

Agate Passage Friends

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

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April 20, 2025

Phil opened our April meeting with attention for business at 11:30 with 10 Friends attending in person.

Old Minutes

The minutes of our March meeting were accepted without comment.

The April Treasurers report was also accepted without comment. Kayleen was unable to attend today's business meeting.

Old Business

Phil commented that several items of old business are still pending. He will be talking with a printer about bookmark cards to give interested visitors.. He also reminded Friends that Leni is still accepting subscription requests for Western Friend.

Speaking for Leni (who was absent), he noted that APFM will be asked to speak to Yearly Meeting on the question of affiliating with Friends General Conference. (FGC). She will send out a background email before next monthly Meeting to aid in our consideration.

Janet said that she has prepared a card thanking Alicia for her help on the website. She asked Friends to sign it at the end of the Meeting.

Charitable Giving

Phil reminded the Meeting that the organizations that AP Friends support are all probably being challenged by the actions of the current Administration. Last October

Friends were asked to volunteer to keep track of these organizations. These volunteer 'liaison' individuals will be getting an email asking them to contact their group, find out how they are doing and prepare a short (one paragraph?) status report for our May business meeting. We may want to reconsider the timing or pattern of our support to these groups. These volunteers will get an email shortly. If you would like to help with this, contact Steve Phillips.

Pastoral Care

Bea reminded us that some in our fellowship are uncomfortable asking for our prayers, but that should not stop us from holding them in the light.

She reported that George B. did not want a service on his death. His daughter in Florida did want one for him but is respecting his wishes. She will be coming here to close up the house in a few weeks, and Bea is trying to arrange a way us to get together for support fellowship and closure.

In response to ongoing interest, the committee is preparing a series : "Contemplating Scripture Conversations" Initially led by Dee. Perhaps meeting monthly, on Wednesday, possibly starting in May or June. Look for an email notice of finalized topic and timing.

Anne and Michiele are preparing a proposed handout for visitors. Phil will send it out soon for Friendly consideration.

Bea reported that the FCNL Webinar on advocacy had been very worthwhile. Steve added that bearing witness and telling truth to power are central to what Friends are called to do in the world.

In the ensuing conversation she noted that details of the webinar will be posted on the website.

Phil then remarked that he will be speaking at Eagle Harbor Congregational church on Climate Change. Finally, Bea commented that Patty L. has details on the El Salvador deported prisoners, and their lack of connection to gangs. which she will get to Bea for distribution.

Summer Calendar

Steve invited Friends to his home the last Sunday in June (June 29) for Worship followed by a potluck.

After some discussion it was agreed that we will skip our regular business meetings in July and August. If the need arises a called meeting was approved.

After further discussion of the need for Friends to help others bear witness to current events, the meeting ended with silent prayer for all of the immigrants currently under threat in the US. The meeting ended at 12:15.