**Humboldt Friends Meeting – 2018 Minutes**

**(Budget for 2018 was passed in 2017. Budget for 2019 was passed in 2019.)**

**2018-1 (January)**

The Nominating Committee comprised of John Barstow, Suellen Lowry, and Sarah Peters is approved.

**2018-2 (January)**

Memorial Minute for Bill Spencer:

William Roger Spencer (1/22/1944 – 10/14/2017) was an active attender at Humboldt Friends Meeting for many years. He served on the Peace and Social Concerns Committees for both the Monthly Meeting and Pacific Yearly Meeting. He regularly attended Meeting for Worship and social events. We greatly admired his humble willingness to be of service.

Bill always wore his felt hat with prayer beads and a feather attached. His positive attitude, even during years of poor health, was an admirable and inspiring attribute that will be missed. Bill was sober twenty years and was an active member of the AA community.

His final days struggling with the devastating effects of several strokes kept him in hospitals while many Friends brought him food, entertainment and loving support until the end. We hold his passing in the Light while we remember his many contributions to our Meeting and our world.

**2018-3 (February)**

The First Day School Committee is reestablished and Nominating Committee is directed to seek Friends to serve in that capacity. Approved.

**2018-4 (February)**

The Website Committee is renamed Electronic Communications Committee. Its mandate is expanded to investigate other avenues of electronic communications and make recommendations to the meeting. The Electronic Communications Committee will provide support to the ListServ Administrator. Approved

**2018-5 (March)**

Meeting supports Peace & Social Concerns to organize tabling in Eureka on July 4th and at North Country Fair in Arcata September 15 and 16 and authorizes the disbursement of funds necessary to accomplish those. Approved.

**2018-6 (March)**

State of the Meeting Report was read, discussed, amended and approved (attached).

**2018-7 (April)**

The slate of Meeting officers and committee members proposed by the Nominating Committee at the March Business Meeting is accepted. Approved.

**2018-8 (June)**

In the name of our Friend Bill Spencer, Humboldt Monthly Meeting will donate $68 to Arcata House Partnership, and this amount may be augmented by individual donations. Approved.

**2018-9 (July)**

For approximately $100, HFM will purchase a chair dolly to facilitate moving of chairs into the Seekers room. Approved.

**2018- 10 (September)**

Humboldt Friends had a table at the North Country Fair, September 15 and 16.

**2018-11 (October)**

Friends volunteered and table at the Against the Wind Festival October 14-21 in support of the Golden Rule Project

**2018-12 (December)**

Martha was nominated to be added to the Ministry & Oversight Committee.

(The 2019 Budget was not completed until 2019.)

Attachment to Minute **2018-6 (March)**

Humboldt Friends Meeting

State of the Meeting 2017

Submitted March 2018

Our Seekers Discussion Group continues to spiritually enrich our community before First Day Worship. In it we explore topics that help us express ourselves and know each other while deepening silent worship. Quaker history and practice are also discussed at Seekers which supports spiritual depth in the Meeting for Worship and renewed reverence in the Meeting for Business.

Topics at Seekers in 2017 included chapters from Steve Smith’s Eastern Light, Awakening to Presence in Zen, Quakerism and Christianity, and Howard Brinton’s Quaker Journals expanding our viewpoint outward to other spiritual traditions and probing the beginnings of our own.

Our Annual Weekend Retreat continues to foster community, spiritual sharing and getting to know each other better. Many Friends express gratitude for a weekend away together in community with a spiritual focus.

The health of our good friend and long-time attender Bill Spencer declined over this last year. While spending some time in a long-term care facility, Friends coordinated visits to him, bringing food, entertainment and love. He passed away in October. By the end of the year, we began organizing a memorial meeting for Bill’s family while inviting his many friends from Alcoholics Anonymous as well. Over fifty people attended Bill’s memorial.

Meeting for Business has focused on holding a worshipful presence this year, thanks to quotes chosen by the Clerk and a renewed effort to improve sharing by going through the Clerk instead of open discussion. This is a challenge when the attendance is small but a certain flexibility is indicated for topics not needing a decision.

We have enjoyed the presence of children this year and plan to involve more adults in First Day School. The attendance of young families energizes our community.

Some Friends feel that we need a prophetic vision for reaching out to the community. Young people especially might be inclined to participate if we had a vibrant political presence in the wider world.

Friends expressed a wish for more music in our activities. Suggestions were made to improve the quality of our singing.

Our meeting accepted three new members this year. In fact over the past three years there have been five new members. In a small meeting, this is a significant increase. We are grateful for new energy and perspective as well as the current attendance of young families and younger adults.

Attachment to Minute **2018-7 (April)**

Nominations, 3-2-2018

From Nominating Committee: John Barstow, Suellen Lowry, and Sarah Peters

Officers:

**Clerk** Barbara Palmerton (18-20)

**Assistant Clerk** Martha Hunkins (18-20)

**Recording Clerks** Sarah Peters and Suellen Lowry (18-20)

**Correspondence Clerk** Joanne Barstow (18-20)

**Treasurer** Leslie Zondervan-Droz (18-20)

**Archivist** Judy Houck (18-20)

**Listserv Administrator** John Barstow (18-20)

Committees:

Electronic Communications John Dixon (17-19), Suellen Lowry (17-19), Sarah Peters (18-20).

Finance John Barstow (18-20), Martha Hunkins (18-20), Leslie Zondervan-Droz (ex officio) (18-20).

First Day Martha Hunkins (18-20), James Peck (18-20), Sarah Peters (18-20).

Hospitality and Shelter Meals Joanne Barstow (18-20), Gail Coonen (18-20), Suellen Lowry (18-20).

Library and Building John Barstow (17-19), Carman Gentile (18-20), Judy Houck (18-20).

Ministry & Oversight Gail Coonen (16-19), Sarah Peters (16-19), Suellen Lowry (17-20), Jan Turner (18-21), Barbara Palmerton (ex officio) (18-20).

Peace & Social Concerns Pete Loetterle (17-19), Carol McNeill (17-19), Andrea Armin (18-20), Lizard King (18-20), James Peck (18-20).

PYM Rep: John Dixon (18-20); alternate rep Carl Magruder (18-20)