**College Park Quarterly Meeting**

**Minutes for fall 2015 session**

**October 16, 2015 – October 18, 2015**

**Sierra Friends Center**

**Opening Plenary Session** Saturday morning.

Following a night with welcomed rain, causing some re-arrangements, we worshipped from 8:45 to 9:15. At 9:25 clerk, Mary Miché, welcomed us all and introduced the theme for the weekend: challenges of identity and inclusion.

Friends stood to be greeted as the names of their meetings or worship groups were read.

The following groups were represented:

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

Others in attendance were Yasmeen Mercer and Johnna Vassar.

**Welcome:**

Gray Horwitz, head of school, welcomed us to **Sierra Friends Center**. He asked us to observe quiet after 10 pm, please.

**Arrangements:**

Gordon Star GV, our arrangements clerk, announced the coming of a final clean-up sign-up board. We arranged to move most worship sharing groups indoors.

**Children’s Program:**

Ari Standish ST, Eleanor Steffi SAC of the Children’s Program Committee introduced the children’s and youth programs located in the Stone House. Intergenerational games are scheduled for the dining hall before dinner. The kids left with their leaders,

**Teen Program:**

Maya Price [Berkeley Friends Church] introduced the teen program plans centered in the Arbor House. They left as a group for their business meeting.

**Plenary session 1**

We settled in silence.

**Nominating Committee:**

Karen Morgan RF brought forward a few nominations:

Assistant Registrar:

2016 Mica Estrada ST

Children’s program [Starting tomorrow, ending dates May 31]

2016 Neil Fullager SF

2016 Mark Runyan SC

2016 Melanie and John Catu SC [shared position]

2017 Stanley Chagala RF

2017—[member needed]

2018—[member needed]

2018—[member needed]

College Park Friends Educational Association [CPFEA] board additions each for 3 year terms starting August 2015

2018 Lisa Hubble ST

2018 Phyllis Jewel [SF]

**Naming Committee:**

Jeff Richmond sent an e-mail report for the naming committee. Rachel Findley is not present. Hillary Ellis-Levin is a current naming committee member present. It is their job to populate the nominating committee with 6 friends with staggered three year terms of service.

Current nominating committee consists of

2016 Feb 28 Karen Morgan RF

2016 Feb 28 Gordon Star GV

2018 Feb 28 Dorothy Henderson GV

2018 Feb 28 Marilee Eusebeo DA

2017 Feb 28 Jan Turner HU

Approval will be sought for Jan to extend her term one more year.

**Ministry and Oversight** report:

Jim Anderson CH, clerk, read the names of the M&O committee, listeners to the needs of our community: Nancy Nana RF, Barbara Christwitz RF, Sandy Kewmen GV, Eric Sabelman PA, Denis Thalson RF.

The committee has met several times since May. They’ve been revising the Teen Handbook, which should be ready for adoption in January. They have a list of meetings they hope to visit during the year. They hope that our time together serves as spiritual refreshment. We are each drops of water to be washed in the living stream that our flowing together creates.

**Interest Groups:**

The 2:00 afternoon interest groups were described.

Israel/Palestine—Dining hall

Bias and White Privilege, PYM racial justice sub-committee––Meeting house

Life at Woolman, living the spices—Classroom [in office building]

FCL-CA grassroots lobbying—Main office

**Announcements were read.**

We adjourned, briefly.

We reconvened at 11:00 when the Worship Sharing Groups were set up and dispersed with queries related to identity and inclusion.

**Plenary 2, Saturday 3:30pm**

We gathered in worship.

**FCL-CA reports:**

Kevan Insko noted that a review of the legislative year is being posted to FCLCA’s web site. Instead of recapping that, she told about the experience of two youth offenders who earned parole early because of senate bill 260 , an act that we endorsed. We are thanked.

Sandy Farley PA announced that next year will be the 50th Harvest Festival fund raiser. Because of shrinking people resources, it may be the last.

**Sierra Friends Center Report:**

Sandra Schwartz Clerk of the CPFEA board reported that after a full summer of camp programs, and a smooth transition to a new head of school, the Sierra Friends Center is feeling strong self-esteem. They do, however, have needs. First, they need more students to experience the transforming program of the Woolman Semester. Second they need to get the word out that 90% of the students receive financial aid. Donations are always welcomed so that the infrastructure can be maintained and improved. A joyful report is attached.

**Attachment #1.**

Muriel Strand SAC spoke about the plans for a major bathhouse renovation and the fund raising need. Loans and matching funds will augment donations.

Peter Trueblood ST gave us a brief financial report for CPFEA. **Attachment #2**

Minute of appreciation from CPFEA to Dorothy Henderson for her years of service as head of school was read. **Attachment #3**

**Minute #1 We accepted Sierra Friends Center Report**

F**inance Committee/Treasurer’s Report:**

Tom Yamaguchi treasurer, and Carl Anderson, clerk of Finance committee. No donations were received for our scholarship fund this quarter. Our general fund has been drawing down over the last years. May quarter session lost money because attendance was down. The rates for this fall session, therefore, were increased. We have no budget, per se. The quota income covers some of the deficits from the two residential sessions each year. We engaged in some discernment around the fiscal status of the quarterly meeting. The amount of quotas, attendance at sessions, and session cost are all factors to be considered. Finance Committee and Ministry and Oversight might meet together to discuss these issues.

**Minute #2 We accepted the report of the finance committee and treasurer.**

**Attached is the treasurer’s Report. Attachment #4**

The clerk clarified our procedure by reminding Friends that Nominating Committee is open for any concerns regarding the names read this morning. The names will be up for approval tomorrow. Ditto for the naming committee.

Emelyn Buskirk volunteered to MC our evening talent sharing program.

**Minute #3 The minutes for the opening, plenaries 1, and 2 were read and approved with corrections.**

**Announcements:** were given by assistant to the clerk, Carl Sigmond,

**Plenary 3** Sunday Morning October 18, 2015

Meeting began with a period of silent centering in the Meeting room.

**The Naming Committee**:

They had brought forward the name of Jan Turner to extend her term on the Nominating Committee.

**Minute #4 Having heard no concerns, Jan Turner’s naming to the Nominating Committee was approved**.

**Archivist**:

Eric Sabelman reported that he tries to collect records of significant events in the quarterly meeting. He has received a large collection of source documents for the history of the College Park Association of Friends from Tom King. Eric noted that we spent time in plenary today reviewing the history of terms of office. Should the Archivist be keeping that information and have it digitally accessible during plenaries? He asks for nominating committee to review and revise the job description of the archivist. The Web master also needs a job description.

**Registrar’s Report:**

Sandy Kewman thanked Mica Estrada for her role as assistant registrar this year. She gave the registrar’s report that we were \_83 Adults, 10 Teens, and 14 Children for 107 total Friends in attendance.

We’ve given double the scholarships [$751] and received about the same level of donations [$ 351 and $21 to SFC] as before. There’s a $400 shortfall for which donations would be appreciated. We really want families to be able to come.

Minute #5 Meeting accepted the registrar’s report.

N**ominating committee:**

Karen Morgan RF reported that Nora Cook and Dorothy Henderson have resigned from the Nominating committee. Karen regretfully observed that the nominating committee is well below functional level.

The Cantus have accepted nomination to the children’s Program until May 2017 [rather than 2016]

Dorothy Henderson has also resigned from the Teen Committee.

**Minute # 6 The nominees whose names were read on Saturday were approved for service to the Quarterly Meeting**

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**Minute #7 We instruct Naming Committee to work diligently to fill the Nominating committee with 4 new members**. A Friend spoke to the joy of holding meetings by conference call. We are looking for where people may best serve, and many of us want to serve. Stanley Chagala RF, the previously named alternate to the naming committee, is now available to serve.

**Minute #8 We approved the minutes with minor corrections.**

**Teen Program:**

Gabby Alvarado SAC read the epistle of the Teen Group**. Attachment #3.**

College Park Quarterly Meeting joined with Grass Valley Meeting for First Day worship.

There were some final announcements before the meeting closed in worship.

Sandy Farley, Recording Clerk

Mary Miché, Presiding Clerk