

Charleston Friends Meeting

RCCR Building
(Religious Coalition for Community Renewal)
1516 Washington Street East
Charleston, WV
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Meeting for Business

March 1, 2020

Meeting for business opened with a moment of silence.

Minutes for February were amended to change the reference from “FCNL” to “AFSC” regarding last month’s speaker’s employer. Minutes then approved.

Trustee stepping aside. Ray Lewis has asked to step aside as one of the three trustees of the meeting. Meeting agreed to the request.

Treasurer’s report. We made several of our annual donations in February. Treasurer’s report approved.

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL). Conni will lead the discussion on 2021-2022 legislative priorities during second hour on March 8. *In preparation, everyone should please read the current priorities [\[link here\]](#) and get a feel for the process of setting priorities [\[link here\]](#) from the FCNL website. This will make the discussion much more productive (and interesting).*

Advocacy Team. Our congressional representative’s staff has suggested that we write letters rather than visit. We may hand deliver the letters. We urge support of S.J.R. 68, regarding the non-use of the War Powers Act with regard to Iran.

SAYMA. Our minute regarding funding for URJ was sent to both the SAYMA finance committee and to the treasurer (who is the proper recipient). Later, meeting confirmed its support for the SAYMA conflict of interest policy, which is expected to be taken up at SAYMA representative meeting on March 15.

State of the Meeting. Charles had circulated a draft and some alternate wordings. The meeting discussed and approved revisions and approved the final version for submission to SAYMA. The meeting had input and approved additions from Friends who were not present. Charles expressed his appreciation to the meeting for its having assigned him the task of writing the report.

Minutes from Other Meetings. Charles had circulated minutes adopted by other SAYMA meetings regarding the role and funding of URJ.

Calendar:

Meeting for Worship is at 10 am at RCCR Building, unless noted here otherwise

Activities for Second Hour after Meeting for Worship:

Mar 8. Discussion of FCNL priorities. See your homework assignment in our Minutes. *No “I left it on the kitchen table.”*

Mar 15. Open – because of SAYMA representative meeting

Mar 22. Report on SAYMA reps meeting.

Mar 29. Worship sharing. Karen will lead.

Apr 5. Meeting for business.

Apr 12. Easter Sunday. Pot luck at a location TBA.

Apr 19. Earth Day discussion. Robin will lead.

Apr 26. Discussion of Martin Cobin paper.

Bible study will meet at 6:30 pm March 11 & (tentatively) March 25 at a location TBA

Our next book group discussion will be Friday, April 24, at the Wellons'. Potluck at 6pm, discussion at 7pm. The book is *Treasure island* by Robert Lewis Stevenson.

Other Matters

Meeting approved the purchase of six copies of *Faith and Practice*.

For adult education, we will read and discuss a paper by Martin Cobin, available on the SAYMA website at this [link](#), or copy and paste:

http://www.sayma.org/online_documents/Value%20System%20of%20Friends.pdf

We will also read and discuss an essay: “Buddhist Economics” by B.F. Schumacher. Click [here](#) for the link, or copy and paste **<https://centerforneweconomics.org/publications/buddhist-economics/>**

Meeting for Business closed with a moment of silence.