

SCQM Spring Gathering Minutes - April 26, 2014

Roll Call:

All Meetings and Worship Groups present, with the exception of the following:

Las Vegas Worship Group
Marloma Long Beach Monthly Meeting
San Diego Monthly Meeting
Whitleaf Worship Group

Visitors: Alyssa Nelson, Davis Monthly Meeting and PYM Youth Program Coordinator and a teen from Strawberry Creek Meeting.

Naming Committee - Judy Leshefka reported. Proposed Minute: Jim Summers to serve on Nominating

Minute 2013-4-1: SCQM approves Jim Summers for a 3 year-year term on Nominating Committee.

Nominating Committee - Chuck Orr reported. See report attached.

There is a full slate of officers. However, currently without arrangements clerk and committee, we won't be able to hold Fall Fellowship. Additionally need for further oversight on Finance Committee and clerk. Treasurer is ex-officio and oversight comes from Finance Committee. We need volunteers for that. Doing well on M&C. Sarah Rose House-Lightner volunteered to do the newsletter twice a year. Nominating does not have a clerk (Naming responsibility). For Pacific Ackworth, asking Kip McBane to return to service. P&SA, Anthony continuing. Kate Watkins needs more of committee for So Cal Youth Planning Committee. Please give serious consideration to arrangements committee, clerk and registrar. There is a job description. Jim Summers has it.

Sherri Sisson, Orange Grove Meeting, volunteered to serve as registrar. Denise Williams, Santa Barbara Meeting, volunteered to serve on the So Cal Youth Planning Committee.

The following individuals are nominated for approval: Registrar Sherri Sisson for a 3-year term; Sarah Rose House-Lightner for newsletter; Denise Williams for Youth Planning Committee.

(Correction on hand-out: Elissa Harkness is not on Retreats but on Youth Planning Committee)

Minute 2013-4-2: SCQM approves the proposed Nominating slate for the terms specified: For 3-year terms, Sherri Sisson for Registrar, Sarah Rose House-Lightner for the Quarterly Newsletter and Denise Williams for the Southern California Youth Planning Committee

Treasurer's Report: Kip McBane reported. See attached report.

Our cash balances are well above expected because we received a \$64,000 bequest from Ruth Anne Peters during the last quarter. The budget does not include the budget for Fall Fellowship.

Friends worshiped on the issue of how to consider this new bequest.

A Friend noted Quarter cares for Monthly Meetings and asked us to consider how to do that in light of the new bequest. He asked us to consider how Inland Valley Meeting, which is building its Meeting House, could benefit from this bequest.

Another Friend noted that Inland Valley Meeting has received a gift of support from PYM and to ask IVMM what their needs are. Another mentioned the opportunities provided by Ben Lomond Quaker Center. Another mentioned that Marloma Long Beach is struggling and to consider them as well.

A Friend suggested we consider not putting this all on the shoulders of Finance Committee and to consider an ad hoc committee to consider these issues.

Another suggested it as a topic for Fall Fellowship and another to involve Ministry & Oversight and to move forward carefully, keeping in mind PFOS experience.

A Friend asked SCQM to consider making a small but significant contribution to Mexico City Monthly Meeting of \$50/year for 3 years to show them we care about them and our solidarity and closeness to them and to draw the attention of the rest of Yearly Meeting to draw attention to them. It was clarified that a contribution without a label may mean more since we may not necessarily know what they would want and would allow them to spend it as they deem necessary.

Another Friend suggested perhaps asking Cliff Lester to help us through this process to consider how to spend the money, because of his prior extensive experience with such matters.

The clerk proposed an ad hoc committee from M&C, Finance, invite Cliff Lester, etc. to come up with a draft proposal perhaps by Clerks meeting for presentation at Fall Fellowship. The clerk asked for volunteers to be a part of that group and the following people volunteered at this meeting: Sue Scott, Sharon Gates, Michael Dunn, Kip McBane. The clerk will be on as ex-officio.

Minute 2013-4-3: SCQM approves the proposed budget for 2014-2015 as presented.

Minute 2013-4-4: SCQM approves an ad hoc bequest committee, that will include representatives from M&C and Finance and, specifically, Sue Scott, Sharon Gates, Michael Dunn, and Kip McBane. The clerk will serve as ex-officio. Cliff Lester will be approached to serve as well. Sue Scott will be clerk.

Minute 2013-4-5: SCQM asks Finance Committee, in consultation with PYM M&O, to consider the suggestion to contribute at least \$50 annually for three years to Mexico City Meeting, and to bring back a recommendation to Fall Fellowship.

Friends approved the action minutes and closed with worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Durant, presiding clerk

Shayne Lightner, recording clerk