

December 15, 2024

28159 Dulay Rd. Kingston, WA

About 20 Friends gathered at Village Green in Kingston. Phil Favero began the meeting at 11:10 A.M.

Minutes

The Meeting approved the minutes of the November 17, 2024 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

Treasurer report

Kayleen reported a significant increase in donations made by APFM Friends in 2024. Donations rose by \$1,500 compared to the previous year, which puts us in a healthy financial position, even after we pay our bi-yearly dues of \$900 to NPYM in January 2025.

See attached the APFM Treasurer's report for Dec 2024.

Current Meeting activities

Anne, Michiele, Phil, and Steve met with Alicia, Steve's daughter-in-law, to continue building the new website for our community. During this meeting Alicia presented an attractive draft. It will contain a password protected section, allowing access to APFM's email roster and directory information. Realizing that passwords don't guarantee full protection of personal information, Friends will be given the opportunity to decline having their private information posted on the website. A follow-up meeting with Alicia is scheduled to train a few of us on how to upload documents, blog, calendars, etc. Once completed the website will be shown to the community for approval.

Realizing that we do not have a quick and easy way to explain our Quaker practices to visitors, Michiele volunteered to creating a 'Handout for Newcomers.' She is drawing on the information available in our library and on our website. Anne offered her help review the content of the handout.

During this month's Clerk's Circle, a suggestion was made that the Meeting purchase 10 copies of North Pacific Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice to be gifted to new Friends. The latter could choose to re-gift to the Meeting as they see fit. APFM approved the purchase.

We will also let new Quakers know that Faith and Practice is available on-line and a reference to this publication will appear on our website.

A Friend suggested that we also look at Pendle Hill for they might have pamphlets that explain our Quaker practices.

The month of January is a time to renew a conversation about the 'Spiritual State of our Meeting.' Worship & Ministry will head off the process and announce when we will have the opportunity to engage in another session of worship sharing. In this context Worship & Ministry, the Nominating Committee, the Clerk and Assistant Clerk will also connect individually with members and attenders of our community to elicit their leadings about the state of the Meeting as well as the gifts/skills they might enjoy contributing.

We learned that a small number of Quakers might be forming a worship group in the Bremerton area. This group will, we hope, fall under the care of our Meeting.

Leni informed us that the Quarterly Meeting will be holding a silent retreat in Gold Bar, WA, from January 17 to 20. See announcement attached. Note: there appears to be a discrepancy in the actual date of the event. Leni will verify for accuracy.

The meeting closed at 11:30 AM. This was a shorter meeting than is customary, allowing the community to join in a celebration of the Holidays.

Respectfully submitted

Bea Dixon – filling in for the Recording Clerk