

Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting

Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business, October 11, 2009

Minutes

The meeting opened at 12:00 p.m. with silent worship. Susan Burr clerked the meeting. Nineteen Friends were present.

The minutes of the September 13, 2009 Meeting for Business were read and approved with the following changes in Announcements:

- (1) the words “eliminate carbon emissions” are replaced with “reduce carbon emissions” in the International Day of Action announcement,
- (2) the next Quarterly Meeting will be held October 16-18, 2009 and
- (3) at the end of the announcement of the FCL fundraiser the following is added “[Subsequent to the Business Meeting it was learned that the fundraiser will not be held.]”

Clerk’s Business and Correspondence

The Clerk expressed the Meeting’s joy and appreciation for the efforts of many of the Meeting in the Otis-Cornell wedding. The Arrangements Committee was particularly thanked.

The Retreat Committee was thanked for a successful Fall Retreat at which our community reflected on our Meeting’s 30th Anniversary.

The Meeting received a letter of thanks from Friends World Committee on Consultation for our annual \$150 donation.

The holiday event is tentatively set for December 5 at 5 pm at Berkeley Friends Church. Hospitality Committee will be organizing the event with Care of the Meeting Committee organizing the program.

The Meeting received a letter from Gregory Smith, a death row inmate at San Quentin prison requesting pen pals and information about Quakerism. One friend mentioned that Marin Meeting has written guidelines for responding to such requests. The letter was referred to Peace, Earthcare & Social Witness Committee for considering guidelines. An acknowledgement of the letter will be sent by the clerks.

Old Business

Membership Transfer Request of Mary Miche (Care of the Meeting Committee) (Charlie Blanchard) No concerns have been expressed concerning Mary Miche’s request for transfer of membership from our meeting to Redwood Forest Meeting. The Meeting approved the request.

The Committee is also considering the request of Sally Hindman to transfer to our meeting and should be making a recommendation at our next business meeting.

One friend asked if Marianne Kearney-Brown had been asked if she would like her daughter Mary asked if she wanted associate membership in the meeting. Charlie said the Committee would contact Marianne.

Nominations (Nominating Committee) (Nancy Wilkinson) The Committee has received no concerns about the nomination of Laura Miller to serve on the Loaves and Fishes Committee. The Meeting approved the nomination.

New Business

Nominations (Nominating Committee) (Nancy Wilkinson) The Committee nominates Carl Magruder and Eduardo Martinez to serve on the Facilities Committee. Their nominations will season for one month.

Sherrin Loyd has requested release from the Care of the Meeting Committee. The Meeting approved her request.

The Committee still has the following open positions: Loaves and Fishes Committee and First Day School Committee (two positions: teen group and upper primary).

Reports

Peace, Earthcare & Social Witness Committee (James Hosley) There was a successful Tabling Day held this month with 10-12 non-profit groups participating in sharing information about their work.

There will be an International Day of Action on October 24, 2009 with circling of Mount Diablo to bring attention to the need to reduce carbon emissions. Friends who cannot afford the \$20 participant fee can ask that it be paid by the Dime A Gallon Fund.

Announcements

Friendly Sevens and Eights will be held October 24-25, 2009. Hospitality Committee encourages participation and is looking for volunteers to host and convene.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held October 16-18, 2009. This will be the 30th Anniversary of our Meeting being approved by the Quarter.

There is an article about Victor Diaz, the principal of the Berkeley Technology Academy in the October 9, 2009 Oakland Tribune.

First Day School is conducting a survey on Quakers and the use of plastics as well as locavore foods. It is also considering a local foods cookbook.

The next Business Meeting will be held on November 8, 2009 at 11:50 a.m. at the Berkeley Technology Academy.

The meeting closed at 1:00 p.m. with silent worship.

Submitted by: Susan Burr, Acting Clerk; Joyce Samati, Acting Alternate Clerk and Ralph Murphy, Recording Clerk