

Pacific Northwest Quarterly Meeting
Continuing Committee — September 24, 2011
Lazy F Camp & Retreat Center -- Ellensburg, WA
Minutes

11-09-01 Opening Meeting opened with silence at 5:55pm. In attendance were: Brynne Ford (Children's Program Co-coordinator, South Seattle), Liam Horner (Junior Friends' Co-Clerk, Bellingham), Isaac Hall (Junior Friends' Co-Clerk, Whidbey Island), Don Goldstein (Listkeeper, Bellingham), Pablo Stanfield (Ministry and Oversight Co-Clerk, University), Chris Willard (Acting Representative, Tacoma), Katherine Spinner (Children's Program Co-coordinator, University), Louis Webster (Treasurer and Representative, Eastside), Susan Richardson (Presiding Co-clerk, Bellingham), George Mancini (Pullman-Moscow), Barbara Luetke (Salmon Bay), Margaret Coahran (Registrar, Pullman-Moscow), Peg Bernstein (Representative, Salmon Bay), Theo Mace (Representative, South Seattle), Warren Ostrom (Representative, University), Judith Clarke (Representative, Sandpoint), Linda Ellsworth (Co-Clerk, Eastside), Sea Gabriel (Recording Clerk, South Seattle), Jane Mountjoy-Venning (Junior Friends Advisor, Olympia) and Johanna MacNee (Representative, Pullman-Moscow).

11-09-02 Junior Friends: Liam Horner reported. A Junior Friend was injured splitting wood as part of the service project, inspiring a medical call and trip to the hospital where his broken arm was casted. All systems functioned well and the event was handled responsibly. The Junior Friends hosted Community Night before joining the Central Friends for a movie. Friends agreed that more clarity is necessary regarding the nomination process for Junior Friends advisors. Junior Friends will propose a process and the Continuing Committee will review it in January. Contact will be maintained year-round via email so that Junior Friends issues can be addressed at all four meetings of the Continuing Committee.

11-09-03 Children's Program: Brynne Ford reported. The current division of Children's Program leadership tasks is working well with our volunteers. Friends agreed to allow this structure to remain flexible. Brynne agreed to continue in her position through Spring with Peg Bernstein as a backup, and Katherine Spinner as the co-coordinator for teacher recruitment.

11-09-04 Treasurer: Louis Webster reported. All finances are up to date with about \$5,000 in the bank. All meetings have now responded to the assessment

request for 2011. An increase to \$2 is scheduled for 2012. Concerns were expressed about our decreased enrollment. We do not yet know the financial ramifications of our lower turnout (130 rather than 155-185). Rustic accommodations, the economy, the absence of a host meeting, and competing events were all cited as potential contributors. Friends discussed the facilities and the need to support those with physical impairments, while acknowledging our gratitude for Lazy F. Barbara Luetke of Salmon Bay works with ASL and would be happy to sign if there is a need.

11-09-05 Listkeeper: Don Goldstein reported. Friends approved transferring many of the duties to existing positions, and contacting individuals who have expressed interest to see if the job could be portioned out, creating more manageable burdens. Don will contact people and report back in January.

11-09-06 Fall Quarterly Planning Committee: Chris Willard reported. Gratitude was expressed to all who contributed.

11-09-07 Spring Quarterly Planning Committee: Jane Mountjoy-Venning reported. The theme will be "Relationships."

11-09-08 Ministry and Oversight: Pablo Stanfield reported. Whidbey Island is now a Preparative Meeting.

11-09-09 Spring Children's Program: Katherine Spinner reported. The last two host meetings did not help with teacher recruitment. They will be reminded next time.

11-09-10 Planning Guide: Don Goldstein reported. A Planning Guide update is still underway.

11-09-11 Work Contributions: Friends discussed which positions are work contributions, and which are volunteer. Concern was expressed regarding those who are unable to help and therefore may be hesitant to attend. Friends noted intergenerational sharing which occurs in the Children's Program. Adults could increase their contributions by taking the opportunity to speak of their own journeys while serving with the older children. Friends contemplated whether our work contributions interfered with, or contributed to, our participation and spiritual experience. Removing the language around second jobs for Worship Sharing Leaders and adding early Saturday morning Ridgeview cleanup to the duties of the Host Meeting were approved.

Friends shared a moment of silence

11-09-12 Winter Meeting: After some discussion, Friends decided to meet at the Olympia Friends Meetinghouse on Saturday, January 28th beginning at 10 am. Susan agreed to contact Kathy Mallalieu (the official Olympia Representative) to confirm this date.

11-09-13 Announcements: We may need to share the lower dining hall area Sunday at noon with a group who intend to picnic, but who could be rained out.

We will address concerns around the host meeting's resources at the Winter meeting. Friends have found dividing tasks between meetings effective when the division is between the theme components and the technical components. This reduces any issues around long distance communication. Other Quarterly Meetings in NPYM have a central planning committee, though Friends agreed that we should ask about the effectiveness of such a committee before considering adopting this practice.

Meeting closed at 8:03pm.

Sea Gabriel, Recording Clerk

Susan Richardson, Presiding Co-clerk

Don Goldstein, Listkeeper