

**Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting  
Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business  
August 12, 2018 Minutes**

The meeting opened at 11:55 am with silent worship. Ralph Murphy clerked the meeting. 33 Friends were present. There is no report on responses to Advices and Queries this month. At the invitation of the Clerk, the Meeting returned to silent worship and held the Meeting in the Light.

**June 2018 Minutes and Agenda Review**

Tom Rothschild asked to submit a minute in support for Susan Black's leading on homelessness. The Clerk added the item to new business.

The Recording Clerk read the minutes for the June 10, 2018 Meeting for Business. The minutes were approved as written.

**Correspondence and Clerk's Business**

The Clerk received thank you letters from Friends Committee on National Legislation and Friends Committee on Legislation of California for our annual contributions.

The Clerk received the travel minute for Shelley Tanenbaum with the endorsement of Lucinda Antrim, clerk of New York Yearly Meeting. The travel minute is attached to these minutes.

The clerk announced the following nominations to the Naming Committee: Elaine Emily (convener), Elsa Glines, and Nancy Wilkinson. The names will season for one month.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

**Request for Release from Membership of Melinda Glines** (Care of the Meeting Committee, Shelley Tanenbaum)

Shelley read Melinda's letter requesting release from membership. The Committee recommends that the request be accepted. The meeting accepted Melinda's request with sadness and love.

**Request for \$300 increase in Care of the Meeting Committee Budget** (Care of the Meeting Committee, Shelley Tanenbaum)

The Welcoming and Inclusion Working Group bought supplies used for the welcoming table from their own pockets. Care of the Meeting Committee asks for an increase in its budget to reimburse these costs and others which may occur in this year. This request will season for one month. Friends with questions and concerns may speak to Shelley. The Finance Committee was requested to review this request, if possible, before the next business meeting.

**Travel Minute for Elaine Emily** (Worship and Ministry Committee, Beth Wrightson)

Beth read the travel minute for Elaine Emily. Elaine had an anchoring committee on her ministry that had been laid down. Elaine recently requested a clearness committee, and that committee was created with Mica Estrada, Sally Hindman, and Beth Wrightson. That committee

agreed to write the travel minute and create a new anchoring committee. Mica and Sally are on the new anchoring committee, and a third person is being sought. The Clerk asked if the minute could be approved without seasoning. The travel minute was approved and is attached to these minutes.

#### **Minute of support for Susan Black (Tom Rothschild)**

Susan spoke during worship on the eviction of a homeless encampment in West Berkeley. She has been asked to document that eviction process that is scheduled for tomorrow. Tom wrote a minute in support of Susan Black's leading and asked that we approve it at this business meeting. The following minute was approved:

#### **Minute-Homeless Eviction**

Regarding the eviction of homeless persons from their encampment beneath the freeway underpass at University Avenue and Fourth Street, which the city of Berkeley has scheduled for 8/13/18, Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting:

1. Supports our member Susan Black in following her leading to support those living with homelessness in that encampment and other places by photographing and documenting this eviction as it occurs
2. Calls on the police and others charged with carrying out this directive to do so with empathy, restraint, and respect for those impacted by it.

The Clerk will send the minute via email to the Berkeley mayor, police chief, and city manager. Further action is being referred to the Peace, Earthcare, and Social Witness Committee.

#### **Reports**

##### **Report on Climate Change (Shelley Tanenbaum)**

Shelley gave a brief presentation on climate change. Her presentation was originally made at New York Yearly Meeting's annual gathering. Shelley also held a workshop during that gathering.

Shelley thanked the meeting for its support, saying, "Knowing that your meeting is holding you up in your leading is so important." She added that, whatever we think about climate change, it is worse than we think. While not wanting to be an alarmist, she acknowledged that what she has to say is alarming. Great progress is being made by engineers busy working on solutions, but technology is not going to save us. We need spiritual transformation. Not enough of us in Quaker circles are working on it. Shelley asked us to find organizations to work with. We can't do it alone. We need to work together. She recommended the book *Drawdown* by Paul Hawken. Shelley has handouts of selections from the book.

One friend expressed concern for the lack of participation by people of color. Shelley replied that participation is growing, given that people of color are suffering the greatest impact of climate change.

Avotcja Jiltoniro has videos on climate change and offered the meeting use of them.

##### **Nominating Committee (Charlie Blanchard)**

Copies of the printed report were provided at the business meeting and posted to the meeting's Yahoo Group.

Nominating has also given feedback to individual committees. Charlie thanked the meeting for our participation, including anchoring committees and other non-nominated committees.

Nominating Committee is asking for three actions it believes would help the meeting:

1. Provide education on how to be a constructive committee member.
2. Have the directory include members of ad hoc committees, non-nominated committees, and working groups.
3. Print a complete list of committees and working groups for the bulletin board.

Friends may contact Charlie with questions.

### **Announcements**

The next meeting for business will be held on September 9, 2018 at 11:50 a.m. at Berkeley Technology Academy.

Shelley Tanenbaum made the following announcements:

On September 12, an interfaith service on climate change will be held at Grace Cathedral.

Shelley will have more details later.

From September 11 to September 13, Grace Cathedral and Interfaith Power and Light are sponsoring a number of faith related workshops on climate change. Shelley will facilitate one of them.

Care of the Meeting Committee will have a Clerks' Brunch at Berkeley Meeting on October 6.

Care of the Meeting Committee will have a clerking workshop in October or November.

A one-day retreat is being planned for November 10.

The Twelfth Month Gathering will be on December 8 at Albany Community Center.

Susan Burr announced a third discussion on the book *Set Free* will be next Sunday, August 19, after the meeting for worship.

Avotcja Jiltoniro thanked those who helped raise money for Puerto Rico at her birthday party. She said that reports that all Puerto Ricans want statehood are not true and invited us to learn more about the situation in Puerto Rico.

The meeting closed with silent worship at 1:15 pm.

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