

Charleston Friends Meeting

10 Fossil Creek Lane
Charleston, WV
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Meeting for Business
April 7, 2024

Meeting was opened with silence.

Minutes from March 3, 2024 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business were accepted as sent.

Treasurer's Report: March's Treasurer's Report was accepted as circulated.

Correspondence: Steve circulated via email March's collection of thank-you notes, latest Friends Journal table of contents and other mail.

New Business: (Note No MfB in May)

Meeting Room at St. Marks – Susan Wellons placed a large scenic poster behind the display used for our Zoom meetings. Diana presented a picture of a possible panel divider for the back of the room (Cost = \$90). Diana still plans to contact Cindy (St. Marks' pastor) regarding moving our Meeting space to the east side of Room 209, a sunnier spot. Diana still plans to add the Logo to our signs.

SAYMA Error – Diana has a concern that our motive for leaving SAYMA has been mis-reported. She will draft a letter. Meeting will use a second hour to discuss and support her concern.

Positions of Responsibility for July to June
Clerk – Nate
Recording Co-Clerks – Susan and Dinaa
Treasurer – Steve
Min. & Nurture – Diana, Susan (Clerk) & Wood
Racial Equity and Concerns – Avis Wanda & Wood
AFSC and FCNL Representative - Conn

Old Business:

Greenbrier Valley Friends Worship Group: no report

Calendar

Meeting for Worship now meets using Zoom/in person hybrid at 10:00 am. Sunday. Come early to chat. In person, we meet at St. Marks Methodist Church, 900 Washington St. E., Room 209B in Charleston, WV.

First Sunday's Meetings for Business will begin at 11. On other Sundays potlucks or discussions on various topics may be scheduled beginning also around 11. We will continue to have Bible study every other Wednesday at 7pm.

First Hours

April 14 – Meeting for Worship + Pick Next Book to Discuss
April 21 – Meeting for Worship
April 28 – Meeting for Worship
May 5 – Meeting for Worship
May 12 – Meeting for Worship + **Potluck at Nate & Janie's house**
May 19 – Meeting for Worship + “When Quakers Don't Think Alike” (Diana leads)
May 26 – Meeting for Worship
June 2 – Meeting for Worship + Meeting for Worship with attention to Business

Bible Study (via Zoom)

April 17 – Bible Study
May 1 – Bible Study
May 15 - Bible Study
May 29 – Bible Study
June 12 – Bible Study

2023 CFM State of the Meeting report: Avis Wanda and Steve circulated a list of topics that could be included.

Sojourners Quaker Sunday Breakfast: Steve will poll folks to get a date in July for doing this.

Quaker Meeting tee-shirts: One selection has been received. Please send your size and selection to Steve.

FCNL Priorites – Connie has sent our priorities in ?

Committee Reports:

FCNL Advocacy Team report – No report

Ministry and Nurture - March 20th Meeting Report, submitted by Susan Wellons, Committee Clerk: We continued our discussion on second hour topics.

One point of discussion: What do Quakers do when they are not in agreement? We should not presume that all are in agreement when someone is making a statement. Silence often implies consent or agreement; thus, this silence is often not a satisfactory response.

What are better ways to respond as Friends if one disagrees with another? Wood would like to encourage people to discuss their experience of being led by the Spirit. How does your inward spiritual reality manifest itself outwardly? One is transformed by the Spirit. Too many Quakers have little sense of Quaker spiritual tradition.

We used the SAYMA queries for our fifth Sunday of Worship Sharing. They are below:

- What has our Monthly Meeting been holding/carrying this past year?
- How has our Meeting embraced the Light, and in so doing, how have we been changed?
- What holds us together and helps us avoid becoming overwhelmed by the brokenness of the world?
- What does “Resurrection” mean to you?

Racial Equity and Social Concerns: no meeting this month; no report

Dates to add to your calendar: June 30-July 6, **2024 FGC Gathering**, near Philadelphia. Weekend of Oct 18-20, **WV Fall Gathering at Camp Pioneer**, near Elkins.

Meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Present: Avis Wanda, Diana, Nate, Charles, Susan, and Steve.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Wellons
Filling in for the Recording Clerk