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Advice & Queries:

The Meeting Community

Meetings for Worship and Business are the center of our spiritual Community. There, as we come to know each other in the Spirit, we build the "beloved community".

Mutual respect and care in the Meeting form the foundation from which we can test, support, and exercise leadings of the Spirit. At its best, the Meeting community forms a framework for us to learn and practice mutual care, which strengthens us as we act in the world.

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All members of the Meeting community should share in the care of one another. While respecting privacy, we must be aware of and sensitive to each other's needs. We must also be willing to ask for assistance when we are in need.

- * *Do I strive to be inclusive in my relationships within the Meeting?*
- * *Do I care for the reputation of others, refraining from gossip or disparaging remarks?*
- * *Am I committed to the difficult work of forgiveness, and affirming God's love for the whole community?*
- * *How are love and unity maintained among us?*
- * *Do we practice the art of listening, even beyond words?*
- * *How have we been sensitive to the personal needs and difficulties of members and attenders, young and old?*
- * *Do we visit one another in our homes and keep in touch with distant members?*

Monthly Meeting for Business

June 13, 2010

Minute 1: Opening

The meeting opened with silent worship at 11:59. The recording clerk read the Pacific Yearly Meeting Advice and Queries on Peace. One Friend recounted her personal experience with withholding a portion of her taxes that supports war. A second reflected on how we make a difference in the small acts of daily living. Another reminisced about knowing a Quaker who was imprisoned during World War II for resisting the draft. This was her introduction to Quakerism.

Minute 2: Clerk's Report

Robert Bley-Vroman, Clerk, commented on how we end Meetings for Worship, and the relationship of Meeting for Worship and what some have called "afterthoughts." The Worship and Ministry Committee welcomes comments on this.

Minute 3: Treasurer's Report

Byron Bender, Treasurer, reported the following: At the close of May 2010 (Second month of 2010-11 FY)

(Amounts rounded to the nearest dollar)

Income for the month of May:	\$1,526
Expenses for the month:	5,331
Difference:	\$3,805

(expenses more than income)

Income for the fiscal year to date:	\$4,512
Expenses for the fiscal year to date:	7,677
Difference:	\$3,165

(expenses more than income)

At the end of the month, the amount available in the general fund was \$9,247, in the Sharing Fund, \$2,981, in the Education Loan Fund, \$11,120, in the Peace and Social Action Fund, \$5,292, and in the Library Fund, \$1,150.

A fuller report will be posted on the bulletin board.

Minute 4: AFSC Report

Kyle Kajihiro, the director of the Hawaii office of the American Friends Service Committee, reported on the status of our support from the Pacific Southwest Region of the AFSC. The Meet-

ing approved a brief affirmation of Meeting's support for Hawaii AFSC, which the Clerk will send to the regional office. On the third Sunday of June a meeting for worship will be held to consider creative ideas to put Quaker values into action under the aegis of the AFSC in Hawaii.

Minute 5: Oversight and Counsel Committee Report

Robert Bley-Vroman, Clerk of Meeting, reported on behalf of Oversight and Counsel, and at their request.

At the Oversight and Counsel Committee meeting of May 7, 2010, the committee received from Renie Lindley and Kristin Douglas a letter requesting that they be married under the care of the Meeting. Oversight and Counsel Committee appointed a clearness committee to meet with the couple. The clearness committee, consisting of Marjorie Cox, Ted Talbott, and Ramona Hussey, met with the couple on May 30, 2010. On June 3, 2010, the clearness committee reported to Oversight and Counsel that they recommended approval of Renie and Kristin's request. Oversight and Counsel recommends to Meeting that Renie Lindley and Kristin Douglas be married under the care of the Meeting. This recommendation will lie over for one month.

Friends noted that the receipt of a letter requesting marriage should be reported to Meeting, and that the Meeting should appoint the clearness committee. This has been our usual practice. Friends did not suggest that this departure from usual procedure should invalidate this case in any way, but recommended that customary process be followed in future cases. (See the Honolulu Friends Meeting Handbook section "Marriage under the Care of the Meeting").

Minute 6: Worship and Ministry Committee Report

Kay Larsen reported that to strengthen outreach and fellowship among Friends, starting June 18 there will be "pizza and more" at 6:00 on the third Friday evening of each month at the Meetinghouse.

On the afternoon of the fourth Sunday in September, the AFSC will hold a fundraiser at the Meetinghouse.

As requested, the committee has been considering the issue of political announcements in the Meeting and our IRS status. A Friend reminded us of our

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Quaker principle of not promoting candidates and political parties.

Minute 7: Peace and Social Concerns Committee Report

Anthony Chang, co-clerk, reported that last month the Meeting approved supporting Soo Sun Choe's project, an art exhibit called "Still Present Pasts," about the Korean War, by placing a quarter page advertisement in the program book. Because of recent developments, the organizers have scaled this back to a smaller booklet acknowledging the contributors and a donor wall at the exhibit. The committee recommends that we still contribute \$120 even with the change of format.

ACTION: APPROVED

Minute 8: Building and Grounds Committee Report

Anne Fong, clerk, reported that a new lock has been installed on the office door. She also requested that due to the ongoing drought, we make every effort to park on the road. If we cannot, we should use the driveway and/or the handicap lane or at least not always park in the same spots on the grass.

Minute 9: Publications Committee Report

Susan Miller, clerk, reported that the committee will meet on June 29 (1) to understand what each member thinks his or her *kuleana* to be, and (2) to discuss the issues and scheduling of the Handbook update, which will be its major additional project this year. The committee is discussing how to handle the increasing amount of policy now included in committee descriptions and will have a recommendation at the next Meeting for Business. Tom Huff has agreed to be the Directory editor. We can help him by promptly reporting errors or changes in postal and e-mail addresses and telephone numbers.

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On Monday July 5 at noon, at Tree-tops Restaurant (at the top of Manoa Rd., inside Paradise Park) our HFM Book Group will discuss "The First Paul: Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church's Conservative Icon", by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. If you are interested in getting a copy of the book to read before the discussion, contact Amanda Armstrong <alohaamanda@hawaii.com>

HOUSE & GROUNDS

Work Day, 6/12: Under sun and showers (at times simultaneous) ten lively f/Friends wiped down kitchen cupboards and emptied some for shelving paper, washed windows and woodworks, weeded and raked beds and hedges, tended potted plants, pruned areca palms, and pruned and cleaned ginger beds. Whew! Big mahalos to Bob Stanton, Carolyn Stephenson, Harold Field, Peggy and Bob Broderick, Suzanne Marinelli, Anthony Chang, and David and Virginia Wood, from luna Anne Fong! And we even finished early enough to start House & Grounds Committee meeting at 11:30, finishing well before our tasty lunch at noon. Won't you join us next month, 9 am on 7/10, for some healthful exercise, fellowship, and a good meal?
--Anne Fong

Directory Changes

Page 12 Somers, PETER & Phyllis: moved and left no forwarding address

Page 15 Valery, Helena: delete Vitarelli, Charlaine, send no mailings

Page 20 Myers, Olga: change email address: <olmmy2@aol.com>

Page 24 Djou, Charles: add as second member of House of Representatives:

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Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery. Eric Metaxas. HarperCollins. 281 pp. plus illustrations, bibliography, and discussion questions.

Two centuries ago, the name of William Wilberforce was as well known as that of Martin Luther King, Jr. is today. A brilliant wit, orator and politician, he devoted his abilities to a multitude of good causes, but is best known for his efforts to abolish the slave trade and then slavery itself.

Wilberforce was born into a wealthy merchant family. He was only ten when his father died and he was sent to live with an aunt and uncle. With them he enjoyed a loving, nurturing Christian environment and met several individuals, most notably John Newton, who would influence him then and later. (Newton is the author of the hymn "Amazing Grace," which reflects his transformation from profane captain of a slave ship to a pastor.) When William's mother and grandfather realized he was being corrupted by the "heretical" ideas of Methodism, they took him home to turn him into a secular playboy. As such, not for diligence, he distinguished himself at Cambridge. But there, too, he made friends and allies, most notably William Pitt the Younger, who would soon become Prime Minister.

In his twenties, already a member of Parliament, Wilberforce was influenced by his childhood tutor, the physical, spiritual, and intellectual giant Isaac Milner, to reconsider the Gospel. He did so thoroughly and deliberately, understanding that it would call for a drastic reordering of his life. At first he considered resigning his seat in Parliament, but was persuaded by Newton that God could use him there. His friends called his conversion his "Great Change" and marveled that he was still so much fun, though he bridled his acerbic wit. Not yet sure how God would use him, Wilberforce was convicted of the way he had been wasting his time and wealth. To make up the loss, he studied voraciously and became a philanthropist.

At age 28, Wilberforce wrote in his diary: "God almighty has set before me two great objects: the suppression of the slave trade and the reformation of manners." He and a group of likeminded friends, loosely called the Clapham group, took on the death penalty, penal reform, animal cruelty, flogging in the navy, support of the new Republic of Haiti, the plight of widows and orphans, and more issues. Though *Amazing Grace* does not focus on Quakers, they are occasionally mentioned individually or generally as allies in this program of reform.

At age 37, Wilberforce fell headlong in love with Barbara Spooner, a lovely young woman who was his soul mate. In nine years, she would bear six children. Although Wilberforce's fortune could have provided the best in service, the constant stream of visitors found a chaotic household. Besides the six children, it was enlivened by a menagerie of pets. Though a devoted wife and mother, Barbara was not the best household administrator and Wilberforce could not bear to fire aging, eccentric and incompetent servants.

Amazing Grace will refresh your belief in the power of dedicated persistence to move the mountains of entrenched evil. Before Wilberforce, slavery was accepted as inevitable, if not desirable. Today it still exists, but it is a crime. Before Wilberforce, poverty, child labor, the abuse of women, orphans, animals and prisoners were likewise accepted. These evils, too, still exist, but we grapple with them. So powerful was the sea change in public consciousness that the subsequent Victorians would be caricatured as "do-gooders." Goodness would become fashionable. --Reviewed by Maurine King

Residents' Report: *The Meeting House was very quiet during the months of May. All guests were either Friends from outer islands or regulars. Ronald Fujiyoshi from Hilo was accompanied by Salvador Robert, a pastor from the Turk region of Micronesia. John Gartell stayed for a few days as he prepared to return to Canada. Claud Sutcliffe and Brigid Mulloy used our space as a layover after traveling 14 hours from Boston. In June we were full! Erickson Wiebke from Maui, and at the same time Ramona Hussey as she waited for her new accommodations. Dave Jaquette and his daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and James Ray, enjoyed the house and lanai while Dave joined his 50th graduation reunion at Punahou. Tammy Jennings from Kailua came for some retreat time, Eden Peart and Ron Fujiyoshi from the B.I. as well as Molly Hollenbach from Northern California. We wish to express our appreciation to all of you who have helped us settle in and have been patient with our mistakes as we learn the routine. Virginia is enjoying her return to the island and the opportunity to visit places and friends she knew as a child. David has finally figured out most of the one way streets and has already been taking many pictures of flowering trees. --David and Virginia Wood*

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP IN THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS IN JULY

Honolulu Monthly Meeting: Sundays:
Hymn singing at 9:45 am. Meeting for
Worship at 10:00 am.

NEW: 9:00 pm daily: "Collections"
(call first to confirm)

Meetings are at the Meetinghouse, 2426
Oahu Avenue, Honolulu (808) 988-2714.

Windward Oahu Worship Group: First
Sunday of the month: Meeting for Worship
at 10:00 am. For location/information,
call 235-6500 (Polly Pool).

Big Island Monthly Meeting: Sundays:
10:00 am worship and potluck. For loca-
tion and other details call Darby Thompson
(808) 322-3116. Postal address: P.O. Box
1714, Kamuela, HI 96743.

Kauai Friends Worship Group: Contact
G.G. Shanley (808) 821-2110 for informa-
tion.

Maui Friends Worship Group: Meets every
Sunday at 10:30 am. Call Jay Penniman
(808) 573-4987 for information. For infor-
mation on Meeting for Healing, call Col-
leen Wallace (808) 242-6461.

Molokai Worship Group: Call Claud Sut-
cliffe (808) 553-3380 for details.



First Day School Teachers / July Topic: LESSONS IN A BAG

July 4 CJ Sutton
July 11 Kitty O'Reilly
July 18 Anthony Chang
July 25 Margo Vitarelli

Minute 10: Friends Committee on National Legislation Liaison Report
Carolyn Stephenson, liaison, reported on two recent communications from FCNL that may be important to Friends. A letter from Joe Volk, Executive Secretary, reminds us of the importance of mid-year elections, and the value of influencing candidates on issues. He encourages us to ask friends and neighbors some basic questions:

--Do you want the federal government to do nothing about unregulated greed on Wall Street and just wait for the next financial crisis to happen?

--As a country, do we still want next-to-no federal regulation on the huge oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico even if taxpayers will have to pay to clear up the next mess after it happens?

--As taxpayers, do you want to continue to pay ever increasing amounts of your tax dollars to fight wars that could be prevented with less expensive and more effective investments in peaceful diplomacy, development, and international cooperation?

Joe also notes the loss of two staff members and notes that FCNL had fewer donors in 2009 than any recent year, although some have made 3-year increased commitments to get FCNL through this short-term recession crisis.

A June 11 email communication reminds us that FCNL's Our Nation's Checkbook campaign is having some successes in generating new Congressional thinking on cutting the deficit by reducing military spending. Friends can find information about the campaign, reports on the issue, and proposed Congressional legislation at fcnl.org/budget/checkbook/index.htm

Minute 11: Quaker United Nations Office NY Liaison Report

Carolyn Stephenson, liaison, reported that the June issue of QUNO's newsletter *In and Around the UN* is available on the web at quno.org, which also lists other new publications. QUNO has facilitated discussion and contributed ideas on peace building, which goes beyond the UN's traditional peacekeeping operations.

Minute 12: Announcements


The Windward Worship Group will have an outdoor meeting for worship with picnic to follow at Ho'omaluhia Park on Sunday, July 4. Honolulu Friends are welcome.

Minute 13: Closing

The Meeting closed with silent worship at 2:17 with 26 present.

Robert Bley-Vroman, Clerk
Maurine King, Recording Clerk

JULY 2010

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
	For a complete listing of Meetings for Worship each Sunday see page 5							1	4:00-5:30 Earthcare Comm. 5:30 pm Worship & Ministry	2		3	2-5 pm Friendly Hands
4	10:00 am <i>Windward</i> Worship Group outdoor worship/picnic at Ho'omaluhia Park 	5	12:00 noon At "Treetops" 3737 Manoa Rd. Book Discussion, " <u>The First Paul</u> "	6	2:00 pm Meeting for Healing	7		8	7:00 pm CHOICES	9		10	9-11:30 am Workday 11:30-12 pm House & Grounds Committee
11	at rise of mtg Meeting for Worship on the occasion of Business	12		13	2:00 pm Meeting for Healing	14	7:00 pm Friends Faith Study Group <i>Windward</i> Worship Grp. (235-6500 for directions)	15	3:30 pm Bible Study at the home of Marjorie Cox <u>Proverbs 1-9</u> ALL ARE WELCOME	16	6:00 pm Pizza and More	17	2-4 pm Library Comm.
18	9:00 am First Day School at rise of mtg David & Virginia Wood: " <u>How We Came to Be Among You</u> "	19		20	2:00 pm Meeting for Healing	21		22		23		24	
25	at rise of mtg Visiting Sunday Lunch Peace & Social Concerns Comm.	26	6 pm AFSC Area Committee	27	2:00 pm Meeting for Healing	28	1:30-3:00 pm Elders' Options	29		30		31	