

Minutes from July 21, 2019 meeting

SCYMF Annual / Quarterly Gathering Committee

Team members attending: Lynette Cortez, Eli Craig, Sue Fairchild, Rachel Hampton, Meg Rice, Vicki Stave

Proposed agenda for September 28 Quarterly Gathering at Eugene Friends:

9:00 – 10:00 am	Committee Meetings
10:00 – 11:00 am	Worship and music
11:00 – 12:00 noon	Meeting for Business
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 – 1:45 pm	Activity
1:45 – 2:00 pm	Break / gather for next session
2:00 – 3:45 pm	Meeting for Business continued
2:00 – 5:00 pm	Session / activity for youth (not confirmed yet)
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Workshops *
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Creating Right Relationships with Indigenous Peoples- Water, Climate Change, and Public Health: Our Work with the Maasai- Sharing Stories that Change Lives: A Short History of Quaker Publishing and a Vision for the Future of Friends
5:00 pm	Dinner

Other needs for Sept 28 gathering:

Food – Vicki and Sue will handle with Eugene Friends

Childcare – Vicki and Sue will secure

Activity – Vicki or Sue will ask Loretta Downs if she can coordinate this again

Music – Rachel to ask Eric and Mari Kay Smith

Signs – Rachel will make signs

Nametags – Meg will bring adhesive nametags and markers

Publicity – Rachel will get the information publicized

Photos – Rachel will ask Judy Mauer to take photos

Youth – Eli will ask Brian Boyd from North Valley about leading youth event for ages 10 to high school in afternoon (2:00-5:00 pm) similar to what Brian did at summer camp, drama/skit activity. Need to run this idea past Mark Pratt-Russum too.

Other topics:

Location for winter gathering – Silverton Friends to host

Date for winter gathering – Lynette checked with Silverton and Saturday, February 29 is best

Location for Annual gathering – Canby Grove again

Date for Annual gathering – First choice is June 12-14, 2020

Meg to email core team (Sarah, Cherice, Gil, Matthew, Robert, Joann) to let them know the dates for the next two Quarterly gatherings, and the Annual gathering. If no one objects to the Annual Gathering dates of June 12-14, 2020, Rachel will contact Canby Grove to get a contract in place.

*Workshop descriptions:

Creating Right Relationships with Indigenous Peoples:

This workshop is a practical guide to creating right relationships with indigenous people on whose land we stand.

Ellany Cayce and Esther "Little Dove" John will give a little background and then we will look up participants' tribes that underlie their churches and talk about how to reach out to those tribes.

Water, Climate Change, and Public Health: Our Work with the Maasa:

Friendly Water for the World has launched a major effort to assist Maasai people in central Tanzania ensure their own safe water, hygiene, and sanitation, even as they struggle with the impact of global climate change.

David Albert is the Board Chair of Friendly Water for the World, a Quaker-founded effort working with the most marginalized and disadvantaged people around the world to ensure clean water and improved health. He is a member of Olympia Friends Meeting.

Sharing Stories that Change Lives: A Short History of Quaker Publishing and a Vision for the Future of Friends

There are seeds of hope at the center of what it means to be a Friend. Robert Barclay wrote that "a divine, spiritual, and supernatural light is in all men." Isaac Penington claimed that this seed was placed in each of us by God as a witness that might "spring up and remain" in us. Elizabeth Fry admitted that she didn't understand "words of doctrine," but "one thing I do know, – that Christ is in me ... that ever blessed power." Stephen Grellet confessed that he was surprised to "find in me what I had so long sought for without me" – Jesus Christ, that "divine presence."

Everywhere I look in the world, I find evidence of these seeds of hope in the persistence (some might say obstinance) that has resulted in members of a nominal religious group having a huge impact on the shape of society. Quakers have actively engaged other Christians, other faiths, and the world. Quakers are faithful helpers, workers, leaders, evangelists, and visionaries. Quakers have sometimes succeeded and frequently failed. But they've always been committed. And hopeful. And faithful.

The work of Barclay Press – as a Christian publisher in the Friends tradition – is to serve as a seed vault. To capture the essence of these seeds of hope, to preserve it in the words of Friends both present and past, and to share those words – in pamphlets, devotional readers, curriculum, trade books, e-books, and booklets.

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