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BELLINGHAM FRIENDS MEETING
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Sunday Worship 10-11:00am. First Day School 10:00-11:00am. Childcare: 10:00-11:00am.

Query: #12 from British Advices and Queries (red book): "When you are preoccupied and distracted in meeting let wayward and disturbing thoughts give way quietly to your awareness of God's presence among us and in the world. Receive the vocal ministry of others in a tender and creative spirit. Reach for the meaning deep within it, recognizing that even if it is not God's word for you, it may be so for others. Remember that we all share responsibility for the meeting for worship whether our ministry is in silence or through the spoken word."

If anyone has access to a digital camcorder for meeting to use on occasion, specifically when Howard talks about the Gospel of John, known as the Quaker Gospel, on April 19, contact Susan.

Friends' Spirit Group will meet at Annelise's on **April 27** @ 7 pm.

Save these Dates –Potluck Sunday for May will take place on the second Sunday of the month, due to Mother's Day (5/11). Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business will take place on May 4th, the first Sunday in May. Earthcare Committee has suggested that we bring starter plants on this Sundays to share with Friends as a means of welcoming spring.

Friendly Readers' Book Club – Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close is the selected book for the next meeting of the book group.

The traditional, yearly Clerks' Potluck will take place on Friday, the 29th of May, at the lovely home of our gracious Friends Lorina and Tom Hall. Please call 734-8170 to coordinate your potluck dish. The event begins at 5 pm and will conclude ~ 7 pm.

Date	Care/Meeting	Greeter	Snack	Key	Hospitality	Second Hour
April 12	Doris Ferm	Don G.	Potluck	Dave H.	Judy H.	Easter Potluck
April 19	Susan R.	Annelise	Annelise	Don/Doris		Gospel acc John (Howard Harris)
April 26						Quarterly Meeting
May 03				Don		M 4 W 4 B
May 10						Moms' Potluck

April 19th is Singing Sunday beginning at 9:30am.

Eco-Suggestion of the Month: Be conscious of environmental concerns when selecting the seafood you eat or purchase. The following recommendations are from the Environmental Defense Fund Seafood Selector.

Speak Truth to Power: Friends are encouraged to communicate to School Board members about their concerns regarding budget cuts, especially with respect to class sizes, elimination of the excellent environmental programs for third and sixth graders, and other problems. (Please see the *local education notice* following the Draft Minutes.)

Bellingham Friends Meeting for Worship for Business, April 5, 2009 – Draft Minutes

Clerking: Janine Bruton; Acting Recording Secretary: Lorina Hall
 Attending: Sharon Trent, Margi Fulton, Tom Hall, Dorrie Jordan, Dusty Andersen, Virginia Herrick, Doris Ferm, Don Goldstein, Susan Richardson, Adrienne Row, Dave Hopkinson, Rob Stoops, Howard Harris, Torrey Moorman, Betty McMahon, Annelise Pysanky, Danielle Ellsworth

We began with worshipful silence.

Our clerk read the Query for April and made reference to Howard Briton's Guide to Quaker Practice p. 41-42, regarding our Quaker practice of decision making. **Brinton advises,**

To succeed fully the members should be bound together by friendship, affection and sympathetic understanding. Factions and chronic differences are serious obstacles. The members should be religiously minded, religion being a powerful solvent of the type of self-centeredness that makes group action difficult. Here the Quaker method differs fundamentally from several other consensus methods. Persons who are dogmatic, who speak with an air of finality or authority, and who go to the meeting determined less to find the truth than to win acceptance of their opinions are exceedingly difficult to absorb. The attitude of the debater is out of place. The object is to explore as well as to convince.

Our Future: No spoken word, though worship in silence continued.

Our History: Howard Harris related Henry Cadbury's experience of discovering George Fox's documents (which had not previously been known @1932) in which he had recorded Quaker "miracles." Primarily, reference was to healing from illnesses. The explanation for the disappearance of these records was that some Quakers were uncomfortable and disapproved of George Fox's view of miracles. Howard then described his personal difference of opinion with Rosemary until they visited a physician in Boston who stated that 80% of patients' problems seen by him were manifested as physical illness but were actually mental/spiritual problems. In the end there, was agreement that miracles do happen.

Our clerk encouraged us to call Howard to tap into his wisdom on topics of interest.

Approval of Minutes after corrections as follows:

Minutes were dated as March 8, 2009 (instead of February 11, 2009)

p. 3 Quarterly Meeting Planning Committee item 1: delete *after drafted*.

p. 4 Under State of the Meeting, on line 2: delete after *Thanks* and insert *To those who made substantial contribution to the draft including Sharon Trent, Don Goldstein, Virginia Herrick and Janine Bruton.*

P.6 Under Finance Committee: remove duplicate paragraph.

Agenda was approved.

Committee Reports:

1. Children's Committee- Adrienne Solenberger

Thank you to the many volunteers who have assisted in the children's program.

Easter program is planned for April 12, with the traditional egg hunt during 2nd Hour. Welcome contribution of cooked eggs, white or colored. It is potluck Sunday, and we are requested to include savories.

Volunteer for infant/toddler preschool children-this group currently has only one volunteer, so Adrienne will coordinate meeting volunteers to help.

Training meeting planned for childcare staff and volunteers, particularly regarding refocusing energy and to review Flow of the Hour.

2. Ministry & Counsel

a) Query #12 from British Advices and Queries: "When you are preoccupied and distracted in meeting let wayward and disturbing thoughts give way quietly to your awareness of God's presence among us and in the world. Receive the vocal ministry of others in a tender and creative spirit. Reach for the meaning deep within it, recognizing that even if it is not God's word for you, it may be so for others. Remember that we all share responsibility for the meeting for worship whether our ministry is in silence or through the spoken word."

b) Current members welcomed incoming members on March 24. Susan, Janine, Doris, Daniel, Margi, Dorrie, and Howard were present, with Mimi unable to attend.

c) Virginia will finish the draft for the State of the Meeting, which will be circulated prior to M4B.

d) Membership:

We would like to present Jeanine Hart-Horner for membership, which has seasoned and been accepted. We will check with her to arrange her celebration.

Iris has requested to transfer her membership. We are awaiting word from University Meeting to proceed. Susan, Lorina, and Nancy Ewert will form her welcoming committee and will meet with her at Quarterly meeting.

We are considering a soup-supper as a means of addressing people who might be interested in becoming members. Please contact Susan if you are interested.

Clearness process can be helpful in other life arenas in addition to membership, and members are invited to discuss this with ministry and counsel.

e) Schedule (Care/Meeting & Second Hour)

April 5 (Don) / M4W4B

April 12 (Doris) / Easter potluck

April 19 (Susan), (9:30 singing, led by Dorrie) / Howard on *The Gospel according to John*

April 26 (Margi) / NY Quarterly Meeting

May 3 / M4W4B

May 10 / Mother's Day potluck

May 17 (9:30 singing let by Mimi) / no 2nd hour because building not available

May 24 Memorial Day weekend / no second hour

May 31 / Bob Schultz on FCNL

June 7 / potluck

June 14 / M4W4B

June 21 (9:30 singing) / Quaker study: Kirsten on Woodbrooke and Janine on Pendle Hill

f) Care of Meeting: We have experimented with care of meeting sign up and timing of sharing joys and sorrows. M & C is comfortable with continuing to have M & C members be responsible for care of meeting sign-up (which is also open to others who wish to do this). We have also experimented with inviting Joys and Sorrows and "holding in the light" portion of our worship in the last 10 minutes or so of our meeting for worship. We are suggesting some revisions in the guideline instructions to reflect our goal of continuing the spirit of worship into the announcement phase and to reflect the spiritual nature of care of meeting; we welcome your input.

g) There is considerable interest from the simplicity second hour, for starting the Simplicity program based on the book her group used. If you want to participate in a six-session simplicity program, please contact Janine Bruton. We would like to begin soon.

h) Better publicity: The Bellingham Herald was contacted about what is currently involved in getting something printed in the religion section of the paper. It is free and entered via the website at least one week in advance of the Saturday in which it is published and it appears sooner online; the person entering it must register, then scroll to community and link to calendar. They will not put in regular items, but will do speakers or concerts. We would like to announce second hours of broader interest, such as Howard's talk on John on April 19, or Bob Schultz's presentation on May 31. This can enhance our visibility in the community and draw new attenders. Who will contact the *Bellingham Herald*?

i) Hearing assistance devise for M4W. At Rosemary's memorial service, we appreciated the hearing assistance devises for those individuals who are hard of hearing. Doris will contact Margi about setting up a time for a visitation committee to Unity via J. Scott Williams to experience the system for the hearing impaired that they have there. It would be helpful to have both hearing impaired, and others help us evaluate whether this might also work for us. Cost for transmitter, 4 devises and headsets plus microphone and stand might run about \$500. We would need to borrow a microphone for the trial, as Unity plugs it into a PA system. Is there interest in us pursuing evaluation of sound enhancing set up with an approximate cost of \$500 (not anticipated in this year's budget)? We may be able to generate some earmarked donations for this.

j) Miscellaneous business:

We are planning a clerking potluck at the home of The Halls' on May 29th.

We inquired about moving the library, to make it more accessible. This will be discussed with Daniel, Annelise and John Hatten.

We have run out of copies of our current welcoming handout for first-time attendees, and we welcome input for ideas to improve upon it.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4-30-09 at 7pm at Doris'.

In addition to the M & C report:

Item 6 modified to be more explicit in that M&C is responsible for guaranteeing that all Sundays have someone who is "in care of Meeting" whether that be a member of M&C or a Friend who volunteers to nurture the Meeting for Worship. This is regarded as a pastoral role rather than a facilitator for announcements.

Item 8 agreement that the Clerk of Communications, Alice Robb will be asked to facilitate submission to the Herald of upcoming 2nd Hours which might be of interest to the wider community. Two items include Howard's talk on The Gospel of John, April 19 and Bob Schultz on FCNL on May 31. This service is available at no cost.

Item 9 – several Friends indicated their willingness to be involved in an evaluation of hearing assistance devices currently being utilized by Unity Church and managed by J. Scott Williams.

Janine Hart-Horner's membership is accepted after seasoning. A Clerk of Hospitality/Key indicated need for someone to help set up for worship on April 26 when all key people will attend Quarterly Meeting! TY was expressed to Betty McMahon who will open the building and to Sharon Trent who will set up.

Care of Meeting Guidelines drafted revision available for comment. Welcoming event will be arranged. To be continued with email comments to Susan Richardson.

3. Peace and Social Concerns:

- a) After an opening period of silent centering, Ash was welcomed as an incoming member of the Committee.
- b) The Concern of the Month is the families of the Yamato Engine Specialists who were arrested by I.C.E. in a raid last month.
- c) Jeanine will have a letter on immigration issues for the April potluck
- d) Speak Truth to Power: Friends are encouraged to communicate to School Board members about their concerns regarding budget cuts, especially with respect to class sizes, elimination of the excellent environmental programs for third and sixth graders, and other problems.
- e) Ministry & Counsel will be asked for second hours to discuss the first part of Seeds of Violence, Seeds of Hope, a seven part series on economic issues. Jeanine will pass the volume on to Judy very soon.
- f) Motorola Boycott cards were signed, and a few taken for other groups. (Update as of 4/6/09 - Motorola has sold the business of fuse making, but there are still other issues.)
- g) The Committee will reconsider the Statement of Purpose at its next meeting and then return it, dated, with changes to the Nominating Committee.
- h) Holly proposed that the committee make a (more) pro-active effort to be informed about some of the issues that present semi-regularly. We already do this, obviously, when we bring items of interest or concern to meetings.
- i) The next meeting will be April 28, 7:15 pm at the home of Holly Folk, Jeanine Hart Horner clerking. (I hope I have that date right?)

Doris Ferm, retiring clerk

4. Earthcare Committee: Eco Suggestion of the Month: Be conscious of environment concerns when selecting the seafood you eat or purchase. Following are recommendations from the Environmental Defense Fund seafood selector.

<u>Eco Best</u>	<u>Eco Okay</u>	<u>Eco Worst</u>
Anchovies	Clams (wild)	Chilean sea bass
Char, Arctic - farmed	Pacific cod (troll)	Grouper
Mackerel - Atlantic	Snow crab (canner)	Orange roughy
Mussels	flounder/sole (Pacific)	Rock - trawl
Oysters - farmed	lobster (U.S. / Maine)	Salmon – farmed (Atlantic)
Sablefish - wild (Alaska, Canada)	Sea scallops (U.S. / Canada)	Shark
Salmon - wild (Alaska)	Shrimp	Swordfish - imported
Sardines (Pacific U.S.)	Tilapia (Latin America)	Tilefish (Gulf of Mex/S. Atlantic)
Rainbow trout - farmed	Light tuna - canned	Big eye tuna – yellow fin
All eco-best fish	Albacore tuna (U.S. / Canada)	
	Blue fin tuna	
	All eco-okay fish	

The next meeting of the Friends Earthcare Committee will be on April 28th @ Doris', 7 pm.

5. Treasurer's Report

BELLINGHAM FRIENDS MEETING Cash Flow - 3/1/2009 through 3/31/2009

Category	Amount
INFLOWS	
Contributions to Meeting - Total	1,106.00
Designated for Children's Program Hon.	125.00
Other contributions	981.00
Contributions to Meeting House Fund	55.00
Contributions to FCWPP	135.00
Contributions for Lakota reservation project	116.00
Interest income (all WECU accounts combined)	127.60

TOTAL INFLOWS	1,539.60
OUTFLOWS	
Administration - Total	-475.00
Rent: Explorations Academy	-475.00
Children's Program Committee - Total	-77.82
Childcare	-77.82
Communications Committee - Total	-61.64
Newsletter printing	-12.50
Directory duplication	2.77
Other Communications Committee (phone)	-46.37
Donations Out - Total	-826.00
FCWPP	-135.00
AFSC	-100.00
Center for Dev. in Central America	-75.00
Friends General Conference	-100.00
Friends Peace Teams / AGLI	-100.00
Interfaith Coalition	-100.00
Right Sharing of World Resources	-100.00
Lakota reservation project (March Cause)	-116.00
Lopez Oversight Committee (travel)	-47.84
Special events (March 1st celebration, cake)	-34.99

TOTAL OUTFLOWS	-1,523.29
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OVERALL TOTAL	16.31

Account balances at end of First Quarter, 2009:

WECU - TOTAL	18,018.63
General Checking	1,558.60
General Savings	2,342.72
Meeting House Fund Savings	5,775.77
Scholarship Fund	192.10
Meeting House Fund CD, matures in October 2012	8,149.44
Whidbey Island Bank - TOTAL	7,147.06
24-month CD, matures July 2010	3,574.14
24-month CD, matures September 2010	3,572.92
Scottrade - TOTAL	25,369.24
Ariel Fund	5,545.47
Calvert Social Investment Bond Fund	10,233.29
Parnassus Equity Income Fund	9,590.48
GRAND TOTAL	50,534.93
TOTAL on 12/31/08	52,527.32
NET GAIN (LOSS) for QUARTER	(1,992.39)

6. Finance Committee Report:

Bellingham Friends Meeting approves payment of a monthly honorarium to Adrienne Solenberger in recognition of her leading and extraordinary service as Coordinator of our Children's Program (as stated in the following report).

Since the meeting budget for 2009 was previously approved and already anticipates a substantial deficit, we welcome and encourage designated and/or increased pledges of financial support from members and attenders in order to help fund the Children's Coordinator honorarium beginning from April 2009.

Also, approved that an email be sent to all members and attenders informing Friends of the special need to fund the honorarium. The clerk, treasurer, and a member of Children's will work together on this.

We also request that committees review their budget allocations for this year to see whether some reduction might be possible, and that they inform the Finance Committee accordingly by the end of May. The honorarium will be in the amount \$100 monthly for April, May, and June, and shall be adjusted beginning in July based on the response to these requests. The honorarium will be treated in the budgeting process for 2010 in the same manner as all other proposed expenditures.

The Finance Committee is working towards simplifying the bank record of account signers. This item is to be continued.

The amount collected for our Cause of the Month was \$137.50. The money is going to an organization called "Community to Community Development" and will be earmarked to assist the families affected by the recent ICE raids at Yamato Engine Specialists in Bellingham. **Meeting approved.**

7. Nominating Committee

All nominations have seasoned and are ready for final MFB attention.

There was one omission, which is the ongoing position for Library, which continues to be Annelise Pysanky until 2010. No meeting action is required.

Nominating Committee will continue to accept committee job descriptions, which have been reviewed, modified if needed and dated so that an accurate up to date file is available.

We express deep appreciation for past volunteers and for willingness to serve in the future.

8. PNQM Planning Committee:

The Quarterly Meeting Planning Committee reported that figures were recently received from the registrar to the effect that 61 early registrations (as compared with a more-typical quantity of about 35), including 116 individuals, had been received for the upcoming Quarterly Meeting session planned by Bellingham and Lopez Friends. Either a much-higher-than-usual proportion of attenders have registered early, or there will be a large turnout, or (we hope) both.

Liaison Report (FCNL Report by Tom Hall)

FCNL is encouraged by this administration's support of FCNL concerns. Their current priorities are peace in Sudan and supporting the budget, as submitted by President Obama to Congress.

Members Concerns:

Don Goldstein:

Don is investigating the wisdom of providing a more economical phone service for BFM. Suggestions and advice abounded, and Don was asked to proceed with gathering information. Friends are asked to reply to Don if they have suggestions for the best service and the most favorable price.

Dusty Andersen:

Request for continued BFM support for prisoners at Red Rock Correctional Facility in Arizona. Prisoners who follow alternatives to Christian practices, such as Buddhists, Wiccan and Native Americans are being discriminated against, and donations of religious materials sent by Dusty are withheld. **Meeting encouraged and commended Dusty and approved continuation of our non-financial support for her work.** Dusty will bring to meeting for business letters that reference BFM as she continues in her support. She agrees to keep the meeting informed of her work.

LOPEZ ISLAND WORSHIP GROUP MINUTES:

Lopez Island Worship Group (LIWG) is now under the care of Bellingham Friends Meeting. In order to help Bellingham Friends get to know more about these Friends, a copy of the LIWG Minutes from their Meeting for Worship for Business on March 15th, which includes an interesting report from their Preparative Meeting Committee concerning a proposed new structure, is available for your perusal on the Friends literature table. Here is one item extracted from those minutes (it concerns an event that is now in the past, but illustrates what a small group of Friends can do to promote discussion of peace and social concerns in their community):

Bob Schultz Visit to Lopez: Publicity for Bob Schultz's March 29 presentation at Lopez Center has been underway, thanks to a "Save the Date" electronic poster created by and emailed to us from Anne. We have been asked to forward the poster to our individual Lopez email lists. Lorna wrote a news release and sent it to The Weekly, the Sanjuanislander and the Islands Guardian. (The latter two are internet newspapers.) The story will also be sent to the Sounder and the Journal. John Holding is contacting other churches on Lopez about the event. Anne will create a small ad for The Weekly, March 24 edition. She will also create handouts for Evening Meal at the Schools. We approved "reasonable expenses" for publicity.

Bob and his wife will arrive on Lopez on Saturday, March 28, and be hosted by Steve and Polly in their home. We will hold a SIMPLE potluck lunch at Steve and Polly's after Meeting for Worship for Singing on Sunday. We are asked to keep our potluck offerings simple.

We are asked to be at Lopez Center at 6:30 pm on the 29th to help set up the hall. John Holding will be asked to introduce Bob. Nancy will contact Lopez Center to discuss setting up the podium and microphone in advance of our arrival.

--From BFM Members of Lopez Oversight Committee: Susan Richardson, Don Goldstein, Janine Bruton, & Doris Ferm

Final Version of State of the Meeting Report: (Please refer to the conclusion of this newsletter.)

After seasoning throughout the Meeting for Business, the State of the Meeting Report was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. with expressions of appreciation for the clerk and others.

Local Education Notice:

Please write to the Bellingham School District regarding the following concern. Address your letter to Dr. Kenneth Vedra and members of the School Board.

Notify them of your concern that funding of school programs, particularly in these times of huge budget deficits, should be concentrated on programs that enhance the educational opportunities of all public school students throughout the district.

For example, cutting personnel such as teachers, librarians, and school counselors, or services and programs such as summer school, outdoor education programs and grade level field trips adversely affect all Bellingham students.

To simultaneously fund specialty programs, such as the International Baccalaureate (IB) program, which costs many thousands of dollars merely to send teachers and administrators to European (IB) schools in the quest to

achieve IB status of select schools in our district, defies sensibility. Our district must value the educational opportunities of all students, not enrich the experiences of a select few while degrading the overall educational experience of the majority of our students.

F.Y.I. Here is a little background information that your editor finds interesting in trying to understand the development of this issue:

Question: What are the costs of becoming an authorized IB World School? Where will we get the resources?

Answer: IB schools incur costs by providing ongoing professional development for all staff, offering a second world language, having an IB coordinator and paying an annual fee. (The district and schools will need to explore reallocating existing resources to cover the required components of an IB school. **Note- even though there is a claim that no additional funding is available at this time, one Friend was told that the district JUST sent the principal of Fairhaven and one other person to England to get briefed on setting up FMS as the next IB School. Odd that the district would then include the following sentence!**) *There is no additional funding available at the current time.* Families attending IB schools will not be expected to pay tuition or extra charges.

Bellingham Friends Meeting State of the Society Report, 2008

The year 2008 has been a time of joy and sorrow, growth and loss, for Bellingham Friends Meeting. During the past year, three dear Friends passed away: Will Duplantis and Roberta Condon died in 2008, and Rosemary Harris on January 1, 2009. Their memorial services were rich in spirit, and helped us to remember their wonderful qualities, while drawing us all closer together as we mourned. Also during this past year, new adults and children have joined our Meetings for Worship, enriching our time together each week, and strengthening our community with their gifts. On average, twenty-seven adults gather each Sunday at our Meeting place, along with thirteen children, which are about five more adults in worship each week on average. Although new families with children have joined us, some of the children who had lived in Bellingham and been a regular part of Meeting are currently visiting other family members.

Our weekly Meeting for Worship continues to ground and center us for all our work in the world, and for our other times of shared work and play. Each Sunday, after worship, we enjoy some social time, often followed by a rich "second hour" program. Some special second hours this year included: a series sponsored by our Friends Earthcare Committee, called Walking in the Light; sharing by our year-long End of Life support group about their process; and Quakerism 102 classes by lifelong Friend Howard Harris, who shared with us his expertise on the Bible. We convene once a month to begin our Worship with singing together.

Two special retreats have enriched our community. In April, the annual "clerks' potluck" includes both incoming and outgoing clerks and officers of the Meeting, and clerks of all committees. This gathering offers a chance to take stock of our community and envision directions for the future. Last fall, Ministry and Counsel Committee organized a well-attended one-day retreat for the whole Meeting on "Deepening our Spiritual Community."

Our Children's Program enriches the life of the Meeting with its growth and liveliness! All told, we have fourteen children in the infants-to-toddlers age group, fourteen school-age kids, and three Junior Friends! As a result of this bounty, we have a class for school-age children, and another for preschool/kindergarten, as well as child care for infants and toddlers. The Children's Program Committee designed curriculum for the year about other faiths and how they compare to Quakerism. There are books and other materials on each subject. The older children have begun having their own business meetings, found Unity, and shared their concerns with the adults' Meeting for Worship for Business. Looking to the future, we envision surroundings for our Meeting that would provide space for our children's need to play and be outdoors.

Lopez Island Worship Group approached our Meeting in the past year about coming under our care as they consider Preparative Meeting status. Visits between our groups have begun, and the beginning of a rich

relationship has been born – including the involvement of Lopez Island Friends in planning this Quarterly Meeting with us!

Bellingham Friends have enjoyed preparing to host the Spring 2009 Pacific Northwest Quarterly Meeting at Lazy F Camp and Retreat Center. Planning began a year ago, with the theme of "Clearing the Clutter and Caring for What Matters: Making Room for the Spirit."

Peace and Social Concerns has had many opportunities to act in accordance with Friends convictions about peace and social justice in the past year. Several Friends loyally attend the weekly community-wide anti-war protest in front of the Federal Building downtown. To mark Armistice (Veteran's) Day, the committee organized a candlelight vigil at Bellingham's Peace pole. Each month, our Peace and Social Concerns committee members bring to our attention an organization engaged in good work; passing the hat helps generate funds for these worthy causes. The committee makes petitions and letters of advocacy available for signing at Meeting for Worship and also at our table at the Bellingham Farmers Market.

Other highlights of the year include the Children's Program creating a Peace Quilt (with different squares decorated by Meeting children), and joining the North American art project to transform war toys into art. The children also raised \$80 in a Pennies-for-Peace drive and donated it to benefit education for girls in Pakistan, a project of the Central Asia Institute. Two of our First Day School teachers led the children's program at the International Day of Peace in Bellingham. At that event, one of our members, Doris Ferm, was honored with the Howard Harris Lifetime Peacemaker Award. We also were fortunate to have Freda the Peace Dove among us this year, on loan from Port Townsend Meeting; she was present at several venues and peace events during the year.

Through all the working, organizing, communicating, and worshipping together, our Meeting continues to be a source of strength and inspiration for members and attenders alike. Coming together, we support one another's leadings, strive to find Unity and act in accordance with Divine Light, and share with one another the Spirit that infuses our lives with love.



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