

Minutes

Celo Friends Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business June 20, 2021

Present: Joyce Johnson, Jo Ann Fernald, Barbara Wulff, Catherine Reid (clerk), Donna Idol, Brian Yaffe, Jennie Boyd Bull, Catherine Peck (recording clerk), Geeta McGahey, Bob McGahey

We opened the meeting with silence.

1. Minutes from May were read and approved following a discussion about limiting the use of names of speakers in the minutes. Names may be used if a Friend is leading an event and others need to be able to contact them, or if someone stands aside on a decision and wants to be recorded. The recording clerk will brief any substitute recorders on this decision.
2. A visiting Friend from Asheboro, NC, was introduced.
3. M&C report:
 - Query: How do I help nurture the beloved community?
 - Barbara Wulff has stepped into the role of interim clerk.
 - Barbara Wulff will also co-ordinate child care for the summer.
 - M&C recommends that MfB approve the recommendations of the ad hoc committee on in-person worship, which will be described in the next agenda item.
4. Report from the ad hoc committee on reopening the meetinghouse:
 - Friends who attended the most recent meeting are Barb Wulff, Jonah Woodstock, Donna Idol, Geeta McGahey, Jerry Cade, David Johnson, and Rachel Weir.
 - The committee convener read recommendation on in-person worship (appended).
 - There was no agreement on whether or when to move inside. We will revisit the recommendation at the July Meeting for Business following another meeting of the ad hoc committee.

The following changes to the current policy were approved:

- Meeting will continue outside at the chimney site.
- In case of rain, the porch doors will be opened and benches will be arranged facing one another so that friends can sit on the porch or just inside the meetinghouse.
- Masks are optional during Meeting for Worship whether at the chimney site or on the porch.
- We will sing together at 10:45 with masks optional.
- The new sign will read: "Welcome. Welcome. Please respect our different needs. We have in our community people Friends and children who are extremely vulnerable. Please help everyone feel safe and welcome."
- Geeta McGahey asked to be recorded as stepping aside on the decision not to worship inside the meetinghouse in July, citing her belief that it will be safe.

- The Margithaus bathroom and meeting room but the kitchen and dining room will remain closed.

5. Budget Committee Report:

- We reviewed and approved the draft of the 2021-22 amended budget. (appended)
- The budget committee clerk requests that the nominating committee seek an assistant treasurer so that someone will be familiar with systems, etc., in case of emergency.

6. Announcements:

- Camp Celo invites Friends to sing with campers at the chimney site from about 10:00 on First Days. ***We must wear masks when singing with Camp Celo.***
- Allysia Allegretti will serve on the Adult Religious Education Committee. ARE will send a survey asking for input on future programming.
- There was a strong presence from CFM at Alice Johnson's memorial service.

We closed the meeting with silence.

Recommendations from in-person ad hoc committee to Ministry and Care, June 14, 2021

Context:

A small group who were present for the listening session met. We agreed we want everyone to feel welcome and comfortable and we felt the challenge given the wide range of views and feelings. We are aware that according to the numbers, and to the CDC and NCDHS guidelines, it is now "safe" to gather in the meetinghouse again.

However, our strongest shared feeling is that whatever we do should be inclusive and welcoming for all. Being told to sit somewhere else or to wear a mask seems counter to that desire.

Our sense is that it is time to move forward and to remove all mandated guidelines and allow individual comfort levels to guide behavior and to rely on Friends taking personal responsibility for their comfort and safety.

We felt that remaining outside for a month with no guidelines and resuming singing is a “go slowly, inclusive approach” that embraces a wide range of views. That is, we can “try on” relying on personal choice and responsibility rather than, for example, requesting those who are unvaccinated to sit elsewhere as some Friends would like to do.

Signage:

WELCOME WELCOME

Masks, distance and touch are your personal choice.

Please help everyone feel comfortable and welcome. Respect our different needs.

Recommendations:

1. Meet outside until the end of July. Move inside the well-ventilated meeting house from Sunday August 1.
2. Remove the current guidelines and signage from Sunday June 20th or 27th.
3. Sing at 10.45am; Silence 11am. Clarify at the July Meeting for Business if singing remains outside.
4. Zoom to continue.
5. Childcare to continue.
6. Bring a brown bag lunch for visiting and a picnic after worship.

7. Margithaus bathroom and meeting room open for use immediately. The kitchen and dining room remain closed.

8. Rain plan for June and July is Zoom, i.e. the meeting house is closed until August 1.

Notes:

1. Brief the Welcome Committee and check what support they may need during the transitions -- no guidelines and outdoors, and then to indoors.

2. It may be necessary to communicate clearly a quick change in meeting protocols if the numbers of COVID cases rise.

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Celo Friends Meeting

Draft 2021-22 Budget with Amended 2020-21

	21-22 Draft	20-21Draft	19-20Amended
Revenue			
Income			
Donations			
Unrestricted -Operating	\$15,000	\$12,000	\$15,000
Total Donations	\$15,000	\$12,000	\$15,000
Interest	\$550	\$700	\$700
Rental & Misc Income	\$550	\$550	\$1,148
Total Income	\$16,100	\$13,250	\$16,848
Total Revenue	\$16,000	\$13,250	\$16,848
Expenditures			
Annual Donations- Community	\$1,650	\$1,675	\$1,675
Annual Donations- Quaker	\$1,970	\$1,460	\$1,460
Expenses			
Adult Religious Education	\$100	\$50	\$0
Advertisement/Outreach	\$75	\$75	\$75
CCI Lease and Taxes	\$225	\$225	\$225
Child Care	\$700	\$400	\$550
End of Life Committee	\$100		
First Day School/Youth	\$150	\$150	\$150
Hospitality/Refreshments	\$100	\$100	\$100
House and Grounds	\$1,700	\$1,000	\$1,500
Insurance Expense	\$1,650	\$1,650	\$1,650
Library	\$100	\$100	\$120
Margitahous Committee	\$100		
Ministry and Care	\$150	\$100	\$150
Office Supplies	\$200	\$150	\$250
Peace and Social Concerns	\$100	\$100	\$100
Racial Equity Committee	\$300		
SAYMA Givings- 22% of unrestricted donations	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$3,500
Travel and Scholarship	\$1,000	\$250	\$500
Welcome Committee	\$100	\$50	\$0
Utilities	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$3,300
FBEMC			
Frontier			
Propane/Kerosene			
Total Utilities			\$3,300
Total Meeting Expenses	\$17,070	\$14,135	\$12,170
Total CFM Expenditures	\$17,070		\$15,305

Draft Outreach Donations for 2021-22

Community Organization Breakdown	2021-22
Arthur Morgan School (AMS)	200
Charity House Mission	100
Children's Garden Preschool	200
Dig In	200
Family Violence Coalition	100
Innocence project	25
No More Deaths	100
People of Faith Against Death Penalty	0
Pisgah Legal Services	200
Southern Reconciliation Ministry	200
Yancey Hospice	25
Yancey-Mitchell Habitat	200
SEARCH	100
Total Subtotal Donation	1650
Wider Quaker Organization Breakdown	
American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)	150
Friends Church Peace Teams	90
Friends World Committee for Consultation	150
Friends Committee on National Legislation	150
Friends Peace Teams	50
Friends General Conference (FGC)	90
Guilford College Forward Fund	500
Quaker Earth Care Witness (QEW)	150
Quaker House Fayetteville	150
Quaker Voluntary Service	150
Right Sharing for World Resources (RSWR)	150
Samburu Education Project	100
Transforming Comm for Social Change	90
Total Subtotal Donation	1970
Total Donations for year	3620