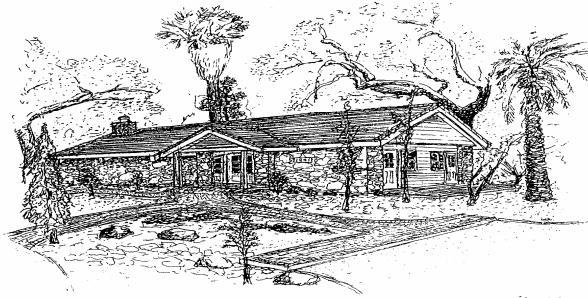


Visalia Friends Meeting

17208 Ave 296
Visalia, CA 93291

Newsletter February, 12



Visalia Friends Meetinghouse

Advice:

Meetings for Worship and Business are the center of our spiritual community. There, as we come to know each other in the Spirit, we build the “beloved community.”

Mutual respect and care in the Meeting form the foundation from which we can test, support, and exercise leadings of the Spirit. At its best, the Meeting community provides a framework for us to learn and practice mutual care, which strengthens us as we act in the world.

All members of the Meeting community should share in the care of one another. While respecting privacy, we must be aware of and sensitive to each other’s needs. We must also be willing to ask for assistance when we are in need.

Queries:

- *Do I strive to be inclusive in my relationships within the Meeting?*
- *Do I care for the reputation of others, refraining from gossip or disparaging remarks?*
- *Am I committed to the difficult work of forgiveness, and affirming God’s love for the whole community?*
- *How are love and unity maintained among us?*
- *Do we practice the art of listening, even beyond words?*
- *How have we been sensitive to the personal needs and difficulties of members and attenders, young and old?*
- *Do we visit one another in our homes and keep in touch with distant members?*

MEETING FOR BUSINESS

Present: Clerk David Chandler, David & Klara East, Bob & Joy Marshall, Mark Koenig, Sharlene Roberts-Caudle Bill & Beth Lovett, Ben & Rita Pena, Trudy Wischerman, Patti Howard, Jerry Jaspar, Greg Seastrom

Clerk David Chandler called the meeting to order with a moment of silent worship.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Bob Marshall distributed a current budget report for the fiscal quarter ending in December '05. He reviewed items in the income and expense items. Bill Lovett requested that bumper stickers donated by Jerry Jaspar be sold in the Meeting House to benefit the Visalia Friends Meeting. There was unity on accepting Jerry's donation Money would be accounted under the miscellaneous income fund.

Building and Grounds Committee: Work part next Saturday February 18 8-12

Ministry & Oversight: Will meet monthly on the first meeting of the month. Discussions on the role of M&O were discussed. In progress issues discussed were the phone tree. Mark K. is working on this. Computer use was discussed. Mark K. will oversee training and usage for the meeting computer. The computer will be used primarily for archival purposes. Directory update is in progress. Information and instructions on final affairs form is under review and will be brought to the meeting. Greg will get more information from Sara Shayner. Scheduling and communication was discussed regarding religious education for both adult and children. M & O suggest that they serve as a centralized organizer for religious education activities. This would include the assessment of the meeting schedule. M & O propose to publish committee member's names on the bulletin board. A calendar of events could be published on the Meeting's web page. Current calendars consist for children's meetings, meeting openings, and facility use. Events should be published in the Newsletter as well. M & O will further discuss and clarify.

Children's Committee: Mark Koenig announced that the month of March is available for a pair to contribute to Children's education. Curriculum is located on the bookshelves in the dining area. Klara is currently doing a book study on "Friends for 350 Years." She is starting the group at 10:00 am on Sundays. She was not sure if late entry to the meeting at 10:45 would be disruptive. Bob Marshall suggested that the group begin at 9:45. Klara stated that the book study would begin at 9:45. Joy thanked Klara for organizing the event.

Outreach Committee:

David discussed the billboard slogan using the "Got Milk/Peace?" and asked if the slogan would simply state "Got Peace?" in order to avoid any legal problems. David suggested that the Outreach Committee address the issue. Bob Marshall suggested that the meeting

approve the “Got Peace? Meeting had unity on the content. Specifics regarding actually getting the billboard painted will be worked with buildings and ground members.

Misc. Business

Representative Committee: Klara will represent the meeting at this event. Mark would like to request the yearly meeting to publish committee’s clerk roster. We would like to send/receive via email as well.

Retreat Planning: Klara suggested that we should begin thinking about planning this year’s retreat. She urged members to think about themes and topics worthwhile to the meeting. She will bring forward organizational topics in next month’s business meeting.

Email Newsletter Request: Email request for sending newsletters from the recording clerk.

Alternatives for Violence Program: Alternatives for Violence will be going to Chowchilla Women’s Prison. Second week of March, a group will be going up. Mark will be going through facilitator training. If you’re interested in training, see Mark.

Joy suggested that hosts break the meeting in the event that the clerk is absence. Bill and Beth Lovett are asking for a “threshing session” regarding the use of Quaker Oaks Farm. Bill is inviting those interested, including Unitarians to discuss QOF future. Trudy Wischerman will be developing a qualitative map to assist in the planning.

Announcements:

- Health Care for all mtg at Tuesday 7:00 2/14
- Walt Phyllis Jones will be visiting Wednesday 2/15
- SVPC Erin Rogers Friday 2/17 7:00 rm 350 COS
- “California Women’s Agricultural Labor Photo Exhibit” – Court Gallery – Three Rivers 3/11 2-4pm Panel discussion on air quality and pesticide drift.
- Crop Walk will be happening 3/11

Prepared by David East – Recording Clerk

Budget Report Visalia Friends Meeting
10/1/05 Through 9/30/06

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Category Description	10/1/05-12/31/05 Actual	12 mos. Budget	9/30/06 Difference
INCOME			
Contributions	1,870.00	8,250.00	-6,380.00
ContributionsPYM Travel	31.52	30.00	1.52
Facility Use	1,703.00	6,000.00	-4,297.00
Interest	7.63	15.00	-7.37
Misc. Income	0.00	80.00	-80.00
Net Special Contributions	225.00	0.01	224.99
TOTAL INCOME	3,837.15	14,375.01	-10,537.86
EXPENSES			
Administration			
Bank charge	0.00	25.00	25.00
Child Care	0.00	300.00	300.00
Children's Program	0.00	250.00	250.00
Library	21.50	200.00	178.50
Miscellaneous	0.00	200.00	200.00
Monthly Newsletter	109.67	400.00	290.33
Outreach	0.00	200.00	200.00
PYM Assistance	0.00	200.00	200.00
Taxes	0.00	20.00	20.00
Telephone	23.00	112.00	89.00
TOTAL Administration	154.17	1,907.00	1,752.83
Donations Other			
CCCO Western Region	0.00	200.00	200.00
Foodlink Tulare Co.	0.00	100.00	100.00
Habitat for Humanity	0.00	100.00	100.00
Ivanhoe Youth Center	0.00	200.00	200.00
M-2 Prison Visiting	0.00	100.00	100.00
TOTAL Donations Other	0.00	700.00	700.00
Donations to Quaker Orgs.			
Ad hoc Donations	0.00	300.00	300.00
AFSC	0.00	100.00	100.00
College Park Qt. Mtg. @\$2	58.00	62.00	4.00
El Salvador Scholarship	550.00	1,100.00	550.00
FCNL- FCL	0.00	200.00	200.00
Friends Bulletin	621.00	640.00	19.00
Friends World Comm.	0.00	100.00	100.00
Pro Nica	100.00	200.00	100.00
PYM Assesment	0.00	1,080.00	1,080.00
Quaker Center ;Ben Lomond	0.00	100.00	100.00
Sierra Quaker Center	0.00	100.00	100.00
United Nations Quaker Office	0.00	100.00	100.00
TOTAL Donations to Quaker Orgs.	1,329.00	4,082.00	2,753.00
Meeting House Operations			
Cleaning	862.39	2,800.00	1,937.61
Electricity	215.18	1,000.00	784.82
Heating gas	86.77	550.00	463.23
Housekeeping Supplies	68.00	476.00	408.00
Improvements	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Insurance	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Repairs	799.80	1,000.00	200.20
TOTAL Meeting House Operations	2,032.14	8,326.00	6,293.86
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,515.31	15,015.00	11,499.69
OVERALL TOTAL (Income Less Expense)	321.84	-639.99	961.83
Check Acct. Balance 10/1/05	9,907.91		
Check Acct. Balance 12/31/05	10,229.75		
Savings Acct. Balance 12/31/05	951.65		