

Dear Friends,

It was pretty wonderful to send out a notice for a special business meeting, have so many Friends come on a beautiful day in July and/or contact me. Then, it was also wonderful to feel the Spirit in the room, and be part of an generous process. What the word awesome used to mean.

Thanks for this wonderful community.
Molly B., Clerk

Minute Approved by Redwood Forest Friends Meeting 2018-7-1:

Redwood Forest Friends Meeting opposes not only the immoral and illegal confinement and separation and of children from their families at the border, but also the on-going traumatizing deportations by ICE that separate parents from their families in our own communities. We unite with Friends Committee on National Legislation in stating: "This unconscionable policy traumatizes parents and children alike, expands criminalization of asylum seekers who are seeking refuge. Families belong together. Asylum seekers should not be detained. We strongly urge that Congress use their power to increase oversight of existing immigration and border enforcement and stop funding forcible separation that can do irreparable harm to young families."

We endorse immediate action to reunite parents and children that have been separated, and to facilitate communication between parents in custody and their children until they are reunited. We commit ourselves to support, and increase our participation, in the current immigration rights and Sanctuary movement, with actions such as: writing letters to local newspapers and Congress people; going to local meetings developing Sanctuary plans; signing up for an accompaniment team or to be a legal observer with Sonoma County Rapid Response Network; joining Comité VIDA; joining vigils at W. Contra Costa County Detention Center.