

**Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting
for Worship on the Occasion of Business
February 11, 2024**

Minutes Approved March 10, 2024

The meeting opened with worship at 12:30 pm. Beth Wrightson clerked. 27 Friends were present via Zoom.

Kat Stenstedt presented the Mutual Care Committee's reflections on Harmony with Creation. Several Friends spoke in the silence that followed.

The Clerk reviewed the agenda which had been posted on groups.io February 9, 2024.

The minutes of the January Meeting for Business were approved with the following corrections:

1. The phrase "Youthful spirit" was added to the end of the sentence, "If we provide a program once a month, we might be able to generate a critical mass."
2. We added the sentence "Emily Thurston's membership request was referred to Care of the Meeting committee." to the item in clerk's business about her letter.

The Clerk read the prompt: "*We are reminded to consider how our work and decisions today support SCMM in becoming an actively anti-racist faith community.*"

Correspondence and Clerk's Business:

1. The clerk mentioned thank you letters for our annual contributions from : Quaker Institute for the Future, Friends House Moscow, Friends Committee on Legislation of California, and Friends Committee on National Legislation. The clerk read the letter from Quaker Institute for the Future.
2. We received a thank you letter from the Intertribal Friendship House for our contribution from the Community Sharing Fund, which the clerk read. The IFH letter included a brochure, which the clerk will scan and share via groups.io
3. A site search committee has been appointed. Ragni Larsen-Orta (convenor), Amy Dewey, Emily Thurston. Appreciation was expressed to those individuals.
4. Next Sunday there will be a listening session to collect material for the annual State of the Meeting report. Heather Levien and Kat Stenstedt will serve on the listening committee, and the clerk is looking for one more committee member.
5. Ilene Goldman and Peter D'Angelo requested marriage under the care of the meeting. The request was passed on the Mutual Care Committee so a clearness committee can be formed. The clerk observed that this is the first marriage under our care since her own, more than ten years ago. Their letter indicated they wished for a spiritual marriage under the care of the meeting, and not a marriage under the state.

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

There was no new business

Reports

Kat Stenstedt shared a report on her chaplaincy work over the past year, and answered several questions from Friends. Her report is appended to these minutes. She sent us via [groups.io](#) February 11th a link to her thesis on the impact of racism in the health care system. Friends asked a few questions, and voiced their appreciation for her work.

Query: *“How did our work and our decisions today support us in becoming an actively anti-racist faith community?”* Several Friends replied.

Announcements

1. Next Meeting for Business: March 10, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.
2. Friends Committee on Legislation of California (Rick Herbert) requested candidates for board membership. At least 5 new board members are needed to revitalize the board.
3. David Rutschman: (Peace Earthcare and Social Witness) made three announcements:
 - a. PESW committee is looking for volunteers for the Community Sharing Fund subcommittee. Details have been posted on [groups.io](#). The current members are stepping down, and the Fund is not viable if we don't have a committee!
 - b. On First Day, March 17th at 12:30 pm, Laura Boles will facilitate a discussion (virtual) regarding the Friends Committee on National Legislation's legislative priorities for next year. Friends will recall that Stephen McNeil always made sure that our Meeting participated in this national discussion.
 - c. On First Day, May 19th at 12:30 pm, Power, Privilege and Race (PPR) subcommittee and PESW are planning a session to discuss Reparations. Details will be forthcoming.
4. Larry Strain is organizing Strawberry Creek's participation in an “End Homelessness Now” demonstration on Presidents' Day at the capitol in Sacramento. Details are in his post on [groups.io](#) February 9th. [This event has been moved to Saturday March 16th, 12:00 - 2:00.]
5. Listening session on the State of the Meeting next Sunday, February 18, at 12:30 p.m. on the Meeting Zoom.

Meeting closed with worship at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Wrightson, Clerk
Elaine Emily, Alternate Clerk
Paul Jolly, Recording Clerk.