

Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting

Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business, February 14, 2010

Minutes

The meeting opened at 11:50 a.m. with silent worship. Katherine Youngmeister clerked the meeting. Forty-one Friends were present.

Dick Strong read the reflections of the Mutual Care Committee on the advices and queries on The Meeting Community.

The minutes of the January 10, 2010 Meeting for Business were read and approved with one addition: in the Site Committee's report the sentence "We had twelve babies in the nursery today." is changed to state "A Friend who had volunteered in the nursery reported that we had twelve babies in the nursery that day." The minutes of the January 17 and 24, 2010 called meetings for business were read and approved without correction.

Clerk's Business and Correspondence

The Clerk thanked Tom Yamaguchi for being acting recording clerk for the December and January business meetings.

Appreciation was expressed for the work of the Hospitality and Loaves and Fishes committees in co-hosting the Quarterly Meeting on January 16 and for the work of the Worship & Ministry and Hospitality committees in holding a memorial meeting on February 13.

The clerk read letters from James Hosley and Sarah Hawthorne requesting membership in the Meeting. The clerk also read a letter from Todd Osmundson requesting transfer of his membership from Missoula, Montana Monthly Meeting to Strawberry Creek. The letters were referred to the Care of the Meeting Committee.

Old Business

Sally Hindman Membership Transfer Request (Care of the Meeting Committee) (Charlie Blanchard) Rhea Farley, Convener of the membership clearness committee for Sally Hindman, read the report of the Care of the Meeting Committee. The Committee recommends approval of Sally's membership transfer request from Berkeley Meeting to Strawberry Creek. The recommendation will season for one month.

New Business

Nominations (Nominating Committee)(Nancy Wilkinson) The Committee nominates Tom Yamaguchi as Pacific Yearly Meeting Representative and Darcy Stanley as PYM Observer to serve during the 2010 calendar year. These nominations will season for one month.

Proposal to Return Adult Religious Education Responsibilities to Worship and Ministry Committee (Adult Religious Education Committee)(Laura Cornell) Adult Religious Education Committee recommends that the Meeting lay down the Committee and return its responsibilities to the Worship and Ministry Committee effective as of June when the new term of committee memberships begin. It also

proposes that Worship & Ministry Committee be expanded to eight members and that special projects such as Quakerism 101 be undertaken by ad hoc committees under the care of Worship and Ministry.

The impetus for the change occurred at the Clerks and Representatives Workshop held January 23 where the Nominating Committee's problem with finding nominations for all committees was discussed.

This proposal will simplify the committee structure and reduce the number of nominations needed. By using ad hoc committees for special projects, the burden on Worship and Ministry will be reduced and opportunities for service will be created for those who cannot make yearlong committee service commitments.

Sarah Hawthorne reported that Worship and Ministry Committee has discussed the proposal and is in general agreement with it. The Committee is finding its current membership too small when trying to provide a Closer and Greeter for each Meeting for Worship.

A discussion occurred in which support for the proposal was expressed. The proposal will season for one month. It will be discussed at the joint meeting of Care of the Meeting and Worship and Ministry committees to be held later this month.

Reports

Treasurer (Beth Wrightson) An Income and Expense Statement and a Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2009 were distributed. The Meeting had about \$3000 more in income than expenses for the year. It had assets of about \$156,000.

Retreat Committee (Barbara Perry) The Spring Retreat this year will be held April 30 through May 2 at Quaker Center at Ben Lomond. The Committee is planning a less structured retreat where there is more time for spontaneous activities.

American Friends Service Committee Representative (Larry Strain) Larry reported that he is now a member of the Executive Committee of the AFSC Regional Office. Like many non profits, the AFSC is facing a challenging financial situation which requires reductions of staff and programs. The national organization is searching for a new General Secretary to bring new vision to the organization.

First Day School Committee (Jay Smith) The Committee has decided that the best option for making the classrooms safe for the children is to continue to be vigilant in looking for broken glass or other dangers.

Friends are asked to report anyone rummaging through the recycling bins as this may result in a hazard for the children.

Kusia Hreschyshyn is reading to the children during the first fifteen minutes of First Day School to great effect.

Worship and Ministry Committee (Sarah Hawthorne) On January 31, 2010 The Committee held an after Meeting session on "holding each other in the Light". On February 13, 2010 there was held a memorial meeting for all Friends who have lost loved ones.

Darcy Stanley Walk Through Central America (Darcy Stanley) Darcy gave a report about her experience in the Walk With Earth with Rolene Walker. She had previously given a talk where she described in detail her travel. Today she talked about how her leading developed over the period of ten

years and was supported by an anchor committee appointed by our Worship and Ministry Committee. She found that her experience opened her to take on new things even where the leading may not be totally clear. Acting on that leading brings the opportunity for the leading to develop.

Announcements

Quakerism 101 will be held on Monday evenings April 12, 19, 26 and May 10, 17, and 24. Friends are requested to preregister with the Adult Religious Education Committee.

Pacific Yearly Meeting Representative Committee will be held March 6, 2010 at Orange Grove Meeting.

The Friends Committee on Legislation of California will hold a fundraising dinner with Death Penalty Focus on March 26, 2010 in Sacramento.

The next Business Meeting will be held on March 14, 2010 at 11:50 a.m. at the Berkeley Technology Academy.

The meeting closed at 2:10 p.m. with silent worship.

Submitted by: Katherine Youngmeister, Clerk; Susan Burr, Alternate Clerk and Ralph Murphy, Recording Clerk