

Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business, First Day, April 13, 2008
Minutes

The meeting opened at 12:03 p.m. with silent worship, Larry Strain clerked. Thirty-eight Friends were present. Tom Yamaguchi read reflections of the Electronic Resources & Newsletter Committee on the Advices & Queries on Harmony with Creation.

Minutes of the March 9, 2008 Meeting for Business were approved with two corrections:

1. Under Reports; Worship and Ministry: An anchoring committee has been formed for Darcy Stanley's witness to travel to Iran in April, and then later this year to walk with Rolene Walker from Mexico City to Santiago, Chile.
2. Under Reports; Pacific Yearly Meeting Report: Elaine Emily's travel minute was read, with some of the endorsements.

Correspondence & Clerk's Business

The College Park Quarterly Meeting will be held at Quaker Center in Ben Lomond, California from May 16 through 18, 2008.

Old Business

First Day & Safety Committees (Jay Roger Smith): A sign-up sheet for volunteers to assist the childcare provider will be distributed at Business Meeting. Jay Roger Smith will keep track of the sign-up sheet, and call volunteers to confirm their availability for their upcoming date to volunteer.

Letter explaining Quakers' beliefs on taking oaths (Larry Strain): A letter to Jerry Brown, California's Attorney General, regarding our support of Marianne Kearney Brown and explaining Friend's beliefs on oath-taking was presented and approved with minor changes. A copy of the letter will be mailed to the president and faculty of Cal State East Bay, and to a local newspaper. The letter will also be placed in our newsletter.

Care of the Meeting (Susan Burr): After the committee's report that no concerns were voiced regarding Heather Alden's membership, the meeting approved her membership. A welcoming committee for Heather Alden was formed of the following individuals: Katherine Youngmeister (convener), Rhea Farley, and Kathy Barnhart.

New Business

Facilities Committee (Rhea Farley): In order to implement the meeting's effort to improve safety, the Meeting's Officer's table will be placed by the door in order for most of the individuals in the Business Meeting to face the door.

State of the Meeting Report (Charlie Blanchard): Charlie Blanchard, Amy Clark, and Heather Alden, State of the Meeting Report subcommittee, presented the State of the Meeting Report for 2007-2008. After the meeting suggested some additions to the report, they praised the committee for their thoughtful inclusion of the meeting's history in the report. The report will season for one month. If you have any comments, additions, or corrections, please contact a member of the subcommittee. The committee was thanked for their excellent report.

Reports

Peace Earthcare & Social Witness (Shelly Tannenbaum): The meeting approved the comments in response to Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) priorities. The comments will be mailed to FCNL.

Nominating Committee (John McCarthy): The Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting Nominations 2008-2009 were presented to the meeting. The nominations will season for one month. A proposed minute to combine the Electronic Resources and Newsletter committees into one committee was presented to the meeting. The committee would work in a similar fashion as Peace Earthcare & Social Witness i.e. the committee would meet quarterly, and the two subcommittees would meet on a more regular basis. The proposed minute will season for one month.

Care of the Meeting (Susan Burr): The meeting approved an increase of the committee's budget by \$150.00 for a total of \$350.00. The meeting also approved the treasurer to pay \$14.00 to Friends Journal to correct the name of our meeting place from Berkeley Alternative High School to Berkeley Technology High School.

There were 8 newcomers who attended the newcomer's brunch at Peter and Lynne D'Angelo's home.

The letter from Ken Leonard requesting transfer of membership from Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting to Adelphi Monthly Meeting in Baltimore Yearly Meeting was read by the Clerk. The committee recommended and the meeting approved Ken Leonard's membership to be transferred to Adelphi Monthly Meeting. The committee will work with the Clerk to complete the transfer of Ken Leonard's membership.

Peace Earthcare & Social Witness (Shelly Tannenbaum & James Hosley): The committee will be evaluating its experiment of dividing its work between the Earthcare Work-Group and the Peace and Justice Work-Group on April 27, 2008. If the committee concludes that the workgroups are working, then the committee will revise its job description.

The Friends Committee on Legislation will hold Interfaith Lobby Day on May 13, 2008. If you are interested, please contact Betsy Morris, Shelley Tannenbaum, or Barb Tittle.

The Peace & Justice Work-Group has assisted in organizing a talk by Fr. Louis Vitale on loving your enemies at First Congregational Church in Berkeley to be held on April 25, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

The committee is working with the Electronic Resources Committee to place the committee's material on the electronic website.

Elaine Emily's Anchoring Committee (Leonard Joy): A total of \$1,260.00 had been raised for Elaine Emily's ministry on Eldering at Australia Yearly Meeting. If you have made verbal pledges to assist with the costs of Elaine's ministry, please contact Leonard Joy before the total of raised funds is reported to the Margaret Fell Fund.

Retreat Committee (Sherrin Loyd): All carpool participants for travel to our retreat will meet at Berkeley Alternative High School at a time to be determined on May 3, 2008. The committee is looking for a loaned volley ball net, volley ball, and art supply. A Friend who wishes to attend the retreat will need a ride home earlier in the day, so please contact the committee if you have a car and plan to leave early. Please submit your food orders, as soon as possible.

Announcements

Friends Committee on Legislation (FCL)'s next Faith Based Lobby Day will be in Sacramento, California on May 13, 2008.

The next Business Meeting will be on May 11, 2008 at Berkeley Technology Academy. The meeting for the corporation will follow.

The meeting closed at 1:38 p.m. with silent worship.

Respectfully submitted: Larry Strain, Clerk; Leonard Joy, Alternate Clerk; and Dharma Yamaguchi, Recording Clerk.