

Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting

Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business, May 10, 2009

Minutes

The meeting opened at 11:55 a.m. with silent worship. Katherine Youngmeister clerked the meeting. Thirty-one Friends were present. Tom Yamaguchi read the reflections of the Electronic Resources and Newsletter committees on the Advices and Queries on Stewardship and Vocation.

The minutes of the April 12, 2009 Meeting for Business were read and approved with the following correction: The first sentence of the minute on Meeting Directory information is amended to read: "A proposed minute was read which would ensure that no information in the Meeting Directory about a member or attender is electronically published without the explicit consent of the member or attender."

Clerk's Business and Correspondence

The Meeting has received a letter from Sally Hindman requesting transfer of membership from Berkeley Friends Meeting to our meeting. The letter was referred to the Care of the Meeting Committee.

An email from the Clerk of Lewes Meeting in the United Kingdom has been received saying how the meeting has welcomed our member Leonard Joy. It also noted the strong participation in the meeting by our members David and Leslie Leonard.

We have received a letter of introduction from Bellingham Washington Friends Meeting for Tom, Maddie and Tess Solenberger.

The Meeting has been informed of the murders of two former Berkeley Technology Academy students. The Meeting asked that the Academy liaisons ask the Academy what our Meeting might do to be of help at this time.

Old Business

State of the Meeting Report (State of the Meeting Report Writing Committee) (Richard Leath) A third draft of the State of the Meeting Report was discussed. One friend suggested that the title of Proposition 8 be included to ensure that those unfamiliar with the proposition would know what it covered. With this amendment, the Meeting approved the report and expressed thanks to the Committee for its work.

Minute on the Call for a Commission of Inquiry on U.S. Sponsored Torture (Peace & Justice Workgroup, Peace, Earthcare and Social Witness Committee) (Shelley Tanenbaum) A petition created by the National Religious Campaign Against Torture calling for a Commission of Inquiry has seasoned for one month. The Meeting approved endorsing the petition.

Nominations (Nominating Committee)(John McCarthy) The Committee has received no concerns about the nominations contained in the 2009-2010 slate presented last month. The slate has been amended by the Committee to show that Lisa Hubbell will not be serving on the Retreat Committee and Cheryl Christian will not be serving on the Loaves and Fishes Committee. With these changes, the Meeting approved the nominations.

New Business

Nominations (Nominating Committee)(John McCarthy) The Committee proposes the following nominations: Larry Strain, AFSC Representative; Marianne Kearney-Brown, Facilities Committee; Eric Bellis and Kusia Hreshchyshyn, Loaves and Fishes Committee and Anne Maiden Brown, Worship and Ministry Committee. These nominations will season for one month.

First Day School Committee Revised Job Description (First Day School Committee) (Jay Smith) A revised job description for the First Day School Committee was distributed and read. The Committee requests comments. This will season for one month. The Committee is also revising a pamphlet for parents.

Minutes on the appointment of the Naming Committee (Nominating Committee)(John McCarthy) The Committee is proposing three minutes: 1) changing the Nominating Committee job description to provide that the term of the Nominating Committee shall be from December 15 through December 14, 2) changing the job description to provide that each year in December the old and new Nominating committees will meet jointly, and 3) changing the Naming Committee job description to provide that the Clerk will propose the names of the Naming Committee prior to the September Business Meeting and that one of the members of the Naming Committee should be a recent member of the Nominating Committee. These minutes will season for one month.

Reports

Care of the Meeting Committee (Charlie Blanchard) The Committee has been considering the proposals of the Nominating Committee and has provided suggestions concerning the Naming Committee.

The third Final Affairs Session will be held on May 13 at the home of Sarah Hawthorne and James Hosley.

There will be a Clerks' Workshop held on June 6th from 9 am to 12 noon at the home of John McCarthy and Kathy Barnhart. Outgoing and incoming clerks and representatives should attend.

The Committee has set up membership committees for Marianne Kearney-Brown and Dann Naseemullah. An exploratory committee has been set up for Ilsa Bartlett.

Treasurer (Beth Wrightson) As of April 30, 2009 the Meeting had outspent income by \$9,079.09. Members and attenders were encouraged to contribute now to avoid a year end rush to meet our budget.

Announcements

There will be a Woolman Semester Graduation Celebration on Saturday May 23, 2009 at Sierra Friends Center.

Robin Standish recently had spine surgery and is recovering at home.

The next Business Meeting will be held on June 14, 2009 at 11:50 a.m. at the Berkeley Technology Academy.

The meeting closed at 1:50 p.m. with silent worship.

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