

## Minutes of the 246<sup>th</sup> Gathering of College Park Quarterly Meeting

Held via ZOOM, Tenth Month 15-16, 2021

Friday, 10-15-2021

### Plenary Session I

At 7:00 pm Friends gathered in worship via zoom. [38 screens, some with two participants.] At Rise of Meeting, Presiding Clerk, Joe Magruder [BE], welcomed all present and introduced Jay Cash [ST], Zoom Host, Jan Turner [HU], Assistant Clerk, and Sandy Farley [PA], Recording Clerk.

Jay Cash divided us into breakout groups with four screens each. We had 15 minutes in our groups to respond to the query "What is alive for you right now?" Following that the screens were shuffled, and we found ourselves in a different set of four screens with the topic "What would you find most nurturing this weekend?"

We adjourned at 8:50 to reconvene in the morning for Bible Study, Meeting for Business, and Worship Sharing.

Saturday, 10-16-2021

### Plenary Session II

At 9:00 am, we gathered in worshipful silence via zoom. At 9:11, Clerk, Joe Magruder, opened the session.

**Roll call:** Assistant Clerk, Jan Turner, called the roll of meetings and worship groups. She asked that we turn off our video until our meeting is called. Then turning on the video should move us to the top of the screen. This worked fairly well.

Visitors: Susana Cervantes, La Jolla Meeting; Steven Willett, Manchester & Warrington Area Meeting, Britain Yearly Meeting; Lisa Hubbell, First Mennonite Church of San Francisco; Daniel Lean-Moctezuma, México City Meeting; Kevan Insko, Friends Committee on Legislation of California.

**Nominating Committee:** Committee Clerk, Liz Baker [SA], reported that at the end of Spring Quarter it was decided jointly with the Clerk of Quarter to provide an interim appointment of four members to our Ministry and Oversight Committee.

Cindy Trueblood [ST] agreed to serve one year ending in 22.

Mico Sorrel [ST] agreed to serve two years ending in 23.

Lee Knutsen [LO] and Elinor Steffy [SA] agreed to serve three years to 24.

We have received the resignation of Cedar Green [SJ] as Treasurer, so we have asked Tom Yamaguchi [ST/BE] to continue until a new treasurer is approved. His reappointment was also agreed to by interim appointment.

Nominating Committee brings these names forward for approval. We will consider them at our afternoon session.

**Naming Committee:** Clerk, Joe Magruder, reported that Sue Torrey [CC] and Suellen Lowery [HU] are willing to serve on the Naming Committee and the committee needs one or two more members. He asked for suggestions. Ted Selker [PA], volunteered, and Jay Cash [ST] was suggested and agreed to be considered. We will bring all four names for consideration at our afternoon session.

Liz Baker advised that the Nominating Committee is currently functioning well, so if Naming Committee asks you to serve, be happy to say “Yes.”

**Sierra Friends Center:** Board Member, Olivia Henry [SF], reported on the effects of both Wildfire and Pandemic to the center and how they have responded and are moving forward. The full report is posted on our web site. Contact the staff for up-dates and to volunteer. More board members are needed. They are currently interviewing candidates for Executive Director. A new program, The Jorgensen School of Non-Violence, is being organized. Nissinan tribal connections to the land were revealed to a greater extent in the aftermath of the fire. The board is including tribal members in discussions of future land use.

Mary Miché reported that last weekend there was a successful children’s program from Pacific Yearly Meeting and College Park Quarterly Meeting held at Sierra Friends Center.

**Minutes:** Recording Clerk, Sandy Farley, read the minutes for the first and second Plenary Sessions. **Minutes of Plenary Session I were approved.**

**Minutes of Plenary Session II were approved in rough draft.**

Jan Turner and Jay Cash followed with Announcements on shared screen.

### **Plenary session III**

At 3:00 pm, we gathered in worshipful silence via zoom.

**Nominating Committee:** We heard the nominations first read at Plenary Session II.

Ministry and Oversight

Cindy Trueblood [ST] to serve one year ending in 2022.

Mico Sorrel [ST] to serve two years ending in 2023.

Lee Knutsen [LO] and Elinor Steffy [SA] to serve three years to 2024.

Treasurer

Tom Yamaguchi [ST/BE] to continue as treasurer until January 2022.

**All approved.**

**Naming Committee:** We heard the names first read at Plenary Session II.

Sue Torrey [CC], Suellen Lowery [HU], Ted Selker [PA], Jay Cash [ST], all for one-year terms.

Convener: Suellen Lowery.

**All approved.**

Charge to the Naming Committee:

1. fill vacant terms on Nominating Committee, 2. Name a clerk for one year.

**Registrar's Report:** Eric Sabelman [PA] reported that we have 88 persons registered, with no teens or children, so far, except one babe in arms. Some registered with alternate e-mail addresses which complicates the work of the registrar.

**Treasurer's report:** Not available. Treasurer, Tom Yamaguchi, reported, "We are not in grave difficulty."

**Teen and Children's Program:** Barbara Christwitz [LC/RF] reported on the gathering at Sierra Friends Center last weekend. Several families with children and teens enjoyed perfect weather on the campus. It was a relaxed time with informal play, a walk to Mel's Pond, and a first day school program. There were some "new" families participating. By all accounts it was a successful fully-subscribed weekend. Thanks to Barbara and to Pacific Yearly Meeting Youth Program Coordinator, Keenan Lorenzato [DA] and Pacific Yearly Meeting Children's Program Coordinator, Mary Miché [LC/RF], for producing this event.

**Concern:** In response to a question, we learned that Ministry & Oversight Committee is still in discussion on the question of renaming that committee. Monthly meetings will be urged again to report how they have handled this issue. Several have already responded. A lively discussion ensued.

**Minutes:** Recording Clerk, Sandy Farley, read the minutes for the third Plenary Session.

**Minutes of Plenary Session III were approved in rough draft.**

Note: College Park Quarterly Meeting directory as a PDF is available through Sarah Tyrrell [ST] [sarahtyrrell@alumnae.mills.edu](mailto:sarahtyrrell@alumnae.mills.edu) It has been our practice to provide copies to our officers and committee clerks at no charge.