

**Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting**  
**Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business**  
**June 9, 2019 Minutes**

The meeting opened at 11:50 am with silent worship. Elizabeth Strain clerked the meeting. Ralph Murphy was the Acting Alternate Clerk, substituting for Charlie Blanchard. 28 Friends were present. Larry Strain gave the response of Finance Committee to the Advices and Queries on the Meeting for Worship. The Meeting returned to silent worship to reflect on the response.

The Recording Clerk read the minutes for the May 12, 2019 Meeting for Business. The minutes were approved with the following revised sentence: "Over the summer, PPR will be presenting a three-part discussion on the book *Mindful of Race* by Ruth King."

**Correspondence and Clerk's Business**

The Clerk read excerpts of the endorsements to Elaine Emily's travel minute. The Clerk received a letter of acceptance from Hartford Monthly Meeting for Julie Russell's transfer request. The Clerk invited Friends to sign a Thank You card for Julie. A Friend requested that the endorsements for Elaine Emily's traveling minute be included in the business meeting minutes. The Clerk will post the excerpts she read at business meeting to the Strawberry Creek Yahoo Group. The complete endorsements will be available from the Clerk upon request.

**Old Business**

**Nominations** (Elizabeth Strain)

The nominations of Dusty Sykes as a member of Mutual Care Committee and Ragni Larsen-Orta as clerk of Communications Committee have been seasoning for one month. No concerns have been raised. The Clerk asked if Friends were ready to approve the nominations. The nominations were approved.

**Minute on Site Contingency Fund** (Finance Committee, Larry Strain)

Larry reported that no concerns were raised on the minute that has been seasoning for one month. However, Finance Committee made some revisions to the minute to provide more clarity. Since there are no substantive changes, Finance Committee asked that the minute be approved with those revisions. The meeting approved the minute. A copy of the minute is attached.

**New Business**

**Minute on Budget Cuts for Homeless Programs** (Peace, Earthcare, and Social Witness, David Rutschman and Susan Black)

David Rutschman and Susan Black presented the minute on proposed budget cuts that will affect Dorothy Day House and Youth Spirit Artworks. The Berkeley City Council will be considering the budget this coming Tuesday. There is an urgency to approving the minute, as it

needs to be received by the City of Berkeley by tomorrow morning. Peace, Earthcare, and Social Witness has asked the meeting to approve the minute without further seasoning.

David read the minute, adding that he had presented it to a meeting of Berkeley Organizing Congregations for Action. In response, BOCA will attend the city council meeting and showing support by making donations to both Dorothy Day House and Youth Spirit Artworks.

Some Friends said the minute is unclear concerning whether the YSA budget is being cut, or if a proposed budget request is being rejected. Sally Hindman, who is YSA's director, said the proposed budget eliminates all funding to YSA.

Another Friend expressed concern that the minute states we are faith community of 200 people. We are in fact just over 100 members.

The meeting agreed to approve the minute with the YSA budget clarification provided by Sally Hindman. The 200 number will be replaced by "over 100."

After that minute has been corrected, the Clerk will send a signed copy to the Berkeley Mayor, City Manager, and City Council.

Individual Friends are urged to send messages of support. Non-Berkeley residents can state they shop or work in Berkeley. A copy of the revised minute is attached.

#### **Requests to lay down membership made by Kathy Chen and Kris Schnepf** (Care of the Meeting, Stephen McNeil)

Stephen McNeil reported that Care of the Meeting Committee has received requests by Kathy Chen and Kris Schnepf to lay down their memberships. The meeting approved the requests by both of these Friends.

#### **Reports**

Tom Yamaguchi gave the report for the spring session of College Park Quarterly Meeting at Ben Lomond Quaker Center. The report is attached.

A Friend asked if there was any demographic information on attendees, especially with regard to children and people of color. Tom replied that the registrar may have demographic information based on age. Tom will attempt to find that information.

#### **Announcements**

Next Meeting for Business, August 11, 2019 at 11:50 a.m. at Berkeley Technology Academy  
Pacific Yearly Meeting Annual Session, July 12-17, Walker Creek Ranch, Petaluma  
Memorial Meeting for Jed Appleman, 2-4 PM, Saturday June 15, Berkeley Friends Meeting,  
2151 Vine St., Berkeley

The meeting closed with silent worship at 1:10 pm.

Submitted by: Elizabeth Strain, Clerk, Ralph Murphy, Acting Alternate Clerk, and Tom Yamaguchi, Recording Clerk.