

Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business
June 10, 2018 Minutes

The meeting opened at noon with silent worship. Ralph Murphy clerked the meeting. 32 Friends were present.

Responses to the Advices and Queries on Spiritual Life were read by Susan Burr of Finance Committee. That report is attached. The Meeting returned to silent worship, out of which further responses were given.

The minutes for the May 13, 2018 Meeting for Business were approved with the following corrections. The Peace, Earthcare, and Social Witness Committee report will include the statement that the Dime-A-Gallon guidelines are being reviewed. The announcement of the annual board meeting will include the entire name of the board, i.e. the annual board meeting of Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

Correspondence and Clerk's Business

The clerk received a Thank You card from Friends Journal for our annual contribution.

Old Business

Nominations (Nominating Committee)

The clerk reported for Charlie Blanchard who was unable to attend the business meeting. The clerk read the names that have seasoned for one month.

Recording Clerk-Tom Yamaguchi

First Day Children's Program co-clerk-Nathan Moon

Loaves and Fishes-Zadie Moon

Worship and Ministry-Lee Douglas, Peter Trueblood

Nominating Committee has heard no concerns regarding the nominations. Those nominations were approved.

New Business

Micki Graham Memorial Minute (Worship and Ministry Committee, Elizabeth Strain)

Elizabeth Strain read the memorial minute prepared and approved by Worship and Ministry Committee. The minute is attached. The clerk asked that the minute be approved today without seasoning so that it can be forwarded to Pacific Yearly Meeting before the next annual session. The memorial minute was approved.

Reports

Quarterly Meeting Representative (Tom Yamaguchi)

Tom Yamaguchi gave the report for the Spring Quarter session that was held at Ben Lomond Quaker Center from May 18 to May 20. That report is attached. New directors for Quaker Center are being sought, as Kathy and Bob Runyan are leaving their positions after seven years. The Quarter is considering replacing the current winter session with a number of smaller, regional meetings. Tom is on the committee that will make a proposal at the fall session. Tom is

also treasurer of the Quarter and reported that the meeting's bank will no longer accept checks made out to CPQM, but must be written out to the full name, College Park Quarterly Meeting. Attendance was improved from the Fall. Attendance at that session was affected by the Northern California fires. The Fall session will be at Sierra Friends Center from October 19 to October 21.

Treasurer (Richard Leath)

Richard Leath gave the treasurer's report, which is attached. A new line item includes Young Adult Friends activities. The Retreat Fund report now includes expenses and income of the Spring Retreat. The most recent retreat went over budget by a few hundred dollars. The treasurer found this to be no cause for concern.

Announcements

Next Meeting for Business will be held on August 12, 2018 at 11:50 a.m. at Berkeley Technology Academy.

Susan Burr announced that the discussion group on the book 'Set Free' will begin next Sunday. Those with questions may contact Susan Burr.

Shelley Tanenbaum announced that she and Leonard Joy are working with 15 local planners on the Bay Area Climate Action Forum to be held on June 25. This is among the events leading up to Global Climate Action Summit in September. A march will be held on the Saturday before the Summit, September 8. Shelley invited us to march as a meeting with both Quaker Earthcare Witness and Strawberry Creek banners.

Tom Rothschild provided an update on the Berkeley Shellmound. The applicant who wishes to develop the property for housing tried to use a new state law to bypass an environmental review process. However, the City of Berkeley denied the fast track application, leaving the developer with three options: 1) abandon the project, 2) challenge the determination (in that case the City of Berkeley would defend the legal action and pick up the legal costs), and 3) revert to the regular environmental review process which would take at least a couple of years to finish.

Pacific Yearly Meeting's annual session will be held at Walker Creek Ranch in Marin County from July 13 to July 18.

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

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