

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Agate Passage Friends Meeting

March 15, 2026

Participants:

- Diane Carle
- Anne Laird
- Michielle Shaw
- Boyd Malloy
- Steve Phillips
- De Ellefson
- Bob Skarin
- Leni Skarin
- Wendy McClure
- Paul Pritchard
- Kayleen Pritchard
- Phil Favero

Friends Lisa and Norman Down indicated they are caring for a family member having surgery, and Janet Favero is ill today.

The Meeting began with a period of silent reflection on the significance, for Friends, of the word “listening.”

The Worship and Ministry Committee provided an overview of the Draft *Spiritual State of the Meeting Report (2025)*. Friends expressed appreciation for the brevity and clarity of the report. With inclusion of a reference to the “Contemplating Scriptures Series,” and a word change from “should” to “could” in the final sentence, Friends **approved** the report for transmission to Pacific Northwest Quarterly Meeting. See the final report attached.

Treasurer Kayleen Pritchard presented a report and led a discussion of the Meeting’s finances currently. See the *Treasurer’s Report (January – March)* attached. Friends

discussed: (1) considering, in our Quarterly meeting on June 21, a plan to gather information about donations; (2) developing, on September 20, with Peace and Social Concerns Committee in the lead, a preliminary set of priorities; and (3) approving, at a special meeting in October or November, the Meetings donations.

In other actions regarding Meeting Finances:

- Friends **approved** donating at this time to the Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center (KIAC) in the amount of \$225.00. We will consider another donation in the fall of this year.
- Friends also **approved** subscribing, at this time, to the *Friends Journal* and *Western Friends* periodicals. Friends are encouraged, too, to subscribe for delivery to their homes.

Steve Phillips, reporting as Clerk of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, reviewed the work of Quaker Voice of Washington in the current session of the Washing State Legislature. “We succeeded on some bills,” he reported, “and we will patiently continue our work on others.” Steve mentioned hosting a recent meeting of the Committee and said he would be hosting others, monthly, on second Saturday afternoons at 4pm. Clerk Leni Skarin also let Friends know that the report of Quaker Voice activities for the 2026 session will be available as a blended meeting on Friday evening of Pacific Northwest Quarterly Meeting in April. Friends are encouraged to participate in both that meeting and the plenary session on Saturday morning by registering on the website, even if they cannot attend QM in person. The website is <https://www.pnqm.org/>

Reporting for the *Contemplating Scriptures Series* group, Michiele Shaw described the process being used for meetings: (1) consideration of the political, sociological, and economic context for the passage being considered; and (2) opening our hearts to the passage and sharing our experiences. She also noted that future discussions will be planned and invited Friends to consider passages for contemplation, including from sacred texts other than the Bible. The time and date for meeting are also flexible, so please contact Michiele, De Ellefson or Bea Cardea with suggestions.

We decided to schedule, if possible, a 5th Sunday APFM Community event on March 29. Paul volunteered to ask if we could extend our stay in the meeting room at Village Green until 1:00 PM. Friends preferred a simple “Brown Bag Lunch” with opportunities to check in about how we are doing. Friends agreed to plan community sharing events on fifth Sundays in 2026. Future dates are May 31st, August 30th, and November 29th. Those responsible for opening Village Green regularly each month agreed to divide up the 5th Sunday opening

responsibilities for 2026. Michiele will open March 29th, Phil will open May 31st, Paul will open August 30th and Boyd will open November 29th.

Friend Nate Kremer Herman talked at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Bainbridge Island recently about “The Ethics of AI.” Phil volunteered to ask Nate if he would, in a 2nd Hour event, talk with APFM on that topic.

With the rotation system we are using for clerking APFM, Phil Favero will be the Interim Clerk of the Meeting until he facilitates the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business on June 21. He will also convene Clerks Circle Meetings on April 9, May 7, and June 11. The Meeting is still seeking another person for the Clerking Team to record on June 21 and facilitate on September 20. Steve volunteered to record on June 21, if needed.

Respectfully,

Phil Favero, Recording Clerk of the Clerking Team

Leni Skarin, Meeting Clerk of the Clerking Team