

SPOKANEWORD

February,
Second Month,
2012

Happy
Valentine's
Day

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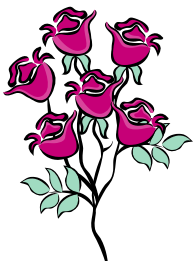
Sunday Schedule:

Unprogrammed Worship 8:45
Education Hour 9:30
Meeting for Worship 10:45

Third Sunday of the Month:

Combined Worship 10:00
Meeting for Business 11:00
Potluck 12:00

This is also Food
Bank Sunday



John Edminster of 15th Street Friends Meeting in New York City had his letter to the editor printed in the newest edition of the scholarly journal Quaker Religious Thought. In it, he expressed his gratitude for Barbara Worden's article on Quaker Spiritual Direction that appeared in QRT #15. Thanking "Friend Barbara", he said it made him "poignantly aware of the lack, within my own large, urban unprogrammed meeting, of any structure or tradition by which the spiritually more mature can help the less mature grow." He said that he "often pined for a modern-day equivalent of the old Second-Day morning Meeting for Ministers and Elders, or something by which focused intentionality might take the place of the *laissez-faire* spirit in which we sometimes treat the development of our brothers and sisters." I think he is right on – however I personally have reservations about the implied spiritual caste system that traditional Spiritual Direction employs. I haven't given up on my concern that, as a Meeting, we should offer some kind of structured environment for spiritual growth and development. Two concepts have recently crossed my mind: one is that of offering a spiritual 'rendezvous' with historic Spokane House as used by early European trappers as the model; the other image is that of the charging stations many now have in their homes where electronic devices go to have their batteries re-charged...

Edminster's letter went on expressing regret for lapses of editing in the article such as inaccurately referencing "Sir Isaac Penington" as the Quaker Isaac Penington for two reasons. First that 'Sir Isaac' was Isaac's father and who, by the way, was also 'Lord Mayor of London. Secondly, Isaac Penington the Quaker would have refused to use a title. The article also created some 'head scratching' confusion when Mary Penington, Isaac's wife, was given a second 'n' in the spelling of her name.

The most important item in his letter was that Barbara Worden's article perpetuated the myth that George Fox wrote in his Journal "walk cheerfully over the *earth*". George Fox wrote "walk cheerfully over the world." He went on to say that the original quotation was not, on the occasion of the raising of the "Valiant Sixty" in 1654 as stated in the article but rather in Fox's "Exhortation to Friends in the ministry," written in 1656. He admitted that today the semantic difference between 'earth' and 'world' has almost vanished, but for Fox and his readers the difference was major. The *world* (Greek kosmos) was what hated Jesus, because He testified that its works were evil (John 7:7). To walk over the *world* was, for Fox, not merely to travel extensively, but more fundamentally to conduct oneself in a manner that avoided defilement by the world's ways. Edminster said his concern was to discourage worldliness among Friends by which he meant laying value on the worthless, frivolous and transient. "Letting Friends know what "walking over the world" would have meant to Fox is part of that work. He concluded his letter by saying "A George Fox who merely advocated cheerfully racking up Frequent-Flyer miles by traveling over the earth is not the Fox I'd waste my time telling First Day School children about."

Nick

IT'S MOVIE TIME !!

Get ready for a great movie on "second Friday" (Feb. 10) at 7 pm at the Vintage!



We will be showing "Arranged" which won Best Film at the 2007 Brooklyn International Film Festival. This is a delightful and thoughtful comedy focusing on two young female teachers from different cultures who are assigned to work together in a multi-ethnic school in Brooklyn. They find friendship with each other when they learn that they have more in common than either would have expected, because they are

both confronting similar issues with their parents and the secular world. They are also both undergoing the difficulty of trying to find a mate through their community's traditional systems of arranged marriage.

The film respects the women's genuine commitment to their faiths even as they struggle with difficult aspects of their faiths. We also see the difficulties and prejudices that both women experience from secular people for being religiously observant. This subject is rarely addressed in the secular film world where religion is too often mocked as irrational and oppressive – particularly toward women – rather than understood on its own terms. It is very funny, witty, and well-acted, a pretty straight-up great romantic comedy about the possibilities of real human meeting and understanding of persons from another culture.



Contact Lois at 466-1971 if you need directions to the Vintage.

A Special Thank You from
Becky Williams and Family:

Thank you dear Friends for your prayers during my dad's illness and passing. We as a family are grateful to our Lord that Dad came to God and accepted Jesus. Your prayers made a difference in his life and ours. Thank you for sending the plant. Mom and Dad both were plant lovers. It meant a lot to us that you sent it, especially Mom.

*Blessings on you for your concern and prayers,
Becky and Family*

Thank You from Caritas:

On behalf of those we serve, Caritas Outreach Ministries extends a huge THANK YOU for your generosity this Christmas season. Your donations of toys, books, games, food, quilts, and funding for the Holiday Heat project are a blessing to many. With your help, dozens of families will have a warm and joyous Christmas and others will stay warm and well fed through the upcoming months. God bless you for your kindness!

Caritas still needs:

Spaghetti sauce
Jam/jelly
Hair conditioner
32 oz laundry detergent

February Newsletter Monthly Meeting Report

Presiding Clerk Bob Wiese opened the meeting for business with silence and prayer. Twenty-four people were present.

MINUTES: The December minutes were read. Clarification was requested on the designation of the funds commonly known as "Jeanette's funds". These are the inventory funds, Larry Nelson Memorial funds and kids' fundraiser. This will be further discussed during the education committee report. We need a firm report on the amount of the funds accumulated, along with the proposed use of the funds at the time they were donated.

Minutes approved with additions and corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Norm Pasche presented the report (attached).

In 2011 ordinary expenses were \$8,000 below Budget net expenses exceeded income by nearly \$11,000. \$6,000 was withdrawn from the Friends Foundation investment of which \$4,000 was used to pay current expenses.

A comment on the "Jeanette's funds" issue was offered: Kids Club had a \$747 donation in June 2006. The majority of the fundraiser monies was from helping with inventory at Hancock Fabrics and from printer cartridge rebates.

NEW BUSINESS: A card was received from Nick and Susan thanking the meeting for the Christmas gift.

ELDERS: Charlene Cox presented the report (attached). Discretionary spending has been reduced. Stewardship and Trustees was requested to reduce the fine arts line item. Pastoral evaluation has begun. Report approved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: No report.

STEWARDSHIP AND TRUSTEES: Laverne Biel presented the report. The

Budget was discussed. The form for use of the Meeting House by outside groups has been reviewed. There was a discussion of how temporary the temporarily restricted funds should be. "Temporary" means not existing forever. We still need to be mindful of supporting line items that have been monetarily reduced in the budget. Eliminating funds for an item doesn't remove its importance or necessity.

As requested, an adjusted budget for 2012 was presented; figures prepared based on 2011 income. It was attempted to bring the 2012 budget to \$100,000; the proposal is slightly higher than that and we need to have faith (and contributions) to make this work. A line-by-line discussion was had on the budget. Again, elimination of funding for a particular line item does not eliminate our responsibility to assist and/or maintain the committee's purpose.

For the Education Committee, Amber Joplin suggested we consider what it means to the youth ministry to have a budget.

Camilla Flowers presented line item details and explanations for the youth ministry category. Camilla encouraged the meeting to become more actively involved with the young people (for example providing and eating a meal with the Wednesday night kids and joining in the programming). Several people indicated an interest. Other ideas were presented for the kids to actively participate in fundraising for their projects.

It was proposed that the \$617.33 Kids Club amount be used to send youth to camp, if needed beyond any fundraising attempts, as well as using it for transporting kids to camp, local events and activities, including food. This was APPROVED.

It was approved that the contribution to Twin Lakes Camp be moved under the Stewards and Trustees part of the Budget since this is property rather than an educational expense.

The 2012 budget was APPROVED.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE: Norm Pasche. There was further conversation to bring an FCNL representative to Washington, and perhaps sharing the cost with Friends on the west side of Washington. The next movie will be The Debt. A request was made to the committee to not have "R" rated movies.

MISSIONS: Becky Williams' report was read and is attached. The committee is requesting a third member.

PASTOR'S REPORT: by Nick Block.

Thank you for the fine reports by the committees.


There being no further business, Bob Wiese closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Keehnen, Recording Clerk



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Benno Foster Peace w/Justice 7pm Youth 6pm Music 6:45pm	2 TOPS 5pm	3	4
5	6 Education Mtg 7pm	7 Nadine Asher Gideon's Meal 6pm	8 Youth 6pm Music 6:45pm	9 TOPS 5pm Stewardship/ Trustees 7pm	10	11 Girls' Brunch 10am
12	13 Elders 6:30 pm	14 Mark & Chris Hurd Valentine's Day 	15 Youth 6pm Music 6:45pm	16 TOPS 5pm Foresters 6pm	17	18 Girls' Brunch 10am
19 Combined Worship 10am Monthly Meeting 11am Potluck Noon	20 Katherine Phillipson, FCNL 7pm	21 Paul Puckett	22 Youth 6pm Music 6:45pm	23 Stan Robinson TOPS 5pm	24 ← Silverton	25 Girls' Brunch 10am Friends' Girls stay
26 Terry Moore overnight →	27	28	29 Youth 6pm Music 6:45pm			

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Holdings in the Light...

- * Pat Foster and his family as he recovers from surgery.
- * Pam's sister Kathy and her family.
- * Lorraine recovering from a broken collar bone.
- * Camila's father Kevin is dealing with blood clots.
- * Amber and her family
- * Victor as work to prepare him for a skin graft continues
- * Two friends of Bob Weise, hospitalized after suffering head injuries
- * Those of our Meeting's families serving in the military
- * Betty Bendixen as she is cared for by her family.
- * Dwaine and Margaret, Jonas' brother-in-law and family
- * Families and Country during hard economic times
- * Joe, friend of Joyce, as tests continue.
- * Linda Nixon's friend Sharon
- * Becky's nephew Brandon.
- * Safety for Judy and Johann