

**Bellingham Friends**  
**Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MfWfB)**  
**January 8, 2017**  
**Draft Minutes**

Present: Dusty Anderson, Joanne Cowan, Don Goldstein, Lorina Hall, John Hatten (Presiding Clerk) Virginia Herrick, Mark Hersh, Cheiron Moriya, Mary Ann Percy (Recording Clerk), Allan Richardson, Allen Stockbridge, Larry Thompson

Meeting opened with Worship at 1155AM

**2017.1.01 Minutes from November**

A Friend requested that Section 2016.11.10 Member Concern from November be amended to include additional information related to possible venues for Meeting for Worship—

- Cruise Terminal, 9A-4P Sundays, 1 room available, no storage
- Bellingham Senior Center—not able to use coffee board or kitchen
- Bloedel Donovan Park—They may not want only one consistent renter on a weekly basis. Also they have 40 chairs available, allow use of kitchen and implements; no storage space
- Port of Bellingham—only one room available; no storage space available

Friends approved November minutes with these changes.

**2017.1.02 December Minutes**

Don Goldstein sent edits/corrections to Judy in December requesting inclusion. When he reminded Judy of the same yesterday, she indicated that she was not up to revising them at this time due to her illness. Don will send “track changes” version of December minutes to John, and “changes accepted” version to Mary Ann, with the request that Judy send out the revised ember minutes when she is feeling well enough.

Approval of December Minutes is laid over to February MFWFB.

**2017.1.03 Finance Report:** Report attached

Income and expense were both under budget in 2016, with net income loss of \$3.16.

The 2017 BFM budget was approved during December's MFWFB, though it was not so minuted. Don will amend the December minutes accordingly before re-sending them to Judy.

Line 4060 – Change of Asset Value on the Statement of Financial Activity inaccurately shows the figure \$8868.60. The correct figure of \$11,767.25 is in Finance Committee Report.

Funds held by Friends Fiduciary are in their Green Fund

Total funds available for Meetinghouse is derived by adding lines 3110 – Meetinghouse Funds (Permanently Restricted) and 3280 – Meetinghouse Funds (Temporarily Restricted), which equals \$116,097.11.

#### **2017.1.04: Nominating Report:**

Members of Nominating Committee currently begin and end their terms on January 1. At the request of Nominating Committee, Friends discussed changing the term of service to be consistent with other committees, such that it runs from May 1 to April 30. This change would give new members an opportunity to ease into the work of the committee before the onslaught of the largest amount of Nominating Committee work which starts in January.

Friends also discussed changing the term of Nominating Committee members from 3 years to 2 years. The current system of having 3 Nominating Committee members each serving a 3 year term (which allows 1 person to rotate off the committee each year) was set up since it was difficult to find a fourth person to serve on Nominating Committee. With 4 members of Nominating Committee, having 2 year terms would make it possible for there to always be two on-going committee members and two new committee members (which would not be the case with three committee members each serving a two year term).

Nominating Committee will be reviewing their job description and consider the discussions held today during MFWFB (on starting and ending dates of service as well as length of service) and bring forward proposals next month.

The job description for Nominating Committee will be reviewed and incorporated into the new Nominating Committee book.

#### **2017.1.05: Ministry & Counsel Report:** Report attached

A question and discussion arose about the desirability of making the Meetinghouse Scout (role) a committee, a concern which has previously been raised in MFWFB

A Friend suggested that having a committee would be helpful in providing a place to report on what is found and a standing opportunity to do so at Monthly Meeting (MfWfB).

M&C will be writing a job description for Meetinghouse Scout. Do we wish to lay over the conversation on having a Meetinghouse Scout Committee until February MFWFB when we are considering the job description for Meetinghouse Scout?

Note – The MH Scout job description sent out prior to this MFWFB is not up to date.

A Friend suggested creation of an ad hoc committee, “The Meetinghouse Committee,” that would integrate the work done by Scouts by gathering and articulating the desires of our Meeting community in terms of criteria for a worship space, as well as having a member of that committee serve as the property liaison, perhaps in a ex-officio role.

In terms of the MH Scout job description: A Friend requested the Meeting be informed about any venue Friends have seen which may be considered for a MHMeetinghouse, whether it has significant potential or not.

Detailed, thorough, and collated information on what properties have been seen since 2010 has not been compiled. Allen is willing to put that information together. What is the best way to make that information available? It can be put into the minutes when it’s reported at MfWfB.

Several Friends have expressed an interest in “knowing what’s out there today?” and how much it costs. What is the best way to share that information with Meeting?

Who is in the best position to make contact with prospective venues? All Friends are asked to be alert to properties which might be prospective MH venues. At this time, Friends are then asked to contact Allen to request he check out that property. Allen can then report to MFWFB on the outcome of his research on those properties. This work is part of what might be done via a report from a future Meetinghouse Committee.

Scouts need more direction about what Friends would like them to look for—size of property, price range, etc. Dave Hopkinson, Allen Stockbridge, and Larry Thompson agreed to meet to continue to develop a draft job description for the MH Scout, as well as a recommendation on the advisability of having a committee rather than 2 or more individuals fulfill those responsibilities, and compile a list of criteria for a rental property (based upon the October Second Hour Worship Discussion on that topic) as well as address the option of buying land for building a Meetinghouse sometime in the future. They will present their draft proposal to MfWfB in February.

Two people have approached a Friend (who is not a member of M&C) about requesting membership in BFM. Holly Giffin has requested that Boulder Monthly Meeting transfer her membership to BFM. M&C will contact her to let her know she also needs to make that request of BFM. The other person's interest in becoming a member of BFM has been addressed with them by M&C.

**2017.01.06: Quarterly Meeting:**

Don was going to contact Lopez Friends to learn if they wished to partner with Agate Passage Friends (rather than BFM) to host QM in the future. That process has been delayed due to incorrect minutes from September's Continuing Committee meeting. Don will bring his report on this topic to MFWFB in February, (after the next Continuing Committee meeting where those old minutes may be corrected).

**2017. 01.07: Member Concerns:**

Dusty wanted to share with us the results of her inquiry about the possibility of our renting space at Congregation Beth Israel for Meeting for Worship. She learned that they do not have space available, as they use their facility seven days each week.

Clerk: How can we have MFWFB be worshipful, deep, and timely [recording clerk's question→time limited?]? And how can we better work together for the good of the Meeting? How to know when to season a concern rather than engage with it at the time it is raised?

Meeting closed with worship at 1:50PM.

**Ministry & Counsel Committee Report  
Bellingham Friends Meeting  
January 8, 2017**

Attending: Susan Richardson(host), Larry Thompson, Mary Ann Percy and John Hatten

1. Susan will Clerk MfWfB in John's absence unless too ill at which point she will ask for help.
2. Second Hours dates and topics & OWC request for dates—
  - Jan 8 MFWFB (Susan clerking)
  - Jan 15 Spiritual Journey talk--Steve Vanderstaay
  - Jan 22 OWC: Kathy Long - How we came to Quakerism
  - Jan 29 - Possible intergenerational? (John emailed Virginia)
  - Feb 5 Potluck
  - Feb 12 MfWfB
  - Feb 19 Quaker Ways: Diversity Among Friends (Don Goldstein)
  - Feb 26 Spiritual Journey (Mary Ann)
3. Meetinghouse guidelines/criteria/specifications/etc. Larry will consolidate various versions of this and we will consider next month.
4. Will bring MH Job Description to Meeting for Business. Who decides and when will this occur? Anyone. State of the meeting report.  
Will there always be more than one scout? If so, need to include in description above. What if there's only one scout? At least two. Maybe no more than 4 or 5. Everyone can be a scout! Include date when consideration ended. Report quarterly or more often as needed to MfB.
5. Alice/Turtle has broken her wrist and will have surgery on it. She is living in town with friends and will let us know how we can be helpful during her recovery. Please hold her in the light.
6. January query – Inspired by #16, “Advices and Queries” from Britain Yearly Meeting. “Do you welcome the diversity of culture, language, expressions of faith, feelings and thought? Seek to increase your understanding and to gain from the insights of others. Uphold yourself and others in the Light.”  
Mary Ann will read it aloud and write it on the chalkboard.

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**Bellingham Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of December 31, 2016**

	Dec 31, 16	Dec 31, 15	\$ Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
1010 · WECU Checking	5,448.55	6,272.61	-824.06
1020 · WECU Savings	10,590.04	10,539.69	50.35
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>16,038.59</b>	<b>16,812.30</b>	<b>-773.71</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>16,038.59</b>	<b>16,812.30</b>	<b>-773.71</b>
Other Assets			
1800 · Marketable Securities			
1810 · Friends Fiduciary	156,740.64	151,044.00	5,696.64
1820 · Scottrade	28,116.69	24,944.73	3,171.96
<b>Total 1800 · Marketable Securities</b>	<b>184,857.33</b>	<b>175,988.73</b>	<b>8,868.60</b>
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>184,857.33</b>	<b>175,988.73</b>	<b>8,868.60</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>200,895.92</b>	<b>192,801.03</b>	<b>8,094.89</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
Equity			
3100 · Permanently Restricted			
3110 · Meeting House Funds	88,538.63	87,888.63	650.00
3120 · Gathering Sponsorship	44,922.81	45,756.21	-833.40
<b>Total 3100 · Permanently Restricted</b>	<b>133,461.44</b>	<b>133,644.84</b>	<b>-183.40</b>
3200 · Temporarily Restricted			
3260 · Mutual Aid	10,215.05	10,215.05	0.00
3270 · Quaker Activity	8,574.54	9,212.04	-637.50
3280 · Meeting House	27,558.48	27,558.48	0.00
<b>Total 3200 · Temporarily Restricted</b>	<b>46,348.07</b>	<b>46,985.57</b>	<b>-637.50</b>
3500 · Unrestricted Assets	12,170.62	11,613.88	556.74
Net Income	8,915.79	556.74	8,359.05
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>200,895.92</b>	<b>192,801.03</b>	<b>8,094.89</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>200,895.92</b>	<b>192,801.03</b>	<b>8,094.89</b>

**Bellingham Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**  
**Statement of Financial Activity**  
**YTD 2016**

	<u>Jan - Dec 16</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>4000 · All Contributions</b>				
4010 · Contributions by Check	14,925.00	15,963.00	-1,038.00	93.5%
4015 · Contributions by Cash	1,204.00	400.00	804.00	301.0%
4018 · Contributions in Kind	437.00	427.00	10.00	102.34%
<b>Total 4000 · All Contributions</b>	<u>16,566.00</u>	<u>16,790.00</u>	<u>-224.00</u>	<u>98.67%</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	16,566.00	16,790.00	-224.00	98.67%
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>5000 · Finance Committee</b>				
5011 · State Filing Fee	10.00	10.00	0.00	100.0%
5020 · Equipment	5.99	50.00	-44.01	11.98%
5030 · Liability Insurance	575.00	575.00	0.00	100.0%
5040 · Rent	7,200.00	7,200.00	0.00	100.0%
5060 · Supplies, Postage and Copying	9.80	30.00	-20.20	32.67%
5070 · Quarterly Meeting Assessment	83.60	80.00	3.60	104.5%
5080 · Yearly Meeting Assessment	2,280.00	2,400.00	-120.00	95.0%
<b>Total 5000 · Finance Committee</b>	<u>10,164.39</u>	<u>10,345.00</u>	<u>-180.61</u>	<u>98.25%</u>
<b>5600 · Children's Program</b>				
5630 · Childcare	1,870.51	1,500.00	370.51	124.7%
5650 · Supplies amd Materials	156.26	500.00	-343.74	31.25%
<b>Total 5600 · Children's Program</b>	<u>2,026.77</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>26.77</u>	<u>101.34%</u>
<b>5700 · Communications</b>				
5710 · Advertising	70.00	70.00	0.00	100.0%
5720 · Directory	50.40	80.00	-29.60	63.0%
5730 · Newsletter	47.20	80.00	-32.80	59.0%
5740 · P.O. Box	86.00	80.00	6.00	107.5%
5750 · Website/Other	46.21	30.00	16.21	154.03%
<b>Total 5700 · Communications</b>	<u>299.81</u>	<u>340.00</u>	<u>-40.19</u>	<u>88.18%</u>
<b>6000 · Ministry and Counsel</b>				
6030 · Gifts	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
6040 · Pamphlets and Subscriptions	157.95	125.00	32.95	126.36%
6050 · Outreach and Welcoming	328.90	200.00	128.90	164.45%
6060 · Retreats and Special Events	700.00	500.00	200.00	140.0%
<b>Total 6000 · Ministry and Counsel</b>	<u>1,186.85</u>	<u>875.00</u>	<u>311.85</u>	<u>135.64%</u>
<b>6500 · Other Committees</b>				
6510 · Hospitality	349.34	450.00	-100.66	77.63%
6520 · Library	52.00	150.00	-98.00	34.67%

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	<u>Jan - Dec 16</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
6540 · Social and Environmental Crns	0.00	140.00	-140.00	0.0%
<b>Total 6500 · Other Committees</b>	<b>401.34</b>	<b>740.00</b>	<b>-338.66</b>	<b>54.24%</b>
<b>6600 · Outreach and Support</b>				
6610 · AFSC	165.00	165.00	0.00	100.0%
6611 · FCNL	150.00	150.00	0.00	100.0%
6612 · FCWPP	150.00	150.00	0.00	100.0%
6613 · FGC	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
6614 · Interfaith Coalition	125.00	125.00	0.00	100.0%
6617 · FWCC	125.00	125.00	0.00	100.0%
6618 · Quaker Earthcare Witness	125.00	125.00	0.00	100.0%
6620 · Right Sharing of World Resource	125.00	125.00	0.00	100.0%
6630 · Whatcom Peace and Justice	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	100.0%
6640 · WA Coltn to Abolsh Death Pnlty	75.00	75.00	0.00	100.0%
6650 · W. WA FOR	50.00	50.00	0.00	100.0%
6690 · Belllghm Human Rights Festival	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
<b>Total 6600 · Outreach and Support</b>	<b>2,490.00</b>	<b>2,490.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>16,569.16</b>	<b>16,790.00</b>	<b>-220.84</b>	<b>98.69%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-3.16</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-3.16</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Other Income</b>				
4020 · Interest	50.35			
<b>4060 · Change in Asset Value</b>				
4061 · FFC General Savings	2,643.99			
4062 · FFC Gathering Fund	760.62			
4063 · FFC Meeting House	2,292.03			
4065 · Scottrade	3,171.96			
<b>Total 4060 · Change in Asset Value</b>	<b>8,868.60</b>			
8200 · Other Income				
8230 · Received for FCWPP	0.00			
8240 · Western Friend	0.00			
<b>Total 8200 · Other Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>			
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>8,918.95</b>			
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>8,918.95</b>			
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>8,915.79</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,915.79</b>	



## **Social and Environmental Concerns Committee (SEC) Job Description**

### **Mission Statement:**

The Social and Environmental Concerns Committee of Bellingham Friends Meeting seeks to help Friends recognize and act upon leadings that move society toward the realization of the Blessed Community and Right Relationship with the Earth.

We seek to nurture the spiritual life of the meeting by honoring the Light of each Friend and supporting the leadings of each heart that propel them to take actions in accord with our testimonies. We deeply trust that those leadings of the heart are sacred and worthy of honor.

We seek to encourage both social justice and a sense of wonder at the diversity of humanity and the natural world. We believe that true leadings arise in our hearts when we are well grounded in awareness of our place in the Web of Life.

### **Job Description:**

The committee is open to all Friends. Ideally, 4-5 Friends will serve on the committee. The committee meets monthly in member homes for 1.5 to 2 hours. Term of service is two years.

### **Ongoing Activities:**

- Share our personal leadings and support each other in our chosen efforts.
- Review opportunities for right action and bring them to the attention of the meeting in a manner (e.g, prepared letter, on-line link) that makes it convenient for Friends to respond and/or participate.
- Review options for educational and experiential programs and activities that will enhance our appreciation of nature and/or our understanding of complex social issues.
  - This may include arranging for speakers, performances, or programs for the meeting when congruent with our own leadings and the Life of the Meeting.
- Support the leadings of individual Friends by serving as a clearness committee when

asked, by helping Friends obtain resources to carry out a leading, or by assisting with a leading when possible.

- Maintain Bellingham Friends Meeting banner and check it out to interested Friends for activities approved by meeting (generally at M4W4B).
- Send announcements of social and environmental action opportunities to editors of the weekly e-news as appropriate.
- Announce future SEC committee meetings at M4W4B and in the e-news.

### **Recurring Activities:**

- Send written reports of committee activities to Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business as warranted.
- “Concern of the Month”
  - Each month, identify an organization or a cause that is in keeping with Quaker values regarding social justice and stewardship of the earth. To the extent possible choose local causes and organizations.
  - Collect and distribute donations, and maintain records of funds collected.
  - Share collection amounts and notes of appreciation with the Meeting in person and/or in the e-news.