

CPQM minutes Spring 2017
233rd Session
Quaker Center
Ben Lomond, CA

Sandy Kewman, clerk
Carl Sigmond, Assistant Clerk
Sandy Farley, Recording clerk

We gathered Friday evening for dinner and worship. The worship brought gifts from FWCC attendees and others on the value of eldering, the greatness of God, and our need to be patient for God's pace. Many joined in music making into the evening.

Saturday we worshipped before our opening plenary session. Sandy Kewman introduced the clerks. She announced the theme "Invitation to the Dance: Learning more about and sharing the Quaker Way."

Kathy and Bob Runyan welcomed us to Quaker Center. They invited us to take a survey on the Quaker Center Web site.

Owain Elliott-Sowaal, our arrangement Clerk, SFMM, reminded us to sign up for tasks.

Teen committee, Ari Standish, Berkeley, announced their plans before they adjourned.

Eric Sabelman, from the Ministry & Oversight Committee, brought us some "State of the Meeting" report excerpts.

Sandy Kewman announced that Roll call will not happen, the attendance by meeting will be posted.

Stephen Matchett was invited to share San Francisco meeting's "Orientation to Meeting for Worship." They hold this session 20 minutes before meeting every week. He did a demo session with Dianne Duerr-Livine. [Get electronic copy of SF's brochure.]

Marilee Eusebio, Davis MM, CPQM Nominating Committee, spoke about the work of that committee.

They proposed: Instead of 6 members, Children's program committee will function with 3-5 members with staggered terms. There are some significant vacancies in the Nominating slate. We settled into worship to examine in ourselves if any of the gaps had "our name" on it.

Eric Sabelman explained the role of Naming Committee, noting that diffuse authority is the pattern for Friends, we step forward as we feel called. Naming Committee is

the organizing principle. We held, then, a worshipful nominating session. Many whom we named declined to serve. These Friends are considering the role: Lisa Hubbell, Janet Leslie, Emelyn Buskirk. This will continue as an open item.

Hillary Burwell explained the Interest groups that will occur this afternoon. 1. Ask Me About Quakerism, given by Eric Sabelman 2. What Works in Worship, given by Kathy and Bob Runyan 3. Strategy and Spirit, Palo Alto MM 4. Scotch Broom pulling, service project.

Jim Anderson introduced the Worship Groups and organized the participation and locations. There we considered three queries:

- a. What helped you as a newcomer to Quaker meeting? How have you yourself shared the Quaker Way with someone new to Quakerism?
- b. In your experience, is Quakerism more like a dance or a journey? How so? Is there another metaphor that captures your experience of Quakerism?
- c. Is the Quaker way something you have learned from others, or discovered in yourself? How has it changed you?

Following the worship sharing groups we enjoyed lunch, some free time and the interest groups.

Mid-afternoon, Alyssa Nelson led us in an intergenerational imaging activity around the topic of why a local meeting might have needs that could be satisfied by contact with a larger group of Friends such as quarterly or yearly Meeting.

Our second plenary was clerked by assistant clerk, Carl Sigmond of Grass valley Meeting

Friends Committee on Legislation-California
Shannon Frediani of Santa Cruz MM reported

Every December the FCL-CA meeting is open for input on the legislative action goals for the coming year. We can have an influence. Currently, California has a unique opportunity to lead the nation. FCL-CA has weighed in on 80 bills this term, helping California become an example of fair and effective government. Shannon invited our financial support for FCL-CA's lobby work in Sacramento.

Report from Quaker Center,

Kathy and Bob Runyan shared highlights of the year. There was 116" of rain this winter causing several downed trees and mudslides. There were several days of no access in or out. The roof of the water storage tank was damaged and the tank needs to be replaced. Contributions are welcomed. Last year's contributions paid for the new chairs we are sitting in. Thanks.

Kathy invited us to the Family Work Camp the first week of August. Youth camps are in June and our enrollment is low because of having to change dates. Note: your meeting-purchased annual passes work for both youth camps. Bob asked us to participate in a survey about worship on the Quaker Center website. He announced

the Quaker Center programs for 2018 and reviewed the offerings for the rest of 2017.

Eric Sabelman, Ministry & Oversight Committee, continued sharing from the State of the Meeting reports.

Saturday evening we engaged in community building games adapting them to be as inclusive as possible. We ended our Family Night with a few stories and songs, and even a little dancing.

Sunday morning after a waffle breakfast we joined in family worship.

Sandy Kewman called us to our third plenary session.

Registrar's report, Mica Estrada

Attendance as of this moment, 6 children, 7 teen, 68 adults, total 81. Donations exceeded scholarships given. Sandy Kewman reminded us that this position is open for the fall meeting and beyond. Mica described the position. On line registration is easier. Paying on line would decrease the work of the registrar. EX-EL experience is desired.

Eric Sabelman, Ministry and Oversight Committee, shared excerpts from State of the Meeting Reports around the theme of "What is working well for us." My heart is at home, our newly remodeled MH has been a joy, Worship is the heart, Meeting for business is the vascular system, Meetings help people discern their leadings, public witness, retreats, Committees were staffed fully, The full reports will be circulated.

Nom Com report, Marilee Eusebio, convenor of Nominating Committee, read **the names brought forward yesterday which we approved. [minute 5/17/1] List attached.**

New reading: Karen Morgan, Redwood Forest MM, is willing to serve on the teen committee

Carolyn Levering, Santa Cruz MM, is willing to serve on the Finance Committee. Following Nominating Committee's recommendation offered yesterday we **approved the following minute [minute 5/17/2] The children's program committee will consist of 3-5 persons serving staggered 3 year terms.**

Naming Committee

Lisa Hubbell, Janet Leslie, and Emelyn Buskirk, have agreed to serve. Janet Leslie will convene the group which will name 2 Friends to serve on Nominating Committee beginning in October for terms of 3 years 4 months. They are also to bring forward the name of the convenor of Nominating. **We approved their service. [Minute 5/17/3]**

Teen Committee, Ari Standish reported.

Eleanor Steffi, Sacramento MM, Gabi Alvarado, Sacramento MM and Ari Standish, Berkley MM will co-clerk next year. Here we did a work project of pulling French Broom and participated in other activities.

Children's program report.

Their theme was: Worship, nature, working together . They reported on their weekend together with pictures, and taught us a song based on Thomas Ellwood's poem in our invitation to Spring CPQM. Alice Elliott, Cheryl Hendrickson, and Neil Fullager were the adult leaders of the Children's program.

The last two names from the nominating report will be approved by the clerks' session this afternoon, if there are no objections.

We considered how we can support each other in the quarterly meeting and in Pacific Yearly Meeting . We need to be willing to step up and face of our hesitations to serve because of how we value this community. We need to work for greater inclusion, and consider restructuring to facilitate our work.

Sarah Tyrell gave us an update from College Park Friends Education Association. This week was the pilot of the Woolman Outdoor Schoolin conjunction with Sierra Streams Institute. This program will continue. The facilities are being used for conferences. They have received a grant funding an AMERICORPS volunteer crew at Sierra Friends Center for 6 weeks this summer. Carl has accepted a position in Grass Valley, resigning his post at Sierra Friends Center, though he will continue to live on campus. His service has been much appreciated.

The minutes were read and approved [Minute 5/17/5]

We adjourned until October 13-15, 2017 at Sierra Friends Center.

Meeting closed in worship

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