

Attachment #1: **Called Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

Asheville Friends Meeting

May 3, 2020

~held virtually online using the Zoom platform due to the COVID-19 Pandemic~

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Present: Robin Wells, Clerk; Patti Hughes, Jim Cavener, Morgan Murray, Rylin Hansen, Margaret Normille, Mike Eddy, Beth Eddy, Patty Burgess, Hannah Burgess

The meeting opened with silent worship out of which the clerk read the following:

We are at a place right now where time has taken on new meaning. We either have too much or not enough. So this is my advice to you:

Take time to be grateful.

Take time to be thoughtful.

Take time to remember.

Take time to see the beauty in each day.

Take time for yourself.

Introduction

During the Joys and Concerns time following our Zoom virtual meetings for worship, we have come to realize that our Meeting feels a strong desire to help those in the Asheville area that are suffering during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was proposed that we hold a called business meeting to discern how to help the communities within Asheville that are most impacted by COVID-19 and the consequences of sheltering in place.

Last week Ministry & Counsel sent out an email with a list of six organizations that people had suggested after our Zoom meeting for worship. It included some general information about the organizations along with their COVID-19 response efforts. We had a good discussion about how to be responsible with our already strained budget, and do our part to help people in our community who are suffering. In the end, our Meeting approved the following:

Minute #1:

Due to the urgent need for funds in our community, we decided to hold a one-week fundraiser. AFM will match the first \$600 donated using the Alice Brown Fund. Friends will be given the opportunity to choose how they wanted their donations to be

distributed. We chose to offer all six organizations for people to choose: BeLoved, 12 Baskets, ABCCM, Bounty and Soul, YWCA, and We Give A Share. Friends were also given the option of just writing COVID-19, in which case the funds would be divided equally.

(Clerk's Note: Additionally an anonymous donor offered matching funds up to \$100 per organization on our list. This brings the total of matching funds offered to \$1200.)

Meeting ended with silent worship.

The next meeting for worship with attention to business will truly be *when way opens*.