

Charleston Friends Meeting
RCCR Building
(*Religious Coalition for Community Renewal*)
1516 Washington Street East
Charleston, WV
<http://charlestonwv.quaker.org/>

Meeting for Business
February 11, 2018

Meeting was opened in silence.

Minutes of December's Meeting for Business were approved. There was no Meeting for Business in January.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was approved. In the past, our Meeting searched for matching opportunities for donations. As AFSC utilizes matching donations, we gave our allotted \$1500. to AFSC to be matched. Quakers present today at Meeting for Business indicated they were not comfortable with 'matching' charity programs. Steve Wellons will send a letter to AFSC asking that our previous donation and its match be earmarked to the Economic Justice Project and the Logan Project. Steve will ask for a response to his letter and also for more information about AFSC's matching program.

State of the Meeting Report: Charles Schade sent out the revised State of the Meeting Report. After a few further revisions, the SOM report was approved. Charles will now send the report to SAYMA.

SAYMA Assessments: Notes on the CFM discussion on assessments will be sent to Carol Lamm/SAYMA. We agreed to send our assessment to SAYMA on a quarterly basis. (\$375./quarter)

Yearly Meeting Speaker: George Lakey will be a speaker at SAYMA Yearly Meeting (June 12th -17th) this year. He is a well-known activist, sociologist and writer.

Men's Shelter Dinner: The men's shelter dinner was held on Super Bowl Sunday, as usual. We had four trays of lasagna left over out of 12 trays purchased, as well as some green beans and salad. 96 servings of lasagna were eaten, including second helpings. We served from paper plates and bowls and used plastic cutlery, which made cleanup easier. More salad was consumed than previous years, perhaps because it was served in bowls and passed out with the meal. We only needed one large pan of green beans. The cake and ice cream were a big hit.

Calendar:

Meeting for Worship is at 10 am at RCCR Building, unless noted here otherwise

Activities for Second Hour after Meeting for Worship:

Feb. 11: Meeting for Business
Feb. 18: *Mothers of Feminism*, Chap. 5 (Susan W.)
Feb 25: Potluck for Miningers at RCCR
March 4: Meeting for Business
March 11: discussion of Swannanoa Meeting's
Palestinian Minute (Charles Schade)
March 18: OPEN (SAYMA Representative Meeting)
March 25: *Mothers of Feminism*, Chap. 6 (Karen Wise)

Bible study will meet at 6:30 pm on February 15th at the Wellons.

Our next **book group** will get together Friday, February 23th at the Wellons'. Potluck at 6pm, discussion at 7pm. The book is ***Connectography*** by Parag Khanna

Queries for February:

- Do I attempt to find facets of beauty in the depths of the winter season?
- Do I share the Light with strangers with a smile or kind word.
- Do I attempt to find harmony in my soul through music, literature or congenial company.

Note: Next time, we should bring dishtowels, coffee cups, paper products, and plastic utensils as the Men's Shelter lacks these items. If you have receipts for the dinner, please give them to Steve Wellons **or** you are welcome to give Steve a donation for dinner expenses if you feel so led.

CFM's **Library Culling** has been completed. We kept a few books, which are in a small bookcase in our cabinet and can be easily accessed each Sunday. Books culled will be taken to the free book table at SAYMA's Yearly Meeting or Carolyn Schade will find new homes for them. Many thanks to Charles and Carolyn Schade for doing this!

Thurgood Marshall: Nate Bowles chaired a discussion on Thurgood Marshall on January 14th. We met at Tudor's Buscuit World due to lack of heat in the RCCR Building. It was an excellent presentation: informative and insightful.

WV Friends Gathering 2018: Mid-Ohio Valley Friends are hosting the Fall Gathering of Friends this year. Bishop Hodges Catholic Center outside of Huttonsville, WV will be the venue. The date will be September 21-23.

FCNL Legislative Priorities: Please check the FCNL website (fcnl.org) to view their legislative priorities. We will have a discussion at a later date regarding these issues at Conni and Ray Lewis' home.

“Carry On Campaign” for foster children: Roger Wise will determine what needs foster children have (that our Meeting can help with) and report back to Meeting.

Bible Study: We will choose a regular day to meet for Bible Study at our next Bible study get-together. The next Bible Study will be this Thursday (February 15th) at the Wellons home.

Mininger Visit: Steve and Marty Mininger will join us for Quaker Meeting on February 25th. We plan to have a potluck at the RCCR Building on that Sunday to welcome and touch base with them.

Correspondence: Correspondence circulated included a *Friends Fiduciary* statement, a “Thank You” from *Sojourner's*, a newsletter from the *Bolivian Quaker Education Fund*, a *Friends Moscow* newsletter, an FCNL newsletter, and an AFSC report.

Meeting was closed in silence.

Susan Wellons, Recording Clerk