

**College Park Quarterly Meeting
Minutes for winter 2016 session
Saturday, January 16, 2016
Palo Alto Friends Meeting**

Opening Plenary Session, Saturday morning.

Following a night with welcomed rain, causing some re-arrangements, we worshipped from 8:25 to 9:35.

Clerk, Mary Miché, invited us all to “sit at the welcome table”

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

The following groups were represented:

Meeting or Worship Group	Oct. 2014	Jan. 2015	May 2015	Oct. 2015	Jan. 2016
Appleseed	x	x	-	x	-
Berkeley	x	x	x	x	x
Carson City wg		x	x	x	nr
Central Coast	x	-	x	x	-
Chico	x	x	x	x	x
Davis	x	x	x	x	x
Delta	x	x	-	-	-
Fresno		-	-	-	-
Friends House wg	x	x	-	-	x
Grass Valley	x	x	x	x	x
Humboldt		x	x	x	x
Lake County wg	x	x	x	x	x
Live Oak	x	-	x	x	x
Livermore wg [under care of Berkeley]				-	-
Marin [laid down]	x	x			
Mendocino		-	-	-	-
Monterey Peninsula	x	-	-	-	x
Napa Sonoma		x	-	-	x
Oakland wg	x	-	-	-	-
Palo Alto	x	x	x	x	x
Redding	x	-	-	x	-
Redwood Forest	x	x	x	x	x
Reno	x	x	x	x	-
Sacramento	x	x	x	x	x
San Francisco	x	x	x	x	x
San Jose	x	x	x	-	x
Santa Cruz	x	x	x	x	x
Southern Humboldt wg	x	-	-	-	nr
Strawberry Creek	x	x	x	x	x
Ukiah	?	-	-	-	-

Visalia	?	x	-	-	-
Western shore wg			-	-	x
Soledad wg		x	x	x	x

Welcome: to Palo Alto Friends Meeting, Eric Sabelman

He welcomed all to our meetinghouse and schoolhouse, indicating locations for various activities. He solicited volunteers.

Teen Program:

Kathy Runyan welcomed Teens who are meeting in the schoolhouse.

Children's Program:

Delsi Steffi and Mark Runyan outlined the program and left with the school-aged children.

Naming Committee: [Reported by Mary Miché in the absence of the naming committee.]

We are asked to season these names until this afternoon.

Karen Morgan 1yr [continuing]

Marilee Eusebio 2yr [continuing]

Bob Runyan 3yr

Jan Turner 1yr [continuing]

plus two Mystery Persons “called to be on the nominating committee.” for two year and three year terms of service. Those willing to serve should talk with Mary Miché.

Meeting paused briefly to set up for a panel presentation.

Mary Miché introduced a **Panel** of the theme of **The Art of Welcoming**

Eric Sabelman, Trudy Reagan, and Barbara Christwitz, were the panelists.

They shared experiences with welcoming the refugee, the homeless, and the minority facing discrimination. In the sharing after the presentations, we heard of many who had experienced the two way sense of welcoming and friendship.

Interest groups were announced for 2pm [after Lunch and Worship Sharing]

Hosting approved youth refugees—Meeting room

Earthcare witness --Dining room

Continuation of welcome panel--library

Friends House -office

Mary Miché made the announcements

Plenary session 1 adjourned.

Plenary 2, Saturday 3:30pm

We gathered in worship at 3:35 pm,.

FASE Report: Margaret Sorel and Sylvia Walker

The Friends Association of Services for the Elderly reported on the economic struggles of Friends House trying to remain viable and with their principles in tact. They have tightened belts and raised resident fees. The board feels they are making prudent steps and appeals to Friends for contributions or legacy gifts. They are confident and hopeful for the future and reaffirmed their values.

The full report is attached. Attachment #1.

Ministry and Oversight Committee: Jim Anderson, Clerk

He reported on their meeting last night and their general tasks of sensing how the spirit is moving in our community and seeing how they may nurture that fellowship. They have met with the teen committee considering the degree of energy and participation we experience periodically. M & O assesses the movement of good order among us, and the attendance at our gatherings. They are visiting some of the smaller meetings in the quarter. They remind us that each monthly meeting needs to prepare a State of the Meeting report in a timely fashion.

Finance Committee/Treasurer's Report:

Tom Yamaguchi treasurer, and Carl Anderson, Clerk of Finance committee, presented a treasurer's report. Tom admitted that he was late in sending out the quota letters to each monthly meeting, even so, some meetings have already sent in their dues.

Minute #1: We accepted the report of the finance committee and treasurer. Attached is the treasurer's Report. Attachment #2

Naming Committee

Minute #2 [Not needing to approve the continuing service of 3 of the names read this morning,] We approved the nomination of Bob Runyan for a 3 year term on the nominating committee. We noted that the committee is still short two members.

Nominating Committee:

Mark Runyan, a member of the Children's Committee, is now serving as the Interim Clerk of the Committee. Not having read this proposed appointment this morning, he will serve as interim clerk until we can officially confirm that service at our May Quarterly Meeting.

Registrar's Report: Sandy Kewman

70 Adults, 4 FRAP's, 3 Teens, 10 Children, 1 teen not participating for a total of 88 persons in attendance.

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

Teen Report:

The three teens, Ari, Malcolm, and Matthew reported on a pleasant low-key day.

Children's Report

They reported on bible study of the story of Joseph.

They shared a song. “Will the Circle be Unbroken.”

Clerk, Mary Miché, invited us to “relapse into worship.”

Announcements: were given by Mary Miché after Meeting for Worship

Sandy Farley, Recording Clerk

Mary Miché, Presiding Clerk