

Meeting For Worship with a Concern for Business • 7th Month 13, 2008

- Are your meetings for business held in a spirit of love, understanding and forbearance? Do you seek the right course of action with a patient search for unity and a willingness to accept the authority of the truth?
- Do you come to meeting eager to search for God's will rather than to try to win acceptance for a previously formed opinion of your own? Are you prepared to assist by silent, prayerful consideration, speaking only if you feel you have a helpful contribution to make?
- Do you give each member credit for purity of motive, notwithstanding differences of opinion? Is your love for your neighbor so strong that you are as eager to understand as to be understood?
- When your clerk is searching for the sense of the meeting, do you overcome diffidence and express your view without undue delay? Do you maintain silence while the minute is being composed?
- Do you avoid bringing to the meeting matters that should first be considered by a committee? Do you allow unimportant matters to be disposed of quickly? When a decision is being reached with which you disagree, do you accept your responsibility to speak at that time rather than later?
- Do you refrain from pressing your own views unduly, if the judgment of the meeting obviously inclines to some other view?
- When the meeting has come to a decision, do you accept it as "our" decision, rather than "theirs?"

San Francisco Monthly Meeting

Attending: John Black Lee, Marilyn Atkin, Virginia Auster, Jeff Menoher, Maribeth Becker, Bob Becker, Michel Loth, Munro Johnson, Woody Schempp (Clerk), Laura Higgins (Recording Clerk).

Meeting started at 11:44 AM with the Clerk's reading of the above queries.

MINISTRY & OVERSIGHT

Last month Meeting asked Ministry and Oversight to consider how Wilton should respond to NYYM's request for guidance on the right relationship between NYYM and FUM over FUM's personnel policy. The following is the committee's drafted Minute.

Regarding right relationship of NYYM/FUM over FUM's personnel policy excluding volunteers and employees in an active homosexual relationship:

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Because NYYM asked for guidance on the right relationship between NYYM and FUM, one friend suggested perhaps all the Monthly Meetings should make a united statement. In response to some confusion over exactly what Meeting's charge is, Clerk gave as an example - should you resign from an organization that takes action you disagree with?

Friends approved the minute as presented:

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After a short period of silent worship, Meeting closed at 12:25 PM.