

COLLEGE PARK QUARTERLY MEETING
May 13-15, 2016, Ben Lomond Quaker Center
 Meeting for Business

SATURDAY

Opening plenary

The session was opened with Lisa Hubbell (Strawberry Creek) leading us in singing “Rooted and Grounded in Love”

Welcome – Mary Miché, presiding clerk, welcomed us to the 230th Quarterly Meeting of CPQM.

We approved the appointment of Julie Harlow (Davis) to be the recording clerk for this session.

Roll Call – Carl Sigmond (Grass Valley), Assistant to the Clerk, called for individuals to stand as their monthly meeting or worship group was named.

| Meeting or Worship Group | Oct. 2014 | Jan. 2015 | May 2015 | Oct 2015 | Jan 2016 | May 2016 |
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| Appleseed | X | X | - | X | - | X |
| Berkeley | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Carson City wg | | X | X | X | nr | - |
| Central Coast | X | - | X | X | - | - |
| Chico | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Davis | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Delta | X | X | - | - | - | - |
| Fresno | | - | - | - | - | - |
| Friends House wg | X | X | - | - | X | X |
| Grass Valley | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Humboldt | | X | X | X | X | X |
| Lake County wg | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Live Oak | X | - | X | X | X | X |
| Livermore wg [under care of Berkeley] | | | | - | - | - |
| Marin | X | X | [laid down] | | | |
| Mendocino | | - | - | - | - | - |
| Monterey Peninsula | X | - | - | - | X | X |
| Napa Sonoma | | X | - | - | X | X |
| Oakland wg | X | - | - | - | - | - |
| Palo Alto | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Redding | X | - | - | X | - | - |
| Redwood Forest | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Reno | X | X | X | X | - | - |
| Sacramento | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| San Francisco | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| San Jose | X | X | X | - | X | X |
| Santa Cruz | X | X | X | X | X | X |

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| Soledad wg | | X | X | X | X | X |
| Southern Humboldt wg | X | - | - | - | nr | - |
| Strawberry Creek | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Ukiah | ? | - | - | - | - | - |
| Visalia | ? | X | - | - | - | - |
| Western shore wg | | | - | - | X | X |
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“X” indicates someone was present from that meeting.

Visitors/guests introduced themselves: John Bird from El Sobrante, and Anna Cabral from Los Gatos

Teen Program: An overview was given by Miles Pangelina (Berkeley) Jim Anderson announced that the Teen Handbook has been revised and is available to read.

Children’s Program: Mark Runyan (Santa Cruz) gave an overview of activities.

Bob and Kathy Runyan, Quaker Center directors, welcomed us and reminded us of emergency procedures, phone and Wi-Fi availability, ticks, kitchen prep times and how to discourage the local rats from making unwanted visits.

Plenary 1

1. **Nominating Committee** – Karen Morgan (Redwood Forest) distributed copies of the slate and highlighted the new nominations and the openings. These names and the proposed job description for website coordinator will be seasoned during this session and brought back for action on Sunday.
Activity: Eric Sabelman (Palo Alto) distributed a form to each person present. We were asked to take some time in silence to discern our gifts and how we might be called to serve the quarter.
2. **New Naming Committee** –The current Naming Committee has completed their work and a new committee needs to be named. *held over to afternoon session*
3. **CPFEA** – Sandra Schwartz (San Francisco) reported that the Woolman Semester is attended almost entirely by students needing financial assistance, leading to financial stress for Sierra Friends Center. The Woolman Semester may only be offered in the fall. Full report is Attachment #1.

Interest Groups – Descriptions of and locations for each group were given.

1. "What is Quarterly for?" led by members of M&O
2. Racial Justice Subcommittee of PYM

3. The Woolman Semester School / Sierra Friends Center

Announcements were read by Carl Sigmond.

Plenary 2

1. **Naming Committee:** The report was written by Jeff Richman (Live Oak) and read by Mary Miché. Forty Friends were invited to serve on Nom Comm, but no one offered to serve at this time. Full report is Attachment #2.
2. **BLQC report** – Susan Smith (Berkeley), a member of the board, read the report, highlighting activities, participation levels, financial health, maintenance and improvements, board process and a plan to replace the dining room chairs. Full report is in Attachments #3, 4 and 5.
3. **Finance/Treasurer report** – Tom Yamaguchi (Strawberry Creek), Treasurer, distributed the report. The 2016 winter quarter report had minor errors related to the 2015 fall quarter expenses. These have been corrected. The Winter Quarter netted \$1,755.11. Most meetings have contributed their assessments at this time. Full report is in Attachments #6, 7 and 8.
 - a. Assessments for Southern CA Quarterly are much higher than CPQM which is \$2 at this time. The difference subsidizes attendance at quarterly meetings. Raising our assessments to \$8 per member would allow us to subsidize about one-third of the cost of the 2 residential sessions.
 - b. We encourage all Friends to discuss with their monthly meeting the reasons individuals do not participate and the meeting's response to the possibility of increased assessments. Send comments to committee clerk, Carl Anderson (Strawberry Creek) (address in the directory), and be prepared to discuss the issue at the fall quarterly meeting. Contact M&O about the reasons Friends do not come to quarterly meetings.
 - c. It was also suggested that the committee might simply ask meetings to make donations based on increased costs and the lack of an increase in assessments in many years.
4. **Nominating Slate** – Karen Morgan (Redwood Forest) pointed out a few errors on the slate as printed. Added to the slate are Alice Elliot-Sowall (San Francisco) to serve one year (through May of 2017) and Neil Fullagar (San Francisco) to serve 3 years (through May of 2019), both on the Children's Program Committee.
5. **M&O** – Jim Anderson (Chico) gave the report, highlighting the three general areas of activity: organization of quarterly gatherings, support of monthly meetings, and support of committees and their clerks. In support of our

gathering, one member of the committee is designated to hold in the Light the meeting and the officers during each plenary session.

We were asked to be sure that your meeting has an appointed representative and that M&O has the correct contact information.

Full report is Attachment #9.

6. **New naming committee** – We were asked to offer names from worship, to be seasoned for action tomorrow. For several minutes, none was offered. Some felt this may speak to the challenges faced by the Nominating Committee, the reluctance of Friends to serve there and the need for the Quarter to look at the overall process.

There are different ways for the naming to be done. In Davis Meeting the naming is done by the Oversight Committee. For FASE, 2 members of the board serve as the Naming Committee.

After a little more silence, the following names were offered: Barbara Christwitz (Redwood Forest), Meg Given (Palo Alto) and Sarah Tyrrell (Berkeley) accepted nominations. Dinah Bachrach (Redwood Forest) agreed to serve as alternate. Barbara agreed to serve as convener. This is a one year commitment.

7. **The minutes were approved.**

Panel on Voices of Renewal – led by Janet Leslie, Sharon Shen, Jan Turner and Hulda Muaka. Those who participated in the FWCC (Friends World Committee on Consultation) World Gathering in Peru led us in concentric circle sharing on queries from that experience and singing some bilingual songs that had been sung there. There was a panel sharing about individual experiences at the gathering and a moving video which included the reading of the epistle.

SUNDAY

Plenary 3

Mary Miché opened the plenary singing two verses of “Still Small Voice”

1. **Registrar** – The report was given by Sandy Kewman (Grass Valley) and Mica Estrada (Strawberry Creek).

Participants included 4 children, 6 teens and 65 adults for a total of 75 attenders. Full report is Attachment #10.

2. **Nominating Committee** – Karen Morgan (Redwood Forest) read the names which, having been seasoned during this session, were brought back for action.

Minute 2016.04: The Nominating Slate was approved as presented. It is attached.

Minute 2016.05: The committee clerks or co-clerks were approved as presented.

Minute 2016.06: The new CPFEA board members were approved as presented.

Minute 2016.07: The new BLQC board members were approved as presented.

Minute 2016.08: The job description for the website coordinator was approved as presented.

The full slate is Attachment #11.

A Friend suggested that privacy protection should be added to the description. We ask the Nominating Committee to add advice to the description regarding privacy.

3. **Naming Committee** – The names, having been seasoned during this session, were brought back for action.

Minute 2016.09: The Naming Committee was approved as Barbara Christwitz (Redwood Forest), Meg Given (Palo Alto) and Sarah Tyrrell (Berkeley), with Dinah Bachrach (Redwood Forest) as alternate, and Barbara as convener. This is a one year commitment.

4. **Reports from Interest Groups:**
 - a. **What's the Quarter For?** There was lively discussion about the role of the corporations and how we compare to other quarterly meetings. The input will be grist for the mill in planning the next gathering.
 - b. **Racial Justice:** The discussion included the 39 Questions, developed by Naima Lowe, aimed at the assumptions made about racial differences. One question that resonated with many was, "When did you discover that you are white?"
 - c. **CPFEA:** Topics included the diversity of students, potential program changes and new offerings, fuller use of the pastures, research opportunities, reframing the current work, increased rentals and connections with the local Maidu tribe. There are lots of opportunities for contributions to support Sierra Friends Center including financial donations or teaching mini-units.
5. **The minutes were approved.**

Children/Teen Program – A delightful and informative report was given by Callum, Aaron, Hannah, Faith, Elinor, Ari, Milos, and Sebastien, as a rap. The report was accepted with joy and gratitude. It is Attachment #12.

Meeting for Worship

Announcements were made.