

Corvallis Friends

Eighth Month 2008 Reformatted for Web Version

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING
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ALL ARE WELCOME
Sunday Worship: 11:00 am

Wednesday Collection:
Christ-centered worship, 7 pm

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WWW.QUAKER.ORG/CORVALLIS

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MONTHLY EVENTS

FIRST SUNDAY (USUALLY)

NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

SECOND SUNDAY

MEETING FOR BUSINESS: 9:15 AM

SECOND THURSDAY (7/10)

5-7 PM AT

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC STEEPLEHOUSE

Quaker Calendar

Date	Sunday Supper & other events	Special this week
8/3		
8/10	No Meeting for Business this month. ***Sunday Supper at Peoria Park 5:30 pm...see note below	8/14 Stone Soup 5-7 pm St. Mary's Kitchen
8/17		
8/24		Would you like to host a summer Sunday potluck? See a sign-up sheet at the Meeting House.
8/31		

Sunday Supper at Peoria Park on 8/10

A note from Jay Thatcher: There's a grill at the park. Please bring something for the grill or a side dish.

I expect to arrange for a boat of some sort. If any Friend wishes to bring their own watercraft please do so. There's plenty of time to paddle around near the park. I'd be eager to arrange a shuttle between Peoria Park and Willamette Park. With the offer of another truck, van or car to carry a canoe, we'd probably have daylight enough for two trips. Contact me at 758-9333 or jthatch@peak.org to offer your boat or road vehicle.

To get to the park from Corvallis, take Highway 34 to the east. Turn right on Peoria Rd. which is the second traffic light after crossing the Willamette. The park is on the right hand side, about 10 miles from Corvallis.

Seeking Newsletter Editor (Submissions Sought)

Additionally, contributions to the newsletter are overjoyously welcome. If you have a spiritual thought, a story, an You may notice that the newsletters are getting skinnier!! This may be a combination of less happening during summer months, and a busy graduate student at the newsletter helm. If you feel led to become the next Newsletter Editor, please contact Communications Volunteer Coordinator Jenny Dauer who will be acting as temporary editor until a person steps in who can serve for a longer time period.

Additionally, contributions to the newsletter are overjoyously welcome. If you have a spiritual thought, a story, an announcement, an invitation, a joke, or an idea to be published, please send them to for the next edition!

See print version of newsletter or Corvallis Mt. directory for Jenny's email address.

Meeting for Business Seventh Month 13th 2008

Clerk: Esther Schiedel

Acting Recording Clerk: Kate Kimball

Present: Barbara Boggs, Brigid Bonner, Jenny Dauer, Joe Dauer, Mary Jane Gray, Bob Henderson, Kate Kimball, David Meade, Lorena Reynolds, Esther Schiedel, Pat Shermer, Virginia Tyler, Roger Weaver

Opening: 9:18 a.m.

Before entering into the silence, the Clerk opened with a reading from the current Faith & Practice regarding business meetings.

Approval of Previous Minutes: The minutes from the previous month were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer's Report was available, although the treasurer confirmed that checks are being written and bills are being paid after some initial confusion with the bank. There was discussion about clarifying who the second signatory is on checks when the Treasurer is again available. In order to eliminate questions about this authority, a Minute was adopted.

Minute 2008.07.01: Lorena Reynolds is and has been authorized to sign checks on the checking account for Corvallis Monthly Meeting in her capacity as Assistant Treasurer.

Nominating Committee: (See separate listing in the newsletter for full report.) Esther Schiedel presented the Nominating Committee report, which was approved. The only changes noted were that Kate Kimball is nominated for M&O and Jenny Dauer is a temporary newsletter editor. The report was approved, pending clarification about Peace and Social Concerns.

Pre-Nominating Committee: Pre-Nominating Committee did not have an opportunity to meet but will endeavor to do so before the next business meeting.

Ministry and Oversight: Kate Kimball presented the report for Ministry and Oversight, which was approved. M&O recommends that Corvallis Friends Meeting members and attenders be encouraged to attend North Pacific Yearly Meeting's annual session's Meeting for Worship at 11 on Sunday morning, July 20. It is planned for Austin (the larger) Auditorium at the LaSells Stewart Center. This is a special opportunity to join the larger Quaker group. NPYM is not scheduled to return to Corvallis for at least four years. After discussion, Meeting approved this request encouraging attendance at annual session Meeting for Worship and agreed that an email should be sent out on the list to let members and attenders know of this opportunity.

Bob Henderson volunteered to be at the Meeting House for those who wish to worship there and to provide directions to those wishing to join in worship at the annual session.

M&O considered the questions that have emerged regarding hosting, both the job description and the lack of volunteers. It was decided that the person from M&O designated to close the Meeting for Worship will also serve as host. Unlocking the Meeting House will not necessarily be tied to hosting duties because the Adult Religious Education Committee does it during the school year or there is Meeting for Business. The host will either lock up or ask another responsible individual to lock up.

M&O would like to propose a series of 9:30 sessions (or possibly other opportunities to gather to study) on a variety of topics related to the spiritual life of our Meeting, including such possibilities as: "What does it mean to be a Quaker?" Quakerism 101, Conversations with remarkable Friends, recent articles in the May Friends Journal, worship sharing, and the new draft of Faith and Practice. M&O will consult with Joe Dauer, clerk of Adult Religious Ed Committee, to make further plans.

A care committee has been created for Eliza Reynolds who is trying to earn a "That of God" merit badge for Girl Scouts, which can take one year or more to earn. Members appointed are: Lori Reynolds, Emily Barry, Lela Fitzner (Girl Scout Troop Leader) and Jay Thatcher.

The M&O Committee plans to review the membership list, hoping to locate and talk with members inactive for a long time. Attention to this is needed periodically and will be part of our work this year.

Maintenance: Lorena Reynolds provided a report from Major Meeting House Maintenance working group. A new stove for the kitchen will be ordered shortly. Those Friends having suggestions about what kind of stove to purchase were encouraged to contact the volunteer coordinator quickly with suggestions. During the discussion, Friends shared an interest in having an energy efficient ("green") stove, one that is simple to use, and one with an automatic turn-off if possible.

Peace and Social Concerns (P&SC): Meeting returned to this issue, which was discussed last month. After discussion and clarification, Meeting approved a shift in the Representation working group.

Minute 2008.07.02: Meeting approved retaining the Representation working group and deleting references under it to "further peace and social concerns of the Meeting, e.g., P&SC." A seventh working group was approved and named the "Peace, Justice and Environment" working group.

David Meade agreed to remain as the volunteer coordinator for the Representation working group. Roger Weaver was approved as the volunteer coordinator for the newly created Peace, Justice and Environment working group. Those volunteering to the Representation working group with interest in peace and social concerns issues may choose to volunteer with Roger on the new working group.

New Business: NPYM asked that Corvallis Friends Meeting prepare at least 300 copies of the revised draft minute on climate change. This requested was approved. Roger Weaver agreed to take responsibility for seeing that this was done. We need representatives to NPYM Steering Committee. Esther will attend the SC sessions at NPYM on Thursday, July 17 from 1:30-3:30 and Sunday, July 20 from 12:30-3:00. Friends are invited to attend these sessions to learn more about the Steering Committee and volunteer for this activity.

Announcements: Roger Weaver provided an update on WITO (Welcoming Iraqis to Oregon) and families that may move to our area soon. For more information on WITO and how you can help, please contact Roger.

Meeting agreed to not hold a Meeting for Business in August. Therefore, the next Meeting for Business will be on September 14, 2008.

Meeting for Business closed with silence at 10:40 am.

Revising Faith and Practice... Your Input Requested

The committee that is revising our Faith and Practice in NPYM has a number of pages about the Faith sections, in first draft. They are eager to have feedback from people and meeting groups about the content so far. If you are interested in helping, there are some copies of the draft pages on the table (near the door) at Meetinghouse, for your perusal. You may take one home to read if you wish.” (from Carol Bosworth, who attended the Yearly Meeting interest group on this project.)

The trip to Malheur Wildlife Refuge scheduled in September has been cancelled for this year, due to low registration numbers.

Advices and Queries on Family

It is important to live in the sense of assurance that all are children of God. In the eyes of our children, in the loving expression among adults, in the concern we have for the well-being of all in the Meeting family, we feel God's love at work on earth.

Ideally, family is an expression of deep emotional and spiritual unity. Whatever its composition, it is a precious and sometimes tenuous bonding of people, and may bring anguish as well as joy.

We usually think of family as including parents and children. But family may also include aging parents in increasing need of care, persons not related by blood who are intimately connected with one's household, and persons joined together to satisfy a common need. Families also include single parents and their children, couples without children, and couples, heterosexual or homosexual, living in committed relationships. For those without families, including those made single after years of marriage or other life commitment, the Meeting may provide some sense of family. The Meeting may be a source of love and care for all those associated with it.

The Meeting can support, yet does not replace, the family in the care of children. At the same time, every member of the Meeting is responsible in some measure for the care of families and their members, including children. Given this sense of common concern, our families may gain a sense of belonging and commitment to the expanded family of Quakers, and to our heritage.

Do we take care that commitments outside the home do not encroach upon the time and loving attention the family needs for its health and well-being?

Does our home life support our need both for a sense of personal identity and fully shared living?

How do we make our homes places of friendliness, peace and renewal, where God is real for those who live there and those who visit?

Is there a climate of love and trust in our Meeting which invites and encourages everyone to be open about individual and family lifestyles, including their satisfactions and problems?

How does the Meeting support families of all kinds in their attempts to improve the communication, family life, and the rearing of children in a context of love?

Do we accept and support Friends in their efforts to have stable, loving relationships, whether heterosexual or homosexual? Do we acknowledge and support all relationships based on love?

How do we offer strength and support to the aging, the widowed, the separated or divorced, and others in families that have been affected by disruption of some kind?

How do we help the Meeting give a sense of spiritual kinship to those who participate in it?