

Minutes for College Park Quarterly Meeting

Winter 2019

Plenary 1:

Clerk's remarks: Clerk Barbara Babin welcomed us and thanked us for coming for coming in spite of the rainy weather and expressed appreciation to everyone who made this meeting possible. Our theme today is prophetic witness and hope in difficult times. We're meeting really early to make it possible for those who want to to participate in the Women's March today.

We are meeting on land originally inhabited by the Pomo and Wapo peoples and we appreciate these people and their land practices from which we have a lot to learn. We will be hearing later about an opportunity for our youth to do some of that learning.

Assistant Clerk, Janet Leslie, led role call. We were visited by Brent Bill from Indiana and Shelley Tanenbaum of Quaker Earthcare Witness.

Cheryl Hendrickson reported for the Children's Program. They will be meeting in the portable behind the church. They are focusing today on the parable of the good Samaritan and responding to people in need.

Alma Moon, the Teen Quarterly Clerk, reported that teens will go to Spring Lake Park, hike, come back for lunch, listen to the keynote and then make dinner for the quarterly attenders.

A friend reminded us that a number of those attending quarterly have not attended before, and we should be sure to say what our acronyms mean and what our names are.

Cindy Trueblood read excerpts of the State of the Meeting reports (attached in archived minutes).

Ministry and Oversight

Jim Anderson, Clerk of CPQM M&O, presented the M&O report (attached in the archived minutes). He reminded us that it's good periodically to look at our charge, as a committee, as a community. M&O's charge is "nurtures our spiritual life."

Naming Committee:

Barbara Babin brought us a report (attached in archived minutes) for Thistle West, who was with the teens.

Naming Committee has not been able to find names of people willing to serve on Nominating Committee, and they have consulted with at least eight people. Please contact Thistle West, Don Sands or Sue Torrey if you are willing to serve. As of today, only two people will remain on the Nominating Committee, and we don't want to leave them alone on the committee.

Nominating Committee:

Clerk Janet Wile of Appleseed brought forward the names of Bob Runyan and Owen Elliot Sewell for Arrangements for Spring 2019 Quarterly Meeting. We will hold these names over until Plenary 3.

Ad-Hoc Committee on Regional Gathering

Mico Sorrel and Jim Anderson made the report (attached in archived minutes). Regional gatherings would address the concern of encouraging people outside the Bay Area to attend quarterly and to strengthen the connections and the bonds between the larger and smaller meetings in these areas. These networks could illuminate common issues that we share more locally and help us reduce our carbon footprint. We hope to try initial gatherings before spring quarter in May. If this happens, please let members of the ad hoc committee know whether your gathering met needs that were not met before?

FASE Board

Mico Sorrel, past FASE Board Clerk, introduced Marla Hastings, the Assistant Clerk of the Board of the Friends Association of Services for the Elderly (FASE), who presented a report on developments over the last year (attached in the archived minutes).

The board began a search for a new strategic management partner in late 2017, and, after serious deliberation, the board selected Covia as the new management partner. The board and the residents have been very pleased with Covia as manager, since their values closely match Quaker values. Their October 2018 planning retreat reminded them that we need to consider how to address the problems of independent living residents needing more care while the assisted living beds are full and we don't have a memory unit. These are the sorts of concerns the board intends to address with their long-term planning committee.

We approved the minutes with minor corrections.

Worship Sharing

Kathy Runyan expressed appreciation to the nine hosts who gave us permission to use their apartments at Friends House for worship sharing.

Plenary 2

We heard more excerpts from state of the meeting reports.

The clerk introduced our keynote speaker, Brent Bill, from West Newton Meeting in Indiana, and we settled into worship to await his talk.

Brent Bill talked to us about the role of our prophetic witness in the world today and discussed how our meetings might discern the work that we are to do. Extended notes from his talk will be available with the archived minutes from this quarter.

Plenary 3.

We had a final reading from the state of the meeting reports, and Clerk Barbara Babin reminded us that it is now the season to start writing the new state of the meeting reports, and that it is very encouraging to read about other meetings.

Nominating Committee

We approved the appointment of Bob Runyan and Owen Elliot Sewell for Arrangements Committee for Spring Quarter 2019. We thanked the Nominating Committee.

Finance Committee

Carl Anderson, Clerk of the Finance Committee, made a report (attached in archived minutes). He had 35 copies of the list of quotas for the monthly meetings. There is still a question outstanding that makes it impossible to deliver a financial report at this time.

Registrar

We received a report from our co-Registrar, Eric Sabelman (attached in archived minutes). It helped a lot to have more than one Registrar. We had a self-sign-in with age as one of the entries, and almost everyone entered their age, making it possible to create some interesting statistics. We had 108 people, with a mean age of 59.3. The youngest person was 4, and the oldest person was 96; the sum of all ages was 6401. Is that useful?

If you'd like to offer ideas for themes or have other suggestions, please contact Barbara Babin or Assistant Clerk, Janet Leslie.

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

Children's Program

Cheryl Hendrickson, Co-Clerk of the Children's Program, reported that the children shared the story The Quiet Place, played games, jumped in mud (lots of fellowship) and ended with the story of the good Samaritan. Cheryl thanked volunteers for coming to share music with the children.

The 239th session of College Park Quarterly Meeting will be hosted by Ben Lomond Quaker Center, May 17-19, 2019. See you then!

Faithfully submitted,

Barbara Babin, Presiding Clerk

Heather Levien, Recording Clerk