



Salt Lake Monthly Meeting Newsletter

5th Month, 2014

May, 2014

Top News

QUERY: Query 4th Month: Do we uphold Friends in their efforts to develop stable, loving relationships? Do we acknowledge and support all relationships that are based on love and commitment?

From IMYM Faith and Practice, page 126

Business Meeting Proposed Minutes



Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, Fourth Month 2014.

Meeting convened with silent worship at 11:45 a.m. at the Meeting House. The query was read out of the silence.

Attending: Randolph Holiday, clerk, Diana Hirschi, Julia Zinader, Dick Loomis, Linda Hanson, Russell Fish, Patricia Fish, Suellen Rifkin, Jeph Scarborough, Scott Cowan, Rand Hirschi, recorded. The Minutes of Third Month business meeting were read and approved.

At 12:00 p.m., the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Quaker Meeting House Fund, Inc. was called.

Members of the Fund as listed above attended. Officers of the Fund reported its current assets and that all was well with the organization. A financial report was furnished by the Treasurer of the Fund and approved by the Meeting.

Thereupon the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Fund was adjourned.

OLD BUSINESS

The Meeting discussed the disposition of surplus funds. The Treasurer pointed out that soon the sources of income that have made the last several months so comfortable financially will be gone, and we may be back to an ongoing concern about covering monthly expenses. The Treasurer will organize the list of priorities of needed improvements and repairs with an estimated cost of each.

After a period of worshipful silence, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Rand Hirschi, recording clerk pro tem.

Nominating Committee



Suellen Rifkin submitted the following report which was accepted by the meeting.

Our committee met March 31. We are thrilled that Randy Holladay has agreed to serve another three year term on this committee.

We reviewed the current committee membership and found people to be fulfilling their obligations and performing well for the Meeting. We were particularly pleased that M&C had a full slate with Victor Miele,

Rand Hirschi and Emily Box.

It appears that our Webmaster. Jared Miele has been unable to work on the website

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Items and Services Available

Western Friend, a magazine "Building the Western Quaker Community Since 1929" is offering subscriptions for its eight issues per year at \$25. This periodical was formerly known as the *Friends Bulletin*. Contact Emily Box for group rates or visit WesternFriend.org.

Contacts and Conveners

Adult Ed: Beth Blattenburger
Archivist: Rand Hirschi & Rosanna Hopper
Calendar: Julian Cooke
Clerk: Randy Holladay
House Committee: Julian Cook, Julia Zinader, & Melodee Lambert
IMYM: Randy Holiday
Librarian: Rand Hirschi &

and we are considering someone to replace him in that role. We adjusted the proposed term for the Webmaster to be a two year commitment.

Many of our committees will receive new members starting in July. We have begun to find new positions for people and hope to present suggestions for Business Meeting in May. Customarily, those season for a month and the new people are identified in June. This allows for a transition month when the old person is in place while the new person starts up.

We have divided the Grey Book into thirds. Each of us will proofread and correct typos. There may also be minor updates to make, for example the Hospitality Committee has joined with Buildings and Grounds and is now called the House Committee. We hope to have edits prepared to enable us to print out a new document in July.

Suellen Riffkin
Nominating Committee Convener

House Committee



Julia Zinader reported that the sign in front has been refurbished for a fee of \$300 and the shut off valve in the water line has been replaced. She also reported an initial estimate for replacing the front doors and back door of \$3500. After some discussion, the Meeting asked Julia to investigate the details of the door replacement further and the report was accepted.

Ministry and Council



Ministry and Counsel: Emily Box prepared the following report which was read by Rand Hirschi. After correcting the number of new members in the year 2013 in the State of the Meeting Report, the Meeting accepted the report:

M and C met on 3/26/2014. All members were present. The only item for discussion was the State of the Meeting report. Otherwise, things seem to be going well with Meeting and there have been no issues raised with any members of the Committee. M and C prepared a draft State of the Meeting report. We wish to have Members and Attenders of our Meeting read and comment on the report before submitting a final version to IMYM.

State of the Meeting, Salt Lake Monthly Meeting.

In general, things are stable and calm. There are no deaths or births to report. Meeting was pleased to welcome four new members and one transferred member this year. Several of our Members are sojourning. We enjoy hearing of their experiences in other places and look forward to seeing them when they are in Salt Lake.

Financially, our Meeting is in better shape than we have been in some time. Much of this is due to the temporary rental of our building to a local school during the week.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Box, Convener, M and C

Adult Education



Julian Cossman Cooke reminded the Meeting of the lectio divina session to be held after meeting on Fourth Sunday.

Treasurer's Report



Suellen Riffkin presented the following report which the meeting accepted:

The SLMM balance for checking is \$15,457 and saving \$783. I paid the alphabet groups double our normal annual contribution in March of 2014.

Three members are receiving scholarship aid to attend IMYM. I anticipate that we will be supplying funds for our next clerk to

attend clerk school.

I will pay our IMYM assessment in May. It is \$50 per adult member.

Quaker Meetinghouse Fund
Checking \$3,231, saving \$945.

Suellen Riffkin
Treasurer

Librarian: Rand Hirschi &
Rosanna Hopper
List Serve: Darlene Johnson
Ministry & Counsel: Victor
Miele, Rand Hirschi, Emily Box
Newsletter: Victor Miele
Nominating: Randy Holladay,
Diana Hirschi, Suellen Riffkin
Peace & Social Concerns: Scott
Cowan, Bill Graff, & Jenny
Ksiazek
Quaker Meetinghouse Fund:
Julian Cook, Dick Loomis,
Suellen Riffkin
Recording Clerk: Julian Cooke
Religious Education: Charlene
Weir
Singing and Music: Caroline
Kuenenman, Jean Mautner
Treasurer: Suellen Riffkin
UFF: Rand Hirschi



Peace and Social Concerns

Scott Cowan presented the the following report which the Meeting accepted:

Peace & Social Justice Concerns held our most recent monthly meeting on April 2nd. We talked about having our drones minute published online. (We hope to come to a consensus at our next meeting.)

We also talked about maintaining our restorative justice efforts, which are twofold: continuing with the juvenile justice mentoring program in Second District Court; and continuing in a statewide collaborative effort to transition offenders into the community by developing a restorative justice model.

We, moreover, spoke about participating in restorative justice mediation, i.e., the dialogue process that brings together victims, offenders, and community members. (This process is meant to repair the harm that crime inflicts, something our long-standing retributive system does not.) Unfortunately, we must wait. Mediators need 40 hours of professional training, yet there is only one training session yearly, usually in October or November.

P&SCs has, furthermore, decided to consider supporting prison abolition efforts, as some Quaker meetings and the American Friends Services Committee have already done. We are researching and investigating this issue at this time.

Scott Cowan,
Convener, Peace & Social Justice Concerns



Deadline for items for next month's newsletter will be May 27th.
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