State of the Meeting Report 2019
Agate Passage Monthly Meeting

We gather for Worship on first day in two locations: Village Green Community Center in Kingston, and in homes on Bainbridge Island. Twenty-seven individuals participate regularly in Meeting for Worship. Nine of us are members. We welcomed a new member, Phil Favero and his wife Janet.

Meeting for business is held on the third Sunday at Village Green.

Potluck for fellowship is at various locations on months with a fifth Sunday.

 Poetry reading follows Meeting for Worship at Bainbridge on the first Sunday.

Discussions on various topics have been held at Village Green on second Sundays after Meeting for Worship:

• Deborah Petzal and Leni Skarin led a discussion about Friends Experiential Faith using NPYM’s new Faith & Practice as a resource.
• Lisa Down spoke of Si a la Vida and how our meeting came to support this mission in Managua, Nicaragua.
• Bob Skarin and Richard Smith examined the architecture of Quaker Meeting Houses using the principles of A Pattern Language as developed by Christopher Alexander.

• Monthly discussions on a Saturday have examined topics of peace and social concerns. Phil Favero and Paul Larson have coordinated these discussions and drafted letters to our legislators regarding immigration issues and climate change. This is an ongoing and developing focus of concern.
• Maia Ostrom presented information about Quaker Earthcare Witness.
• Leyla Welkin shared a follow-up about her work with Helping the Helpers, sponsored by the Quaker Council for European Affairs

Individual Friends have been active in Pacific Northwest Quarterly Meeting, North Pacific Yearly Meeting, Quaker Voice, Western Friend, Quaker Earthcare Witness and Interfaith Counsel.

Financial contributions to Quaker organizations were increased this year and new contributions were made to the Kitsap Immigration Assistance Center (KIAC) and to the Bell Ringer Fund.

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