

May - June 2022 Newsletter Sandpoint Friends Meeting



May 2022 Presiding Clerk: David B. Backup Clerk:	Quotes/ Queries		Clean Up
May 1 - 1 st Sunday "May Day"	Linda		Many hands
May 8 - 2 nd Sunday Mother's Day Meeting for Business	Dave	Merla takes notes	
May 15 - 3 rd Sunday 2 nd Hr. - Golden Rule Video			
May 22 - 4 th Sunday Bob - Presentation on Golden Rule			
May 29 - 5 th Sunday Life Sharing	Murph		
June 2022 Presiding Clerk: Liz Backup Clerk:			
June 4 - 1 st Sunday	Judith		Many hands
June 12 - 2 nd Sunday Meeting for Business	Nancy	Merla takes notes.	
June 19 - 3 rd Sunday Father's Day	Liz		
SUNDAY ZOOM MEETING with Pullman-Moscow Meeting - Contact: June 26 - 4 th Sunday nmnm@life-sharing.com			

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**Sunday May 15 and Sunday May 22 -
2nd Hour**

Presentations by Bob Patton on The Golden Rule

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in the Bank \$10,081.

We agreed to move \$500 to the Building Fund thus totaling \$8000 into reserves for our building, leaving \$2081. in the general funds.

Report by Elizabeth Willey, Treasurer



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7 top Priorities for Friends Committee on National Legislation

*Each expressed in 30 words or less
To Guide 2022 Legislative Lobbying
(not listed in any particular order)*

Prevent war and threat of war- emphasize diplomacy, reduce military spending, promote nuclear disarmament, end militarization of space, repeal AUMF to re-assert congressional oversight of military.

Equality and justice- promote racial justice, honor indigenous peoples' treaties, support gender equality, end economic inequality, institute progressive taxation, autonomy over our own bodies including abortion and transgender medical services.

Social safety net protection- universal guaranteed employment and living wage, universal non-privatized healthcare including mental health, guaranteed affordable housing, universal free quality public education K- college, expand and protect SSI.

Reform criminal justice- demilitarize police, train police in conflict management, eliminate racist police practices, end cash bail, gun regulation, decriminalize drug possession, provide addiction treatment not incarceration, end capital punishment.

Immigration- respect rights, safety, humanity and dignity of all immigrants, refugees and migrants; provide achievable paths to citizenship, (e.g. Dreamers); eliminate ICE, end privatized detention facilities.

Integrity of democracy- open access to voter participation, end gerrymandering, federal oversight of state laws violating civil rights, nonpartisan transparent oversight of elections, eliminate corporate political contributions, add public funding.

Climate crisis- support science based solutions, prioritize international cooperation, strengthen environmental justice, protections, biodiversity; end subsidies and military use of fossil fuels, support renewables; promote sustainability, clean publicly-controlled water systems.

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According to Faith and Practice, the most important aspect of completing a State of the Meeting report is to help meetings in a “self-examination of their spiritual strengths and weaknesses, and of efforts to foster growth in the spiritual life.” In order to gather thoughts about the state of Sandpoint Friends, we sat in worship discussion and asked ourselves two questions: What is important to you about gathering for Meeting for Worship, and why? What brings you to Meeting each week? As we sat with these queries and shared our insights, it became easily apparent that responses were from the heart and deeply felt. Below are representative excerpts:

“I can’t imagine not coming to Meeting each week. It reinforces my ability to walk the talk.”

“I get scattered during the week. Meeting helps me to gather myself for the week ahead, to get focused. It forces me to examine how I’m living my life.”

“A big part of my life is to be with these people and worship together.”

“George Fox and Margaret Fell are my heroes. There are Quakers out there who still carry the torch. I’m part of a group that holds the Light.”

“I come as a kindred spirit in non-violence. Meditation is very important to me. Worship can be very powerful. Sharing is also powerful.”

“I like being able to say I’m a Quaker. It’s part of who I am.”

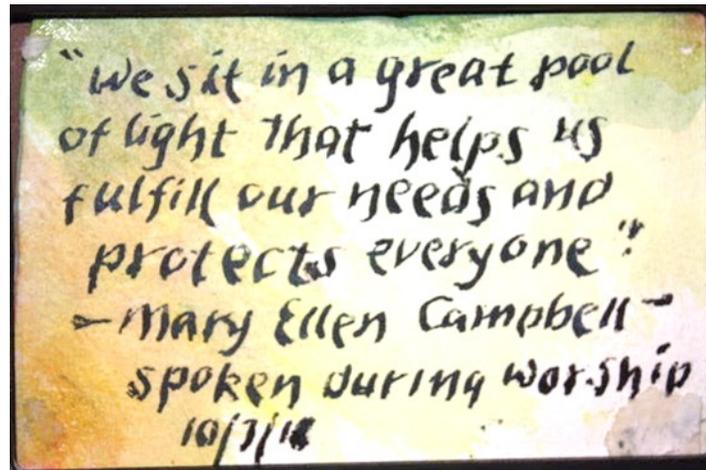
“It is one time during the week when I try to quiet myself to hear ‘the Other.’ These Friends are my family as well; these are ‘my people.’”

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“If it is Spirit coming through, then it is appropriate for Meeting.”

“There is a broad spectrum of beliefs here, and all are welcome.”

“I live my life according to Quaker values.”



**Name of “Friends” for Quakers - John 15:
14-15**

“You are my friends...because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.”

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