ 500.00 Paid June 2012
<i>Winter Quarter '12- Corvallis</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Spring Quarter- Camp Cleawox</i>	\$ 2,532.65
<i>Fall Quarter- Multnomah Friends Meeting</i>	\$ 1,252.42
Total Expenses	\$ 4,797.46
End of Year Checkbook Balance	\$ 5,813.59
Fund Balances as of 12/31/2012	
<i>Reserve/Unallocated</i>	\$ 5,233.74 Was about \$4000 last year at this time.
<i>Spiritual Life Fund</i>	\$ 435.00 Requests for assistance are welcome!
<i>Men's Retreat Fund</i>	\$ 144.85

Both fall and spring quarter made a 'profit' again this year- more came in via registrations, food sales, subsidy and scholarships than went out in expense.

Proposed Budget for 2013	Notes
Income Source	
<i>Assessments</i>	\$ 1,810 Rate \$5 per member; six groups have paid as of 2/1/13.
<i>Spiritual Life Fund Donations</i>	\$ 200 Forecast based on 2010-2012 average.
Total Expected Income	\$ 2,010
Expenses	
<i>Spring Quarterly Meeting</i>	\$ 1500
<i>Fall Quarterly Meeting</i>	\$ 1500
<i>Other Experimental Gatherings</i>	\$ 1500
<i>Office/Administrative Expenses</i>	\$ 100
<i>Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) Donation</i>	\$ 450 \$75 per Oregon 'congregation.'
<i>Spiritual Life Fund- Scholarships</i>	\$ 300 Forecast based on hoped-for use (at least this much!).
<i>Friends Peace Teams (FPT) Donation</i>	\$ 500 Maintain at 2012 level.
Total Expected Expenses	\$5,850

Proposed increase from previous subsidies to give more flexibility in registration fee-setting to planners (and thus hopefully encouraging attendance).

This proposed budget forecasts anticipated income and expenses for 2013, including adding additional subsidy to our customary spring and fall gatherings, and increasing the budget for "experimental" gatherings (potential support for Quaker Fest in late summer, for example). Although proposed expenses are nearly three times our expected income, we have a "too healthy" balance in our checking account, and we should use Quarterly Meeting resources for their primary intended purpose: Providing Friends from around the Quarter with opportunities for fellowship, mutual support, and spiritual growth. Even if all expected expenses take place, we will end 2013 with about a \$2000 balance, adequate reserves for reservation fees and normal expenses.

Respectfully submitted (in absentia), *Lyn Gordon, Willamette Quarterly Meeting Treasurer*

Minute adopted at Willamette Quarterly Meeting

Feb 2, 2013, Corvallis Oregon

Recognizing that the misuse and abuse of firearms has brought great sadness to our society, WQM encourages the members of our communities to reach out to our neighbors and our leaders to help heal the root causes of violence and tragedy.

Material presented prior to the adoption of the above minute:

Proposed minute prepared several days prior to the above minute in preparation for discussion at the Quarterly Meeting:

We live that peace begins with us and that there is that of Spirit in each of us. Our work is in the present.

We try to live this in the face of being hungry, angry, lonely and tired. I am mindful of my own shortcomings in my continuous transformation to being Spirit-led. We are aware that others face many of these human stresses.

We are all in this community together, from our neighbor to our world.

Accordingly, we value the assistance of the police whom we hire and support intervene when and where we are unable to love and restrain a stranger or even ourselves should we become violent. Friends encourage Spirit speak through each one of us and we work to give the tools for securing safety to those we entrust this responsibility.

Friends urge our elected leadership to go to the roots of violence and maintain the safe refuge in jails, prisons and mental hospitals for violence prone individuals.

Friends will continue to bring witness and work with the victims of gun violence. We also seek to learn the roots of violence arising from time to time in each of us be it from violent video games or privations. Friends commit to the opportunity and challenge of letting peace begin with oneself and meeting Spirit in everyone.

Let us see what Love can do in this work of transformation of us and our community.

Proposed Minute for the WQM (prepared after discussion group during the meeting (and on which the Quarter could not unite, prior to coming to unity on the Minute above)

Let Peace Begin with Me on Responsible Firearms Use and Gun Safety.

Recognizing we live amongst violence, we will work toward building safe homes, neighborhoods and communities based on trust, love and cooperation.

Transforming fear in myself, my friends and strangers, to move beyond to love, in the institutions responsible for mental health and public health.

We see fear as a symptom of deeper hurts and concerns.

Here we list several actions that Friends alone and in Monthly Meetings in WQM may consider

1. Initiate and build dialogue by listening to the fears of our neighbors and strangers on gun safety

2. Consider Compassionate Listening circles in our local community to confront our fears in ourselves and learn from how Spirit moves in others.
3. Support people in our community at risk for violence including domestic violence
4. Work to remove violence in media
5. Build neighborhood watches as a channel to replace fear

We want to address the roots of privation, which drives unjust society, and also consider

1. Assisting military veterans at risk for suicide
2. Following and working for research on unintended initiation of violence, including concerns that psychotropic medications taken in childhood might lead to subsequent violence later in life.

We also are aware that our Legislators are considering and need our support to pass these bills:

Status of bills as of January 31, 2013:

1. School Guns Bill, SB 347

Sponsor: Sen. Ginny Burdick

Removes the provision from state law that allows any person with a concealed handgun license to bring loaded guns into K–12 schools; Exempts guns carried by public safety officers or allowed by the local school district policy.

2. Limit Magazine Capacity, SB 346

Sponsor: Sen. Ginny Burdick

Bans large-capacity ammunition magazines that hold more than ten bullets—the type used in mass shootings.

3. Assault Weapons Ban,

(at Legislative Counsel)

Bans the sale of military-style semi-automatic assault weapons—weapons whose only purpose is to kill as many people as possible very quickly. Allows for grandfathered AW

4. Universal Background Checks,

(at Legislative Counsel)

Background checks reveal whether the potential buyer is a felon or a fugitive, has been adjudicated mentally ill, or can't lawfully own a gun for other reasons. Bill would require background checks for private gun sales. Already required for licensed dealers and gun shows in Oregon.

5. Child Access Prevention

(At Legislative Counsel :)

Makes it a crime to endanger a minor by allowing access to a firearm. The purpose of the bill is to encourage adults to keep children and teenagers from obtaining their guns and shooting people.

6 Federal proposed ban on Assault Weapons and Large capacity magazines, increases background checks and other provisions (Senator Feinstein's bill.) "Grandfathers" existing

AW's. Essentially this is a return to 1994 status when the US had an assault weapons ban. This is an improved bill, however and will create a stronger ban.

How to put faith into action now regarding these suggestions:

1. Tell your elected state and federal officials of your concern. Write a letter. See below for addresses.
2. Consider writing your city council and county commission even though they don't have write this law, they are in charge of purchasing for firearms and ammunition for their employees and may want to consider the gun safety position of the manufacturers of those concerns
3. Bring your concerns to your meeting for worship for business and propose ways to initiate dialogue starting with ourselves, and then with others, on all of our fears.

Some addresses and a hyperlink to **Find your Oregon legislator:**

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/>

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2-2-2013

To Willamette Quarterly Meeting:

Report from Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) continues to be a powerful voice and witness for the Church in Oregon. The presence of a Friend on the board is much appreciated. Ongoing ministries of EMO include divisions devoted to earthcare and environmental concerns (Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns), Nutrition, Hunger, and Social Support Ministries, Refugee and Immigration Ministries, and Affordable Housing Programs. These are not just paper entities, but have active community programs, often with bricks and mortar locations where food and housing, for example, are supplied. In addition, EMO has a Public Policy Advocacy division which is very active in promoting the Church's message of peace, justice, and reconciliation primarily on the state level, but also when possible, with more local governments as well. EMO is well respected by legislators, much as FCNL is in Washington. EMO would like to have a Friend sit on the public policy advisory committee who could maintain contact between EMO and FCNL.

Every year EMO presents an event called the Collins Lecture. This year Prof. Gary Dorian spoke about "God's Economy" a faithful response to economic crisis. Unfortunately, his travel to Oregon was interrupted by the big storm in NY and the lecture had to be rescheduled, resulting in lower attendance. Prof. Dorian also spoke at events in Salem and Eugene. EMO recently completed its annual Earth Care Summit entitled "Living Waters" in the Portland area. Upcoming on 2-28-13 is the annual Interfaith Advocacy Day at Salem, a chance for a wide range of faith communities, especially Christians, Muslims, and Jews, to gather for joint witness to our legislators concerning areas of concern. Also coming up on 4/25/13 will be the annual Community Awards and Celebration Dinner. This is good opportunity to give EMO some financial support, which is greatly needed at this time, due to the sparse attendance at the Collins Lecture and a general decline in voluntary giving. Details of these and other upcoming activities (they are numerous) are available at the EMO website: www.emoregon.org

Meetings may wish to become individually affiliated with EMO in order to be better supplied with the great quantity of information that comes from this organization. At very least, your representative would like to have a contact person from each interested Meeting/Worship Group to which he could forward items of interest.

Yours respectfully,

Joe Snyder

State of the Society Reports

Willamette Quarterly Meeting / North Pacific Yearly Meeting

Hundreds of years ago George Fox spent many years and much energy traveling the length and breadth of England setting up Monthly and Quarterly Meetings for the purpose of maintaining unity and common purpose among Friends. Queries were developed to help assess the health of the Meetings, so that aid and comfort could be provided to struggling communities. We continue to write State of Society reports annually, to share at our Quarterly Meeting, so that we may have a collective sense of the spiritual health of Friends in our Quarter.

To accomplish this purpose, the reports must be more than just a listing of activities and statistics; rather, they are a deep searching into the spiritual life and health of the Meeting. At our Winter 2013 gathering, Willamette Quarterly Meeting decided to suggest that the State of Society report focus only on that spiritual life, addressing both the strengths and weaknesses of the Meeting frankly and openly, in order that we can support and encourage each other in further growth in the Spirit. The “nuts-and-bolts” portion—i.e., statistics (numbers of members, new members, marriages, deaths, births, etc.) and lists of activities and actions in which the Meeting or its members have been engaged—can be attached as a separate sheet.

To that end, the following queries are offered to aid in preparation of the State of Society report.

- How is the Spirit with you, Friends?
- Is your Meeting “complete”? Are there enough resources for the Meeting to function effectively as a body? (This may be reflected in the ability of your nominating committee to complete its work.)
- Are vital Meeting committees fully commissioned and functioning effectively?
- Is there vital prophetic ministry among you, including, but not limited to, vocal ministry in Meeting for Worship?
- Are lives being transformed by the workings of the Spirit among you?
- Is hospitality practiced among you? Are newcomers being welcomed warmly and returning and being enfolded in love? Are the needs of the chronically ill, poor, downtrodden, homeless, oppressed, and captive, among us, both within and without the Meeting community, addressed?
- Are Meetings for Business well attended and held in worshipful expectation?
- Are children and young people a vital and participating part of your Meeting? Are there active educational programs for Friends of all ages?

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- With what have you struggled, Friends? How are you responding to problems or difficulties?
- Is there an important concern or joy you would like to share with the other Meetings?

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Statistical and Activity Report March 20__ to March 20__

Meeting or Worship Group Name:

Current number of (adult) members:

Gained this year:

Lost this year:

Approximate number of adult attenders:

Children (infant through 12 years):

Youth (Central and Junior Friends (ages 12 -18):

Main activities of your meeting this year, which may include: regularly scheduled activities (potlucks, reading or study groups, outreach activities, retreats, etc.), and other activities and concerns, possibly mentioning those that have been taken up or laid down in the past year.

The above may be presented simply and with minimal comment. Their effects on the life of the Meeting may be addressed in the State of Society report proper.

WQM Nominating Committee

February 2, 2013

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Officers and committees are approved at the winter meeting and terms begin March 1. Most terms are 2 years (WQM Handbook, 2010)

Our Current Roster:

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Marian Rhys (Multnomah), 2014

Ministry and Oversight

Dave Ek (Multnomah) 2015

Rose Lewis (Salem) 2015

Janet Jump (Bridge City) 2014

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Laura Arcidiacano (Bridge City), 2015

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EMO Representative

Joe Synder

Treasurer

Lyn Gordon (Multnomah) 2015

Registrar

Kehrnan Shaw (Bridge City), 2014

Assistant Registrar

Priscilla Jones-Marvos (Central Oregon) 2014

Junior Friends

David Knowlton (Eugene) 2015

Nominating Committee (3 year)

Bob Marvos (Central Oregon) 2014

Beth Hunt (Eugene), 2015
