

Friendly Notes

Santa Monica Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

November, 2014

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Advices and Queries — Why do I come to Meeting?

Advices

'Give over thine own willing, give over thy own running, give over thine own desiring to know or be anything and sink down to the seed which God sows in the heart, and let that grow in thee and be in thee and breathe in thee and act in thee; and thou shalt find by sweet experience that the Lord knows that and loves and owns that, and will

lead it to the inheritance of Life, which is its portion.'

Isaac Penington, 1661

Queries

What draws me to Quaker Worship?
 What do I find in Quaker Meeting?
 How has coming to Meeting changed me?

History Corner - Curtis Raynor

The handwritten minutes of the first Meeting for Worship on the occasion of business read as follows:

"November 17, 1946

Santa Monica Friends Meeting held its first meeting for business November 17, 1946 after a pot luck meal in the home of Edith Sperry and Miriam Carr, co-hostesses, with thirteen persons present.

By general consent, the recommendations of the nominating committee were approved thereby establishing the following offices:

Clerk.....Edith Sperry
 Secretary.....Katherine Franz
 Treasurer.....Charlotte Braunsteiner
 Hospitality-Publicity.....Nina Heaton

Matters discussed were: further at-

tempts to reach Friends in the community; attendance at Southern California Friends Fellowship and other regional Friends' groups; and announcement of our Santa Monica Meeting at Trinity Baptist Church, 1055 California Street, 5- 6 p.m., Sundays, in the religious notices of community newspapers. Peter Cronshaw volunteered to attend to the notifications. It seemed agreeable to conduct business on the third Sunday of the month following a dinner and social time to be held in the homes of different members.

Respectfully submitted,
 Katherine Franz

P.S. Nina Heaton announced the collection of clothing for relief to be taken to Orange Grove Meeting. The amount in the treasury was one dollar."

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ 11/1/14 - 11/2/14 - SCQM Fall Fellowship
- ◆ 11/15/14 - Work Day for Children's Education Classroom
- ◆ 11/23/14 - Baby Welcome
- ◆ 11/26/14 - Holy Chow, play by Elizabeth Cocca

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Contributions to Friendly Notes

Friendly Notes welcomes submissions by Friends. A quotation, poem or short essay that speaks to you in your spiritual journey, or something that you have written yourself, can enrich others seeking the Light. Please give a copy to the Editor, Friendly Notes, by email (rebeccatillberg@yahoo.com) or in written form at Meeting.



Draft Notes

Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business

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October 12, 2014

Attending: Grayson Schick, Brian Johnston, Elizabeth Cocca, Joann Taylor, Rebecca Searl, Rachel Fretz, Debbie, Henry Yang, Kathy Forsman, Tanna Moontaro, Curtis Raynor, Ann Fuller, Kate Watkins Shaw, Jonathan Heston, Cathleen Loeser, Dahlia van Gelder, Simon Simonian, Don McCormick, Wendy Christensen, Richard Chamberlain, Grant Ramey, Diane Manning

Meeting began with worship on the queries Care for the Meeting Community.

Minutes from the business meeting on September 14, 2014, were read and approved, with one correction. Stanford Searl's Travelling Minute was read by Brian Johnston, clerk of Worship and Ministry.

Finance Committee: Richard Chamberlain distributed a handout on actual vs. budgeted income and expenses for the first three quarters of our fiscal year. Of note, expenses are running under budget across the board, and AVP has contributed an unexpected \$1,150 in fees. However, the loss of our tenant after November should be taken into account; it would be prudent to plan for a six month gap in rental income. Contributions from Friends are still \$2,210 under budget; year-end contributions are normal, but it varies. Using Vanco for monthly automatic contributions saves book-keeping expenses, and can be in any amount. Richard distributed envelopes, addressed directly to our book-keeper. A Friend expressed apprecia-

tion for the clarity of the hand-out. Grant Ramey reported that ECPC has asked for two days a week downstairs, and use of an upstairs office every day; Finance and House Committees are negotiating this with them. A Friend asked about having fund raising events, and was referred to House and Finance Committees.

Nominating Committee - Tanna Moontaro noted with gratitude that many Friends were stepping forward to serve on committees, and asked Friends to think deeply, to stretch, about serving on the Finance Committee, which will have only one member in January. Richard Chamberlain stated that anyone who can do a household budget can do the meeting budget. He estimates that he spends about half a day working on the budget in a quarter and has a good working relationship with our book-keeper, Susie Rhodes.

Fellowship Committee is being carried by two members, and a Friend noted that their service is taken for granted. When there were more members, the First Day workload was shared, and Fellowship could plan other community sustaining events, such as Quaker Eights, Quaker movie nights, and a games night. This is a good committee for newcomers.

If you are inspired to serve on Finance or Fellowship committees, please talk to Stan Searl or Tanna Moontaro.

10-14-01: The following Friends were approved for service: Cristine Reynaert and Alice Burston on Alice Herman Fund; Donna Buell, Michael Loeser and Judith Prescott on Children's Education; Bob Tajima on Communications; Alan Aymie on House; Wendy Christensen on Peace and Social Action; and Stan Searl, Don McCormick, Judith Searle, Patrick Finn, Mary Finn and Ruth Gooley on Adult Education.

Brought forward for the first time were Debbie and Tim Vreeland on House Committee,

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and Grayson Schick on Adult Education.

Children's Education - Kate read a report from the committee. A work day is planned to shift the upstairs classrooms to make room for a rental. The work day will be from 10 to 4; drop-ins are welcomed. Fellowship will provide some refreshments. Four Friends came forward for the work day.

Worship and Ministry - Brian Johnston announced that Bob and Kathy Runyon will be coming to meeting to talk on "Radical Quakerism", from roots to fruits.

Cynthia Cuza has been chosen to clerk the committee.

Peace and Social Action - Curtis Raynor reported that he and Brian Johnston will be co-clerks, and Ann Fuller will be recording clerk. Twelve Friends attended the first meeting of the committee.

On March 29, 2015, Father Greg Boyle will speak at meeting. Father Boyle facilitates peace with young people who have been involved in gang life in East LA, through Jobs Not Jail, Homeboys Industries, and Homegirls Cafe. AVP holds a meeting at Homeboys every week. At the next committee

meeting, members will discuss preparing for his visit. A Friend suggested inviting other groups in the larger community, which was referred to the committee. Elizabeth Cocca noted that her series of transformational plays will culminate with a benefit for Father Boyle's work.

The committee is working on a statement of purpose.

New Business

Quaker Quest booklets were distributed.

AFSC holds a phone conversation every third Thursday as outreach to local meetings; cards were distributed with the phone number and information.

Friendly Notes: Rebecca Searl requested that Friends give her calendar events to include in the newsletter, with a short description, and links for more information.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Watkins Shaw, Clerk
Ann Fuller, Recording Clerk

Fantasia on Quaker Historical Roots and Branches - Stanford J. Searl, Jr.

Note: This poem originated in reflecting upon the elaborate chart by Geoffrey Kaiser, "The Society of Friends in North America," 20th edition, 2011. It is in 3 parts; the first is here.

I. Roots and Branches

As I unrolled Geoffrey Kaiser's chart of Quaker roots and branches,
the dining room table could not contain it,
the Quaker branches spreading out over the edges
to roil around the room,
curling out onto the back deck and
threatening to choke the entire house with its writhing coils
as if the elaborate theological tree-chart of Quaker separations
had come to life in the midst of a lovely Southern California light,
to spew out Wilburites and Beanites and Keithian Christian Quakers,
including fighting Royalist Friends and Hickites and
the most saved and the least saved,
Philadelphia Orthodox and Maulites and Kingites and Otisites and Primitive Quakers
all separating and shouting at one another
about no paid minister and water baptisms and speaking in tongues
as if a serpent had begun to leer up at me from those sprawling roots and branches,
filling up my Culver City hillside home,
a discordant music
to twine these pulsating Quaker branches
into the outside, overgrown cyanosis and rosemary plantings,
pumping out its cacophonous messages.



Calendar - November 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10:00 Meeting for Worship 10:15 First Day School			7:00-8:00 pm Meeting for Healing dlancer@verizon.net			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10:00 Meeting for Worship 10:15 First Day School 11:30 Business Meeting						10:00-4:00 Chil- dren's Education Beautification Work Day
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10:00 Meeting for Worship 10:15 First Day School 11:45 Peace & Social Action			7:00-8:00 pm Meeting for Healing dlancer@verizon.net			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10:00 Meeting for Worship 10:15 First Day School 11:00 Baby Welcome 11:30 Sandwich Making 11:45 Fellowship Committee				Thanksgiving		
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10:00 Meeting for Worship 10:15 First Day School 11:45 Adult Educ. & Communications Committees						

ALICE HERMAN COMMITTEE SOJOURNING FELLOWSHIPS

The Alice Herman Committee (AHC) welcomes written proposals from members and attenders of Santa Monica Meeting for a Sojourning Fellowship. Grants are made for sustained visits of a week or more in situations away from Santa Monica where recipients are led to deepen or refresh their Quaker commitment, and share it with others through their deeds, words, and lives.

Submit your applications well in advance of your sojourn; Quaker process takes time. Our budget is determined early in the calendar year. Though applications are considered at any time, worthy projects submitted toward the end of the year may not be approved due to a dwindling budget.

Please include the following in your proposal:

- Amount of time to be spent away
- Detailed description of activities
- The type of report or presentation you will present to Santa Monica Meeting when you return
- A complete budget for your proposed project and the amount you are requesting from AHC. You are generally asked to assume part of the expense for any sojourn.

Send proposals to the clerk of the AHC Committee.

Important Contact Numbers

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Holy Chow - Play by Elizabeth Cocca

Elizabeth Cocca is presenting a series of one-woman plays at Santa Monica Meeting. The previous two plays have raised a total of \$140 for orphans in India.

Her next play, Holy Chow, celebrates holy food at the time of Thanksgiving. The proceeds will benefit Casa de los Amigos, the Friends House in Mexico City. The play will be presented Sunday, November 30, at 2:30 at the Meeting House.

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Contributions to the Meeting

While the Meeting values everyone's contributions of time and energy, it also depends on financial contributions to support its many activities. Please give what you can.

Please make sure your name and street address are on your check, and mark it as 'Donation.'

You may also drop checks in the contributions box in the library area. If you wish to contribute by automatic deposit, please contact the Clerk of Finance Committee.

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