

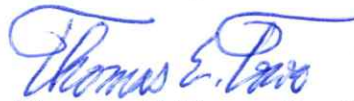
Billings Monthly Meeting State of the Meeting Report June 12, 2021

The Billings Monthly Meeting continues healthy and active. We have survived the 2020 pandemic year well. We continued to meet on a regular basis all last year but converted to a Zoom Meeting as soon as the pandemic hit us. It worked well. We reduced our Meeting time to 45 minutes. We actually had more attenders by Zoom than in person at our regular meeting place at Angela's Piazza. During the summer months we met outside in our back yard with our laptop for those who wanted to join us by Zoom. As of May this year, when most of us were vaccinated, we commenced meeting again in person but left an option to allow people to join us by Zoom.

We had fewer Meetings for Learning and only one business meeting this last year. They, too, were on Zoom. We also embarked on a community project that involved most of our members. Following a very successful Black Lives Matter rally at the Courthouse in the spring of 2020 organized by non-Quakers, we decided we wanted to get involved. There were more people at the rally than at any political rally in Billings; obviously people in Billings do care. We reached out to the Churches and community religious organizations in Billings. The Billings Interfaith Network agreed to take the lead and we have involved about 12 organizations in Billings that have joined. We hope to raise the awareness of racism in Billings and have several projects to help reduce it.

Our membership is unchanged; we have about 10-12 regular attenders. Our meeting is alive and well.

Respectively submitted,



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