February 9, 2014 Business Meeting Minutes
Redding Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
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Present: Tom and Sue Morehouse, Doris Bond and Kathleen Findley.

Review and Approval of Minutes: The First Month Meeting for Business Minutes were previously distributed via email and hard copy. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kathleen reported a total of $2,351.40 in the Redding Friends account including $237.43 remaining of the Prison Reform Committee's funds. Kathleen will soon be paying rent to the United Methodist Church for January through March. This sum will total $150.00.

Ministry & Oversight: Our February Dinner Among Friends was held at the home of the Morehouse's. Following dinner everyone attended the movie "Rising From Ashes" which is about the development of a Rwanda bike racing team following the genocide. We will tentatively plan to hold our March Dinner Among Friends at the Milhous home a few a brief film and to hear about their New Zealand trip.

It was decided we would hold our State of the Meeting discussion at our April 4 Dinner Among Friends. We will then have the opportunity to review and discuss the report draft at our Meeting for Business in April.

Unity With Nature: Tom will be the new contact person for PYM's Unity With Nature.

Peace & Social Order: On prison reform, Laura Magnani of the American Friends Service Committee in San Francisco, will travel to Redding to speak. This will be on Wednesday April 9 in the Fireside Room at the United Methodist Church at 7 pm.. This is a result of the Morehouse's having attended a recent AFSC Meeting Liaisons meeting in SF. For more about this new project with AFSC visit their website
http://www.afsc.org/resource/afsc-meetingchurch-liaison-program

Tom and Sue will lead a 4 week discussion series of the book entitled "The New Jim Crow" beginning March 10 at 7 pm at the Methodist Church. It would be good to have some Friends attend this class also. Contact Susie or the Methodist Church about signing up for this.

Ashlee Tate of the KIXE program "Forum" will be speaking on Women in the Military at the March meeting of the Democratic Women's Party. This will possibly be held on the 2nd Wednesday of March. Kathleen will confirm this.

Interfaith Forum: Sue is planning to attend this month's meeting.

Old Business: We now have the 20 tickets to sell for our Meeting's portion of the Riverfront Playhouse production in May. Tickets are $20 each. We are joining with the Save Darfur Genocide No More organization for this fundraiser. Our Meeting is asked to provide six dozen homebaked cookies to be sold at this event - Bonnie, Doris, & Susie volunteered to bring 2 doz. each. Please contact Susie to obtains tickets to help with our fund raiser.

On January 14, Susie, as Clerk of the Meeting, presented the invocation at the Shasta County Board of Supervisors. In the tradition of Quakers, this invocation was mostly a brief moment of silence, preceded by a few chosen words of wisdom.

New Business: Susie talked about her recent tour of the United Methodist Church with Peggy Rebol. This was done in the spirit of finding us a more suitable location in which we might hold our Meeting. We viewed two rooms for consideration. We will try out the room at the end of the wing which is next to our usual meeting place during our next Meeting for Worship.

Coming Events:

2/22 Multicultural Fair at Central Valley High School from 11am to 3pm
2/23 Meeting for Worship 11:00 am - Morehouse's will bring snacks
3/7 6:00 pm Dinner Among Friends. Location to be confirmed and will send out email
3 /9 Meeting for Business 9:45; Meeting for Worship 11:00 am - Doris will bring snacks
3/10 First class (book discussion) "The New Jim Crow" 7 pm Methodist Church
4/9 Laura Magnani presentation on Solitary Confinement and an update on CA prisons
7/14-19 PYM

News of Friends

Steve Sharpless posted on his Facebook page that he has broken the same ankle that was broken about 20 years ago. Joy and Liam attended the emergency meeting held by Sheriff Bosenko. At this meeting were gathered residents of the neighborhood in which the O'Connells live that is affected by the explosives found at one resident's home.

Josh Stoudt was recently accepted to the Occupational Therapy MA program at Samuel Merritt University in Oakland. He will be seeking a place to stay while in attendance. Friends will contact Friends in the Oakland/Berkeley area in an effort to help Josh find lodging.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Morehouse
Substitute Recording Clerk