

## Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Asheville Friends Meeting

5th Month 8, 2022

**Present in the Meetinghouse:** Bob Lackey, Clerk, Barbara Burke, Recording Clerk, Robin Wells, Steve Livingston, Barbara Esther, Adrienne Weir, Rusty Maynard, Susanne Junkin-Friederichs, Joel O'Brien, Nick Mimkin, Jim Cavener.

**Present via Zoom:** Gita Larson, Beth Eddy, Mike Eddy, Morgan Murray, Rylin Hansen.

### **Meeting opened with Silent Worship**

The Clerk shared a reading out of silence .

“Beyond Consensus – Salvaging Sense of the Meeting” by Barry Morley (Pendle Hill, 1993)

"Consensus is achieved through a process of reasoning in which reasonable people search for a satisfactory decision. But in seeking the sense of the meeting we open ourselves to being guided to perfect resolution in Light, to a place where we sit in unity in the collective inward Presence. Through consensus we decide it; through sense of the meeting we turn it over, allowing it to be decided."

**Minute # 1:** The Fourth Month business meeting minutes were approved.

**Announcements:** Bob Lackey

SAYMA yearly Meeting:

**Register at:** <https://sayma2022.eventbrite.com> ,

**Deadline for registration is May 20**

A special note for **Families, Young Adult Friends [YAF] and Friends of Color** - (from the [SAYMA advance program](#))

**SAYMA Subsidized Tickets** - *Tickets with promotion codes receive a 100% discount at check out.*

### **Children 12 and under**

- attend SAYMA Sessions & Retreat free of charge - *register for a child's ticket package.*

### **Young Adult Friends**

- SAYMA attendance is free for Young Adult Friends [YAF] through a bequest from the Suzane and Tom Kenworthy estate. Use the promotion code **SAYMAYAF**. For more information about YAFs see the [Young Adult Friend entry](#).

### **Friends of Color**

- SAYMA attendance is free through SAYMA as a symbol of reparative justice as we continue to work on the larger structural issues of racism in SAYMA. [Friends of Color may use the promotion code **SAYMAFOC** as they choose for the discount.]

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## ADVANCE PROGRAM

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EsN97NzGhoJ\\_tgUmEvncUIMonVvUVCKI\\_7Q8q-bqaOM/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EsN97NzGhoJ_tgUmEvncUIMonVvUVCKI_7Q8q-bqaOM/edit)

### **George Oldham**

Martha Huggins let us know that there will be a memorial service for George Oldham (long time member, former co-clerk of AFM) at 2:00 pm on Sunday, June 26th. The service will be held in the Village Hall at Carolina Village Retirement Community in Hendersonville and will be followed by a reception at the Edneyville Community Center. The Community Center has an outdoor covered patio so folks who are uncomfortable with indoor gatherings can be part of the celebration of George's life.

Asheville Friends Meeting will be helping with the reception. Details will be made available soon.

### **Committees:**

#### **Racial Justice Committee – Steve**

We are lifting up our concern for the fate of our BIPOC sisters and brothers as well as all other marginalized communities if the predicted outcome of the November election comes to pass. We want to encourage the Meeting community to get involved with local efforts to "get out the vote," especially

to make connections with BIPOC faith communities and other BIPOC-led organizations who are already doing this work. The four active members of the RJC are already over-committed with obligations to the Monthly and Yearly Meetings as well as work with community organizations and are hopeful that others in our community will step up, or are stepping up, to do this work.

Ministry and Counsel: Bob Lackey

Scholarships for Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions and FGC Gathering:

Registration for SAYMA due by May 20 at the latest; no late registrations will be accepted.

We currently have \$246 in the Scholarship Fund. Friends need to get requests to Bob by 5/10.

We can also ask Meeting to make funds from Alice Brown Fund (\$498) to assist with this and FGC.

House and Grounds: Sarah Jane Thomas, Jim Cavener

The treasured tree committee of Greenworks has offered to come out for the plaque to be installed on the white oak tree near the Meetinghouse. Two Friends feel that sooner is better, to avoid any presence of yellow jackets. A member will mow around the base of the tree on the Saturday before, to facilitate access to the tree.

Friends, and children, who wish to attend can be present that morning. A member suggested May 15, although we have a children's event scheduled

that day, and rain is predicted. May 22nd has a speaker from the Racial Justice Committee of Asheville scheduled for the second hour.

**Minute # 2:** Approved that the tree ceremony could be held May 29 if it is acceptable to the committee at Greenworks, with June 5th as a backup date.

The meeting closed with silent worship until the way opens for our next meeting for worship with attention to business in the sixth month of 2022.