

Agate Passage Friends Meeting for Business Kingston and on line

March 16 2025

Seventeen Friends met in Kingston for our March monthly meeting.

Phil opened the meeting at 11:30 with a moment of silent contemplation.

Minutes

The minutes of the February meeting were approved with gratitude.

Treasurers Report

(Spreadsheet attached)

Kayleen called attention to two items on the spreadsheet. Because of the press of time a check to KIAC was drafted prior to the Meetings approval in order for our donation to be matched. Friends promptly approved her action.

Next her subscription to Western Friend was also approved. Leni then spoke about the history of the publication and invited o Friends who want their own subscription to contact her directly to get the bulk subscription rate.

leniskarin@gmail.com

Worship and Ministry

Leni reported that the committee has not received any questions on the annual State of the Society report. The meeting approved the report with appreciation. It will be sent to the Worship and Ministry committees of Quarterly and Yearly Meetings.

Updates

Welcoming new Friends

Michiele and Anne are working on a handout to give new people attending our meeting for worship at Village Green.

There seems to be interest in having a book marker with at least our web address and the Trillium image. A Friend suggested that it would help if it could fit in a wallet so that it was easy to have on hand. A folded bookmark or separate calling card? Friends asked if we could hire Alicia to create something for us. Phil will ask the people at Eagle Harbor Books about their book markers. Leni added that Blue Sky Printers is reputable. Friends suggested adding the Trillium logo that Alicia did for our website and asking if we could hire her to help with this. Steve will ask her.

Some Friends asked for approval of sending a thank you present to her as a small token of our appreciation for her work. The Meeting asked Janet to write her a thank you note and approved \$75 to purchase a gift certificate.

Some Friends are having difficulty finding our website, most often getting our 'zombie' site instead. Friends felt that we need to up the priority of dismantling that site. One Friend thought we might need to hire someone with 'hacking' skills. [ps After close of Meeting Lisa and Jacob have made some progress on this.]

As a related matter some Friends would appreciate receiving a weekly email with the Meeting link. Leni, Bea, and Steve will work on this and report back.

Working Group

(The full minutes of the Working Group are on the Website at:

APFriends.org

Go to the *News* page and scroll to the bottom of the page.)

Bea noted that the Working Group is a Spirit led activity, and that they try to ground all of their work in the Spirit.

The report touches on indigenous people relations and boarding school reparations, Climate, and Public schools. The minutes also emphasized outreach to public officials.

The Working Group also received a concerned inquiry about the safety of Social Security checks and pronouncements by the President.

Concerned Friends can contact :

Puget Sound Advocacy for Retirement Action (PSARA)

<https://www.psara.org/>

She reminded us of a Quaker Voice Webinar on April 12th at 4:00 Pre-registration is required. Contact Quaker Voice Website.

Leni also reminded us that there is an upcoming workshop on the Efforts to save the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

<https://quakerearthcare.org/event/iraactionhour/>

Expectations and gifts

In the process of discussing how to proceed, a Friend suggested that we distribute an explanation of what it takes to keep the meeting functioning . Nb : A draft will come out shortly- thanks for the idea.

InterFaith Council

Lisa reported on the Councils activities.

There will be a recital May 30 at the LDS Temple

Other discussion centered around marginalized people including resident Aliens in our community.

- The IFC has asked all members to set aside June 1 as a day to focus on the needs of our LGBTQ friends and neighbors.
- Everyone is welcome here but this is an opportunity to reach out where appropriate.

Climate circle had a web of life event promoting an awareness of the complexity of our soils

New Learnings

Bea announced that Leni will host a second hour discussion of Quaker Process- how we can(should) make our decisions. The discussion will also cover the effective Clerking. April 1st.

Library Defunding?

A Friend brought a recent presidential initiative to the Meetings attention- An apparent proposal to defund Libraries. This was directed to the Working Group for research and action.

Interested Friends can contact Dianne, Steve, Phil, or Bea to help research this for the Group.

BYO lunch March 30

Bring your lunch to Kingston for our 5th Sunday social get together after Meeting for Worship.

The meeting ended at 1:00

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Favero, Clerk
Steve Phillips Recording Clerk

