

**Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business
February 10, 2019 Minutes**

The meeting opened at 11:55 am with silent worship. Ralph Murphy clerked the meeting. 29 Friends were present. Roberta Schutz gave the response of Mutual Care Committee to the Advices and Queries on Stewardship and Vocation. Friends offered their responses out of the silence.

The Recording Clerk read the minutes for the January 13, 2019 Meeting for Business. In the minute on the First Day Children's Program report: the first sentence of the second paragraph was changed to begin with "One Friend asked for inclusion..." The minutes were approved with that correction.

Correspondence and Clerk's Business

The Clerk received a request by Julie Russell to transfer her membership to Hartford Meeting in West Hartford, CT. The request was referred to the Care of the Meeting Committee.

The Clerk received a request for membership by Ariane Michas. The request was referred to Care of the Meeting Committee.

Old Business

Creation of an events committee (Care of the Meeting Committee, Shelley Tanenbaum)

Shelley reported that no concerns have been raised regarding the creation of an events committee. She added that Care of the Meeting Committee has not had any problem finding volunteers, only in finding people to coordinate events. She clarified that the events listed in January 2019 minutes: the Spring Retreat, the Twelfth Month Gathering, and, if possible, a Fall Retreat, would be the only events needing coordination. Care of the Meeting Committee is able to organize other events, such as the Newcomers' Brunch.

The meeting approved the creation of an events committee.

New Business

There was no new business.

Reports

Care of the Meeting Committee (Shelley Tanenbaum)

Shelley asked for two volunteers to coordinate the spring retreat. One person is needed be a registrar and another to make announcements while Shelley is away. Asa Brown and Ragni Larsen-Orta volunteered to coordinate the spring retreat.

College Park Quarterly Meeting winter 2019 session (Tom Yamaguchi)

Quarterly representative Tom Yamaguchi read his report for the winter 2019 session held in Santa Rosa on January 19. His report is attached.

Nominating Committee (Patricia Dienstfry)

Patricia reported for Nominating on behalf of Clerk Charlie Blanchard. Nominating Committee is preparing the slate of nominees to bring to business meeting. Ad hoc committees and working groups will not be listed on the slate. The committee has been contacting members and attenders on how they may best serve the meeting through committee work. Patricia reported that most committees would like to have more members.

Treasurer (Richard Leath)

Richard reported that the meeting met its budget for the year with a surplus of \$792.60. In response to the concern regarding the \$1316.72 loss by the last spring retreat, Richard said that after the Retreat Fund has been depleted the remaining cost is drawn from the general fund. If the Retreat Fund is too small at \$3000, it might be increased for next year.

A Friend asked about our contribution to Berkeley Organizing Congregations for Action. In the past, the expense came from the Peace, Earthcare, and Social Witness Committee's fund.

Richard said he will be requesting a line item for BOCA.

Sarah Hawthorne said Finance Committee will be reviewing donations to organizations at its meeting next month.

At the suggestion of a Friend, the Clerk asked Finance Committee to consider adding a line item for the proposed events committee to the budget.

Announcements

The next Meeting for Business will be held March 10, 2019 at 11:50 a.m. at Berkeley Technology Academy.

Avotcja Jiltonilro thanked Friends for their donations for Puerto Rico. Anyone interested in the meeting's Twelve Step Group may contact Avotcja.

David Rutschman announced two events sponsored by Peace Earthcare and Social Witness Committee. On March 3 at 11:50 am, there will be a visit from Kevan Insko of Friends Committee on Legislation of California. On March 17 at 11:50 am, there will be a discussion on the Dime-A-Gallon fund.

Rachel Findley announced the listening meeting for the State of the Meeting report will be on February 17 at 11:50 am.

The meeting closed with silent worship at 1:20 pm.

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