

Minutes for College Park Quarterly Meeting

Fall 2018

Clerk, Barbara Babin, welcomed us. She said that one of the powerful draws to quarterly meeting is the sense that these are my people, and I am seen and welcomed here.

Amy Cooke, Executive Director of Woolman at Sierra Friends, welcomed us, adding how she loves the sense of being home here. She asked those who have been a student at Woolman to stand and those who have been a board member to stand and those affiliated with camp to stand, and teachers... She welcomed all of them home, and said may many more of you stand in the future.

This is precious land, the ancestral land of their Nisenan with their eternal spirit, their deep ancestral knowledge and their laws and we take a moment to remember what has happened on this land. At the time of colonial contact, there were between 7 and 9000 Nisenan on this land, and now there are 146. Shelley Covert, a member of the Nisenan community, was planning to attend but could not but is appreciative of what is happening and what could happen.

We next engaged in an interactive, intergenerational roll called, "Welcome, Who are My People?" gathering together by areas and reporting the youngest and the oldest members in each area.

Cheryl Hendrickson told us a little about what the Children's Program will be doing this weekend and then took the seven children to the Office. They will be exploring the idea of Gifts in everyone.

The Teen Program and Maren Hurn let us know what they will be doing this weekend, starting by joining the adult program for worship sharing.

Plenary 1:

Clerk's remarks

Nominating Committee:

Clerk Janet Wile of Appleseed brought forward the name Nate Secrest of Redwood Forest for a partial term on the Teen Committee lasting through 2019.

Naming Committee:

Thistle West, Convenor of the Naming Committee, brought us a report. They don't have any names to bring, and they are the only member of Naming Committee here at Quarterly Meeting. Please contact Thistle if you feel called to serve on Nominating Committee.

Jan Turner and Bob Runyon are leaving Nominating Committee in January 2019 with two members remaining on a committee which is supposed to have six members.

Jan Turner reports that the committee is a great committee to be on. Most of the business is conducted on Zoom, so not a lot of time is spent commuting.

College Park Friends Educational Association

Rebecca Ambrose, Davis Meeting and Member of the College Park Friends Educational Association Board presented a report on developments over the last year (attached in the archived minutes). They are working on a major fund-raising campaign based on a strategic plan, Woolman Rising, to rebuild infrastructure, programs and staff. They are aware of both the potential and difficulties in Woolman history. Areas of great potential are their Executive Director, Amy Cooke; the Jorgensen School for Non-Violence; affiliation with the Oakland Schools; a Quaker co-housing initiative; and the possibility of serving as a retreat for writers, artists and others. The board hopes that people will consider serving on the board, even if they don't live in the Bay Area.

There will be an interest group on the goals and the campaign this afternoon.

Friends Committee on Legislation of California:

Kevan Insko, Co-Director of FCL-CA, delivered a report on bills that have passed in the last year and those that have not been successful despite our support (attached in archived minutes). They've just completed their 66th year of lobbying. There's been lots of progress, especially on criminal justice work.

They have ballot recommendations, and they will have an interest group this afternoon.

They will be contacting us to see what we're interested in politically and whether we're interested in visiting our legislators in person. Contact Kevan if you would be interested.

There's a report on their work on their website. The challenge is their fund-raising, especially since it's not tax-deductible. They really need \$100,000 this year. Next year they need to decide whether they need to downsize. Kevan appreciates thoughts about how to fundraise including with non-Quakers.

Plenary 2.

Clerk's remarks

We are experimenting with having people attend plenary via Zoom and have two people with us for the presentation.

Ad-Hoc Committee on Regional Gathering

Jim Anderson, convenor of the group, made the report (attached in archived minutes) about how to gather more of us together. The ad hoc committee presented a panel facilitated by Mico Sorrell, with Elena Anderson-Williams, Jan Turner, Beth McCleary and Barbara Christwicz responding to queries.

Plenary 3.

Nominating Committee

We approved the appointment of Nate Secrest for a term on the Teen Committee through Spring Quarter 2019, which was brought to us in Plenary 1. The Nominating Committee also brought forth the names Karen Morgan and Janet Wile as co-clerks of the Teen Committee, and since they have already been serving on the Teen Committee, we approved their appointments as co-clerks through (terms?).

Naming Committee

We were asked to consider whether we might feel called to serve on Nominating Committee, since we still need four more members, and to contact members of the Naming Committee, Thistle West and Don Sands, if we do feel called.

A friend suggested that we might add more members to the Naming Committee, and the Clerk asked whether anyone in the session felt called to serve, but no one came forward. She asked again later in the session, and followed that call with a suggestion to speak to her if someone feels moved to serve.

Ministry and Oversight

Jim Anderson, Clerk of CPQM M&O, presented the M&O report (attached in the archived minutes). He encouraged us all to find our place to serve our community and stressed that our reports don't convey what we felt and what we experienced in our committees. He talked about how M&O works to support the development of the quarterly meeting and the monthly meetings, including visitation of meetings and how they meet for a full day once a year to discuss larger issues.

State of the Meeting Reports

We heard some selections from the State of the Meeting reports from the quarter.

Registrar

We received a report from our co-Registrar, Eric Sabelman (attached in archived minutes). We had 22 entities represented, with 60 families, and 92-97 individuals with 11 cancellations and 2 no-shows.

Treasurer

Tom Yamaguchi, CPQM Treasurer, made two reports (attached in archived minutes). One report is of which meetings have paid their quotas based on the statistical report from PYM. His second report was on our current financial status, comparing what has happened this session with what happened during Spring Quarter, when we lost \$800.

With the water situation at the beginning of this quarter, Summer Thyme has catered the food for some of our meals for this quarter.

The Treasurer and Finance Committee Clerk will consult about the final result.

Finance Committee

Carl Anderson, Clerk of the Finance Committee, made a report (attached in archived minutes). He notes that winter quarter will include a rental of a church. We may need to charge more this winter to cover the increased cost, given recent costs.

Teen Group

Alma Moon of Strawberry Creek, new Clerk of the Teen Group, made a report about their activities this weekend (attached in archived minutes).

Children's Program

Cheryl Hendrickson, Co-Clerk of the Children's Program, helped the children show the boxes they made that hold the gifts they share with people. They shared thanks with people they especially appreciated this quarter.

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

The 238th session of College Park Quarterly Meeting will be hosted by Redwood Forest Meeting on January 19, 2019. See you then!