

**Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting**  
**Called Meeting for Business**  
**To consider establishment of a site search committee**

**January 7, 2024 minutes**  
**Approved January 14, 2024**

The meeting opened with worship at 12:30 pm. Beth Wrightson clerked. 35 Friends were present via Zoom.

The Clerk read the prompt: *“We are reminded to consider how our work and decisions today support SCMM in becoming an actively anti-racist faith community.”*

After considered discussion, the meeting approved the following minute:

The Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting membership intends to move from the B-Tech space to one that more adequately meets our needs. To this end the Presiding Clerk will appoint an ad hoc search committee to find possible new venues. These venues will offer a worship space, First Day School facilities, and a place to gather in fellowship. The ad hoc committee will share their findings regarding cost, audio visual possibilities, kitchen access, and accessibility to public transportation, among other features. The ad hoc committee will report quarterly to the Care of the Meeting Committee regarding their progress, with a final report being presented to the Meeting for Business for its consideration by February 1, 2025.

The Clerk will pull together a small committee. If Friends are interested in participating please let her know. Friends are invited to share specific concerns with the committee once that has been formed.

These are some of the points that were made in the course of the discussion.

- One Friend said we are one community, with two separate groups (meeting in person and via Zoom.). Several Friends expressed discomfort about that division, and with diminishing the number of times we worship together in hybrid fashion.
- Thoughts about available spaces: Have we explored campus spaces? Could we use this opportunity for partnership with another community – such as, perhaps, an Indigenous group. We could consider a long-term lease, although that would limit our flexibility. The Berkeley Friends Meetinghouse would be open to our using their space. Flexibility about meeting at a different time than 10:00 on Sunday Morning would increase our options.
- The question was raised whether B-Tech could resolve some of our recent issues. We were invited to hold B-Tech in the light in their current challenges.

The Clerk read the query *“How did our work and our decisions today support us in becoming an actively anti-racist faith community?”*

Meeting closed with worship at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Beth Wrightson, Clerk

Elaine Emily, Alternate Clerk

Paul Jolly, Recording Clerk, with assistance from Nancy Wilkinson