



Newsletter

Seventh Month, 2018

GRASS VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING

*Of the Religious Society of Friends
College Park Quarterly Meeting,
Pacific Yearly Meeting*

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Sierra Friends Center, Woolman Lane, off Jones
Bar Road,

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First Days: 9:00am Singing at the Meeting
House
9:45 am Silent Meeting for Worship

CALENDAR

First Sunday

- Program to be announced

Second Sunday

- Silent Meeting for Worship, Potluck,
Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of
Business

Third Sunday

- Peace and Social Justice

Fourth Sunday

- Spiritual Life

Fifth Sunday

- Program to be announced

Happening July, 2018:

- **Camp Woolman:** June 24-August 5. One and two-week sessions for ages 9-17. Counselor in Training program for youth aged 17. Backpacking, adventure and fun. Scholarships available. www.woolman.org

Happening Latter:

- **Pacific Yearly Meeting: July 13-18, 2018.** Walker Creek Ranch. Theme: “Faithfulness and Radical Vulnerability.” Please see the Call to Annual Session at <http://pacificyearlymeeting.org/>.
 - o The Meeting for Memorials will be held on Sunday, July 15th. Friends are welcome to stay for one day, or more.
- **GVFM Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business: September 9 2018**
- **Fall College Park Quarterly Meeting: October 19-21, 2018.** Sierra Friends Center, 13075 Woolman Lane, Nevada City, CA
- [Pacific Yearly Meeting Calendar](#)
- Ben Lomond Quaker Center:
 - o [2018 Programs](#) - See page 4 for Summer and Fall Offerings
 - o [2019 Programs](#):

Friend Ted Smith

Ted continues to find joy in receiving cards from friends. He is back home and still not receiving visitors.

Please mail cards to:

119 Winchester Street
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Overnight help is needed if anyone is willing. Contact Shera Banbury at 477-8085 if interested and able..



First Day School Fun and Purpose:
Basilia and Hailey made dog beds for the dogs at Sammie's Friends, eight in all.

Reports: Please send reports for the monthly Meeting for Business to Don donmccormick2@gmail.com and Anita anita@webstop.com McCormick, Clerk and Amy Cooke, Recording Clerk by the **FRIDAY** before Meeting for Business. amylisette@gmail.com - Friday, September 7, 2018

GVFM Newsletter Reminder:
Please have items in to Dianne Marshall by Tuesday, September 11, 2018, at 10 a.m. a.m.dmarshall@pacific.net

Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business, 8th Day, Seventh Month, 2018

Draft Record & Minutes

Don McCormick clerked the meeting.

Present: Don McCormick, Kari An Salyer, Dean Olson, Deborah Aufdenspring, Dianne Marshall, Reed Hamilton, Judy Hamilton, Kathy McCreery, & Fosten Wilson.

Actions:

Nominating: <1> After seasoning from last month, Meeting approved the following Minute.

Minute 07-2018-01 Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves John Inman for service on our Intergenerational Education Committee.

<2> Correcting June Record & Minutes: The following Minute was approved.

Minute 07-2018-2 Grass Valley Friends Meeting corrects the wording of our 6th month 2018 approved Record & Minutes. Don McCormick was approved as our PYM Observer (not Representative).

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Fosten read the report: *Summary = could be better . . .*

THANK YOU for your contributions. It will be challenging to pay our budgeted expenses in the remaining three months. Both financially and emotionally we are missing a number of people, no longer able to be here with us. And, **on average, inbound contributions have declined by over \$200 per month.** We can appreciate our General Fund savings which are currently helping us pay our obligations.

The Fund Balances Report shows a "snapshot" of our bank account on 6-30-2018. It also shows the individual funds that made up that total. The PYM etc. Scholarship Fund is active. The other Restricted Funds are unchanged. As usual most of our financial activity has been within the General Fund, shown on line one. Details about the General Fund are on the reverse side, in our General Fund -- Actual vs Budget report.

Within our General Fund, from October thru June, we spent \$10,856 (see Total Expense line near bottom) & we received \$9,955 in contributions (line 400 at top). Spending (& the \$100 transfer) exceeds our income by \$1,002. One result is that none of our outbound donations have been paid so far in 2018. For paying those, we will need additional financial contributions.

Ministry and Oversight: Kathy reported for M&O:

The M & O committee will continue to meet the first Sunday of the month after meeting. A clerk, notetaker and backups were chosen and the bulletin board by the entrance will be updated to reflect current M & O members.

One member of M & O will close the meeting each month. Additionally, on the second Sunday, a Quaker minute will be read at announcements and on the third Sunday the advices and queries will be read.

A question was raised about whether there should be a login for the website for members to see previous meeting minutes. The question was deferred to the business meeting to determine what the danger is in all minutes being public and whether a password meets the need for simplicity.

The clerk's binder is missing and needs to be recreated. The two co-clerks are looking for advisement from previous clerks and will reach out to them to see who is interested in being part of the clearness committee, who is available for advice and who remembers what the binder contained.

In response to expression of some overwhelm by a member of Religious Education Committee, we are holding this committee in the light. The practice of a member of M & O going with the kids' program on 2nd Sunday will continue. Several other ideas for ways to support Religious Education are being explored including identifying an individual who may be interested in running a teen program on 2nd Sunday, a member of the committee accompanying First Day School once a month to help focus on stillness/silence/reverence for the divine, and introducing the process of silent worship at the beginning of Meeting for Worship when kids are present.

We are holding two members of our Meeting in the light to support their lives.

Discussion showed that the Clerk's Binder has been found. The website password question was clarified & sent back to M&O.

Nominating: There was no Nominating Report presented, but Meeting requested the Nominating Committee to work on two specifics. The Library Committee is down to one member. And there is a need for a backup newsletter editor.

Joys, Concerns, & Mournings:

- Being blessed by involvement in Meeting and with the individuals involved was expressed.
- Hold Sandy in the light with her pending role as Clerk of PYM. May we be a "re-source" for her.
- Kari An is expecting her third Great-Grand-child later this month.
- Substantial medical issues are troubling three people in our Meeting, hold them in the light.
- In this time of transition, please hold our new Co-Clerks & Committee members in the light.
- Don requested feedback on his first time Clerking. He got feedback & appreciation.

Announcements:

Our next (scheduled) Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business will happen September 9, 2018.

Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully submitted, Fosten Wilson, Acting Recording Clerk

ADVICES and QUERIES Seventh Month

SIMPLICITY

Life is meant to be lived from a Center, a divine Center... a life of unhurried peace and power. It is simple. It is serene. It takes no time, but it occupies all our time.

thomas r. kelly, *testament of devotion*, 1941

A life centered in God will be directed toward keeping communication with God open and unencumbered. Simplicity is best achieved through a right ordering of priorities, maintaining humility of spirit, avoiding self-indulgence, resisting the accumulation of unnecessary possessions, and avoiding over-busy lives.

Elise Boulding writes in *My Part in the Quaker Adventure*,
“Simplicity, beauty, and happiness go together if they are a byproduct of a concern for something more important than ourselves.”

Do I center my life in an awareness of God’s presence so that all things take their rightful place?

Do I live simply, and promote the right sharing of the world’s bounty?

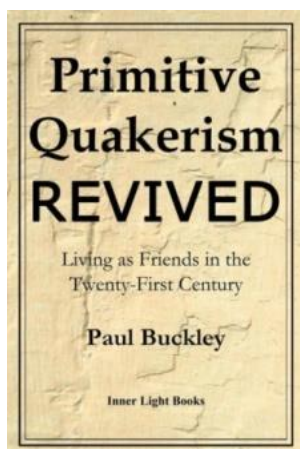
Do I keep my life uncluttered with things and activities, avoiding commitments beyond my strength and light?

How do I maintain simplicity, moderation, and honesty in my speech, my manner of living, and my daily work?

Do I recognize when I have enough?

Is the life of our Meeting so ordered that it helps us to simplify our lives?

[Click here](#) to read the full text as given in Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice



Two new books now in the Grass Valley Friends Meeting Library.





Submitted by Shera Banbury, QUNO
Representative

Counter-Terrorism Platform:

UN Agencies and civil society organizations came together at Quaker House on June 25th to share a platform on “Strengthening a Comprehensive and Inclusive Approach to Countering Incitement and Preventing Violent Extremism”. They agreed that priority should be given to a more holistic, people-centered approach.

Reunion of Programme Assistants:

June 7-11, the Quaker United Nations Office in New York was host to pass assistants from the UK, Ireland, the US, China, France, and Zimbabwe. They launched the QUNO Alumni Network (QAN).

New Publication on Migration:

[“Towards a Human Rights Based Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration”](#) was published by QUNO as Paper #4 compiling agreed human rights of migrants from treaty law language. It is an easy-to-use source to assist State representatives in ensuring that the Global Compact for Migration does not fall below or undermine existing standards.)

The [Global Compact on Migration](#), in its second year, helps Friends and all States to engage with this process. A Geneva-based group of NGOs focused on this, and it is expected to be adopted in 2018. Anyone is welcome to submit written information about your work with refugees and migrants that is relevant.

From PYM: SUMMER CAMPS 2018

- June/July/August Sessions: **Camp Woolman (Sierra Friends Center, Nevada City, CA)** woolman.org/dates-rates
 - **Sierra Friends Camp (ages 9-14)**
 - Session 3: (one week): July 15-July 21
 - Session 4: (two weeks): July 22-August 4
 - **Teen Leadership Camp (Ages 15-17)**
 - Session 2: (two weeks): July 8-July 21
 - Session 3: (two weeks): July 22-August 4
- ** July: **Mountain Friends Camp** (New Mexico, IMYM) for 10-15 year olds. Teens ages 16-17 can apply to serve as Counselors in Training. mountainfriendscamp.org
 - Session I: July 7-14
 - Session II: July 15-28
- July (usually last 2 weeks) TBA: **Pine Ridge Reservation Work Camp** (South Dakota), sponsored by William Penn House williampennhouse.org
- Possibly in August 2018: **Guatemala Service Trip with NPYM Junior Friends**. Spots might be available for PYM youth to participate. Contact Alyssa Nelson for more information.

From PYM: Fall 2018

(skeleton Fall calendar at this point)

- September 7-9, 2018: **“Wherever Two (Kids) are Gathered: Quaker Community and Spiritual Growth with Youth” – Workshop with Betsey and Darren Kenworthy** (Ben Lomond Quaker Center, CA; see website for complete list of workshops). Ask your Meeting to use its annual pass! quakercenter.org
- September 20 (and the 20th of every month that has a solstice or equinox): **Youth Programs Fund Applications Due (Bob Vogel Endowment)**: pacificyearlymeeting.org/youth/resources-funding
- October 7, 2018: **World Quaker Day** (Everywhere) “... opportunity for children to lead the meeting or church in an activity or conduct a multi-generational activity about God’s transformative power....” worldquakerday.org
- October 19-21, 2018: **College Park Quarterly Meeting** (Sierra Friends Center) collegeparkquarterlymeeting.org
- November 3-4, 2018: **Southern California Quarterly Meeting’s Fall Fellowship** (Temescal Canyon Gateway Park, near Santa Monica, CA). scqm.org
- November 16-18, 2018: **“Why be a Quaker?” – Workshop with Sally Kingsland and Diego Navarro** (Ben Lomond Quaker Center, CA; see website for complete list of workshops). Ask your Meeting to use its annual pass! quakercenter.org

GUNS DOWN by 14-year-old Flau'jae

**If you would’ve put that gun down,
then he would’ve been here right now,**

**If you would’ve put that gun down,
then he would’ve been here right now,**

**Listen, do you know what it’s like to not have a father?
No one to talk to when you get mad at your mama**

**I know you ain’t gonna pick up the phone, I still call you
The reason that it hurts so bad, I never saw you**

Read more: [Flau'jae - Guns Down Lyrics | MetroLyrics](#)

Newsletter Editor Alternate needed for when Dianne Marshall may not be available. IF interested please call or see Dianne. 530-274-1922. Thank you!

Grass Valley Friends Meeting (GVFM) Contact Information:

Updated 7-8-18

Office Holders:

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- **Intergenerational Education Committee:** Judy Hamilton, judywestonhamilton@gmail.com, Karen Olson (Resource), John Inman, Ben Preston
- **Library Committee:** Christie Monson, Shera Banbury, Elissa Preston
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Remember: This contact information is new for the year 2018-19.

We value the simplicity & tranquility of the Sierra Friends Center & want to ensure safety and clean dust-free air for the residents, visitors & neighbors of Sierra Friends Center. We expect observance of the 10 mph speed limit on Woolman Ln. & on the school property.



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