

Quarterly Gathering
at Silverton Friends Church
February 2020

The clerks opened the meeting by sharing “whatever it is we’re coming with today,” and inviting members of the meeting to do the same with those sitting near them.

The clerks thanked Silverton Friends Church for hosting this meeting.

The clerks shared a message from Klamath Falls Friends, who were unable to attend.

Johann Maurer shared about the Men’s Quaker Theology Conference: “All the flavors of Quakerdom in the Northwest are invited to a conference at Camp Tilikum. More information is in the Sierra-Cascades bulletin.”

Judy Maurer shared about the Pacific Northwest Women’s Quaker Theology Conference. The theme is cultivating faith and hope in troubling times.

Representatives:

-Karrie Birrer-Lundgren will be our representative to American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). She has been approved by the Coordinating Committee, and we have budgeted for her travel costs. She will write a report that we will share in the newsletter.

-We are still searching for a representative to Friends General Conference (FGC).

-Cherice Bock has been invited as a speaker to New England Yearly Meeting (NEYM).

Cherice Bock was **APPROVED** as the representative from Sierra-Cascades Yearly Meeting of Friends to NEYM for 2020.

Tom Stave was **APPROVED** as a standing representative of Sierra Cascades Yearly Meeting of Friends to Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL).

Tom Stave, reported from representing us at FCNL.

Rachel Hampton, Nominating Committee:

The following nominees were **APPROVED** to serve until annual sessions of the given years:

Abuse Prevention Task Force:

-Erin Wilson, Silverton Friends Church, 2023

Faith and Practice Committee:

-Amy George, West Hills Friends Church Associate Member, 2023

Co-Presiding Clerk

-Mike Huber, 2023

If you would like to be on a committee, please contact Rachel, Matt Boswell, Eric Muhr, or Patty Federighi.

The Nominating Committee is looking for more members, please contact Coordinating Committee if you are interested.

Norma Silliman gave a report for People Care.

Eric Muhr gave a report for Communications.

Julie Peyton gave a report for Faith and Practice.

Eli Craig gave a report for Equity and Inclusion.

The meeting took a time of centering silence, then adjourned for lunch.

—

Robert Wade

Beth Oppenlander gave a report for the Finance Committee.

The meeting **APPROVED** an increase of financial support to Barclay Press for their communications work. It was an increase to \$500 per month (previously, SCYMF contributed \$300 per month)

Joann Boswell gave a report for the Coordinating Committee.

The meeting **APPROVED** the following policy on workshop honorariums:

- The Coordinating Committee proposes that SCYMF will provide a modest (\$50 + expenses) honorarium/gift that expresses our gratefulness and appreciation for members of SCYMF who provide workshops at quarterly and annual gatherings. It does not quantify in any way the skills, talents, time, experience that we know go into providing a workshop. We recognize that the value provided is much greater than the honorarium we propose
- Funds to cover these honorariums will be part of a budget overseen by the quarterly or annual gathering committee. We are not proposing that workshop honorariums come from standing committee spending plans. In part because innovative, high quality ideas for workshops may arise that are not associated with an existing committee (a specific workshop might not easily fall within the scope of an existing committee, and we feel it is important to allow innovative ideas to be implemented outside of the committee structure).
- In addition to the honorarium committees may request reimbursement for costs, including transportation, so the workshop provider may attend the quarterly or annual session at which the workshop will be given.
- Committees may request a larger honorarium for workshop providers outside of SCYMF membership.

The meeting **APPROVED** a proposal on providing a stipend for a youth coordinator:

- The Coordinating Committee proposes that the yearly meeting pay a \$2,000 stipend for someone to be released in the capacity to organize the youth events at Annual Sessions, and act as a liaison between youth coordinators (***we consider this as just a launchpad, not a solution. This is just the beginning, with much more room to grow.***) We recognize that this is not a long-term solution, and that the person contracted would not be expected to develop a full youth program.
- There will be a budget beyond this stipend for the program. This will be determined by Mark Pratt-Russum (clerk of the youth committee) and the hiree.
- **We will hire a coordinator ASAP**

There was discussion around the specific work this stipend would cover, around the expectations for this coordinator, and around our plans to transition from this plan into a more comprehensive youth program.

We felt a tension between the desire to act with urgency, out of the concern that our youth have been neglected, and the desire to establish a program that is as comprehensive as our youth deserve, and that fully equips our youth leaders.

Through this discernment process, it was clear that this meeting holds deep respect for our duty to nurture, honor, and serve our youth as present members of the body of Christ.

We recognize this proposal as a small first step in this solemn and joyful commitment to youth programming. Our next steps will be given the highest priority in our discernment in the immediate future.

Offering: \$1479