College Park Quarterly Meeting

Minutes for Fall 2014 session

Sierra Friends Center

Nevada City CA

Plenary Session 1 [Opening]

Clerk, Mary Miché, welcomed Friends to College Park Quarterly meeting.

Assistant Clerk, Lisa Hubbell, read the names of our meetings and worship groups. The following meetings had members in attendance.

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| Meeting or Worship Group | Oct. 2014 | Jan.2015 | May2015 |  |
| Appleseed | X |  |  |  |
| Berkeley | X |  |  |  |
| Carson City wg | X |  |  |  |
| Central Coast | x |  |  |  |
| Chico | x |  |  |  |
| Davis | x |  |  |  |
| Delta | X |  |  |  |
| Fresno |  |  |  |  |
| Friends House wg | X |  |  |  |
| Grass Valley | X |  |  |  |
| Humboldt | X |  |  |  |
| Lake County wg | X |  |  |  |
| Live Oak |  |  |  |  |
| Livermore wg |  |  |  |  |
| Marin |  |  |  |  |
| Mendocino |  |  |  |  |
| Monterey Peninsula |  |  |  |  |
| Napa Sonoma |  |  |  |  |
| Oakland wg |  |  |  |  |
| Palo Alto | X |  |  |  |
| Redding | X |  |  |  |
| Redwood Forest | X |  |  |  |
| Reno | X |  |  |  |
| Sacramento | X |  |  |  |
| San Francisco | X |  |  |  |
| San Jose | X |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz | X |  |  |  |
| Soledad wg |  |  |  |  |
| Southern Humboldt wg |  |  |  |  |
| Strawberry Creek | X |  |  |  |
| Ukiah wg |  |  |  |  |
| Visalia |  |  |  |  |
| Western Shore wg | x |  |  |  |

Visitors from other meetings:

Rose Nadis, Lynnette Arnold, Santa Barbara

Nina Shaw Santa Monica

Tommy Rios, Jim Summers, La Jolla

Jennifer Carr, William, Atticus, and Ellizabeth, Las Vegas wg

Gray Horwitz Brooklyn,

Peter Arnold announced the children’s program. The children left with him.

Cathy Runyan announced the Teen program with Arden Ambrose-Winters, Teen clerk. The teens left with them.

Nancy Nanna M&O member read selections from the State of the meeting reports from Humboldt, Live Oak, and Palo Alto meetings.

Mary offered this simile: A clerk is like a river guide leading through the calm and turbulent waters.

Nominating committee, Sarah Tyrrell

The report has some adjustments since May and is attached #1

She announced an addition to the BLQC Board Susan Smith

They are looking for a treasurer, a finance committee member, and an assistant registrar, and arrangements people for spring 2015 at BLQC

She introduced the members of the committee who stood.

Naming committee: no report

[Sue Torrey, Hanna Mackinney, Paul Harris, Eric Moon[alt] serve on this committee to name the nominating committee.]

The interest groups were announced. 2:00 - 3:30

1. Woolman Semester—Non-violent communication etc.
2. Unity with Nature—Transition towns—becoming resilient
3. Teen Group Service Project--Trail clearing
4. FCL-CA—Your voice of conscience in Sacramento

Dorothy Henderson, interim head of school for the Woolman Semester, welcomed us to Sierra Friends Center.

Margaret Sorrel reported on the plans that Friends House has for affiliation with a larger corporation specializing in elder residence management, and their hopes to maintain their Quaker character even while increasing in size to a more viable quantity of residents. We may be meeting at Friends House in January.

Lisa Hubbell read several announcements.

We then participated in a query response sharing activity. These were the queries:

“Now, Friends, deal plainly with yourselves, and let the eternal Light search you, and try you, for the good of your souls. For this will deal plainly with you. It will rip you up, and lay you open, and make all manifest which lodges in you; the secret subtlety of the enemy of your souls, this eternal searcher and trier will make manifest. Therefore all to this come, and by this be searched, and judged, and led and guided. For to this you must stand or fall.

* Margaret Fell 1614 – 1702

And the queries:

Have I received messages in meeting that are clearly for me alone, or that reveal something I need to work on?

How is it for me to sit/stand still with what the Light reveals to or about me?

What is my experience with submitting to Divine guidance?

Sandy Farley, recording clerk

[These minutes were approved following the second plenary session.]

Plenary Session II

Saturday afternoon

Clerk, Mary Miché, called us to order with a period of silence at 3:35 pm.

Rachel Findley of M&O committee read selections from the State of the Meeting Reports of Redwood Forest, San Francisco, and Reno meetings. The full texts of the State of the meeting reports are available on the CPQM web site.

Finance Committee and Treasurer’s reports: Carl Anderson, acting treasurer, presented the report. Our finances are adequate. The K-12 scholarship fund is currently low and welcomes donations. The fiscal year just began 17 days ago.

Two reports are attached. #2

Naming Committee—Sue Torrey report

These Friends have agree to serve three year terms as members of the Nominating committee; Dorothy Henderson, Marilee Eusebio, Karen Morgan has agreed to serve as clerk. These name will come before us for approval Sunday morning.

Nominating Committee, Sarah Tyrrell

She gave the first reading of Tom Yamaguchi, nominated as Treasurer. His name will come before us for approval Sunday morning.

Kevan Insko gave a report from Friends Committee on Legislation for California.

A bill equalizing the penalties for crack and powder cocaine that we co-sponsored was passed and signed. We were also able to stop a piece of legislation requiring young men to register for the draft when getting a driver’s license. FCL-CA strongly encourages a yes vote on Proposition 47 reducing some criminal penalties.

Sandra Schwartz gave a report from the College Park Friends Educational Association [CPFEA] about the accomplishments [a full 6 year accreditation] and hopes of Sierra Friends Center. She showed a brief video on the spirit of the Woolman Semester. They seek donations to support a replacement and upgrade of the bathhouse. She asked us some queries about how we can be involved in and support their work. The full report is attached. #3

Stanley Ngesa Chagala introduced himself--a Quaker from Kenya studying in a masters in Divinity program [first year] at the San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, Marin County. He is sojourning with Redwood Forest Meeting.

Recording clerk, Sandy Farley read the minutes of the two sessions we have held so far. The minutes for both plenary sessions were approved as amended. [Mins. 1 & 2]

We closed in worship after the announcements.

Sandy Farley, Recording Clerk

Plenary III Sunday morning

Clerk called us to order after worship at 8:45

The Registrar reported on our attendance, totally about 115. Details are in the attached report [Attachment #4]

Delsey Steffy left with children

Nominating Committee

Sarah Tyrrell said that they had received no concerns regarding Tom Yamaguchi ‘s nomination as treasurer and Meeting approved his service until May. [min. 3]

Finance committee offers this minute:

College Park Quarterly Meeting authorizes the following people to be signers on our accounts:

Tom Yamaguchi, Treasurer

Carl Anderson, Finanace Committee Clerk

Lisa Hubbell, Assistant Clerk

The minute was Approved. [min. 4]

Nancy Nanna of M&O read state of the meeting report selections from Strawberry Creek and Delta meetings. The full reports are on the web site.

M&O, Bob Runyan, clerk Reported on the work of the Ministry and Oversight Committee. His report is attached. #5

The minutes were approved as read. [min. 5]

Clerk, Mary Miché, offered the remaining time allotted for business to responses to the queries we considered yesterday. The meeting entered into worship with a concern for the queries on submitting to leadings.

Following Meeting for Worship with Grass Valley Meeting we reconvened.

The Naming Committee’s recommendations for Nominating Committee were presented yesterday. They are Dorothy Henderson, Marilee Eusebio to each serve three-year terms, and Karen Morgan to a one-year term as clerk. There being no concerns, their service was approved [min. # 6]

We heard the report from the teen group. Arden Ambrose Winters reported they had a relaxed time with business, service, and worship.

Youth programs coordinator, Alyssa Nelson, reported that their committee meeting went well. She thanked us for the arrangements. There will be a teen work camp in Visalia the week before Easter March 31-April 4 focusing on relationships with indigenous peoples.

We heard the report of the children’s program. Peter Arnold, Neil Fullager, and Delcey Steffy were the adult leaders. There were teen-aged helpers: Will, Ari and Nathan. The average age was 8.8 years. The most popular age was 11 years. Median age was 10. They told about craft projects, stories, singing, games, and science experiments. There was a middle school program planning meeting They joined with the Grass Valley Meeting First Day School today .

Lisa Hubbell gave the announcements.

The minutes for the fourth plenary session were approved. [Min. #7]

Attachments:

#1 Nominating Committee Report

#2 Finance Committee and Treasurer’s reports

#3 College Park Friends Education Association report

#4 Registrar’s Report

#5 Ministry and Oversight Committee Report