

**Bellingham Friends Meeting**  
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business  
Minutes for 11/8/20  
Approved December 13, 2020

Recording clerk's note: MfWfB in October was cancelled as the clerk and several other active Friends were unavailable and there was no business that could not wait until this month.

Attending: Jean Brechan; Janine Bruton; Joanne Cowan; Mimi Freshley; Don Goldstein; Wendy Goldstein; Lorina Hall; Mary Hansen; John Hatten (clerking); Virginia Herrick (recording); Steve Hutchens; Dorrie Jordan; Daniel Kirkpatrick; Rolland Lee; Celia Obrecht; Allan Richardson; Susan Richardson; Allen Stockbridge, Larry Thompson.

- ~1. **Opening worship began at 11:20 a.m.**
- ~2. **Clerk's statement on clerking: Asked Friends to assist him as clerk by listening well and for the Light in Friends' messages. Remember to leave a moment between speakers, and please speak up if the clerk is missing something.**
- ~3. **Review of Draft minutes from MfWfB 9/13/2020: approved w/ edits.**
- ~4. **Review of Agenda (as approved, below)**

Items for worship and action

A. W&M

B. Member Concerns

1. Virginia: Denounce White Supremacy Now

2. Don: Guidelines for Greeter when meeting on Zoom

C. Social and Environmental Concerns: Truth & Reconciliation Resolution

D. Financial Reports

E. Meetinghouse committee

F. Nominating Committee

E. Safe Quaker Community committee

F. Racial Justice Working Group (Stephen?)

G. Pastoral Care Committee

Closing worship

- ~5. **Items for Worship and Action**

## A. Worship and Ministry Report by Dorrie Jordan

1. Advice for November is from NPYM Faith and Practice pg. 73:

“Community is not just about those closest to us, or those with whom we feel the most comfortable. I believe that God calls us to break out of our comfort zones and build community across differences. This means promoting a multicultural and inclusive vision for our society.” Danielle Short, 2007

2. Second Hour schedule:

November 15: Quaker Earthcare Witness: A Panorama – led by Mary Ann

November 22: Worship sharing on gratitude- Susan Richardson

November 29: Thanksgiving Weekend - Social Gathering While We Miss Our Community

3. Worship and Ministry has updated the Care of Meeting guidelines. These will be on our website and also available to any one who requests an email copy. We will be sending them out to people who regularly volunteer for Care of Meeting.

4. W+M’s next meeting will be Nov 30th at 9 AM.

Discussion: None

Action: None

## B. Member Concerns

1. Virginia: Denounce White Supremacy commitment request from WHRTF

### **DENOUNCE WHITE SUPREMACY NOW**

*“In this time of astonishing moral crisis, silence is complicity. Because in the palm of our hand we have the ability to respond — to speak, to post, to organize, to act, online and on the ground, and in the voting booth. Speak, even if your voice trembles.”*

*Valarie Kaur, civil rights activist*

Now is the time for every member of this community - individuals, organizations, business leaders, and public officials - to take responsibility for the legacy we will leave for future generations: one of tolerance and inclusion or an acceptance of hatred and bigotry. The time for silence has long passed, as evidenced by the increasing boldness of those who intend to sow seeds of fear within our community. If we are to foster an environment of diversity and inclusion, we must publicly stand up to denounce hate right now.

Whatcom County has a long history of white supremacist based violence which began with the displacement of the Coast Salish people. Since then, white supremacist-based efforts contributed to the exclusion of Chinese and East Indian immigrants from the county in the early 1900s. In the 1920s, the city of Bellingham sanctioned and even welcomed events held by Klu Klux Klan members. In the next approximately 100 years, racism continued to be pervasive, with internment, sundowning, fish wars, cross burning, and more. More

recently, activity by the Proud Boys and the Patriot Front has increased throughout the County as well.

On October 10th, it was discovered that a number of local businesses in Downtown Bellingham and Fairhaven were vandalized with flyers bearing a swastika, and the message, "We Are Everywhere". This cowardly act is only the most recent display of hatred and intimidation in our community. Throughout this year, there have been reports of gun-toting members of white supremacist groups on the streets of downtown Bellingham at night, intimidation of school-aged youth at Black Lives Matter solidarity rallies, and destruction of signs and artwork that promote racial equity.

These public displays of bigotry, white supremacy, and hate are not an abstract issue for many people in Whatcom County: they are a persistent part of the experience of many of our county's residents. The supremacist ideology that is being expressed and displayed cannot be allowed to take up space, intimidate people, and subsequently threaten the well-being of our entire community. The residents that are impacted as a result of these displays of virulent racism and hatred are part of the community that we each represent with our respective position(s). We must each ensure that Whatcom County embodies a place where all who live here experience inclusion, acceptance, and love.

Together we must:

- Stand up against hate; stand up for love;
- Stand up for diversity, equity and inclusion;
- Stand up for unity and healing;
- Stand up for truth and reconciliation.

**Specifically we call on you: our political candidates and elected officials, representatives of our educational institutions, leaders of nonprofit and other organizations, business owners, other community leaders, and individual citizens to join those condemning these historic and recent actions before their threats manifest into further harm to our community members. By signing below, you agree to the following statement:**

**We/I, (individual or organization), the undersigned, do hereby declare that we/I unequivocally condemn white supremacy, defined as: the belief that white people are superior to those of all other races, and should therefore dominate society. We/I condemn white supremacist ideology, as well as the display, expression, and promotion of white supremacist ideas. We/I commit to publicly stand up, strategize, make statements, take actions to denounce hate, develop strategies within our/my locus of control and to take additional actions to stop the rise of threats of violence and symbols of hate in our community.**

**Action: Accepted for seasoning**

## 2. Care of Meeting Guidelines (Don G.)

a. Point 6 says if you would like to receive the electronic newspaper, contact Don, but gives [info@bellinghamfriends.org](mailto:info@bellinghamfriends.org). John gets emails to info@ address, and anything re: e-news would be forwarded to Don as e-news editor.

b. Point 7: ask if anyone would like to check in with the community. Don G. asks that this be clarified, and will offer alternate wording to W&M before it is finalized and put on the website.

c. Point 9: Suggested adding a couple words and suggested adding the address and the website.

d. Point 11: "Announcements" wording changes.

**C. SEC: Truth and Reconciliation resolution:**

**Truth and Reconciliation Resolution of the Bellingham Friends Meeting**

*DRAFT: 8 November 2020*

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

**WHEREAS**

~ we hold Quaker Testimonies affirming and promoting equality, community and integrity that have not been fully manifested regarding First and Native American Nations; and

**WHEREAS**

~ these Testimonies have been and continue to be unfulfilled regarding Indigenous communities that have been forced to relinquish their lands and waters; and further, whose Indigenous cultural identities and continuity have been denied and denigrated; and

**WHEREAS**

~ our Meeting has approved an acknowledgement statement regarding our occupation of Indigenous lands, but has much work yet to do regarding our responsibility to address the injustices perpetrated upon Indigenous peoples; and

**WHEREAS**

~ the Bellingham Friends Meeting values the goals of acknowledging and providing support to Lummi and Nooksack Nations and other Indigenous communities locally, regionally, nationally and internationally, but is aware that there is more work to be done;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we, the members of the Bellingham Friends Meeting hereby commit to the journey of healing and reconciliation with Washington State's Indigenous Tribes and Nations by:

- Acknowledging the Nations/Tribes and their traditional tribal territories, ceded and unceded;
- Recognizing and supporting tribal sovereignty and self-determination;
- Learning and acknowledging the historical and current impacts and consequences of actions taken by the US and Washington State governments, and of our own Quaker predecessors and contemporaries, which continue to impact Indigenous peoples;
- Promoting environmental protection and restoration to support Indigenous land rights, resources, and food sovereignty, and acknowledging Indigenous leadership in these areas and our shared responsibility in acting upon them;
- Working to create more opportunities for our congregation and the wider community to hear and learn from historical and current stories and voices of our Indigenous neighbors;
- Deepening our commitment to speaking out when needed, and standing beside the Tribes/Nations if asked, to prevent harm and to promote an equitable future;
- Continuing to provide for a safe and welcoming space within our Meeting;
- Honoring the Indigenous sense of place within these ancestral homelands, including working to create a safe and welcoming space for all to thrive in the greater community;
- Committing to the creation and promotion of racial equity, intercultural competency, diversity and inclusion within our congregation, and in our partnerships and alliances with other groups and organizations.
- Working to support the establishment of a Truth & Reconciliation Commission for the State of Washington to address the history of injustices and injuries relative to Indigenous sovereignty.

Resolution passed by the Bellingham Friends Meeting of Bellingham, Washington (Lummi Territory) on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

(Daniel K. reporting)

Committee asks Meeting to accept for seasoning this resolution for three reasons: 1, to support Indigenous people generally; 2, specifically to support our local Indigenous People who are seeking to establish a Truth and Reconciliation Commission for the lands now known as Washington State; and 3, because it commits our Meeting to action. The language of this resolution more or less matches language of others that are being considered by other faith groups around the state. The desire is for the Indigenous people who are spearheading this effort to be able to give legislators a pile of such resolutions, to demonstrate solidarity among their supporters.

Two questions for Friends: First: Do you accept in spirit and intent? Second: Can you live with the way it's expressed? We can wordsmith it, and spend months at it, but SEC would like to move forward, and get to the "action" phase of this commitment—which, to some extent, we have already begun, insofar as Daniel has been very active in supporting the Wet'suwet'en Nation to resist pipeline installation in their lands in British Columbia; and the Meeting has assisted twice with Paula Palmer's presentation of Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples here in Bellingham.

Discussion:

Several Friends expressed support of the spirit and intent of the resolution. One Friend noted the use of the term "American Indian," and Daniel said he would change that.

**Action: Accepted for Seasoning.**

**D. Financial Reports (Attached) Larry Thompson, clerk, Finance Committee, reporting**

Although income is around 58% of what we budgeted, expenses are even lower — about 53% of budget, so we have a positive balance. We do need to start our annual budget process, albeit somewhat belatedly. Because of the pandemic, there is a great deal of uncertainty. However, committees that have a budget are asked to

consider their requests for next year. Finance Committee will be meeting soon and will send out an email shortly thereafter.

Discussion:

Treasurer Joanne C. said that even if we don't have a budget approved by January 1, she can track income and expenses against the 2020 budget until the new budget is adopted.

Action: None

### **E. Meetinghouse Committee Report (Larry Thompson reporting)**

Re: Committee Report with Recommendation for Action

The Committee met on November 5, 2020 with one issue for consideration. In late summer, BFM had made an offer on the **2207 Verona Street property**. The owner, via a broker, replied with an informal counteroffer of \$145,000 to purchase this undeveloped property and signaled a willingness to agree to BFM's offered terms, other than the purchase price. Among these terms were "due diligence" contingencies which would allow us to investigate various aspects of the property for purposes of determining if the property would work for us, including wetland mitigation, parking arrangements, plant life that would stay or be removed, city requirements, etc. Our offer gave us a year to complete our due diligence.

The seller is very *unlikely* willing to sell this property for less than the \$145,000 counteroffer, and is *likely* willing to accede to our contingency needs.

As of the 9/30/2020 BFM balance sheet the Meeting has a total of \$174,948 in permanently restricted Meeting House Funds and another \$27,558 in temporarily restricted Meeting House Funds for a total of \$202,056. The recommended action below—including another \$10,000 to pursue various feasibility studies identified in the included Due Diligence Worksheet—brings total estimated expenditures for the land purchase part of this project to \$155,000 which represents 77% of our total current building fund (Meetinghouse) capital. It should also be understood that this phase of the project (land purchase and related) likely represents only about 27% of a total occupancy cost of around \$590,000.

During the past year's search for developable property meeting our purchase criteria, it has been apparent that few suitable properties come on the Bellingham market. Additionally, market conditions have shifted to be more in the nature of a "seller's market" as demand has remained strong. Prior discussions at the Business Meeting appeared to suggest that the Verona St property was acceptable to members of BFM. Finally, BFM does have the necessary capital designated for this purpose to allow us to make an offer at the suggested price. For these three reasons, the Committee is bringing forward a suggested action for Business Meeting discussion and action.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: AUTHORIZE BFM TO MAKE A PURCHASE OFFER OF \$145,000 ON THE VERONA STREET PROPERTY WITH ALL CONTINGENCIES REMAINING THE SAME AS THOSE IN OUR PRIOR OFFER AND ADDITIONALLY AUTHORIZE UP TO \$10,000 TO COMPLETE VARIOUS DUE DILIGENCE STUDIES RELATED TO THIS PURCHASE OFFER.**

Attached: Due Diligence items on an Excel spreadsheet. (Attached)

**Discussion:**

"Occupancy cost" mentioned above is a back-of-the-envelope estimate of the total cost to buy the land, make improvements, and build our Meetinghouse. Includes about \$10,000 to do studies, wetlands, soil, and negotiate regarding parking lease. Part of our offer is that even if we don't buy the property, we'll give them the results of any studies we pay for.

If Meeting decides to move forward, we would make this new offer. If it's accepted, we'd have a few days to get the \$10,000 earnest money check from the Treasurer. If at any point in the due diligence process (which we'd have a year to complete), we found it unsuitable, we'd get the earnest money back. We would lose however much we'd spent in due diligence process up to that point.

Several Friends expressed a number of reservations:

1. The property is surrounded by the backs of industrial buildings and there's garbage and graffiti. It may be vulnerable to property damage once we're in it, too.
2. Many of the plants on the site are invasive species. Most of the trees are cottonwood.
3. Because of the location (not on a road) and wetland issues, it's been on the market for a long time. If we bought and found something better, this would be hard to resell.
4. Timing. Meeting attendance is down. We should wait for attendance to rebound (perhaps after moving into the Majestic) before taking this step.
5. The lot, tucked away between Roosevelt Park and the Grizzly Industries warehouse, is neither visible nor particularly accessible.



6. There's not enough room for parking on the property, other than ADA parking. We'd have to park elsewhere. (The committee has previously reported that it is in discussions with Boys & Girls Club about getting a long-term lease to use one or both of their parking areas.)

Friend Allen S., speaking for the committee, noted that the "Due diligence" list addresses many of these concerns. If, after looking into them more, we decided it wouldn't work, we could back out. The fact that many plants are expendable, on the bright side, allows us to remove them without guilt, and replant with native species. He would not advise buying if we're going to keep looking at properties. We should only buy if we want to build and find that it is feasible to do so!

Allen also reported that deal with The Majestic cannot be counted on to allow us to "grow back" our active membership, because of the pandemic. That building could be sold to new owners tomorrow, because the current owners are not able to get any income from it.

Several Friends spoke of the potential natural beauty of the site, with woods, a stream, and a huge city park immediately next door, offering a playground, a running track, restrooms, a small parking area, and a bridge over the creek from the park over to 2207 Verona. Friends acknowledged the lack of visibility, but the up side of that is that it's quiet and sheltered from traffic noise. It also has bus stops two blocks away to the north and east, the bus lines run on Sundays, and paratransit goes to the Boys & Girls Club.

"This is the first property we've seen that is actually within our grasp." We may not find anything better. Friends spoke of wanting to invest the time and \$\$ to see if it's viable to build on: we won't buy if it isn't.

Friends talked about what type of building might work on this land: the committee envisions a simple, single-story building, with a meetingroom/library, a central hallway and an office, kitchen, and dining area/children's program area across the hall. Something somewhat comparable to the Center for Spiritual Living, but with a smaller sanctuary. 2207 Verona St. would be our address.

Several Friends noted they have not yet visited the property, and would like to see it before deciding.

Several Friends liked the idea of nurturing this neglected piece of the Earth, and thereby helping to transform the neighborhood. Restoring it and creating our envisioned Meetinghouse will take a time and a steadfast commitment to the land itself and making it our place. Friends noted that wooded lots with creek and buildable area, in the center of town, right next to a city park, close to bus lines, are few and far between.

Clerk asked if those with concerns willing to consider moving forward, given what we've heard?

A Friend said she still carries the concerns she expressed initially. If we come back in one year, there's a possibility it would still be there. "I won't stand in the way, but I think the timing is poor."

Another Friend agreed to not being ready to move forward.

Another Friend still is concerned, but sees the opportunity and is willing to support going forward to find out more.

A member of the committee noted that, given market forces in our area, the property may be more expensive in a year. Finding the "right property" will become more and more difficult. Cautions Friends against postponing this opportunity in hope of something better.

Another Friend wondered about any possible toxicity from surrounding businesses. Since it's not zoned residential, would we not be able to include an apartment for a caretaker?

Members of the committee responded that there are no toxics-generating businesses adjacent. A large import warehouse (Grizzly Inc.) is to the south. To North and northwest, is Roosevelt park, with a playground, running track, a small parking lot, and restrooms. To the west is the Boys and Girls club, which is closed on Sundays. To the east, there's a sidewalk and on the other side there are

apartments, a mini-storage place, and automotive-repair and related businesses that face Valencia. It's Light Industrial zoning, no heavy industry.

Allen S., meetinghouse scout: Most of interest from buyers was for residential construction, which the city did not approve. But for one small apartment as part of our "church" use, we might be able to get a variance. The committee envisions building it in stages to keep construction costs low. Might be able to start with a meeting room and bathroom, then add kitchen, office, children's area. Eventually, could possibly add a residence.

A Friend was concerned about the difficulty of working with the seller. Members of the committee explained that the broker was good, but the seller is a family trust in Shanghai, China, which owns many properties all over the world; this is small beans. Plus, it takes time for them to talk it over

Friends began to envision what is possible: improving the stream, planting more native plants and removing invasive species, putting in a little garden with shade-loving plants, adding bird feeders and a little path along the creek.

Friends decided that a group would visit the property after rise of MfWfB, and other Friends could go at their own convenience. Allen lives near the property, and is willing to meet people there to show them around.

**Action: Decided to meet at the site at 3 p.m. and reconsider at December MfWfB.**

### **F. Nominating Committee Report (Virginia, NomCom clerk)**

1. Action: **We ask that Friends give final approval** of the nomination of Steve Hutchens to the Finance Committee, which has been seasoning since September MfWfB.

2. Information: Virginia has been receiving **updates of job descriptions** bit by bit, and recently sent out another reminder. Just in case you missed it, if you are a committee clerk or hold a position on our slate of responsibilities, please have your committee (or yourself if yours is a solo role) look over your job description and make sure it is still accurate. If it is, or the only changes are minor, send the updated one (with the date it was reviewed or revised) to Virginia to file. If there are significant changes, please bring them to MfWfB for Meeting approval.

Thank you!

3. Information: There are a number of **positions which are essentially “on hold”** while we are meeting virtually, including Hospitality Coordinator, Key Holders, and Library. If you are in one of these roles, please consider whether you might be called to serve the meeting in another capacity while we are meeting virtually! There are vacancies on Children’s Program, Social and Environmental Concerns, as FGC rep., and Meetinghouse committee. If you think you may be so led, or you know of someone who might be, please mention it to Virginia or Don.

4. Information: **Aurora has resigned.** She has found that with the onset of COVID-19, her work commitments have made it impossible for her to continue on Nominating Committee. As much as we value her insight and energy, we understand her need to resign, and ask Worship and Ministry to nominate a new member (or two!) to Nominating Committee as soon as possible.

5. Information: **Our next meeting** is tentatively scheduled for 5 p.m. on Dec. 1, but Don and I both have pretty flexible schedules and could accommodate the needs of a new member.

**Action: Stephen’s nomination approved**

## **G. Safe Quaker Community Committee Report**

(report by Dorrie Jordan)

SQCC met on 10/5/20 and made a few changes to the BFM Guidelines for Participation by People accused, charged or convicted of sex offenses. These guidelines had been accepted for seasoning at our September MfWfB.

There was some confusion regarding item #6 under Bellingham Meeting Responsibilities. The paragraph was changed to the following:

#6 W+M committee will bring an annual report, prepared by the Receiving Group, regarding this contract to the BFM Business Meeting, if the status of (print name) is known to Meeting generally, which would have been determined by W+M under the Guidelines on Confidentiality. If the individual has given permission for contact with their therapist, the report would include a record of contacts with the therapist. If the individual is under the supervision by the Dept of Corrections, the report would include a record of contacts with the Dept of Corrections. Regardless of whether the status is known to Meeting generally, the Receiving Group will still prepare an annual report to be brought to W+M.

We ask that the amended guidelines receive final approval by this Meeting.

**Discussion:**

A Friend thanked the committee for their diligence, and approves the document.

A Friend offered some typographic and language changes that were accepted by the committee.

**Action: Approved.**

## **H. Racial Justice Working Group (Virginia Herrick, member, reporting)**

1. Information. We recently had **an opportunity to put our faith into practice** when the Whatcom Human Rights Taskforce, which has been an important part of the anti-racism work of Whatcom County since the early 1990s, invited us to co-host the **“Show Up for Love” rally** at the Bellingham Library lawn on Oct. 25. We found out about it after Meeting on Oct. 18, so there was no opportunity to bring this to Meeting for Worship for Business. However, after some discernment, Friends felt empowered not only by our united leading, but also by the Meeting’s authorization last June to collaborate with allies in working against racism in the wake of George Floyd’s death. Also, we drew upon the Meeting’s 2018 minute opposing hate crimes, which said, in part:

*We commit ourselves to engage in and embrace the difficult work of reconciliation, which may include helping to heal the wounds inflicted by this ongoing trauma, as well as recognizing and uprooting systemic oppression. Bellingham Friends call upon all Friends and people of goodwill everywhere to unite against hate crimes, to refute bigotry, and to overcome hatred and fear with a fierce and abiding love.*

The “Show Up for Love” rally was explicitly in opposition to the distribution of hateful flyers on downtown Bellingham businesses that were Black-owned or had Black Lives Matter signs in their windows. These flyers bore the words, “WE ARE EVERYWHERE” and swastikas. This is being investigated by the Bellingham Police Department as a hate crime.

The committee appreciated other Friends who were able on short notice to “Show Up for Love,” on Oct. 25. When the rally (of 120-150 people) broke into small groups for community-building and brainstorming, our group was about half Quakers!

Please consider contacting City and County Council members and asking them to declare racism a public health crisis. Also, please consider asking them to support the formation of two quasi-governmental commissions: one on equity and racial justice, and the other on reimagining public safety. Also, the Whatcom Human Rights Task Force has an online pledge to Denounce White Supremacy Now. Friends can **sign the pledge here:** <https://whrtf.org/>

2. Discussion. **Authority to act on behalf of Meeting or as a separate entity.** This situation brought home to us how important it is to be able to respond nimbly to opportunities to put our faith into action in response to events and allies. In this case, the working group co-hosted, as the “Racial Justice Working Group of Bellingham Friends,” but to our knowledge, our name did not appear on any materials and we were not invited to speak at the rally. Our “co-hosting” amounted to circulating the information about the event to the Meeting. We intentionally did not co-host on behalf of Bellingham Friends Meeting, because there was not time to hold a MfWfB. However, we wanted to ask Friends for input about how to respond to similar situations, should they arise in the future. If the Meeting would feel comfortable authorizing the working group to sign on on behalf of BFM to co-sponsor events that are explicitly anti-

hate, and organized by organizations of long standing, for instance, that would be a boon to timely action. Or for anti-racist activities that the Meeting has reached unity on previously. We would like to hear from Friends on this issue.

3. We continue to meet in conjunction with the Social and Environmental Concerns Committee, which will next meet at 3 p.m. Nov. 24, 2020.

Asked Friends to give us some direction regarding what the working group can do without coming back to meeting, in response to opportunities that arise to collaborate with allies or respond to emergent events.

Discussion:

A Friend suggested that the working group could move forward with any action that is in line with Friends testimonies, and doesn't involve an expense.

A member of the committee expressed that we had in this situation struggled with whether we can just move forward, or if we needed to bring it back to MfWfB before acting.

A Friend noted that when committees are established, they generally have a "charter" that describes the scope of its responsibilities. Once that approved, it should have freedom to take actions that are consistent with the charter. The working group should draft a charter and ask the meeting to approve it so they can act in the future.

A Friend noted that in 2016, a document was put together re: committees and communication between committees and MfWfB. It addressed the issue that had come up years before where a subcommittee had taken on its own initiative, going into schools to offer alternatives to military recruitment. Even though it was in keeping with Quaker testimonies, some Friends felt strongly at the time that the group shouldn't make a decision on behalf of Meeting without coming back to MfWfB. Asks that the committee and other Friends look at this document before drafting a charter for the group.

John will distribute this document for Friends' consideration.

**Action: None.** Virginia asked that Friends look at that document and let members of the working group know. Those are: Virginia, Steve, Mary, Joanne, Allen S., Daniel, and Dorothy.

**I. Pastoral Care Committee (Mary Hansen, committee clerk reporting)**

- Pastoral Care would like to gratefully acknowledge our community for reaching out to support members and attenders and others in this time of need and stress.
- We will be contacting members and attenders during this month to complete individual listening on the topic of comfort and needs around the attendance of those accused, or convicted of sexual or violent offenses.
- We will hold a joint meeting with Worship and Ministry on November 16.
- Thank you for your patience with this long process.

**Discussion: None**

**Action: None**

**~6. Closing worship began at 1:59.**

**Due Diligence Items and Costs for 2207 Verona Street**

<u>Timeline</u>	<u>Cost Now</u>	<u>Cost Later as nec.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1	\$0	?	Parking Agreement	Need long term lease
2		\$1,500	Parking study	
3	\$250		Arborist to tag the trees.	
4	\$2,500		Wetlands, critical area, soil and tree survey for property + 150 feet buffer.	Should include parcel boundary survey with easement, utilities, setbacks,
5	\$250		Determination of fish habitation in stream	
6	\$750		Wetlands remediation plan	
7	\$700		City of Bellingham Pre-Application Conference	
8	\$1,250	\$1,250	Planner	
9	\$2,000		Traffic/road report to determine providing vehicular access to the property	
10	\$0		Bid for cost of road and sidewalk construction as required	
11	\$750		Attorney - Evaluation of easement, review long term parking lease, etc.	
12		\$1,500	Phase 1 (+2 if necessary) Enviromental Report	
13		\$2,000	Conditional Use permit (with community meetings as required)	
14		\$15,000	Building design plans and construction estimates	
15		\$3,000	Landscape plan with stream crossing bridge and cost estimates	
	\$8,450	\$24,250		
			Building Permit	
			Electrial Permit	
			Fire Dept Fees	
			Park Impact Fees	
			Water, Sewer, Stormwater, ROW, Transportation Impact Fees	
			School Impact Fees	
			Utility Hook up Fees	
			Off-Site Improvements	
		\$375,000	Construction of Building - Phase I	
		\$35,000	Landscaping	
			Financing	



**Bellingham Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
September 30, 2020

	Sep 30, 20	Sep 30, 19	\$ Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Checking/Savings</b>			
1010 · WECU Checking	6,184.13	3,037.35	3,146.78
1020 · WECU Savings	9,260.49	9,260.49	0.00
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>15,444.62</u>	<u>12,297.84</u>	<u>3,146.78</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	15,444.62	12,297.84	3,146.78
<b>Other Assets</b>			
1800 · Marketable Securities			
1810 · Friends Fiduciary	257,571.50	205,780.41	51,791.09
1820 · Scottrade	0.00	36,561.15	-36,561.15
<b>Total 1800 · Marketable Securities</b>	<u>257,571.50</u>	<u>242,341.56</u>	<u>15,229.94</u>
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<u>257,571.50</u>	<u>242,341.56</u>	<u>15,229.94</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>273,016.12</u></b>	<b><u>254,639.40</u></b>	<b><u>18,376.72</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
<b>Equity</b>			
<b>3100 · Permanently Restricted</b>			
3110 · Meeting House Funds	174,948.31	139,043.71	35,904.60
3120 · The Pysanky Gathering Fund	51,717.15	41,680.00	10,037.15
<b>Total 3100 · Permanently Restricted</b>	<u>226,665.46</u>	<u>180,723.71</u>	<u>45,941.75</u>
<b>3200 · Temporarily Restricted</b>			
3260 · Mutual Aid	9,915.05	10,215.05	-300.00
3270 · Quaker Activity	7,727.79	7,727.79	0.00
3280 · Meeting House	27,558.48	27,558.48	0.00
<b>Total 3200 · Temporarily Restricted</b>	<u>45,201.32</u>	<u>45,501.32</u>	<u>-300.00</u>
<b>32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	12.30	356.74	-344.44
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>1,137.04</u>	<u>28,057.63</u>	<u>-26,920.59</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>273,016.12</u>	<u>254,639.40</u>	<u>18,376.72</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>273,016.12</u></b>	<b><u>254,639.40</u></b>	<b><u>18,376.72</u></b>

**Bellingham Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**  
**Statement of Financial Activity 2020**  
YTD - 9/30/2020 - 75% of year

	Jan - Dec 20	Budget	\$ Over Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
<b>4000 · All Contributions</b>			
4010 · Contributions by Check	9,459.00	15,808.00	-6,349.00
4012 · Contributions to Meetinghouse	0.00	0.00	0.00
4015 · Contributions by Cash	318.00	600.00	-282.00
4018 · Contributions in Kind	88.40	450.00	-361.60
<b>Total 4000 · All Contributions</b>	<u>9,865.40</u>	<u>16,858.00</u>	<u>-6,992.60</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	9,865.40	16,858.00	-6,992.60
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>5000 · Finance Committee</b>			
5010 · Bank Charges/Fines/Penalties	25.00		
5011 · State Filing Fee	10.00	10.00	0.00
5020 · Equipment	0.00	100.00	-100.00
5030 · Liability Insurance	575.00	575.00	0.00
5040 · Rent	4,200.00	7,200.00	-3,000.00
5060 · Supplies, Postage and Copying	0.00	15.00	-15.00
5070 · Quarterly Meeting Assessment	120.00	120.00	0.00
5080 · Yearly Meeting Assessment	1,470.00	2,790.00	-1,320.00
<b>Total 5000 · Finance Committee</b>	<u>6,400.00</u>	<u>10,810.00</u>	<u>-4,410.00</u>
<b>5600 · Children's Program</b>			
5630 · First Day Support	348.40	1,500.00	-1,151.60
5650 · Supplies amd Materials	0.00	200.00	-200.00
5600 · Children's Program - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 5600 · Children's Program</b>	<u>348.40</u>	<u>1,700.00</u>	<u>-1,351.60</u>
<b>5700 · Communications</b>			
5710 · Advertising	0.00	70.00	-70.00
5720 · Directory	0.00	80.00	-80.00
5740 · P.O. Box	118.00	98.00	20.00
5750 · Website/Other	0.00	50.00	-50.00
<b>Total 5700 · Communications</b>	<u>118.00</u>	<u>298.00</u>	<u>-180.00</u>
<b>6000 · Ministry and Counsel</b>			
6030 · Gifts	0.00	50.00	-50.00
6040 · Pamphlets and Subscriptions	94.00	200.00	-106.00
6060 · Retreats and Special Events	200.00	500.00	-300.00
<b>Total 6000 · Ministry and Counsel</b>	<u>294.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>-456.00</u>
<b>6500 · Other Committees</b>			
6510 · Hospitality	78.40	450.00	-371.60
6520 · Library	0.00	150.00	-150.00
6540 · Social and Environmental Crns	0.00	75.00	-75.00
6550 · Outreach and Welcoming	0.00	150.00	-150.00
<b>Total 6500 · Other Committees</b>	<u>78.40</u>	<u>825.00</u>	<u>-746.60</u>
<b>6600 · Outreach and Support</b>			
6610 · AFSC	175.00	175.00	0.00
6611 · FCNL	175.00	175.00	0.00
6612 · AVP	0.00	100.00	-100.00
6613 · FGC	100.00	100.00	0.00
6614 · Interfaith Coalition	125.00	125.00	0.00
6617 · FWCC	125.00	125.00	0.00
6618 · Quaker Earthcare Witness	125.00	125.00	0.00
6619 · Quaker Voluntary Service (QVC)	0.00	100.00	-100.00
6621 · QVWPP	0.00	150.00	-150.00
6630 · Whatcom Peace and Justice	900.00	1,200.00	-300.00
6690 · Belllghm Human Rights Festival	0.00	100.00	-100.00
<b>Total 6600 · Outreach and Support</b>	<u>1,725.00</u>	<u>2,475.00</u>	<u>-750.00</u>

	<u>Jan - Dec 20</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	40.00		
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>9,003.80</u>	<u>16,858.00</u>	<u>-7,854.20</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	861.60	0.00	861.60
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Other Income</b>			
4020 · Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
4040 · Dividend Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>4060 · Unrealized Change in Value</b>			
4063 · Friends Fiduciary	-193.35	0.00	-193.35
4065 · Scottrade	468.79	0.00	468.79
<b>Total 4060 · Unrealized Change in Value</b>	<u>275.44</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>275.44</u>
<b>4070 · Friends Fiduciary Dividends</b>			
4071 · General Savings	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 4070 · Friends Fiduciary Dividends</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
8200 · Passthrough Income	0.00		
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<u>275.44</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>275.44</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	275.44	0.00	275.44
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>1,137.04</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>1,137.04</u></u>