

Minutes for College Park Quarterly Meeting

Fall 2017

Clerk, Sandy Kewman, welcomed us and invited us to continue in worship as we moved into plenary. Sandy mentioned that we're thinking about those not with us today.

Amy Cooke, Executive Director of Sierra Friends Center, welcomed us after this painful week of fires in Northern California and thanked those who came not knowing what might happen at home. We began with an acknowledgement of the first people of this land on Woolman Lane, the Nisenan.

Ari Standish, co-Clerk of the teen program told us what they would be doing this weekend. The Adult Clerks of the Teen Committee asked us for a few more adult members to assist with this committee.

Plenary 1:

Spirit-Led Eldering Panel:

Sandy asked, Please open your ears and your hearts to this topic. Imagine someone sitting opposite you and acknowledging you and all your gifts?

Thistle West (Strawberry Creek MM), Gordon Bishop (Grass Valley MM), and Stephen Matchett (San Francisco MM) spoke to us about their experiences and their thoughts about the value of eldering also known as spiritual accompaniment. Both the elder and the person being accompanied can be carrying similar concerns, though in the end, only one of them will deliver it vocally. Ministry can be seen as a team sport. One panelist shared hearing that 50% of an elder's work is to live a good life, 40% is listening, 5% is knowing when to keep your mouth shut, and less than 1% is asking a hard question when you know someone well. Another panelist shared his experiences with an elder who sought him out and encouraged him to share his gifts.

Naming Committee:

Janet Leslie, (Chico MM) Convenor of the Naming Committee, offered names of people to be considered for the Nominating Committee.

Jan Turner (Humboldt MM) is continuing with a new one year term until January 2019

Nate Secrest (Redwood Forest MM) with a one year term through January 2019.

Nancy Nanna (Redwood Forest MM)with a three year through January 2021.

Janet Wile (Appleseed MM) (already serving) to serve a one year term as Clerk.

Bob Runyan (Santa Cruz MM) to serve another year through January 2019.

These names were seasoned until Sunday.

Sierra Friends Center:

Sandra Schwartz, (San Francisco MM) Head of the College Park Foundation Educational Association Board, presented a report on developments over the last year at Sierra Friends Center (attached in the archived minutes). She encouraged Friends to consider becoming Board members.

Interest Groups:

Leaders of interest groups described each of their groups. The interest groups are:

Disaster Preparedness among Northern California Friends (Eric Sabelman, Palo Alto MM)

Cultivating Opportunities for Openings or Awakenings in Your Meeting (M&O Committee, Kathy Runyan (Santa Cruz MM) and Sandy Kewman (Grass Valley MM)

Discernment at Sierra Friends Center (Amy Cooke, Grass Valley MM)

Lobbying: Putting Our Quaker Values to Work (FCNL, Carolyn Levering (Santa Cruz MM; FCL-CA, Kevan Insko)

Plenary 2.

Assistant Clerk, Carl Sigmund, welcomed us to Plenary 2.

Ministry and Oversight

Jim Anderson, Clerk of CPQM M&O, presented the M&O report (attached in the archived minutes). He asked us to consider how M&O nurtures the spiritual life of the quarter and the monthly meetings. To what end does M&O receive the Monthly Meetings' state of the meeting reports? M&O would like to hear our thoughts.

Why are we so few in this room? Do we need a Quarterly Meeting? (Those of you hearing this have decided that we do). What should we learn from those of us who aren't here about our structures, our understandings, our inheritance?

M&O welcomes our guidance and support.

FCL-CA

Kevan Insko, FCL-CA staff member, told us about current activities of the Friends Committee of Legislation of California (attached in the archived minutes).

Tomorrow is the last day Governor Brown has to pass or veto bills, and two bills on sentence reform we supported were passed and signed. Also the sanctuary state bill was able to bring together many different faith groups. Other legislation we supported that was passed is described in the FCL-CA report.

Kevan asked for financial support and our activism.

We reviewed the minutes from Plenary 1 and Plenary 2, and we approved them with minor corrections.

Plenary 3.

Nominating Committee

Marilee Eusebio, (Davis MM) Clerk of the Nominating Committee reported they have no names to bring us, but they would be very happy to accept names for the adult Teen Committee and the Registrar. Please see Karen Morgan or Maren Sinclair Hurn, co-clerks of the adult teen committee if you have any questions about that committee and its work.

Naming Committee

We approved the names brought to us by the Naming Committees in Plenary 1.

Treasurer

Tom Yamaguchi, (Strawberry Creek MM) CPQM Treasurer, made a report (attached in archived minutes) and thanked Carl Anderson, (Strawberry Creek MM) Clerk of Finance Committee. He suggested that we use San Francisco Meeting as the official address for checks and insurance for quarterly meeting. San Francisco Meeting has approved this idea. No action was needed, but we will do this.

Registrar

We received a report from our co-Registrar, Don Kewman (attached in archived minutes). We had 69 attenders at quarterly: 61 adults, 6 teens and 2 children, and everyone has paid.

Teen Group

Ari Standish, Co-Clerk of the Teen Group, made a report about their activities this weekend, assisted by other teens.

Two cards are available on the table for Friends to sign outside plenary for Friends at Friends House and at Redwood Forest Meeting as they cope with the fires in their areas and their aftermath.

We reviewed the minutes for Plenary 3 and approved them with minor corrections.

Submitted by,

Heather Levien, Recording Clerk

Signed by,


Sandy Kewman, Clerk

Attachments:

M&O Report

Treasurer's Report

CPFEA report

FCL-CA report