

MfWfB Mininutes April 12, 2015
Approved

Present: Stephanie Manzo, Betty McMahon, Joanne Cowan, Nan Macy, John Hatten, Carole Teshima, Mimi Freshley, Karen Steen, Larry Thompson, Sharon Trent, Dorrie Jordan (Clerking), Judy Hopkinson (recording clerk), Don Goldstein, Wendy Goldstein

The meeting opened with silent worship followed by review of the agenda.

2015.04.01 Ministry and Counsel Report (Attached)

2015.04.02 Children's program ideas report (attached) - presented by Sharon Trent

2015.04.02.01 - Idea #1 - having a party

Discussion:

- One friend agreed.
- Another suggested that it be here, and that the Bee Children might help prepare a welcoming sign and have a discussion about welcoming new people.
- Another Friend expressed concerns about having a party to recruit children because it seemed as though it should first be about Quaker values.
- Betty McMahon, and Stephanie Manzo volunteered to work together to plan a party
- Timing of party - one Friend suggested doing it prior to end of school year.
- Another suggested having the party as a second hour.
- Sharon T. felt this would be too abrupt an introduction to Quakerism if people had to sit through a Quaker worship. However, it was clarified that guests would not necessarily be invited to silent worship.
- Friend, Joanne expressed a concern about recruiting children separately from adults.
- The same Friend also expressed a desire to have children sit in silent worship for 15 min before second hour.
- The three interested Friends will meet and prepare a proposal for the meeting.
- Three Friends volunteered to meet with Sharon to prepare lessons. (Betty McMahon, Stephanie Manzo, and Carole Teshima).
- A Friend suggested exploring some other resources for programs that bridge science and Christianity.
- The Godly Play curriculum was also suggested as a resource.

2015.04.03 Nominating committee report (attached)

2015.04.03.01 The meeting approved the nominations as presented in March.

2015.04.03.02 The committee nominated Susan Richardson for clerk of the Bellingham part of the Lopez preparative Meeting Oversight Committee. Friends agreed to approve that nomination without further seasoning.

2015.04.03.03 Nominating Committee reminds committee clerks that this is the year in which committee job descriptions have should be reviewed and revised if needed. SEC is the one exception.

2015.04.05 Finance Committee report

2015.04.05.01 - Statement of Financial Activity (attached)

It was noted that the Meeting's instructions regarding internal fund allocations is still being implemented.

Another Friend asked for clarification about the meeting house fund - and this was explained.

2015.04.05.02 - Statement of Financial Position (attached)

2015.04.06 SEC report (attached)

A Friend suggested that SEC consider selecting local affiliates of national movement groups as concerns of the month, such as Washington Move to Amend and the local affiliate promoting national health care.

A Friend suggested that SEC discuss the farmworker's march on May 3.

2015.04.07. Report from Retreat Planning Committee

2015.04.08 Member Concerns:

2105.04.08.1 Shortly after Meeting approved cosponsoring the play Mary's Joy, **Jeanmarie Simpson informed Don that she may have to cancel her tour for health reasons.** She is also raising money to make a film of her performance.

2105.04.08.2 Don and Wendy noted their appreciation to the meeting for the work done to plan and produce their wedding yesterday.es

2015.04.09 Minutes from the March MfWfB were approved with minor changes.

Ministry & Counsel Report

Bellingham Friends Meeting for Worship for Business, 4-12-2015

1. **Minute of thanks, plus welcoming.** We started our meeting by thanking Susan Richardson for her two years of clerking Meeting and being on Ministry and Counsel. We will miss her wisdom, kindness and experience on our committee. We also joyfully welcomed Mary Ann Percy to the committee.

2. *Information: Advices and Queries* – #33 in the little red book: Are you alert to practices here and throughout the world which discriminate against people on the basis of who or what they are or because of their beliefs? Bear witness to the humanity of all people, including those who break society's conventions or its laws. Try to discern new growing points in social and economic life.

3. *Information: Second Hour Programs*

April 19 – QEI – Allen Stockbridge, Quaker History I: Beginnings through the American Revolution

April 26 - Quarterly Meeting (extended social time)

May 3 – MfWfB

May 10 – Potluck (Mother's Day)

May 17 – QEI – Don Goldstein, Quaker History II: Diversities Among Friends

May 24 – Memorial Day weekend (extended social time)

May 31 – City Comprehensive Plan presentation

4. *Information: Our Memorial Minute* Tom Hall has been submitted to *Western Friend* and *Friends Journal*.

5. *Information: Wedding!* Don and Wendy Goldstein were married in care of BFM yesterday at the First Congregational Church Social Hall, 2401 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham.

6. *Information: Scholarship awarded.* Ministry and Counsel has received a request for a youth scholarship to attend NPYM this summer, and decided to award a full scholarship to Sebastian Bee.

Nominating Committee Report 4/12/15

The slate of nominations that was submitted in March was accepted for seasoning and is now up for final approval.

New nomination: Susan Richardson is being nominated as clerk of Lopez Preparative Meeting Committee with a term until 2017. Don Goldstein would then be nominated as a member serving one more year.

Nominating Committee asks that as each committee meet with new members they review the committee's job descriptions. This is done every 5 years. Our committee will be sending the job descriptions to each clerk to take to their committees for review and revision as needed.

The nomination slate is attached.

Mimi Freshley
Clerk, Nominating Committee

Bellingham Friends Meeting Positions and Terms, April 2015

(**Bold** indicates new nomination or continuing for another year or term and up for final approval)

* New nomination on 4/12/2015)

Non-Committee Positions:

Clerk	Dorrie Jordan	2016
Co-Clerk	John Hatten	2016
Recording Clerk	Judy Hopkinson	2016
Treasurer	Joanne Cowan	2016
Children's Program Coordinator		
	Sharon Trent	2016
Interfaith Coalition	Sharon Trent	2016
Librarian	Carole Teshima	2016
	Sebastian Bee	2016
Archivist	Kristen McLewin	2017
Meetinghouse liaison	Judy Hopkinson	2017
Meetinghouse Scout	Allen Stockbridge	2017
Meetinghouse Scout	Sharon Trent	2017
NPYM Coord. Comm.	Allen Stockbridge	Sept. 2016
PNQM Con. Comm.	Don Goldstein	July 2016
FCNL rep.	Karen Steen	2017
FGC rep.	Don Goldstein	2016
AFSC rep	Allen Stockbridge	2017
FCWPP		
Native American		
QEW		
Western Friend	Lorina Hall	2017
Web master	John Hatten	2016
Newsletter editor	Betty McMahan	2016
Email list distributor	Judy Hopkinson	2017
Phone messages	Don Goldstein	2017
Directory editor	Don Goldstein	2016
Mail collector	Joanne Cowan	2017

Committees:

Ministry and Counsel

Virginia Herrick, clerk	2016
Dorrie Jordan, clerk of meeting	2016
John Hatten, co-clerk of meeting	2017
Rob Dillard	2016
Mary Ann Percy	2017

Report from Outreach and Welcoming Group to Bellingham Friends Meeting, 5/3/15

The Outreach and Welcoming Group held a transition meeting on April 17th, which due to scheduling difficulties was our first meeting for several months. We reviewed the status of a large number of projects and activities, including the Facebook page and other online communication tools, publications, management of New Attender Cards and nametags, and efforts at outreach and collaboration with other organizations. Here are some highlights:

- We spent some time discussing why the BFM List Serve, an online tool for personal, private, and direct communication among Friends, has been so little used. We decided to ask Ministry and Counsel to support a presentation by OWG about List Serve use and advantages in a Second Hour that would facilitate Friends in joining the List Serve community immediately.
- We acknowledged that the accessibility and success of the BFM Facebook page could have major implications for the future character of the BFM website, but deferred detailed discussion of this matter until Web-keeper John Hatten can meet with us.
- We agreed to support work to protect the BFM sandwich-board sign from further weathering-related deterioration while enhancing its visibility. Allen Stockbridge will undertake this work in the near future.
- We had some preliminary discussion about the possibility of a full-day Quaker Quest workshop, possibly in lieu of an annual retreat, and about the various costs and benefits that might be involved. Although Quaker Quest is designed primarily as an outreach program, the initial workshop places a strong emphasis on Meeting inreach and community-building. We expect to discuss this at greater length and to invite broad participation in our discernment.

The OWG will meet next on Thursday, May 21 beginning at 7 pm at Jenny Davidow's home. Any interested BFM Friend is welcome to join us for part of all of the meeting.

--Don Goldstein, 2015-17 Clerk of Outreach and Welcoming Group

Other subcommittee members are Jenny Davidow and Dusty Andersen. Outgoing committee members who participated in the recent meeting were Allen Stockbridge, Jessica Bee, and Mary Ann Percy. Also joining us was Wendy Goldstein. John Hatten occasionally joins us to discuss website-related issues. Virginia Herrick often joins us as a liaison with Ministry & Counsel, a role she now expects to share with Mary Ann Percy.

Report of 2015 BFM Retreat Planning Committee, 4/12/15

During the March 2015 Meeting for Worship for Business Friends approved the proposed change of retreat location from Quaker Cove to Camp Lutherwood and asked the committee to solicit information on date preferences by means of a Doodle poll, which Carole Teshima set up and distributed using the choice of dates that were actually available at Camp Lutherwood for a summertime or early fall retreat beginning on Saturday afternoon and ending on Sunday afternoon.

Based on the results of that poll and other relevant considerations, the committee has selected as the new retreat dates September 12th and 13th. A reservation has been made with Camp Lutherwood for these dates and a deposit of \$100 paid. We will soon be informing other nearby meetings of the change in both location and dates.

There are two other pieces of news that the committee wishes to share with the Meeting:

1. Stephanie Manzo has found it necessary to resign from the Retreat Planning Committee, and we would very much like to invite participation in planning and program development by one or more other Bellingham Friends so that we can go forward at full strength. The committee usually meets on a weekday evening once a month.
2. An anonymous donor has given the Meeting \$500, earmarked "for over night retreat or a better cause if there is one". Should the Meeting choose to use these funds for the one specific potential purpose mentioned by the donor, the committee believes that consideration of charging a fee to attend the retreat is not necessary.

--Don Goldstein, Clerk

Other committee members are Carole Teshima, Mary Ann Percy, and Wendy Goldstein

Bellingham Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Statement of Financial Activity
YTD 2015

	Jan - Mar 15	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · All Contributions				
4010 · Contributions by Check	1,360.00	13,933.00	-12,573.00	9.8%
4015 · Contributions by Cash	833.44	400.00	433.44	208.4%
4018 · Contributions in Kind	49.91	427.00	-377.09	11.7%
4000 · All Contributions - Other	40.00	0.00	40.00	100.0%
Total 4000 · All Contributions	2,283.35	14,760.00	-12,476.65	15.5%
4030 · Interest Income	101.55			
Total Income	2,384.90	14,760.00	-12,375.10	16.2%
Expense				
5000 · Finance Committee				
5010 · Bank Service Charge	0.00			
5011 · State Filing Fee	0.00	10.00	-10.00	0.0%
5020 · Equipment	21.69	50.00	-28.31	43.4%
5030 · Liability Insurance	0.00	575.00	-575.00	0.0%
5040 · Rent	1,650.00	6,600.00	-4,950.00	25.0%
5060 · Supplies, Postage and Copying	19.60	30.00	-10.40	65.3%
5070 · Quarterly Meeting Assessment	0.00	80.00	-80.00	0.0%
5080 · Yearly Meeting Assessment	0.00	2,400.00	-2,400.00	0.0%
Total 5000 · Finance Committee	1,691.29	9,745.00	-8,053.71	17.4%
5600 · Children's Program				
5630 · Childcare	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.0%
5650 · Supplies amd Materials	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 5600 · Children's Program	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
5700 · Communications				
5710 · Advertising	19.60	70.00	-50.40	28.0%
5720 · Directory	0.00	80.00	-80.00	0.0%
5730 · Newsletter	82.17	125.00	-42.83	65.7%
5740 · P.O. Box	80.00	80.00	0.00	100.0%
5750 · Website/Other	0.00	30.00	-30.00	0.0%
Total 5700 · Communications	181.77	385.00	-203.23	47.2%
6000 · Ministry and Counsel				
6030 · Gifts	-14.70	50.00	-64.70	-29.4%
6040 · Pamphlets and Subscriptions	0.00	125.00	-125.00	0.0%
6050 · Outreach and Welcoming	50.00	200.00	-150.00	25.0%
6060 · Retreats and Special Events	170.00	400.00	-230.00	42.5%
Total 6000 · Ministry and Counsel	205.30	775.00	-569.70	26.5%
6500 · Other Committees				
6510 · Hospitality	68.04	450.00	-381.96	15.1%
6520 · Library	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
6530 · Oversight for Lopez P.M.	0.00	125.00	-125.00	0.0%
6540 · Social and Environmental Crns	0.00	140.00	-140.00	0.0%
Total 6500 · Other Committees	68.04	865.00	-796.96	7.9%
6600 · Outreach and Support				
6610 · AFSC	100.00	165.00	-65.00	60.6%
6611 · FCNL	150.00	150.00	0.00	100.0%
6612 · FCWPP	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
6613 · FGC	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
6614 · Interfaith Coalition	0.00	125.00	-125.00	0.0%
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6618 · Quaker Earthcare Witness	0.00	125.00	-125.00	0.0%
6620 · Right Sharing of World Resource	0.00	125.00	-125.00	0.0%
6630 · Whatcom Peace and Justice	300.00	1,200.00	-900.00	25.0%
6640 · WA Coltn to Abolish Death Pnlty	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%

	<u>Jan - Mar 15</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
6650 · W. WA FOR	0.00	75.00	-75.00	0.0%
6690 · Belllghm Human Rights Festival	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 6600 · Outreach and Support	<u>650.00</u>	<u>2,490.00</u>	<u>-1,840.00</u>	<u>26.1%</u>
Total Expense	<u>2,796.40</u>	<u>14,760.00</u>	<u>-11,963.60</u>	<u>18.9%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-411.50	0.00	-411.50	100.0%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
4060 · Change in Asset Value				
4065 · Scottrade	1,411.02			
4060 · Change in Asset Value - Other	2,683.18			
Total 4060 · Change in Asset Value	<u>4,094.20</u>			
8200 · Other Income				
8230 · Received for FCWPP	200.00			
Total 8200 · Other Income	<u>200.00</u>			
Total Other Income	<u>4,294.20</u>			
Net Other Income	<u>4,294.20</u>			
Net Income	<u><u>3,882.70</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>3,882.70</u></u>	<u><u>100.0%</u></u>

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Cash Basis

Bellingham Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Statement of Financial Position
 As of March 31, 2015

	Mar 31, 15	Dec 31, 14
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
1010 · WECU Checking	5,424.68	6,597.73
1020 · WECU Savings	10,475.98	27,374.43
Total Checking/Savings	15,900.66	33,972.16
Total Current Assets	15,900.66	33,972.16
Other Assets		
1800 · Marketable Securities		
1810 · Friends Fiduciary	154,641.10	133,957.92
1820 · Scottrade	26,140.23	24,729.21
Total 1800 · Marketable Securities	180,781.33	158,687.13
Total Other Assets	180,781.33	158,687.13
TOTAL ASSETS	196,681.99	192,659.29
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
3100 · Permanently Restricted		
3110 · Meeting House Funds	87,008.63	86,903.63
3120 · Gathering Sponsorship	46,491.21	46,491.21
Total 3100 · Permanently Restricted	133,499.84	133,394.84
3200 · Temporarily Restricted		
3260 · Mutual Aid	10,215.05	10,215.05
3270 · Quaker Activity	10,212.04	10,212.04
3280 · Meeting House	27,558.48	27,523.48
Total 3200 · Temporarily Restricted	47,985.57	47,950.57
3500 · Unrestricted Assets	11,313.88	11,313.88
Net Income	3,882.70	0.00
Total Equity	196,681.99	192,659.29
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	196,681.99	192,659.29

SEC Report to MfWfB - April 11, 2015
March 31, 2015

Action item:

1. Proposal to bring the art installation “39 Questions for White People” to our meeting.

“39 Questions for White People” by Naima Lowe is a powerful way for Friends to reflect on and discuss race, racism, and white privilege. AFSC’s Friends Relations Department hopes that this installation contributes to the ongoing dialogue in your meeting/church about white privilege and how it operates in Quaker spaces and in society at large. After viewing “39 Questions for White People,” Concern of the month for April: **Northwest Youth Services**

2. We have purchased a film on food production and labor issues and are exploring a collaborative showing with BUF -will be scheduling a film night / potluck for the meeting in the near future to view this film. We hope that this will begin dialogue on farm worker justice issues within our meeting, and expect to follow this with additional programs that will enable us to better understand and discern right action in the dispute between farm workers and berry farms in particular in Skagit and Whatcom Counties as well as on a wider scale.

Information items:

1. SEC Guidelines for concern of the month

SEC formalized internal guidelines for selection of concerns of the month based on input from the Meeting at the March MfWfB.

Guideline: SEC will select concerns of the month with preference for:

- Quaker organizations
- Local groups (to build community connections)
- Small organizations (where our contributions will have a relatively greater impact)
- Organizations that have been vetted when possible to assure they transfer the majority of donations to their work rather than to administration
- Organizations suggested by Friends
- Organizations working on timely / emergent issues

2. We anticipate participating in Gay Pride parade and stand ready to assist Virginia H. in her leading to coordinate Quaker participation in that event.