

**Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting**  
**Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business, June 10, 2012**  
**Minutes**

The Meeting opened at 11:55 a.m. with silent worship. Nancy Wilkinson, alternate clerk, clerked the Meeting. Twenty-eight Friends were present. Angela Imhoff read the Nominating Committee's reflections on the Advices and Queries on the Meeting for Worship for Business. The agenda was reviewed and approved, after noting several announcements to be included.

The minutes of the May 13, 2012 Meeting for Business were read and approved with two changes:

- (1) in New Business: the \$1,000 annual pass for Ben Lomond Quaker Center workshops can be used by any one member or attender of the Meeting per workshop, during a one-year period.
- (2) in Old Business under Nominating Committee: two positions on the Facilities Committee still need to be filled.

**Correspondence and Clerk's Business:**

A thank you letter was received from the East Bay Sanctuary Covenant (EBSC) for Meeting's \$150 contribution. The Clerk noted that although Meeting no longer has a representative to EBSC, we do continue to support its work.

The Clerk shared a message from Berkeley Meeting that they expect to need to vacate their Meeting-house in September 2012 for nine-twelve months, for a major construction project on the building. Berkeley Meeting will notify Strawberry Creek Meeting of its plans for the re-location of their worship, when this decision is made. If the decision is to join Strawberry Creek for worship, our Clerk will appoint an ad hoc committee of the clerks of the committees primarily affected, to consider this change. Clerks of the two Meetings are in contact, as developments unfold.

Roxanne Crittenden has sent a letter thanking Meeting for the loving support she experienced during her six years participating in the community. Since moving to Pescadero, she is no longer able to attend Meeting regularly.

**Old Business:**

**Nominating Committee** (Angela Imhoff) Angela reported that no concerns have been raised for either of the names brought forward for seasoning at the May Meeting for Business. Meeting approved Marla Browning as co-clerk of the First Day School Committee and Shelley Tanenbaum as Unity with Nature Representative.

**New Business:**

**Nominating Committee** (Angela Imhoff) Angela brought two names for consideration for service: Julie Russell, as a member of the Facilities Committee, and Rick Herbert, as American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Representative. Both names will be seasoned for one month.

**Peace, Earthcare and Social Witness Committee (PEASW)** (Tom Yamaguchi) Tom reported that the Peace, Earthcare and Social Witness Committee (PEASW) requested that Meeting for Business consider supporting the passage of the Savings, Accountability, and Full Enforcement for California Act (SAFE California Act); this minute has been posted to the Meeting's google site. This Act will appear on the California general election ballot in November 2012. If passed, it will replace California's death penalty with a sentence of life in prison with no chance of parole. Endorsement by Strawberry Creek Meeting would give SAFE California permission to use Meeting's name throughout the campaign, including in a listing on the campaign website. Friends present acknowledged that ending the death penalty in California would be a very significant step forward. Many also felt unsettled by the continuation of life without the possibility of parole, which is featured prominently in the advertising for the SAFE California Act. It was noted that the Friends Committee on Legislation of California (FCLCA) and a number of religious groups publicly support this Act, while the AFSC has not yet taken a position on it. Meeting referred this minute back to the PEASW Committee for further discussion and discernment. Tom invited Friends to attend the next committee meeting on Sun., June 24 after Meeting, to participate in this discernment process.

#### **Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report** (Richard Leath) Richard presented the report for the period from January – May 2012, noting that informative line items are included as will fit on one double-sided page. This report will also be posted to the Meeting's yahoo group. The Meeting accepted this report, with appreciation.

**Child Safety Committee** (Ted Obbard) The committee is recommending that the Second Pair of Eyes policy be implemented for after-Meeting events held on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays by hiring two people to provide childcare; at least one provider must be 18 or older. A contingency plan specifies who will substitute, when the regular providers are not available. Full details are included in the report (attached). Since it is estimated that this change may add \$500 in cost to the childcare (non-First Day School) budget line, this request has been sent to the Finance Committee for consideration.

**Quarterly Meeting Representative** In the absence of Rachel Findley, the Clerk noted that Spring Quarterly Meeting was held at Ben Lomond Quaker Center in May. Quarterly Quick Notes, provided by the Ministry and Oversight Committee, are available online. It was announced that the Western Friend is seeking a new editor, as Kathy Hyzy plans to leave this position by the end of the year. Friends are encouraged to consider qualified applicants who may succeed her.

**Peace, Earthcare and Social Witness Committee** (Tom Yamaguchi) Tom invited Friends to attend the showing of the video documentary "The Island President" at Berkeley Friends Church on Fri., June 15. This is being co-sponsored by the Peace, Environment, and Christian Concerns Committee of Berkeley Friends Church and Strawberry Creek's Peace, Earthcare and Social Witness Committee. Our Dime-A-Saur will be present, supporting donations to the Dime-A-Gallon Fund. The summer Locavore Potluck will follow Meeting for Worship on July 8, 2012. The revised form for Dime-A-Gallon Fund grant requests is now available on the website. Several grant requests are currently being seasoned by the committee. Everyone interested is invited to attend the committee's next meeting on committee

meeting Sunday, June 24 at 11:50 a.m. The agenda will include further discussion of the proposed minute on the SAFE California Act.

**Nominating Committee** (Angela Imhoff) Angela reported that 72 people were placed on 11 committees, with 8 people serving on more than one committee this year. The committee shared insightful reflections on how committees are working and where there is interest and passion within the meeting, gleaned from calls made in the course of the committee's work. Overall committees seem to be functioning well, following the Meeting's first full year after committee re-structuring. Most Friends value their service, with committee meetings connecting them to the Meeting community. Many expressed interest in developing greater community, welcoming newcomers, and for additional opportunities to learn about Quakers and Quaker process; concern was noted for the loss of some young adult friends. The committee thanks all Friends for their service, and wishes everyone a productive and worshipful year. This report was received with gratitude for the committee's excellent work. It will be posted to the yahoo group; printed copies are also available.

The Clerk stated that the Nominating Committee and the Care of the Meeting Committee have planned a joint meeting to follow-up on the suggestions brought forward in this report.

#### **Announcements:**

Carl Anderson and Tom Yamaguchi both noted that there is a need for a PYM transportation coordinator. Volunteers available to offer rides between Petaluma and Walker Creek Ranch in West Marin would be especially helpful.

Avotcja Jiltonilro thanked the many Friends who've supported her efforts to raise funds for the conversion of her van to become wheelchair-accessible. She's delighted to share the good news that this goal has been met.

Carl Anderson observed that Friends attending PYM 2012 will have the opportunity for continuing discussion of the SAFE California Act.

Avotcja Jiltonilro plans to prepare a tasty locavore dish for the potluck on July 8<sup>th</sup>; please let her know if you could help transport it to Meeting that morning.

The next Meeting for Business will be held on July 8, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. at the Berkeley Technology Academy, following the Summer Locavore Potluck.

The meeting closed at 1:30 p.m. with silent worship.

Submitted by: Nancy Wilkinson, acting clerk, Ralph Murphy, acting alternate clerk, and Joyce Samati, recording clerk

