

Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting

Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business, First Day, October 14, 2007

Minutes

The meeting opened at 12:10 p.m. with silent worship, Larry Strain clerked. Twenty-five Friends were present. Susan Burr read reflections of the Care of the Meeting Committee on the Advices & Queries on Peace.

Minutes of the September 9, 2007 Meeting for Business were approved with three corrections:

1. Under **Report on Pacific Yearly Meeting**: There were two plenary sessions. One plenary was dedicated to “Year of Discernment,” the other to an open session.
2. Under **Mutual Care**: If you have a concern for yourself, you are encouraged to bring it to Mutual Care unless it is a spiritual concern when you should bring it to the Worship and Ministry Committee.
3. Under **Report on Pacific Yearly Meeting**: Ministry and Oversight Committee have created two new subcommittees: Leadings and Ministry; and Future of the Yearly Meeting.

Correspondence & Clerk’s Business

Shelley Tanenbaum has agreed to serve on the Naming Committee which includes Jed Appelman and Renee Watkins.

We received thank you cards from the Heifer Project and Friends Committee on Legislation.

The holiday party will be on December 15, 2007 at Berkeley Friends Church.

Old Business

Nominating Committee (Pam Calvert): No concerns were raised for the nominations, so the meeting approved the appointments of Katherine Youngmeister, as new clerk of Site Committee; Robert Raddock to Facilities Committee; and Justin Horner to Library Committee.

Mutual Care (Larry Strain): A concern has been raised about Elaine Emily’s proposed travel to Australia with her ministry on eldering. Worship and Ministry is addressing the

concern and the Travel Minute for Elaine's ministry.

New Business

There was no new business.

Reports

Hospitality Committee (Joyce Samati): Appreciation was given to all those who brought dishes for the last "Locavore potluck."

The committee has a sign-up sheet for volunteers to provide meals and assistance around the house to Jill Lessing once a week.

Electronic Resources (Rick Herbert): Amy Dewey has created a file in the meeting's Yahoo group for computer assistance. There will be designated volunteers to provide one-on-one assistance for computer needs. Further details will be given in the near future.

Peace, Earthcare and Social Witness Committee (Shelley Tanenbaum): Two workgroups have been formed within the committee: the Earthcare Work Group and the Peace and Justice Work Group. The workgroups are not restricted to people within the committee, so all those interested can join. A group calling itself "troubled waters" has formed around water issues for a trial period.

The fundraising dinner for Sierra Friends Center was a great success. The event raised around \$6,000.00 and it gave donors a chance to interact with students and faculty from the school.

On October 22, 2007 at UC Berkeley, the committee will co-sponsor with a student group the showing of "The Ghosts of Abu Ghraib" with worship sharing afterward. If you are interested, please contact Beth Wrightson or Shelley Tanenbaum.

On December 2, 2007, after rise of meeting, there will be worship sharing on Quaker activism and the war in Iraq.

Finance Committee (Ralph Murphy):

The Finance Committee recommended that the gift from Stephanie Kennedy be placed in a CD for six months. This will allow time for the meeting to decide on the use of the gift. The meeting approved placing the gift in a CD for six months.

Announcements

The next Meeting for Business will be on November 11, 2007 at 12:00 p.m. at the

Berkeley Technology Academy.

Quarterly Meeting will be at Sierra Friends Center on October 19-21, 2007.

Mutual Care will hold a panel discussion on care giving after rise of meeting on November 4, 2007. The committee is also reviewing the role of neighborhood clusters in our meeting. If you have any comments regarding the clusters, please speak to Nancy Wilkinson or Laura Cornell.

Please provide submissions for the newsletter as early as possible. The next newsletter deadline is October 28, 2007.

The meeting closed at 1:00 p.m. with silent worship.

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