

Boise Valley Friends Meeting: State of the Meeting Annual Report 2018

How is our Meeting complete?

We have slowly begun to have younger people attend and stay on. Some have been given new roles in the Meeting, assistant treasurer and NPYM person. We can't keep children easily as we are so small we do not have child care or a format for that. We will not have a web person after Otis Kenny moves on.

Are vital Meeting committees fully functioning?

Yes, over the last year especially. The Ministry and Oversight has jumped in and taken charge of a number of tasks. They have helped find people to clean the house of one member and helped another into a rental apartment. All this year they have made dates to get together and discuss needs.

Is there prophetic ministry among us?

Not much. If anything, at the end of Meeting when we drink tea and snacks, the sharing around the table could have been during the silence to great effect.

Are lives being transformed by the workings of the Spirit among us?

Yes, the Meeting is changing people's lives. Those who come to potlucks especially feel embraced by the Meeting. The activism and monthly gifts are a great benefit to all of us. We recently marched for children who have died because faith healing practices in Idaho. 184 coffins were carried to the Statehouse.

Is hospitality practiced among you? Newcomers welcomed? The homeless addressed?

Yes, most definitely. We greet new people with lots of warmth. They are welcomed warmly! A new couple, Toni and Brian, recently joined our Meeting and felt embraced.

Are Meetings for Business well attended and held in worshipful expectation?

Generally, yes. Some have stated that they expect something meaningful going to happen and so want to be here. There is not an in-group or out-group. The Meeting as a whole is invested in the Meeting.

With what have we struggled? How are we responding to problems and difficulties?

Collectively, we are small, so whether we want to attract children or have our own Meeting House will be difficult. Both the Treasurer and the Clerk