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Advices and Queries for Seventh Month: REACHING OUT

Friends fellowship begins and is nurtured within the home and Meeting. It reaches greater fulfillment as we carry our beliefs into the wider community.

Share your Quaker faith. Take time to learn about other people's experiences of the Light and, as you learn, give freely from what you have gained. Respect the experiences and opinions of others, but do not be afraid to say what you value. Welcome the diversity of culture, language, and expressions of faith in your Monthly Meeting, the Yearly Meeting, and the world community of Friends. Encourage discourse with Friends of pastoral and programmed traditions, and with members of other faiths.

Friends have a long history of involvement in public and private education, sharing our values with the world and nurturing future generations. Be mindful of the needs of children in your community and of avenues for deepening understanding between peoples.

How does my life reflect Friends beliefs and thus encourage others to be interested in the Religious Society of Friends?

Do I respond openly to inquiries about Quaker experience and belief?

What does our Meeting do to make others aware of Friends principles and practices?

What are we doing to help people of various races, cultures, and backgrounds feel at home among us and we among them?

How do we encourage newcomers to return and participate in activities of the Meeting?

In what ways do we participate in the life of the interfaith community and in the wider fellowship of Friends?

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:00 to 10:00 am Adult Education, New Meeting House (NMH), 1st & 3rd First Days & on 4th & 5th 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 July 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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JUNE

27 Sun noon Fourth First Day Provided Lunch – (see note below).
 27 Sun 12:50 pm Adult Ed. – Panel & Discussion – NMH (see note below).
 28 Mon 3 - 6:30 pm PAFM / Urban Ministry Meal Preparation – (see note below).
 28 Mon 7:00 pm PAFM Women's Group – NMH (see note below).
30 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.

JULY

1 Thurs 7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).
 4 Sun 9:00 am Adult Ed. – Reading & Discussion – NMH (see note below).
4 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.

- 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).
- 11 Sun evening Summer Study Series Sponsored by Worship and Ministry – (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 (**session cancelled today**).
- 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 12:15 pm Adult Ed.: Reading, Lecture and Discussion Series – 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.**
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CALENDAR EXPANSION – DETAILS

*** STANFORD QUAKER ACTIVITIES: STANFORD QUAKER ACTIVITIES: Stanford students interested in on-campus Quaker activities should contact Hannah Popick hannapopick@gmail.com , 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 June

Sunday, June 27, 12:50 in NMH, following lunch. Panel & Discussion: Environmental Action in Our Daily Activities. Unity with Nature Committee. Meeting members Steve Harris, Bob Chatfield, and Eric Sabelman will tell us about their professional and volunteer work relating to the environment, answer questions, and lead us in a more general discussion of how to relate our spiritual lives and environmental concerns to our daily lives.

Adult Education Programs in July: 2-Part Reading, Lecture & Discussion Series.

July 18, 12:15 in the NMH following refreshments

July 25, 12:50 in the NMH following lunch in OMH

Early Quaker Customs and their Meanings. Paul Seaver, Emeritus Professor of History, Stanford. Before a decade had passed for the nascent Society of Friends, as early as 1659, Isaac Pennington already recognized that Friends had developed a number of distinctive practices that separated them from and aroused the hostility of English society at the time. These practices included the use of plain language and plain dress, refusing to render hat honor or to use titles, and refusing to swear oaths, to bargain or to cheapen goods.

Such peculiar customs seemed to their English neighbors not so much strange and irrational as socially subversive, as undermining the social order. While it was easy to perceive why Friends refused to pay tithes and clerk's wages, since they refused to worship in their parish churches, customs such as their refusal to do hat honor seemed both unmannerly and socially subversive.

This series will attempt to describe English society at large and London society in particular to provide a context and make sense of these early Quaker practices.

The following optional readings will be made available in advance and are intended to introduce a contemporary understanding of the English social order and of London economic practices:

(1) "Of Degrees of People in the Commonwealth of England," ch.5 of William Harrison's *The Description of England* (1587), ed. Georges Edelen (Cornell University Press, 1968), pp. 94-123.

(2) William Scott, *An Essay on Drapery, or the Compleate Citizen* (London, 1635, edited by Sylvia M. Thrupp (Boston, 1953), pp. 15-41.

Please sign up with Paul (seaver@stanford.edu) if you would like a copy of the readings, so that he can gauge how many copies to prepare. But even if you can't do the readings you probably won't want to miss this informative series by our resident historian, expert in "early modern English history", i.e. birth environment of the Quaker movement.

*** SUMMER STUDY SERIES ON ELDERING: Worship & Ministry committee is convening a summer study series at the Meetinghouse on the subject of eldering. There will be four Sunday evening sessions:

July 11 - Introduction to Eldering - a condensed version of the three in-depth sessions to follow.

August 8 - Readings in Quaker Eldership - attenders will each pick a pamphlet, essay or blog posting for advance reading and offer their impressions to the group.

August 15 - Practice in eldering and being elderd - semi-scripted role-plays in which all will participate

August 22 - Internalizing the Elder - readings and worship-sharing on self-eldering

We will begin by studying short readings on the difficult art of eldering, for example:

"Eldership has a bad name. The verb 'to elder'... has come to mean to criticise or condemn. Some Friends report with great pain occasions on which, many years ago, an elder criticised their verbal ministry in meeting. Some who have left the Society permanently or for a period of some years will, with great bitterness, attribute their departure to the negative words of an elder. ... We need to recognise the strength of eldership and leave the pain behind. The core quality that elders have always brought to our meetings worldwide has been a deep connection with and grounding in the Spirit which underpin the life and worship of our Quaker communities." [from "Elders as midwives of the spirit," an essay by Jenny Routledge]

In our reading of recent and modern Friends' writing, we will come to see that eldering as it should be practiced is a form of accompaniment - like the elder who travels with a released Friend ministering under a concern, anyone who offers advice to another about their words or conduct takes on a responsibility to be loving as well as truthful, a companion on a spiritual journey as well as guide and teacher.

Besides studying readings, we want to do something more active. As an educational exercise, we will engage in role-playing: taking turns being the "elderer" and "elderee" in an improvisational drama, so everyone gets to feel what it is like to be on both sides of such an exchange. Eldering, of course, is not just a form of criticism, but this is what most people conceive it to be - maybe role-playing will change our preconceptions.

A still more difficult aspect of eldering is to elder one's self - to internalize the mentor and guide so that one can winnow the kernel of truth from the chaff of ego and "notion" without need of an external elder. We will explore this stage of eldership through further readings and worship-sharing on queries drawn from these readings.

We hope to repeat the series in October and November, for those who were away during the summer. For information and copies of readings, contact Eric Sabelman, W&M clerk <esabelman@aol.com> 650-322-2455

*** 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 COMM-UNITY SERVICE - 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.

*** 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.

A special table is set aside for newcomers to meet with Friends and find out more about Quakerism and about our Meeting, its members and activities, as well as an opportunity for us to know you better.. A member of Oversight will be at the table and all newcomers are welcome - as are any Friends who might be inclined to join the gathering. The term "newcomers" includes those who have recently begun attending, as well as those who feel "new" to the Meeting, regardless of how long they have been attending.

*** 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).

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.)

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING CALL TO ANNUAL SESSION: ENGAGING ONE ANOTHER IN THE SPIRIT. July 26-31, 2010. Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, California. Come with joy and anticipation to the 64th Annual Session of Pacific Yearly Meeting. The theme, Engaging One Another in the Spirit, invites us to deepen our awareness of God and each other.

-Two seasoned Friends will provide ministry on this theme. George Lakey, Director of Training for Change and author of Powerful Peacemaking: A Strategy for a Living Revolution, and New Theory, Old Practice: Nonviolence and Quakers, among other books will address us on Tuesday morning on 'Expect the Unexpected: Engaging One Another in the Spirit' and will lead a couple of Interest Groups. He is well known at Friends General Conference and comes to us with years of activism guided by the Spirit. Returning Friend, Vanessa Julye, Friends General Conference Coordinator for the Committee on Ministry and Racism, and coauthor of Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship, will speak to us from her ministry and will also lead an Interest Group. Fit for Freedom is an important recent book. The breadth and depth of this history of Quakers and African Americans is profound.

- Unity with Nature Committee is celebrating its 25th Anniversary and has some special events planned.

- Registration forms are on our website, pacificyearlymeeting.org. Please respond quickly so that suitable accommodations can be made. Early bird date ends June 4th. A late fee will be charged after a July 1st postmark.

- Ready, set, come for worship, friendship, heady conversation, music, and dance as we live and work together in spirit. - Marilee Eusebio, Presiding Clerk.

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.

NEEDS, OFFERINGS, OPPORTUNITIES, & ENTHUSIASMS

AFSC News: Big News! AFSC has a new General Secretary!

After long, prayerful and careful seasoning the Search Committee made a recommendation to the Board which was accepted. She is Shan Cretin, at present Regional Director of ASFC Pacific South West, based in Los Angeles.

Many of you may know her in another capacity. A member of Santa Monica Meeting, Shan has been very active with Yearly Meeting over the years. She has served on many committees, been Treasurer and, for 2 years served as Clerk of Yearly Meeting.

She will be sorely missed locally, but AFSC has gained a truly competent and deeply spiritual leader. Let us hold her tenderly in The Light as she moves into her new role.

Read all About it! If you do not see Street Spirit on sale in your area you can now read it on the web. This vibrant and challenging newsheet, written by homeless people and published with the help of AFSC staff can now be found on the AFSC Pacific Mountain Region web site. It is well worth a read.

Opportunities to get involved: "Think Outside the Box", a bus tour by anti-nuclear youth activists, will be in the Bay Area on July 9th. AFSC needs help while they are here. If you would like to know how to be involved contact Sandra Schwartz at sschwartz@afsc.org or call 415-565-0201 x 24.

Would you like to help screen films about the nonviolent movement in Palestine? AFSC needs help showing several films, especially showings of "Little Town of Bethlehem" in the Fall. Contact Stephen McNeil at smcneil@afsc.org or call 415-565-0201 x 12.

Yoga for all: The San Francisco Office have arranged a new, 6 week yoga course at the Meeting House, taught by an experienced yoga teacher from Strawberry Creek Meeting. It will start at 3pm on Wednesday, June 30th. All are welcome and the cost is \$75 for the full course. People may come for a trial class before they commit.

THE PENINSULA PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER: The Center's Calendar is at: <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.

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-pGqqEnf_0LgUUVLGA

NEWS FROM SIERRA FRIENDS CENTER.

Woolman Summer Intensive-Sustaining Earth, Sustaining Community: This weeklong program for **adults** will integrate the learning and practice of Nonviolent Communication and concepts of Permaculture in a Quaker context.. The first session will be held from June 20-25 and registration is due by May 30th. For more information, contact Becca Imseis at beccai@woolman.org or call 530-273-3183.

Sierra Friends Camp: Applications are currently being accepted from 9 to 14 year olds for three sessions: beginning July 5 and run through August 1st. Camperships are available along with sibling and "bring a friend" discounts. In addition, the Camp needs girl campers for our first two sessions. We are offering a special discount to all girl campers 9-14 who enroll. The cost of one week is \$600.00 and we are now offering a 33% discount to any girl who enrolls in the July 5-11 or July 11-17 sessions. Girls can enroll for \$400 per camper! On top of this discount financial aid is available to families who request it. More information and applications for camp are available at <http://www.sierrafriendscamp.org/> or call the office, 530-273-3183.

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.

Corrections to the Directory

Dear friends, We no longer print full corrections in the newsletter, only the names of those whose information has changed. The full corrections will be posted in the office or you can get the information from Arden at: ardenhiram@aol.com.

- Delete Tara NcHenry's home phone. She is now using only her cell phone.
- Add: Harold and Soyoung Lee and Juni (3/2005)
- Remove Pat Kinney and Paul Marks.
- Remove Muriel Oglesbee
- Change Jamie and Marion Newton's primary address. Their Menlo Park address is valid until Jan. 2011
- Delete Jamie's work number. Jamie's cell and Marion's are available.
- Paul Engstrom has a new e-mail address.
- Ted Selker has a new e-mail address.
- George and Beth Mills have new e-mails.
- Add Eric Sabelman's cell phone number.

AN EXPRESSION OF CONCERN FROM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Over the past several years, members of the Oversight Committee have expressed their increasing disquiet with the committee's name. We have shared our individual feelings, as well as articles published by Friends whose negative associations with the words "oversight" and "overseers" have created barriers to their full integration into the Society of Friends. We have also explored how other Meetings, similar to PAFM, have chosen to re-name the committee.

We have also been concerned that, particularly for those without a long association with Friends, the committee's name does not adequately convey our role in caring for our beloved community and offering support to those with personal or spiritual concerns. This can result in members and attenders not taking advantage of what the committee can offer or feeling reluctant to serve as the work is not clear.

As a consequence we are led as a committee, to recommend to the Nominating Committee that a new name be found which resolves the difficulties we have encountered. Recognizing that the term "oversight" is firmly set in Quaker tradition, we nevertheless agree with Patricia Loring who in Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice wrote: "Some of our greatest difficulties were when we revert to the easy idea of 'Quaker principles' or 'Quaker values' rather than discernment."

We have shared our concern with the Nominating Committee, which is responsible for any changes in committee names or charters. They will take up this work in the fall. In the interim, we ask the Meeting Community to hold this work in the Light. The present Committee has "lived up to the light we have been given," and trust that "more will be given" to us as a corporate body in seeking unity on such a change.

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<p>6/13/2010 attachment 1</p>	<p>Meeting opened at approximately 12:15 pm. 6/13/2010 29 Friends were in attendance. <u>The list is attached.</u> Clerk Diane Pasta read the queries and advices on social and civic responsibility. Responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o When Jesus walked up on the Earth he did not talk with kings. . . Jesus was a socialist. o Questioning one’s position of privilege is a learned skill, and difficult to learn, at that. It’s an awareness that the schools can’t impart. o In these days the State of California is reducing funding to education, a basic human right, and it takes a lot of local civic involvement to save our schools. </p>
<p>6/13/2010 Minute #1</p>	<p>The agenda was accepted with an addition. <u>The minutes from Fifth Month were approved as revised.</u> <u>The Committee to Nominate the Nominating Committee</u> having brought forward, last month, the names of Jennifer Summit and Mary Klein to serve as co-clerks on nominating with Nick Selby and Robin Severns being added to the committee, these Friends were approved for this service.</p>
<p>6/13/2010 Minute #2</p>	<p>Nominating Committee—Brian Vura-Weis Brian brought forward a slate of officers, representatives, liaisons, and committee members to serve our meeting beginning in September. There were explanations and discussion on the standing of the Music Committee and the Unity With Nature Committee. Worship and Ministry as well as Oversight Committees had some unfilled terms. In the clerk’s position there are now four names: two co-clerks, an associate clerk, and a correspondence clerk. We did some sharing over the nominating process, our meeting’s needs and resources. <u>The Nominating Committee’s report is attached</u> and will come before us for decision next month.</p>
	<p>Oversight Committee—Talley Kenyon Talley brought forward the recommendation of a clearness committee that Ed Boling be recorded as a member. The matter will be held over to seventh month. The committee reported that the in the future the “new comers lunch” will be folded into the regular fourth Sunday luncheon by having a separate table designation. Lunch coordinators are needed to volunteer for seventh and eighth months.</p>
	<p>Buildings and Grounds Committee—Kate McClellan Kate announced a work day on June 19. She announced that they are having the locks on the schoolhouse building re-keyed. Anyone who uses that facility will need new keys including outside groups. A key will be available in the meeting house office. Buildings and grounds would like to know how many keys they need to have made. All committees with liaison responsibilities to building users were asked to contact the outside users in the next month and check on whether our information is up-to-date. This will impact the new keys. The irrigation system is still not functional, so we’ll need summer watering sign-ups again this year.</p>
	<p>Worship and Ministry Committee—Eric Sabelman On June 27 at 2 pm, they are hosting a friendly get together with the Moravians who share our building on Sundays. The mid-week meetings for worship will be convened by Kate McClellan during Stratton’s absence this summer. A Summer study series on Eldering is being planned. Session 1—The role of elder to traveling ministers Session 2—Role-playing eldering in day-to-day situations Session 3—Self-eldering The July dates will be announced as soon as the leadership is firmed up.</p>

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Money discussion—Meeting finances differ from personal and business finances. We feel a sense of obligation to deal transparently and wisely with our collective funds. Technically money is merely a means of keeping score, yet our allocations reveal a lot about our values. How do we balance our desire to do good in the world and our desire to support the future of our organization? We engaged in some reflection.

- I was sad that we were unwilling to dip into our reserves to help FCNL when it faced a serious financial problem.
- Money is a challenging issue in our lives. It helps to think that what we have allows us to reach out to the community.
- Inner peace focusers need different resources from activists.
- The meeting's history with the large gift of the Pentler Estate revealed how difficult settling money priorities can be even among folks of good will.
- Present vs future consumption is a matter where opinions differ. Society focuses us on current spending, so the meeting needs to look farther ahead in to the future to provide for the needs that will come. We need reserves. What will our income streams be? A mortgage would tie the hands of our successors.
- What is the "elephant in the room?" We have no debt. We want to stay debt free. We had a surprise surplus last year which seems like a good way of doing business. We try to be good stewards.
- Large resources and how to allocate maintenance expenses has caused discussion on Buildings and Grounds Committee. Yet we spend time on whether someone is a representative or a liaison to determine if their travel costs can be underwritten. Should we be paying for a Youth Coordinator position when we could be volunteering? The threads of the controversy run through many aspects of our work. Should we continue to make token contributions to many organizations, or should we consolidate behind a single issue where we could donate an amount that would be significant for the organization?
- Peace and Social Action Committee distributes some of the meeting's largess, but mostly we keep money discussions far away. I'm happy that the meeting has no debt. Our gifts say that these are the issues on which we choose to make a stand. I was distressed over our inability to help FCNL. We didn't come up with what was needed.
- The time we spend on various endeavors is as important as our money. Katrina Smathers tried to help us quantify that. We don't spend time raising money to pay a pastor's salary. When there is a clear need we have found that the funds are there.
- Sometimes we haven't spent on minor things that would make a difference. For 30 years we've been unhappy with the hum in the cove lighting, so we don't use it rather than fix it.
- How we decide is often more important that what is ultimately done.
- Let us not avoid conflict over money, but learn to speak candidly and caringly about it and wait until our decisions feel "led."
- Money issues ARE spiritual. What is enough? What satisfies my soul? Can I live with this decision on a spiritual basis?

Pacific Yearly Meeting Representative--Hubert Morel-Seytoux

Hubert reminded us of our increased voluntary obligation to the yearly meeting this year to fund the Youth Program Coordinator position. He proposed that we make our payment by September 30, so that the yearly meeting could have those funds at the start of the fiscal year on October 1. One member said that he felt the yearly meeting had not been completely truthful about the financial cost of this program and the commitment of reserves. Our share is about \$3,800. We sent \$2,000 for the current year, given that the expenses were about half of a year's worth. Whether we wish to make a budget amendment was referred to the finance committee.

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Clerks Notes—Diane Pasta

She noted several items that had been concerns or “old business” have not been forgotten, just waiting for the right time.

We will come back to consideration of affiliation with PIA [Peninsula Interfaith Action.]

The matter of reimbursement of liaisons and representatives was awaiting the nominating process.

Support of the Haiti project on today’s original agenda will come at a future meeting.

The proposed change of name for the Oversight Committee is being seasoned.

She read a letter of thanks for our continued support of and involvement in the El Salvador projects.

Concerns and joys

- Scott Drysdale and Tricia Higgins were married under the care of this meeting 30 years ago this month.
- Friends nursery school liaison needs to go both ways. Can we invite the director to attend our business meetings and report? Can we do a “Quaker in-service” training for their staff?

Following a brief moment of silence, meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Diane Pasta, Clerk

Sandy Farley, Recording Clerk

Attachment 2. Nominating Committee Report. June 13, 2010. Corrected 6/25/10.

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Officers		
George	Mills	Co-Clerk
Eric	Sabelman	Co-Clerk
Talley	Kenyan	Associate Clerk
Sylvia	Walker	Correspondence Clerk
Sandy	Farley	Recording Clerk
Bill	Bauriedel	Treasurer
Forest	Preston	Assistant Treasurer
Kate	McClellan	Calendar Clerk
Paul	Seaver	Historian

Representatives and Liaisons		
Allan	Kamas	AFSC
Ray	Richpate	Ben Lomond
Tom	Farley	CPQM
Diane	Duerr-Levine	FCL-CA
Janet	Hale	FCNL
Bill	Bauriedel	Friends House, Moscow
Stratton	Jaquette	Friends House, Santa Rosa
Tom	Farley	Friends Nursery School
tbd	tbd	InnVision
Susan	Murphy	Peninsula Clergy Network
Hubert	Morel-Seytoux	PYM
Meg	Given	Santa Clara Council of Churches
Craig	Rodine	Sierra Friends Center
tbd	tbd	Rep - South Bay Covenant
Talley	Kenyon	Stanford Students Liaison
Barbara	Malone	Teen Group Co-Liaison
Brian	Vura-Weis	Teen Group co-Liaison

Community Service assigns

El Salvador Committee assigns

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Adult Education			
1	Diane	Pasta	Clerk
2	Claire	Arnold	
3	Kotoko	Sax	
4	Daniel	Steinbock	
5	Brian	Vura-Weis	

Building & Grounds			
	Who?		need a clerk
1	Julie	Anderson	asking him
2	Bart	Burstein	
3	Ed	Hale	
4	Kate	McClellan	
5	Ray	Meyer	
6	Lynn	Mitchell	
7	Holly	Singh	
	Tom	Farley	Ex officio, FNS

Community Service			
1	Jeanette	Appleget	Clerk
2	Cara	Arcuni	
3	Harumi	Befu	
4	Kei	Befu	
5	Craig	Rodine	
6	Marie	Simirenko	

El Salvador			
1	Trudy	Reagan	Clerk
2	Bill	Bauriedel	
3	Paul	Engstrom	
4	Susan	Keeny	
5	Hulda	Muaka	
6	Jamie	Newton	
7	Marion	Newton	
8	Mary Pat	O'Connell	

Finance			
1	Stratton	Jaquette	Clerk
2	Bill	Bauriedel	
3	Hubert	Morel-Seytoux	
4	Forest	Preston	
5	Nick	Selby	
6	Dottie	Vura-Weis	

First Day School			
1	Janet	Murphy	Clerk
2	Peter	Arnold	
3	Tom	Farley	
4	Barbara	Malone	
5	Brian	Vura-Weis	
6	Dennis	Walker	

Harvest Festival			
1	Amy	Fox	Co-clerk, approved
2	Catherine	Vanderwaart	Co-clerk, approved
3	Cara	Arcuni	approved
4	Diana	Egly	approved
5	Megan	Stokes-Holt	approved
6	Robin	Severns	approved
7	Brian	Vura-Weis	approved
8	Sandy	Farley	approved
9	Tom	Farley	new

Hospitality			
1	Dennis	Walker	Clerk
2	Claire	Arnold	Scheduler
		Baranski-Walker	
3	Donna	Walker	(half load)
4	Ed	Boling	
4.5	Nancy	Brink	
5	Sandra	Drake	
6	Katie	Dunlap	
7	Henry	Jason	
7.5	Allan	Kamas	
8	Linda	Kamas	
8.5	Ray	Meyer	
9.5	Janet	Murphy	
10.5	Megan	Stokes-Holt	
sub	Carol	Chatfield	
sub	Stratton	Jaquette	
sub	Talley	Kenyon	
sub	Sylvia	Walker	

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Hotel de Zink			Oversight				
1	Mary Pat	O'Connell	2012, Clerk	1	Who?		Need a clerk
2	Bart	Burstein	2011	1	Chula	Morel-Seytoux	2012
3	Barry	Hayes	2011	2	Who?		2011,need one
4	Nick	Selby	2011	3	Forest	Preston	2011
5	Sandy	Farley	2012	4	Judith	Bush	2012
6	Kate	McClellan	2012	5	Susan	Murphy	2013
				6	who?		2013,need one
IT			Peace & Social Action				
1	Bart	Burstein	Clerk	1	Carin	Pacifico	Clerk
2	Mary Pat	O'Connell		2	Donna	Baranski-Walker	
3	Daniel	Steinbock		3	Sandra	Drake	
				4	Diana	Egly	
				5	Paul	Engstrom	
				6	Janet	Hale	
				7	Ulysses (Uly)	Hui	
				8	Kotoko	Sax	
					Janet	Hale	Ex officio, FCNL
					Allan	Kamas	Ex officio, AFSC
Library			Unity with Nature				
1	Ray	Richpater	Clerk	Make a concern of Peace & Social Action			
2	Judith	Bush					
3	Barry	Hayes					
4	Richard	Willits					
5	Michelle	Yee					
Music Coordinators			Visiting				
1	Lynn	Mitchell		1	George	Heaton	Clerk
2	Susan	Murphy		2	Sita	De Leeuw	
				3	Mary Lou	Moses	
				4	Sylvia	Walker	
Newsletter / Directory			Worship & Ministry				
1	Forest	Preston	Clerk	Who?			Need a clerk
2	Peter	Arnold	Directory	1	Meg	Given	2011
3	Dwight	Clark		2	Hulda	Muaka	2011
4	Arden	Pierce		3	Carol	Chatfield	2012
				4	Marie	Simirenko	2012
				5	Megan	Stokes-Holt	2013
				6	Who?		2013, need one
Nominating							
1	Mary	Klein (co-cl)	Approved				
2	Jennifer	Summit (co-cl)	Approved				
3	Nick	Selby	Approved				
4	Robin	Severns	Approved				