

PALO ALTO FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

Fourth Month, 2010

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Queries for Third Queries for Fourth Month: Stewardship and Vocation

John Woolman said, "As Christians all we possess are the gifts of God... To turn all the treasures we possess into the channel of Universal Love becomes the business of our lives." The principle of stewardship applies to all we have and are. As individuals, we are called to use our time, our various abilities, our strength, our money, and our material possessions with care, managing them wisely and sharing them generously.

From the indwelling Seed of God, we discover our particular gifts and discern the service to which we are called. In making choices about occupation or education, consider the way that offers the fullest opportunity to develop your individual abilities and contribute to the world community while providing for yourself and your family. In daily work, manifest a spirit of justice and understanding, and thus give a living witness to the truth.

Be ready to limit engagements, to withdraw for a time, or even to retire from an activity that inhibits your ability to follow a higher call. Try to discern the right moment to accept new responsibilities as well as to relinquish responsibility that can pass to others. Be open to your calling in different stages of life. Meetings need the strength and vigor of young people as well as the experience and wisdom of elders. Although they may not be able to contribute great financial support, their energy and insight invigorate the community. As people begin careers and families, they may need the spiritual and experienced help of the Meeting. Later, when families are growing up and careers are established, greater participation in the Meeting and greater financial support may become possible. Welcome the approach of old age, your own and others', as an opportunity for wisdom and greater attachment to the Light. Meetings should be ready with material and spiritual support for those suffering from unemployment or facing difficult vocational decisions.

How have I been faithful to the leadings of the Spirit in choosing work or vocation?

What am I doing with my talents, time, money, and possessions? Am I sharing them according to the Light I am given?

Is my conduct at the workplace consistent with my life as a Friend?

How does my daily work enhance my spiritual life?

How does the Meeting help and support members who are in job transitions?

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:00 to 10:00 am	Adult Education, New Meeting House (NMH), 1 st & 3 rd First Days & on 4 th & 5 th First Days by arrangement.
10:00 to 10:25	Hymn Singing at NMH.
10:30 to 11:30	Meeting for Worship at New Meeting House.
10:30 to 11:15	First Day School for children in Old Meeting House (OMH – n.b., also now known as the "School House").
11:15 to 11:30	Children join adults for Meeting for Worship in NMH
11:30 to 11:45	Introductions and announcements

MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS is held on the second First Day of the month, following light refreshments after Meeting for Worship. The next Meeting for Business will be April 11, 2010.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (in NMH):	Meeting for Worship	– each First Day at 10:30 AM.
	Mid-Week Evening Worship	– each Wednesday at 6:00 PM.
	Mindfulness Meditation	– each Thursday at 7:15 AM

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28 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.

28 Sun noon Fourth First Day Provided Lunch – (see note below).

28 Sun 12:50 pm Adult Ed.: Lecture and Discussion – NMH (see note below).

31 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.

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1 Thurs 7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).

4 Sun 9:00 am Adult Ed. – Reading & Discussion – NMH (see note below). [No meeting 3/7/10]

4 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.

5 Mon 3 - 6:30 pm PAFM / Urban Ministry Meal Preparation – (see note below).

7 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.

8 Thurs 7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).

11 Sun 9:15 am Community Service Committee Meeting – NMH.

11 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.

11 Sun noon Light lunch provided prior to Meeting for Business - OMH.

11 Sun 12:20 pm Meeting for Business – NMH (see note above); child care provided (see note below).

12 Mon 7:00 pm PAFM Women's Group – NMH (see note below).

14 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.

15 Thurs 7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).

15 Thurs 7:00 pm Oversight Committee meeting – Library.

18 Sun 9:00 am Adult Ed. – Reading & Discussion – NMH (see note below).

18 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.

18 Sun 11:45 am Collection for Ecumenical Hunger by Community Service Committee – NMH (see note below).

18 Sun 12:20 pm Adult Ed.: Lecture and Discussion – NMH (see note below).

18 Sun *[Deadline for submittal of Newsletter articles - if email send to moriii@yahoo.com.]*

21 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.

22 Thurs 7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).

23 - 25 Fri - Sun Meeting Retreat at Ben Lomond Quaker Center – (see note below).

25 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.

25 Sun noon Fourth First Day Provided Lunch – (see note below).

25 Sun 8:00 pm Classical Music in the Meetinghouse – (see note below).

26 Mon 7:00 pm PAFM Women's Group – NMH (see note below).

30 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.

31 Thurs 7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).

CALENDAR EXPANSION – DETAILS

*** STANFORD QUAKER ACTIVITIES: Stanford students interested in on-campus Quaker activities should contact Hannah Muenke, hmuenke@stanford.edu, 650-644-5130.

*** ADULT EDUCATION DISCUSSION: **Reading and Discussion** led by Henry Jason each 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday at 9 am – NMH. We are reading Robert Barclay's Quaker "Catechism and Confession of Faith." No preparation is necessary. All are welcome. Contact Henry Jason.

Adult Education Programs in April

Monday, April 12. 7:00 pm at Stanford, Tresidder Union (Cypress South): **Special Event:** - Restoring Health, Hope, Peace: Reflections on Working in Global Health. Alexandra Douglas - Friends Women's Association Clinic in Burundi. Alexandra Douglas is the program manager for the Friends Women's Association (FWA), a grassroots women's clinic focused on HIV/AIDS, sexual violence, and post-genocide trauma in Kamenge, Burundi. She came to FWA as an extended service volunteer of the African Great Lakes Initiative of the Friends Peace Teams after working in Washington D.C. with FCNL. Prior to that, she spent two years advocating with and doing research for sex workers and trafficked persons in Cochabamba, Bolivia, San Francisco, CA, and the Twin Cities, MN. Her work and passion are concentrated on the intersections between gender equality, community development, health access, and conflict.

On speaking tour in the United States, Alexandra will also appear at Friends House, Santa Rosa, on April 8, and Berkeley Friends Church on April 13. Her visit in Palo Alto is hosted by Face AIDS, a nonprofit organization based at Stanford dedicated to mobilizing and inspiring students to fight AIDS in Africa. Contact: Julie Veroff (julie@faceaids.org).

Sunday, April 18. 12:15 in the NMH: Discussion: What Does a Good Quaker Eat, or Are Vegans more Virtuous? Led by Sandy Farley. Does it matter what we eat? Does it matter where we shop? Are there moral issues around food that we should address? To what should we hold ourselves accountable? Join the discussion.

4th Sunday, Apr 25: No program, due to Meeting Retreat

*** PAFM WOMEN'S GROUP: Meets the second and fourth Monday in the Library at the New Meeting House 7-9 pm. The group chooses different topics, readings, or spiritual exercises as the starting point for our discussions but no prior reading is required to join and enjoy the discussion. To be added to the distribution list for this group, please send an email to kmcclellx@comcast.net.

*** COLLECTION FOR ECUMENICAL HUNGER PROGRAM (EHP): Community Service Committee collects a monthly offering of cash donations to be given to the EHP after the rise of Meeting each third First Day – at the front door. EHP provides emergency food, clothing, case management, household essentials, and resource referrals to families in need in East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and Palo Alto.

*** HOMELESS MEALS - OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE - April 5, May 3 & 31, June 28, July 26, and August 23 are our scheduled days to prepare the food and serve it to the Homeless at the First Methodist Church in Palo Alto as part of the Urban Ministry meal program. Contact Marie Simirenko for more information - 650-961-1724.

*** SPRING RETREAT: The annual PAFM spring retreat will be held from April 23 - 25 at Ben Lomond Quaker Center. Our theme this year is "Turning Points". All are welcome: members, attenders, newcomers, children, and teens. See attached flyer and registration form, or contact Catherine Vanderwaart for more information."

*** THURSDAY MORNING MINDFULNESS MEDITATION: The Thursday morning meditation group meets in the New Meeting House, which is opened by 7:15 am; the practice time goes from 7:30 am to 8:30 am. All are welcome, including those new to meditation or experienced. Susan Murphy and Linea Stewart share the facilitation of the meditation group. Susan and Linea will draw on their backgrounds in both Buddhist meditation and Christian contemplative practices. For more information and a schedule of the practices, contact Susan Murphy, at somurphy@earthlink.net

*** WEDNESDAY WORSHIP/SHARING OR DISCUSSION GROUP: Every Wednesday following the Meeting for Worship from 7-8:30. This time is available for any individual in the Meeting community to propose a topic for sharing or discussion. Those wishing to convene a group should first contact Worship & Ministry Committee, which will help with advance preparations. Eric Sabelman is clerk of W&M <esabelman@aol.com>, 650-322-2455.

*** FOURTH FIRST-DAY PROVIDED LUNCH: PAFM provides a lunch on **fourth** First Day. This allows Friends an opportunity to get to know each other better. Friends, attenders, visitors, and newcomers are all welcome.

*** Friends are reminded that there are those among us who have allergies, often severe. We must avoid certain food products especially in the School House because of the allergies of children attending Friends Nursery School. Some among us are also allergic to artificial fragrances (perfumes, colognes, after-shaves). Flu season is here - Use of hand disinfectant (provided in restrooms) is recommended before shaking hands. If you find yourself contagious with the flu or a cold, please consider carefully the impact on others if you come to Meeting. For cheerful and humorous instructions in preventing spread of disease by coughing, see <http://www.coughsafe.com/media.html>. ***

NEWS OF PEOPLE AND EVENTS

FIRST DAY SCHOOL: FDS is always looking for second adult helpers each First-day. We do have lead teachers with planned curricula through 6th month. However, it is good practice to have a second adult. This is a great way to get to know the kids a little better and to support FDS and all you need to do is be present from 10:25-11:15 in the schoolhouse and help the lead teacher. To sign up please contact Tom Farley, clerk, <farley@spont.com> 650-366-1818.

CHILDCARE DURING MEETING FOR BUSINESS: During monthly Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business, childcare will be provided for all age children from 12:15 to 1:45 pm in the Old Meeting House. The regular staff for the preschool program, Jadranka Tanovic and Sangeta Tamang, will provide the childcare. Advance sign-up is not required, but children should be in the program by 12:30. (If no children show up, the staff will leave at 12:45.)

CLASSICAL MUSIC IN THE MEETINGHOUSE : On Sunday evening, April 25, 2010, at 8 pm, the meeting will host a concert entitled "Les Nations et une Apothéose" to benefit the Friends Committee on Legislation (FCL), the latest in a series of concerts beginning in 1997. The size and acoustics of the Meetinghouse are ideal for hearing and seeing chamber music played by professional musicians.

Violinists Anthony Martin and Tyler Lewis, with gambist William Skeen, will play trios and solos from six nations, composed in the 1600s by Lully, Corelli, Buxtehude, da Selma, Schmelzer and Purcell. The concert will close with Couperin's 1725 "Apotheosis of Lully" performed by an ensemble of violins, viol, harpsichord, and lutes.

Quakers of the time, of course, would have shunned such popular music as a distraction from their earnest search for Truth. No less earnest, today's Quakers have an opportunity to hear what their predecessors missed.

Suggested donation: adults: \$25, ages 4-16: \$10. All proceeds go to FCL.

PICK-A-PARTY IS COMING!: Sign up now to host an event or activity as part of this benefit for the Friends Committee on Legislation (FCL). See the attached flyer and sign-up form for more information.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEETING SERVICE: Our Meeting has volunteered to work on one Monday each month from 3 to 6:30pm to help Palo Alto Urban Ministry prepare an evening meal. First Methodist Church - Hamilton & Webster Aves. Contact Marie Simirenko or sign up on the bulletin board.

RIDES TO/FROM MEETING: Oversight will keep a list of people seeking rides and a list of people who are willing to offer rides to and/or from Meeting on either a regular or occasional basis. Contact anyone on the committee if you or someone you would like to be on either list.

MILITARY/DRAFT COUNSELING: Contact CCCO – West 405 14th Street, #205 Oakland, CA, 94612.

GREEN THOUGHTS – from Unity with Nature Committee

Gratitude Calendar

Right Sharing of World Resources, 101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, IN 47374, 765-966-0314, rswf@rswf.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Use this calendar as a means for giving thanks and sharing your abundance with others less fortunate than you.	Right Sharing of World Resources— Changing Lives, Empowering Families, Improving the Planet	<i>I thank you, Spirit, for my many blessings:</i>	FOR ABUNDANT FOOD: Give 1¢ for each dish on your dinner table.	FOR SAFE RUNNING WATER AND INDOOR PLUMBING: Give 1¢ for each faucet and toilet in your home.	FOR GOOD HEALTH: Give 5¢ for every healthy day this week.	FOR GOOD TRANSPORTATION: Give 10¢ for each auto in your household; give 1¢ for each ride you received this week.
FOR LIFE: Give 1¢ for each year you have lived.	FOR HEAT: Give 1¢ for every degree above 32°F that you heat your home in winter.	FOR FAMILY: For every child, grandchild, sibling, parent, aunt, uncle, or cousin, give 5¢.	FOR EYES AND CORRECTIVE LENSES TO SEE WITH: For every pair, give 5¢.	FOR ELECTRIC LIGHTS TO SEE BY: Give 1¢ for each lightbulb in your home and yard.	FOR WORK: Give 2¢ for every year you have had a paying job; give 2¢ for each year you haven't had to work a paying job.	FOR WARM CLOTHING: Give 1¢ for every sweater, vest, jacket, coat, scarf, hat, and pair of gloves.
FOR A SAFE CLIMATE: Give 1¢ for every year that you <i>haven't</i> suffered a tornado, hurricane, draught, flood, earthquake.	FOR A STURDY, WARM HOME: Give 5¢ for each room in your home.	FOR LABOR- SAVING APPLIANCES: Give 1¢ for each electrical appliance (of any size) in your home.	FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION & THE RIGHT TO WORSHIP AS YOU CHOOSE: Give 25¢.	FOR MARRIAGE AND PARTNERSHIP: Give 1¢ for each year that you have been in relationship.	FOR A STRONG BODY: For every healthy and well-functioning limb and organ, give 2¢.	FOR ABUNDANT, EASILY OBTAINED FOOD: Give 1¢ for each grocery item you buy this week; add 1¢ for each non-organic item.
FOR RELIABLE POSTAL SERVICE: Give 1¢ for each piece of mail you receive this week.	FOR FREEDOM OF SPEECH & THE RIGHT TO DISAGREE: Give 25¢.	FOR INCOME SUFFICIENT TO STAY COMFORTABLE: Give 1¢ for every \$1,000 of income.	FOR VACATIONS, HOLIDAYS AND TRIPS: For every one last year, give 2¢.	FOR ELECTRICITY: Give 1¢ for each electrical outlet in your home.	FOR THE ABILITY TO EXERCISE: Give 1¢ for every walk, jog, bike ride, etc., this week.	FOR THE RIGHT TO VOTE AND TO CHOOSE YOUR OWN FUTURE: Give 25¢.
FOR FRIENDS: Give 5¢ for each close friend.	FOR PAID HOLIDAYS ON THE JOB: For each one you have in a year, give 1¢.	FOR SHOES TO KEEP MY FEET WARM & DRY: For every pair, give 2¢.	FOR EDUCATION: Give 2¢ for every year of compulsory school; give 5¢ for every year of higher education.	FOR LOANS: Give 2¢ for every year that you have borrowed money for education, mortgage, business, etc.	FOR MEDICAL CARE: Give 2¢ for every prescription, medical or dental appointment, surgery/procedure this year.	<i>Oh, Creator, help me to be a gracious and generous steward of the blessings I have— and of those which I have taken for granted.</i>

Adult Version-[see](#)

The US Census: It Means Social Justice

The Census guarantees a portrait of the full diversity of the country and an equitable distribution of resources to our region. Please promote full participation!

NEEDS, OFFERINGS, OPPORTUNITIES, & ENTHUSIASMS

AFSC News: It's the Budget! The California legislature is focused on the budget right now and so are all sections of the AFSC Pacific Mountain Region staff. From Fresno to Stockton; from San Francisco to Sacramento staff have been working to bring the impact of budget decisions to both the public and the legislature. As always the work is focused on the impact decisions will have on those least able to withstand draconian cuts.

Staff who work on Immigration, Criminal Justice, Peace and Human Rights are all busy now, working closely with other concerned organizations [including FCLCA] – taking part in forums, out on demonstrations, spreading information in every way possible - and will continue until the Budget is decided.

California scores 1st in the nation for incarceration and 48th in pupil spending. What a reflection on priorities!
Middle East Other issues have not been forgotten. AFSC's recently retired staff person, Allan Solomonow, has made himself available to speak on the complex and difficult situation in the Middle East. If you would like him to speak to your Meeting or group he can be contacted through the AFSC San Francisco office 415-565-0201 where they will take a message.

Volunteer Opportunity

Are you concerned that students receive full information on the consequences to joining the military and know the alternatives available? If you would like to know more there will be a training on this subject on Saturday, April 17th. To know more contact Sandra Schwartz or Stephen McNeil – 415-565-0201. Ruth Fraser - Your AFSC Newshound

WITHIN PAFM YOU CAN CONTACT JUDITH BUSH (SEE THE DIRECTORY).PENDLE HILL PAMPHLETS NEEDED: The Library Committee is looking to complete our collection of Pendle Hill Pamphlets. If you have Pendle Hill Pamphlets numbered 350 and above and want to see them on their way to a good home, please contact a member of the Library Committee and we'll happily see them on their way to our collection for all to use.

THE PENINSULA PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER: The Center's Calendar is at: [http://www. peaceandjustice.org](http://www.peaceandjustice.org)

HELP CENTRAL AMERICAN REFUGEES WHILE YOU HELP YOURSELF: Reliable, hard-working men and women need jobs while they rebuild their lives. SBSC has a Job Hotline (650) 494-8340. Workers can do: child care • elder care • gardening • window washing • moving • professional painting • cleaning of homes and offices • errands • carpentry • roof repair • gutter cleaning. (650) 494-8340. **DONATIONS NEEDED:** washing machine • single bed •vacuum cleaner • dresser clothes• toys and books for 8-year-old girl.

BOOKS FOR STANFORD STUDENT GROUP: The group has a couple feet of shelf space in the Religious Groups Library of the Old Union at Stanford, and would love add your favorite Quaker book to the shelf. Here is a list of books we have already received. This list is currently very short, but will be updated as more books are donated.:
http://spreadsheets.google.com/pub?key=pEJ3Q-pGqgEnf_0LgUUVLGA

To Submit Newsletter Items: See the Schedule on page 2 for the deadline for the next issue. You may *e-mail* Newsletter submissions to newsletter@pafm.org or moriii@yahoo.com If you wish to receive the newsletter by email - or wish to discontinue - please visit <http://lists.pafm.org/listinfo.cgi/newsletter-pafm.org>. [Ed.'s note: If you sign up to receive the Newsletter by email, make sure to put the following address in your email address book: moriii@yahoo.com. The NL is sent out from that address. Some email "Spam" filters may reject such a message if the sender address is unknown.]

If you have an e-mail address, please join our Meeting's e-mail discussion list. To subscribe – visit <https://mailman.stanford.edu/mailman/listinfo/pafriends>. To post a message to all on the list, send the message to pafriends@lists.stanford.edu. If you have any questions, contact Jerry McBride jlmcbriemail@yahoo.com 964-2869.

Edwin Stephenson Join with family and friends in a celebration of life for Edwin Stephenson. The Memorial Meeting under the care of Redwood Forest Friends Meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 10, at the Odd Fellows Hall, 545 Pacific Ave in Santa Rosa, CA. Anyone who would like to bring finger food for the reception following the meeting, please contact Sharon Beckman at 707 539-7401. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Friends House Special Needs Fund or the American Friends Service Committee. NOTE: Parking at the Odd Fellows Hall is limited, and will be reserved for those with difficulty walking. Car pooling is recommended. There is ample parking nearby at Santa Rosa Junior College for a fee of \$4.00. The parking permit machines do NOT give change, so be prepared with the exact amount.

MEMBERSHIP: PART TWO

"As I understand it, the goal of our work and our life together as Friends is twofold: first, to empower each of us to follow the way or the will of the Divine (as we understand it, to the best of our limited ability); and second, to build a community of faith based on mutual love and respect. By going to our Meeting for its discernment, we show respect by seeking its advice and wisdom." --Anthony Manousos

Anthony Manousos, former editor of Western Friend, tells us our community is built on a call to love one another with radically inclusive Love AND with accountability. Members agree to accept the discernment of Meeting about God's calls (even John Woolman waited on his meeting's discernment each time before going visiting others with his concern about slavery). We are thus empowered to have transformed lives, so that all things take their rightful place. There is a tension in these two aspects of our community: accepting each other as we are, yet also encouraging transformation with accountability.

During consideration of membership, a clearness committee considers these tensions. If you seek peaceful inclusion, do you realize that the price of real community is conflict and addressing

differences? How will you respond to disappointment when we do not live up to the ideals, or when we are not “religious” enough or not “activist” enough? Do you understand Quaker process, our diversity, the possibility of uncomfortable transformation and how frustrating these can be? Though some of us are grateful for the opportunity to explore such questions, some may be put off by the sense of being “tested”. We really just want members to be ready to engage in Quaker process through all the challenges with all the other flawed people, to strive to love one another, even through dislike of our Meeting’s process, decisions, or individuals.

Oversight continues to consider issues around community and membership. Considering such queries as these: How do we create a beloved community, a place of acceptance that transcends diversity, yet avoid a pseudo community that avoids conflict and ignores differences? How do we submit ourselves to one another in a way that allows us to be transformed and go beyond past certainties? How can we facilitate such transformation in our community without forcing change on others? Why do some people have “nominal memberships”? Does that reflect some systemic failure in Meeting’s relationship to those members? How can we affirm shared values, when we inevitably disappoint one another when we do not live up to the ideals? How can we demonstrate supportive love while still challenging one another?

Minutes for Third Month 14th day 2010
 (abbreviated version for Newsletter)
Palo Alto Friends Meeting

Clerk Diane Pasta
 Recording Clerk Sandy Farley
 Meeting opened in silence at 12:20 PDT

There were 34 Friends in attendance at Meeting for business. The list is attachment #1.

Queries for Third Month on Meeting for Business were read.

- The advice assumes a shared theist theology which is not the case in this meeting. The queries have fewer assumptions.
- A meeting for business enthusiast explained her appreciation and recognition how we hold various truths offered, without tallying at every point, and how we look for ways to find unity among all the truths.
- What is the unity we try to seek if we do not think there is a God with a will for each situation? What is true, loving, creates peace, and is consistent with integrity, community, and equality? These are not inconsistent with the values of those who hold a theist view.

We read the Advices and Queries because we expect to find them helpful. They are markers of how we should act. Yet these queries are not a substitutes for a creed. Nor are they descriptors of our faith. They are “symptoms” of our faith.

by unanimous approval:
 President [clerk] Diane Pasta
 Secretary [recording clerk] Sandra Farley
 Treasurer William Bauriedel
 We confirmed that our board is constituted of those members who attend and conduct business following the guidelines expressed in *Faith and Practice* of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. We approved that Diane Pasta, presiding clerk, shall designate Annette Daniels, staff member of Friends Nursery School, as an authorized person continually present during operational hours to represent the facility and accept licensing reports. We delegated all business of the corporation to the Monthly Meeting for Business. The meeting of the corporation, having completed its business, adjourned.
 Submitted by Sandy Farley, secretary, [recording clerk]

We accepted the agenda.

Library Report: Judith Bush
 Committees will have resource locations in the library for use by meeting committees. Attachment #2.

Information Technology Committee:
 The clerk read the report. Attachment #3.

Minutes for 2nd month and the minutes of the annual corporation meeting were approved with amendments to the latter.

[Min #1 & 2] Text follows:

The Corporation meeting was convened within the Second Month Meeting for Business.

Quorum: 21 members were present and our membership (in all locations) being about 100, the requisite 20% of membership in Santa Clara, San Mateo, San Francisco, Marin, Alameda, and Santa Cruz counties were clearly in attendance.

Clerk, Diane Pasta read aloud our corporate purpose.

We elected the following corporation officers

PYM Rep: Hubert Morel-Seytoux

Report from Representative committee last weekend in Orange Grove. Youth Program Coordinator, Sarah Beutel will start work in April. At least 50% of the requested assessment will be needed, the Supervisory committee would like the full amount if possible to provide a cushion. Our Treasurer has sent the 50%, and how much more we might send will be discerned when we have more information. One Friend suggested the cushion could be created by sending our next year's assessment at the start of PYM's fiscal year instead of the usual several months later. Yearly meeting will be the last week of July 26-31 at Claremont. Full report attachment #4.

**PALO ALTO FRIENDS MEETING
SPRING RETREAT 2010**

April 23-25, 2010

Quaker Center, Ben Lomond, CA

The annual Palo Alto Friends Meeting Spring Retreat will be held April 23-25, 2009 (Friday evening to Sunday after lunch) at Quaker Center in Ben Lomond. Come enjoy the peace of the Santa Cruz mountains while contemplating our theme: Turning Points.

Our theme, "Turning Points", is broadly defined to include aspects of our changing selves, preparation for faithfulness and service in the future, seeking a common direction, and caring for each other in times of change. Few of us are not at, approaching or just past such a turning point. Whatever age we are, we face turning points - children change week by week, adults year by year, elders decade by decade. Our Meeting faces turning points, too, because the people that make it up change and the world changes around us. At this retreat we hope to help each other recall, recognize and ready ourselves for changes in our lives.

This retreat is for EVERYONE: newcomer, old timer, children and adults. Most activities are intergenerational. Childcare will be available during program sessions for children who are too young to participate (preschoolers and babies.) School-age children and teens will have their own program during a few sessions as well.

We're staying in the Orchard Lodge. Each of the 12 rooms has a sink, beds for 2-3 people and extra floor pads if needed. Camping is also available on the grounds (bring your own tent.) We encourage you to come for the whole weekend. We'll be leaving around 1:30 pm on Sunday after worship, held under the redwoods if the weather cooperates.

Meeting wants no one to be deterred by cost, so there is a sliding fee scale and scholarship assistance is available. Food and lodging for the whole weekend comes to \$130 standard, or \$110 to \$145 on a sliding scale, with reduced fees for children, campers and day-only attenders. Children under 3 are free.

Maximum charge per family is for 3 people. Additional assistance is available by applying to the Oversight Committee (Talley Kenyon, clerk.)

Additional information about Quaker Center, a map, and suggestions for what to bring will be available when you register.

Questions? Contact Catherine Vanderwaart at 215-275-8642 or cvanderwaart@yahoo.com.

**Palo Alto Friends Meeting Spring Retreat
 April 23-25, 2010, Quaker Center, Ben Lomond
 Registration Form**

Family Name _____ phone _____

Address _____ email _____

Persons attending (for additional names use backside and check here ___):

_____ age (if <18) _____

Children under 18 not with parent/guardian must have adult sponsor (name: _____)

and a medical release form signed by their parents or guardians.

Special needs (diet, mobility, etc.) _____

Lodging:

Adult in Room (standard \$80, sliding \$65-\$95) # _____ adults @ \$ _____ = \$ _____

Child (3-11) in Room (standard \$38, sliding \$30-\$45) # _____ children @ \$ _____ = \$ _____

Adult Camping or Day-only # _____ adults @ \$40 = \$ _____

Child Camping or Day-only # _____ children @ \$20 = \$ _____

Meals:

Adult Meals # _____ adults @ \$45 = \$ _____

Child Meals # _____ children @ \$25 = \$ _____

Total (maximum charge is for 3 most expensive people per family) \$ _____

Enclosed (minimum \$50 non-refundable deposit to reserve space) \$ _____

Remainder Due (to be paid upon arrival at the retreat) \$ _____

Make check payable to Palo Alto Friends Meeting and give or mail to:

Catherine Vanderwaart, 87 Hulme Ct. Apt 716, Stanford, CA 94305

Please register by Friday, April 16, 2010.