

Meeting for worship with attention to business

Fifth Month, 12th day

Present: Kitti Reynolds, Clerk; Barbara [Esther](#), Recording Clerk; Gail Hipkins, Ruth Stewart, Jim Cavener, George Gjelfriend, Kristi Gjelfriend, Alan [Robinson](#), Rusty Maynard, Edie Patrick, Joy Gossett, [Katherine Kowal](#), [Pat Johnson](#).

Opening Worship

Clerk's reading: from Robert Lawrence Smith, *A Quaker Book of Wisdom*, p. 27:

“ Traditional Quaker Meeting, as inaugurated in the seventeenth century, has been called an experiment in religious anarchy. Because all authority is vested in all members, all people are equally entitled to speak. Each Meeting is like a gamble with the human spirit, a wager that more will be brought out of the room than was brought in – more depth, more insight, more truth, more knowledge, more growth in each and among all. An individual's “vocal ministry” is expected to conform to the ideal of sharing the light within as a means of reaching the light in others. It should also be both succinct and spontaneous.”

Approval of Agenda – Agenda was approved.

Approval of Fourth Month's minutes- A number of Friends have seen them, but formal approval will be postponed until Sixth Month.

Minute #1: Nominating Committee. [Katherine Kowal](#) reported that the committee has nominated [Jen Rhode Ward](#) and [Laura Maynard Lane](#) to be co-Clerks and [Steve Livingston](#) to be Recording Clerk from September 2013 to 2015. **Approved.**

Finance Committee: [Pat Johnson](#) reported \$5898 contributions and \$4855.36 expenses, a little less than 50% of budget. Accepted with thanks. See attached.

SAYMA Nominating Committee: [Barbara Esther](#) asked Friends to consider service in the Yearly Meeting. A number of positions are available including Assistant-Treasurer and [Assistant Clerk](#). [Anyone interested in knowing about these positions or other opportunities to serve the yearly meeting can speak with Barbara.](#)

Other: [Joy Gossett](#) reported for [Stephanie Gossett](#) that GLOW was very successful. The need for women to be empowered is great. Our financial contribution [was very important in the GLOW project's success.](#)

[Meeting closed with](#) a period of worship. Two Friends spoke out of the silence. The first expressed gratitude for the stability and presence of our Meeting in the world as Quakers. Another Friend offered thanks for our officers, those who faithfully serve the Meeting [on](#) committees, and as clerks.

[We then went our separate ways to meet again on Sixth Month 9, 2013, as way opens.](#)

[Respectfully submitted,](#)

[Barbara Esther, recorder](#)

