

**Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting
for Worship on the Occasion of Business
June 9, 2024
APPROVED minutes**

The meeting opened at 12:30 p.m. online. Beth Wrightson clerked. 27 Friends were present via Zoom.

Philippa Barron shared the Events Committee's reflections on the Advices and Queries on Personal Relationships.

The Clerk reviewed the agenda, which had been posted on groups.io on June 8, 2024.

The minutes of the May Meeting for Business were approved with the following corrections:

- The topic of the May 19th discussion was Retrospective Justice: The California Reparations Report.
- The date of the book discussion has been moved to June 17th
- The Corporation membership was corrected.

The Clerk read the prompt: "*We are reminded to consider how our work and decisions today support SCMM in becoming an actively anti-racist faith community.*"

Correspondence and Clerk's Business:

We received a request from Peter Crysdale to transfer his membership from Strawberry Creek to Allens Neck Friends Meeting. Many Friends shared appreciation for Peter.

Regina Beard Haag, of Powell House, wrote to send loving greetings and appreciation for the ministry that Elaine Emily offered in an eldering workshop on three Saturdays organized by Powell House.

Old Business

Deborah Marks (Mutual Care) invited the meeting to take the marriage of Peter D'Angelo and Ilene Goldman under its care. This invitation was accepted.

Communications Committee (Sarah Hawthorne) asked for acceptance of the new position of Western Friends subscription coordinator. The proposal was approved.

Nominations committee (Charlie Blanchard) reported on progress. The following nominations were approved:

- David Rutschman Friends Committee on National Legislation rep
- Julia Bazar Pacific Yearly Meeting rep for 2025 (in addition to 2024)
- Larry Strain Clerk, Worship and Ministry Committee
- Tom Rothschild Member, Worship and Ministry Committee

Worship and Ministry Committee (Larry Strain) brought forward the revised masking proposal which has seasoned since May. The discussion made it clear that further seasoning is necessary. Our current policy will remain in place for the time being.

New Business

Nominations committee (Charlie Blanchard) brought forward the following nominations. Friends with concerns are invited to contact members of the Nominating Committee (Charlie, Paul Jolly, Rhea Farley, Lee Douglas, Elizabeth Moses Strain, and Jeanne Diller):

- Laura Magnani American Friends Service Committee rep
- Heather Levien Pacific Yearly Meeting observer
- Tom Rothschild Western Friend subscription coordinator

Due to the immediacy of their roles, Heather's and Tom's nominations were approved without seasoning. Laura's nomination will season until the August meeting for Business.

Power, Privilege, and Race (Susan Burr) gave the committee's annual report. Part 1 of the report was a review of the anti-racism accountability practice, and proposal for business meeting. Susan said she would circulate her report via groups.io, which she did August 9th.

Part 2 of the report was a review of the impressive activities of the committee over the past year. She raised the question of how more people might be engaged in future adult ed sessions. She also mentioned that the committee is deliberating about adopting the practices developed by Pacific Yearly Meeting to address harms.

Reports

Treasurer (Nancy Wilkinson) gave a report of our financial activity from January 1 through April 30, 2024. She described it as "our usual roller coaster cycle," with big beginning of the year expenditures outpacing donations, which are heaviest at the end of the year. There is no cause for concern.

Query: *"How did our work and our decisions today support us in becoming an actively anti-racist faith community?"*

Announcements

Next Meeting for Business August 11, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

Frank Satterwhite's Memorial will be June 23rd, 12:00 – 1:00, following Meeting for Worship. The memorial will be followed by a potluck.

Power Privilege and Race Subcommittee invites Friends to join the first of two adult ed sessions focusing on Ava Duvernay's film, "Origin", Sunday June 16 at 12:30 pm on SCMM's zoom.

The movie follows Isabel Wilkerson's journey as an African-American researcher in writing her powerful book *Caste*. We will reflect on the film's first 70 minutes with queries. For information about viewing the film at a "watch-gathering" in a Friend's home or streaming individually for a fee from [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), please contact Susan Burr.

Pacific Yearly Meeting (Julia Bazar) is July 19-24 in Whittier, California. The website is www.pacificyearlymeeting.org. Julia Bazar is available to answer questions and coordinate transportation.

Meeting closed with worship at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Wrightson, Clerk
Larry Strain, Acting Alternate Clerk
Paul Jolly, Recording Clerk