

Charleston Friends Meeting

RCCR Building

(Religious Coalition for Community Renewal)

1516 Washington Street East

Charleston, WV

<http://charlestonwv.quaker.org/>

Meeting for Business

April 1, 2018

Meeting was opened in silence.

Minutes: The Minutes of March's Meeting for Business were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was approved.

CFM Website: Our website recently received a different URL, making it difficult to access our Meeting's updates on activities and events. Roger Wise will work on modifying access to the site in order to keep it up to date. (Googling *charlestonwvfriends* may bring up an up-to-date version of our website on your cell phone.)

Mission Meals: Simpson Memorial United Methodist Church serves a hot lunch every Friday to those in need. Our Meeting will donate \$100. to this cause.

FCNL Legislative Priorities: We met at Conni and Ray Lewis' home to discern our Meeting's FCNL legislative priorities. We came up with 5 priorities: 1) reduce military spending and armed interventions, while repealing Authorization of Military Force; 2) advance equitable criminal justice systems that eliminate the school to prison pipeline as well as support demilitarizing law enforcement; 3) work to end gun violence; 4) advocate for solutions to climate disruption and support the work of the climate change caucus, and focus on the consequences for communities; and 5) preserve the Iran nuclear agreement.

Our Meeting appreciated the FCNL's process of discerning these priorities.

Quaker Ladies Dinner: All ladies attending Quaker Meeting are invited to get together for dinner on Tuesday, May 1st at Panera in the Town Center Mall. We will meet at 6:30pm. Karen Wise will reserve a room for us.

Calendar:

Meeting for Worship is at 10 am at the RCCR Building, unless noted here otherwise.

Activities for Second Hour after Meeting for Worship:

April 8: Potluck at Lewis' after Meeting

April 15: Mothers of Feminism, Chapter 7 (Conni Lewis)

April 22: Kanawha State Forest breakfast at 10:00am, worship at 11am. (*We will gather exactly 1 mile from the Park entrance on the left; Roger Wise will send out a map regarding our location.*)

April 29: Worship Sharing

May 6: Meeting for Business

May 13: *Mothers of Feminism*, Chap 8 (Susan Wellons)

May 20: We will attend Greenbrier Valley Friends Worship Group's Meeting.

May 27: OPEN - Memorial Day weekend

Bible Study is April 12th and 26th at the Wellons home. (Thursdays)

Our **Book Discussion Group** will get together **Friday, April 20th** at the Wellons': potluck at 6pm, discussion at 7pm. The book is ***People's History of Sports in the United States: 250 Years of Politics, Protest, People and Play*** by **Dave Zirin**.

May 1st: **Quaker Ladies Dinner**, 6:30pm Panera (Town Center Mall)

Queries for April:

Do you pause to reflect on the message of the New Testament? Are there meaningful verses there that speak to you in times of need?

How can we be more Christ-like in our speech and actions? Can we approach those we dislike in a spirit of love and charity?

Greenbrier Valley Friends' Worship Group: We will visit GVFWG on May 20th to help celebrate the new membership of Scott Womack. Karen Wise will notify Greenbrier Valley Friends and determine what time and where we will meet with them.

Farewell: Libby and Gardner Stultz are planning to leave the area and move to North Carolina. Karen Wise will send them a note on behalf of our Meeting wishing them well on their new journey.

Outreach: A Quaker couple, Harold and Sandy Branam, are planning to move to Huntington. Charles Schade sent them a welcoming email. They have responded and plan to visit our Meeting when they are more settled. Roger Wise will check to see if there is a functioning worship group in Huntington at St. Mary's Hospital. The Branams may be interested in attending such a group.

Correspondence: Current correspondence was passed around the group.

Meeting was closed in silence.

Susan Wellons, Recording Clerk