

**Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting  
for Worship on the Occasion of Business  
August 11, 2024  
Minutes approved September 8, 2024**

The meeting opened at 12:30 p.m. online. Beth Wrightson clerked. 22 Friends were present via Zoom.

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

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

1. The deliberations on the Advices and Queries were shared by the Events Committee
2. Heather Levien was nominated as Pacific Yearly Meeting observer, not representative

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. A letter from Don Groom requesting transfer to Corvallis Friends Meeting was read, and will be passed to the Care of the Meeting Committee.
2. We received a minute from San Francisco on the Israel / Palestine conflict . After the clerk read the minute, we joined in worship with a hope for peace.
3. The clerk reminded Friends to use the groups.io list serv with kindness toward the community, and not to use it to attempt to conduct business.
4. In the past month, a discussion has emerged on the posting of Minutes on the website. Chris Hogness reported on the Care of the Meeting committee's deliberations on the matter. He shared the sense of that committee that active Friends should have easy access to minutes. He proposed that password protection, with access to all active members (for instance, all listed in the directory), would be an appropriate level of protection. The clerk asked Care of the Meeting committee to recommend a policy that ensures appropriate security and ease of access for groups.io as well as the minutes section of the website.

**Old Business**

1. Power, Privilege, and Race (Laura Magnani) shared the committee's deliberation about the anti racism prompt and query. Their report from June was posted on groups.io August 9. The prompt at the beginning of meeting for business will be replaced by more spontaneous nudges toward anti-racism. The query at the end of business

meeting will be unchanged. One Friend asked PPR for a response to her request that we discern if/how to make space in our practice to share individual, as well as corporate, anti-racism efforts. The committee's recommendation was approved.

2. Ministry Committee (Larry Strain) recommends no change to the masking policy at this time. One Friend observed that on zoom it is hard to hear ministry or recognize who is speaking. Another recommended that we each individually deliberate on what it would require for us to be comfortable unmasking.
3. Care of the Meeting (Chris Hogness) recommends that we approve Peter Crysdale's transfer of membership. That transfer was approved.
4. Nominations committee (Elizabeth Moses Strain) heard no objections to the recommendation of Laura Magnani as Strawberry Creek's AFSC representative. The meeting approved.

### **New Business**

Nominations committee (Elizabeth Moses Strain) Charlie Blanchard is nominated as co-clerk, with Chris Hogness, of the Care of the Meeting Committee. If that nomination is approved, he will step down as nominating committee clerk, but remaining a member of the committee. If his co-clerkship of Care of the Meeting Committee is not approved, he will continue to clerk the Nominating committee. The nomination will be seasoned.

### **Reports**

Care of the Meeting Committee (Chris Hogness) summarized two memos from the site committee, (Charlie Blanchard, Margaret Schneider, and Jeanne Diller). One lists the places we have met in the past, with the reasons for leaving each location. The other is a list of categories of possible sites. The committee will report as it reaches clarity. Those memos were shared on groups.io August 11th.

**Query:** *"How did our work and our decisions today support us in becoming an actively anti-racist faith community?"*

### **Announcements**

Next Meeting for Business will be September 8th, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

Power Privilege and Race Subcommittee invites Friends to join the second of two adult ed sessions focusing on Ava Duvernay's film, "Origin", August 18 at 12:30 p.m. on SCMM's zoom account. The movie follows Isabel Wilkerson's journey as an African-American researcher in writing her powerful book Caste. We will reflect on the film's second half, which describes her recognition of the characteristics that caste systems, including American racism, share. For information about viewing the film at a "watch-gathering" in a Friend's home or streaming individually for a fee from [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), contact Susan Burr.

Power, Privilege, and Race Subcommittee is organizing reading sessions September 5, September 12 and September 19, three consecutive Thursdays from 7 to 8 pm also on the Meeting Zoom account. The material will be Chapter 7 and Chapter 24 of the CA Reparations Report (AB 3121) which address “the legacy of slavery, legal segregation, and government policies known as redlining have created environmental impacts that have harmed and continue to harm African Americans.”

Pacific Yearly Meeting rep (Julia Bazar) is preparing a report on the annual session, and welcomes hearing from people who attended, especially online participants.

Meeting closed with worship at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Wrightson, Clerk  
Nancy Wilkinson, Acting Alternate Clerk  
Paul Jolly, Recording Clerk