

Agate Passage Friends Meeting Kingston and Bainbridge Island, Washington

January 19th ,2025

Phil opened our January meeting with a moment of silence.
Fifteen Friends were in attendance.

Minutes

December's minutes were approved with appreciation for Bea filling in as Recording Clerk.

Treasurers Report

Phil presented the January Treasurers report. He noted the increase in our checking balance and an as yet uncashed donation check that we gave to Quaker Earth Witness. Friends asked him to follow up with Kayleen and make sure it did not go astray. The report is attached below.

A Friend noted that the Bellringer Fund, another organization which we support, took in and distributed \$68,000 to the nine food banks in our county.

Website

Steve said he hopes to publish the new website later this week, The committee expects that it will be an evolving document and that comments for improvement will be very welcome. Friends should expect an email from Steve with the web address and instructions shortly.

Visitors handout

Michiele and Anne have been working on a handout to offer visitors . Phil suggested it may be available soon. Michiele and Phil mentioned that they will coordinate it with the 'visitors page' on the new website.

Working Group activities

The working group reports that Quaker Voice has offered to visit our Meeting sometime. The working group is in contact with them to set up a date for the visit.

They also noted that now that Derek Kilmer has left office, they plan to reach out to our new representative Emily Randall so that we can share our hopes and governmental concerns with her.

The Meeting needs two volunteers to act as liaisons with Quarterly and Yearly Meetings. Contact Phil with your offer to help.

Leni has volunteered to continue as our liaison with FCNL and Quaker Voice.

Finally, Bea noted that the Working group is the way our Meeting puts our values into action. She will be distributing the minutes of their last meeting shortly.

State of the Meeting report

Leni presented Worship and Ministry's plan to send out queries and hold a worship sharing meeting next month regarding the health of the Meeting. There will be separate Zoom and Plain Village Green meetings February 2nd. The committee will use the comments they get in their State of the Meeting report which will be presented at our next business meeting February 16th. They would then ask for the Meetings approval of the report at the March business meeting. The Meeting approved their plan.

Quarterly Meeting

Leni announced that Lopez Island and Bellingham Meetings are hosting Quarterly meeting this year. It will be held April 25- 27 at Lazy-F Ranch, as usual.

Gifts and Leadings

Phil updated the Meeting with the Nominating and Pastoral Care committee's plan to talk with everyone in our Quaker community about our individual gifts, and the leadings we may have. He explained that they are looking for two additional Friends to help them interview everyone in our meeting. This will mean contacting about five Friends each, which seems manageable... Contact Phil or Bea for details.

Quaker Conversations

The next Quaker conversations discussion will be March 7.

March Social event

We have scheduled a meeting-wide get together on the last Sunday in March. March 30. Phil asked for ideas and volunteers.

Meeting for Worship

There was a brief discussion of ideas to help keep our two worship groups in touch.

A Friend noted that since we meet in two different forums, the people in one group don't know who is attending in the other group. She suggested that if the group hosts text each other before the start of worship, they could share that information before we go into silence.

Another Friend wondered if there was a way to find out what was said in the other forum as well. We will continue to explore these good ideas.

Peace Vigil

Lisa brought our attention to an interfaith candle light vigil , which will be held this evening at Sakai park's Pia sculpture. 5PM

The Meeting closed with a moment of silence at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted

Phil Favero, Clerk