

Pacific Northwest Quarterly Meeting
Meeting for Business—September 24, 2011
Lazy F Camp & Retreat Center—Ellensburg, WA
Minutes

11-09-01 Opening: Meeting opened with silence at 3:45. Co-clerk Susan Richardson (from Bellingham) presided with Recording Clerk Sea Gabriel (South Seattle) and Co-clerk Linda Ellsworth (from Eastside and Orcas) also at the clerks' table.

11-09-02 Minutes: Friends approved posted Spring 2011 Minutes.

11-09-03 Treasurer: Louis Webster reported a balance of about \$5,000 with no notable issues to address.

11-09-04 Ministry and Oversight: Pablo Stanfield reported. Monthly meetings were encouraged to contact Quarterly Ministry and Oversight if they'd like support. At the noon M & O meeting, Port Townsend supported Whidbey Island Worship Group's request to move directly to Monthly Meeting status. Rae Lawrence, Carolyn Laskowski, John Neff, Don Goldstein, Caroline Wildflower, Deborah Lewis, and Jim Hall (ex officio as Whidbey Island WG's Clerk of Ministry and Counsel) were approved as their Visiting Committee.

11-09-05 Friends Committee on Washington Public Policy: Tom Ewell reported. FCWPP represents us in Olympia. They support: Criminal Justice Reform, Environmental Concerns—Local Responses to Global Challenges, Healthcare, and Economic Justice. Facing a special session and budget restraints, FCWPP is looking at ways to save in the Department of Corrections. Contact people are requested from the following groups: Agate Passage, Bellingham, Chelan-Methow, Ellensburg, Lopez Island, Salmon Bay, Tacoma, Vashon, and Waldron Island. Active participants are always welcome. The FCWPP website is www.fcwpp.org.

Tom urged that we also stay connected with FCNL.

11-09-06 Continuing Committee: Susan Richardson reported. At Annual Session Linda Ellsworth (Co-Clerk), and Sea Gabriel (Recording Clerk) were approved as new officers. Margaret Coahran summarized the ADA requirements concerning service animals, with which Lazy F is joyfully compliant. Work is being done on a Listkeeper job description and a Planning Guide update. This session's host

meeting requested help and gratitude was expressed to all who assisted, and community spirit was acknowledged.

11-09-07 Nominations: Susan Richardson reported. Tom Rawson was nominated and approved as Jr. Friends Advisor. His service will begin with the spring 2012 QM session.

11-09-08 Registrar: Margaret Coahran reported. Our numbers were way down. Infants, 2; Preschool, 5; Early Elementary, 9; Upper Elementary, 8; Central Friends, 8; Junior Friends, 10; Adults 88. Total 130. We generally run 155-185. It was noted that Lopez Friends had an alternative event, Port Townsend Friends had a memorial service, and the weather was unusually beautiful.

11-09-09 Spring Quarterly Planning Committee: Beth Rodman reported that the theme for the spring 2012 session will be Relationships: Connecting with Self, Family, Nature, the Divine Spirit, the Society of Friends, and Humanity. Olympia and Agate Passage will host on April 27-29. Friday night's potluck and sustainability issues will be reviewed.

11-09-10 North Pacific Yearly Meeting and Friends General Conference: Theo Mace will talk with Tom Head (clerk of the NPYM ad hoc committee to facilitate seasoning of the FGC affiliation recommendation), sharing our concerns, and request, on behalf of PNQM, that information concerning this possible affiliation be distributed to the monthly meetings. There is concern that we aren't given enough time in the NPYM plenaries.

We shared a moment of silence.

11-09-11 Announcements: Inner Fire: Way of the Spirit will take place November 4-6, 2011. Details can be found at <http://goodnewsassoc.org>. [This workshop was postponed due to low registration, and is now rescheduled for January 12-15, 2012, with details available via the same website.]

Our Winter 2012 Silent Retreat will take place Jan 20-22. Registration deadline is Jan 9. Information and registration forms will be sent to all meetings.

The 2012 Pacific Northwest Women's Theological Conference will take place June 13-17 at the Menucha Retreat Center. Information is available at <http://pnwquakerwomen.org>.

Friends World Committee for Consultation's Quaker Youth Pilgrimage for teens aged 16-18 is July 12-Aug 13, 2012, in the UK and the Netherlands. October 15 is the application deadline.

Spring 2009's plenary session was on de-cluttering, facilitated by Carrie Koehline. We can now access Carrie's music videos on youtube at www.youtube.com/user/ConfrontingClutter, and a schedule of her upcoming workshops at confrontingclutter.com/workshops.html .

Today is the Seattle Brain Cancer Walk. Nancy and Greg Ewert have been part of the Quarterly meeting for decades. Greg played a major role with the Junior Friends and the documentation of their roles. He was diagnosed with brain cancer and has surpassed average expectations but the tumor is growing. He says this has been the richest year of his life. A free-will collection of donations to support brain cancer research was taken, raising a total of \$148. At CaringBridge.org, you can search for Greg: gregaewert. Lynn Waddington also has a site maintained there, since before her death in 2009.

Continuing Committee meetings are open. All are welcome.

11-09-12 Children's Program: Brynne Ford reported that the program is going well. Junior Friends did a service project, during which one of them fell and may have broken his arm.

Meeting closed following silent worship at 5:03pm.

Sea Gabriel, Recording Clerk

Susan Richardson, Presiding Co-clerk

Don Goldstein, Listkeeper