

Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business
April 14, 2019 Minutes

The meeting opened at 11:56 am with silent worship. Ralph Murphy clerked the meeting. 43 Friends were present. Rachel Findley gave the response of Worship and Ministry Committee to the Advices and Queries on Harmony with Nature. The Meeting returned to silent worship to reflect on the response.

Approval of the Minutes of the March 10, 2019 Meeting

The Recording Clerk read the minutes for the March 10, 2019 Meeting for Business. The minutes were approved with the following change: Power, Privilege, and Race is a subcommittee, not a working group.

Correspondence and Clerk's Business

The Clerk received thank you letters from Ben Lomond Quaker Center and Alternatives to Violence Project for our meeting's \$150 donations.

The clerk received cards announcing the following events:

Friends Music Camp will be held at Earlham College in two, three, and four-week sessions, beginning on July 7.

East Bay Sanctuary Covenant will be honoring its 2019 Sanctuary Champions on Friday, May 3, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way in Berkeley.

Old Business

State of the Meeting Report (State of the Meeting Report Writing Committee, Raven Moon)
Raven Moon read the report that has been seasoning for one month. A copy of the report is attached. The report was approved. College Park Quarterly Representative Tom Yamaguchi will send the report to CPQM's Ministry and Oversight Committee.

Request to authorize a \$600 budget line for a banner (Finance Committee, Sarah Hawthorne)
The proposed budget line item has been seasoning for one month. Sarah Hawthorne reported that no concerns were received by Finance Committee. The authorization was approved.

Additions of Dorothy Day House and Youth Spirit Artwork to our list of annual donations
(Finance Committee, Sarah Hawthorne)

The additions have been seasoning for one month. Sarah reported no concerns were received by Finance Committee. One Friend asked that our point person for Dorothy Day House keep us informed of any opportunities to be involved with that organization's work.

The proposed additions were approved.

New Business

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Slate of Nominations for 2019-2020 (Nominating Committee, Patricia Dienstfrey)

Patricia presented the slate of nominees. There are a number of vacancies to be filled, including Treasurer.

Friends asked that the slate be posted on the meeting's Yahoo Group and printed in the newsletter. A Friend asked that Nominating Committee identify any positions that require meeting membership.

Discussion of Pacific Yearly Meeting joining Friends General Conference (Pacific Yearly Meeting Representative, Nancy Wilkinson)

Nancy provided background on the proposal to have PYM affiliate with FGC. She provided paper copies of a report from PYM's Ministry and Oversight Committee and has posted it to the meeting's Yahoo Group. PYM intends to be making a final decision at this summer's annual session.

Nancy explained that many PYM Friends have found strong connections to FGC, including attending the annual gathering. They argued that Friends benefit from the services of FGC, whether they attend the annual gathering or not. Historically Friends opposed to affiliation cite PYM's position on maintaining independence. Other concerns included financial obligations and commitments to send representatives to FGC meetings.

Several Friends spoke on the proposal and were in favor of the affiliation.

Friends with questions, opinions, and concerns may contact Nancy Wilkinson.

Minute on Engagement to Uproot and Outgrow Racism within Strawberry Creek Meeting (Power, Privilege, and Race Subcommittee, Susan Burr)

Susan Burr provided background on the proposed minute, which is attached to these minutes. Last summer, the subcommittee led a reading group on the book *Set Free*. The book was written by three Mennonites, specifically as guidance for the Mennonite Church. The authors concluded that in order to be a peace church, they need to be an anti-racist congregation. Susan said she was especially impressed by the comment "We didn't get to this hopeful place by chance." The draft minute has two main sources. Power Privilege, and Race Subcommittee's impetus stems from *Set Free*. The impetus of Quaker Action Worship Group, coauthors of the draft minute, stems from the writings of Vanessa Julye. That has led to the drafting of this minute.

The minute will season for one month. During the seasoning process, the subcommittee will have a discussion Sunday, April 21, at 11:50 am.

Susan said the subcommittee is also working with the Quaker Action Worship Group on anti-racism.

Friends may speak to Susan Burr for more information.

Reports

Peace, Earthcare and Social Witness Committee (David Rutschman)

David provided the paper copies of the notes from the listening meeting on the Dime-A-Gallon fund. There is agreement that the climate crisis is urgent and we need to move beyond the Dime-A-Gallon fund.

The committee plans on creating a study group on the Green New Deal and another listening session on Dime-A-Gallon.

Treasurer's Report (Richard Leath)

Richard presented the report for the period of January to March. The report shows that the meeting has outspent its income by \$14,853.46. A line has been added for other special activities (7986). Funds have been transferred to CDs that pay higher interest.

Announcements

Next Meeting for Business will be held on May 12, 2019 at 11:50 a.m. at Berkeley Technology Academy.

Strawberry Creek Spring Retreat will be held May 3-5, 2019 at Ben Lomond Quaker Center
College Park Quarterly Meeting Spring session will be held May 17 to May 19, 2019, Ben Lomond Quaker Center.

CROP Hunger Walk will be held on May 19, 2019, at St. Mary Magdalen Church, 2005 Berryman Street. Contact Tom Yamaguchi for more information.

Stephen McNeil announced Strawberry Creek and Berkeley meetings are co-sponsoring "Ending the Endless War: Repealing the AUMF" on April 28, 1:00 pm at Berkeley Meetinghouse.

Stephen will be presenting on behalf of the American Friends Service Committee and will be joined by José Hernandez, Deputy District Director for Congresswoman Barbara Lee.

Avotcja Jiltoniro is collecting donations for another shipment of supplies for Puerto Rico this week. She recommended the exhibit "Remember Los Siete" at Acción Latina Gallery in San Francisco.

The meeting closed with silent worship at 1:31 pm.

Submitted by: Ralph Murphy, Clerk, Rachel Findley, Alternate Clerk, and Tom Yamaguchi, Recording Clerk.