**College Park Quarterly Meeting**

First Month 18, 2014, San Francisco Monthly Meeting

**Opening Plenary**

**Welcome**

Opening Plenary started at 9:30 am. Presiding Clerk Eric Moon (Berkeley) welcomed us to this 223rd session of College Park Quarterly Meeting with thanks for our depth of worship. He introduced Lisa Hubbell (Strawberry Creek) as Assistant Clerk and Tom Yamaguchi (Strawberry Creek) as Recording Clerk. He asked that announcements be given to the assistant clerk.

**Roll Call**

The assistant clerk called the roll. The following meetings and worship groups were in attendance:

Apple Seed

Berkeley

Central Coast

Chico

Davis

Delta

Friends House Worship Group

Grass Valley

Humboldt

Lake County Worship Group

Live Oak

Marin

Napa Sonoma

Oakland Worship Group

Palo Alto

Redwood Forest

Reno

Sacramento

San Francisco

San Jose

Santa Cruz

Soledad

Strawberry Creek

There were no visitors present that introduced themselves.

The clerk asked us to find time to talk to and connect with each other.

**Arrangements**

Newlyweds Paula Joyce (San Francisco) and David Erickson, Winter Quarter arrangements clerks, announced some changes. The teen interest group will meet upstairs in Room 5. The children’s program will leave that room during that time. The coffee shop next door closes at 1 pm, before the end of our lunch time. Other restaurants are listed on the back of the schedule.

There are nine worship groups. Packets are at each location. The groups will select their own conveners.

Volunteers are needed to stay for clean up.

**Children’s Program**

Delcy Stephy (Sacramento) introduced the volunteers for the children’s program.

They will take a walk during the interest group time, starting at 1:45 pm.

Ten children are signed up for the program.

The children’s program began at 9:50 am.

**Teens Program**

Kathy Runyan (Santa Cruz), the adult clerk of Teen Committee, and Hannah Mackinney (Strawberry Creek), Teen Co-clerk presented the teen program. An interest group hosted by Nathan Walker (Palo Alto) will be a threshing session about future sleeping arrangements, with a concern for welcoming trans and gender-non-conforming Friends.

The teens are hosting a dinner tonight. We will order Thai food, that includes vegan and gluten free options. The cost is $15. Please sign up by 3:15 pm. Dinner is at 5:30 pm.

**Interest groups**

In addition to the teen interest group on sleeping arrangements, the following introduced groups that will be held after lunch:

Bob Runyan (Santa Cruz) will lead “The Purpose of Quakerism: Continued” in the main room. It is a continuing discussion that started at fall quarter on our vision for the mission of Quakerism.

Margaret Sorrel (Strawberry Creek) announced the Friends House group that she is leading with Pam Calvert (Strawberry Creek) and Steve Birdlebough (Redwood Forest) in the Social Hall. There will brainstorming with questions and answers.

Laura Magnani (Strawberry Creek) will lead the group on AFSC, upstairs in the AFSC office.

Muriel Strand (Sacramento), Co-clerk of Unity with Nature, announced the group that will be led by Catja de Neergaard (Berkeley), Co-clerk of Unity with Nature, and Shelley Tanenbaum (Strawberry Creek). The will meet in the kitchen. They will discuss the Kabarak Call for Peace and Ecojustice from the Friends World Conference 2012.

**Nominating Committee**

Jeff Richmond (Live Oak) of Nominating Committee, presented the nominations. There are three names for the College Park Friends Educational Association (CPFEA) Board for three-year terms on 7/31/2016: Cindy Trueblood (Strawberry Creek), Muriel Strand (Sacramento), and Beth McCleary  (Reno).

There are three names for Ben Lomond Quaker Center Board: Marian Chatfield-Taylor (San Francisco) for a three-year term ending 1/2017, Nikki Bryant (Santa Cruz) for a three-year term ending 1/2017, and Barbara Best (no meeting) for a three-year term ending 10/2016.

**Archivist Report**

Archivist Eric Sabelman (Palo Alto) gave his report, which is attached.

Eric announced new additions to the archives which are in the reading room in the basement of San Francisco Meeting. He is available to respond to questions on quarterly meeting history. The web site will soon have a timeline for the life of monthly meetings, as well as electronic versions of archived documents.

He asked for Friends to look for records in their homes that should be included in the archives. He can also give Them to PYM archives at Whittier. Jan Tappan (Orange Grove) is the PYM archivist.

Eric will be investing in a fast scanner to provide more electronic archives online.

**FASE Report**

Margaret Sorrel (Strawberry Creek) gave the report, which is attached. She invited Friends to speak to Friends House Board and residents if they unable to attend the afternoon interest group.

Margaret made a special request for donations. They are looking for board members and development committee members. Pam Calvert (Strawberry Creek) has created vehicle donation program called “Old Cars for Old Friends.”

Friends House will have its 30th anniversary celebration on April 25, 26, and 27.

They have space in their independent living units, but need more assisted living units. They currently lack facilities for residents needing memory care.

One Friend expressed disappointment that the quarter is no longer involved with selecting members of the phase board. Margaret responded many Friends including current board members share that disappointment, but that Friends House is among the last Quaker retirement communities to adopt the current practice. There needs to be a firewall, she said between the quarter and board and not put the quarter at legal risk.

The quarter, through Nominating, is able to provide feedback on board nominees whose names are seasoning.

**FWCC Section of the Americas**

Jim Anderson (Chico) announced the Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of Americas, event “Let the Living Water Flow” which will be held at Friends Community Church in Sacramento, March 14 to 16.

He describer FWCC as one of the concentric circles of Quaker life, our monthly and quarterly meetings being geographically limited circles. FWCC is a far reaching circle and is divided into 4 sections. Robin Mohr formerly of San Francisco Meeting, is the executive secretary of our section and will be coming to attend the Sacramento event.

This section usually has one meeting each year. This year, it will host four meetings in both North and South America. The goal is make those meetings accessible to more people.

More information is on the website, where there is a downloadable flyer available. http://fwccamericas.org/events/2014-Consultations.shtml

Nancy Thomas of Northwest Yearly Meeting will speaking on Bolivia.

Alyssa Nelson (Davis) will have a half-day workshop for young people that includes a service project with Friends Church, foot washing of homeless people in the local area.

**Ministry and Oversight Report**

Barbara Christwitz (Lake County/Redwood Forest) gave the report as the clerk for the winter session, succeeding Nancy Nanna (Redwood Forest) who was clerk for the fall session. Bob Runyan (Santa Cruz) will be M&O clerk for the spring session.

The committee met by conference call in December. Working with the Teen Committee, they developed developed worship sharing queries inspired by a quote by the German poet Rainer Maria Rilke:

“Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves, like locked rooms and like books that are now written in a very foreign tongue. Do not now seek the answers, which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them. And the point is, to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer.”

Assistant Clerk made announcements.

A benefit for Friends Committee on Legislation will be held on January 31 at Palo Alto Meeting. See Eric Sabelman (Palo Alto) for more information.

PYM Youth Program Coordinator Alyssa Nelson (Davis) and Julian Garrett (San Jose) will have a Adult Allies to Youth Workshop on April 5.

The CPQM directory available for sale by Eric Moon (Berkeley) for $5 or you may request a PDF version sent by email.

If you wish to have an interest group at spring quarter, please send your request to the assistant clerk six weeks before the session (early April). Please put “CPQM interest group request” in subject line to ensure you get her attention.

Plenary ended at noon and was followed by worship sharing.

Worship Sharing queries were on Blessings of Spiritual Discomfort.

Can you share about a difficult and uncomfortable situation which gave you fuel to grow spiritually?

Are there specific issues in your local or global community which create spiritual discomfort for you? How does this impact your spiritual life?

How can you use your spiritual practice to help you deal with your discomfort?

Closing plenary began at 3:20 pm after a period of silent worship.

Two visitors from meetings outside of CPQM introduced themselves: Sheila Garret from Putney, VT and Zach Alexander from Cambridge, MA.

The nominations seasoning from opening plenary were read for a second time. The nominations were approved.

The clerk reminded monthly meetings to complete their state of the meeting reports to send to Ministry and Oversight before spring quarter.

The clerk reminded us of the minute from Delta Monthly Meeting on a possible division of Pacific Yearly Meeting into two yearly meetings. That minute was not considered a fall quarterly, but was sent to monthly meetings for consideration. The clerk has received some responds from monthly meetings, but many are yet to respond. Delta Meeting has asked the clerk to bring the minute to the spring quarter session. He will be speaking with Ministry and Oversight Committee about adding it to the schedule. He asked that meetings who have not responded to the minute to do so soon.

**PYM Ministry and Oversight**

Barbara Babin (Redwood Forest) announced the following:

“PYM’s Ministry and Oversight committee will be meeting in Mexico City next weekend at the invitation of our clerk who lives there. We will make a visit to a prison, visit and stay at the Casa de Los Amigos. and worship with Mexico City Friends. Barbara Babin (Redwood Forest) and Walt Jones (Delta) will be going down early to visit with the Oaxaca Worship Group. Joe Magruder (Berkeley) and Carol Mosher (Berkeley) will arrive midweek with their spouses. We also will be joined by Linda Rowell (Chico) and Friends from Southern California. We hope to carry your greetings with us and hope that you will hold us and our work in the Light.

“If you have questions for us to look into or concerns you’d like us to carry, please speak to us.

“As you know, Mexico City Meeting is a member meeting of PYM, but is not part of a quarterly meeting. One purpose of our visit is to support PYM and other Friends in Mexico.”

**Treasurer’s Report**

Paul Harris (Redwood Forest) presented the Treasurer’s report. He thankful for the many meetings who have already sent their payments.

**Registrar’s Report**

Sandy Kewman (Grass Valley) announced 132 registered attenders, including 10 children, 9 teens, and 4 FAPs.

**Announcements**

The assistant clerk gave the announcements

Please give your receipts for quarterly meeting bills to Treasurer Paul Harris (Redwood Forest) for reimbursement.

Sheila Garret from Putney, VT serves on board of Lyman Fund. She can speak to interested people after the meeting.

From Thursday through Sunday, Pastor Brian Young of Berkeley Friends Church will conduct a tour by Christian Peacemaker Teams.

An Alternatives to Violence basic workshop will be held in Chico from January 24 to 26.

The 15th White Privilege Conference will be held on March 26 to 29 in Madison, WI. A discount is available by registering on the Friends General Conference website. http://www.fgcquaker.org/events/2014-white-privilege-conference-wpc15

Cindy Trueblood (Strawberry Creek) has information on Woolman Semester 10th anniversary events.

Friends are reminded of earlier dates of Pacific Yearly Meeting’s annual session, July 14-19 at Walker Creek Ranch.

Ann Scott Redwood Forest) has a granola recipe that Friends can use to raise money.

Sarah Asch (Marin) reported that an impromptu interest group was held for parents.

Tom Farley (Palo Alto) displayed some new materials for sale by Earthlight Books, including Tom King’s history of San Jose and west coast Friends and Anthony Manousos' biography of Anna and Howard Brinton. Earthlight can bring books to your monthly meeting. Earthlight, which is a 501 c3 organization, needs more board members.

Minutes were read and approved with corrections.

The children’s program made their report. 12 children attended at least part of the day. In addition to playing in the park, they sang “What Does George Fox Say?”, inspired by the song “What Does the Fox Say?”.

They learned about Jonah and the Whale and made an art project showing Jonah being ejected by the whale.

Spring 2014 session of College Park Quarterly Meeting will be held at Ben Lomond Quaker Center, May 16 to 18.

Plenary ended at 4:30 pm after a period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted, Signed,

Tom Yamaguchi, Recording Clerk Eric Moon, Presiding Clerk

Attachments:

Archivist Report

FASE Report

Treasurer’s Winter 2014 Report

Treasurer’s Winter 2014 Quota List