

2017-2018 STATE OF THE MEETING REPORT

Big Island Friends' Meeting, Approved 04/15/2018

On the first and third Sunday of each month, meeting for worship is held on the Kona side of our island. On the first Sunday we usually meet at Kaloko-Honokohau National Park. On the third Sunday we usually meet at the picnic area at Puuhonua O Honaunau National Park. Those who are planning to attend or have questions can call (808) 322-3116 for more information.

There are other gatherings for Friendly worship on the island in addition to BIFM:

- There is a small but ongoing group associated with Ohio Friends called Friends for Truth and Peace, Quaker Earthcare Witness. For information, call (808) 985-7037.
- Keaau Worship Group continues to meet on third and fourth Sundays at 10:00 AM at the Neighborhood Place of Puna. On the fourth Sunday there is a potluck lunch following worship. For information, call (808) 966-7304.

There are approximately 54 e-mail addresses and one snail mail address on our mailing list, comprising about 60 people who take an interest in Quaker activities on the Big Island of Hawaii, 10 of whom are members of the Big Island Friends' Meeting.

One Big Island resident continues to have a blog called Big Island Quaker, which makes occasional announcements and links the reader to a variety of Quaker associated topics, including those of special interest to Friends living on the island of Hawai'i.

Our annual island-wide winter meeting was held January 21, 2018 in Volcano Village. The next BIFM quarterly meeting will be held at the beach park at Holoholokai Sunday, April 15, 2018 with Meeting for Worship at 10:00 a.m., Meeting for Business afterwards, potluck lunch after that. Another quarterly meeting will be scheduled for later in 2018 at the Holoholokai gathering.

Friends and friends of Friends are invited to submit agenda items for meeting for worship on the occasion for business at least one week prior to each island-wide gathering via email to: sajonest42ne1@yahoo.com (postal address S.A. Jones, P.O. Box 776, Captain Cook, HI 96704).

Big Island Friends' Meeting has paid PYM dues, is financially solvent and finds itself with a modest surplus of money. BIFM is presently discerning whether to keep some or all of these surplus funds, or to make a donation to a worthy cause.

In 2017, Sarah Armstrong Jones was named clerk. Rose Everly, who had been clerk, stepped down and was thanked by the group for her many years of dedicated service. Sarah will be attending RepCom and PYM in 2018, 2019 and 2020. She is also a member of the JYM adult committee and hopes to be a liaison, facilitating communication between the BIFM, friends of Friends on the Big Island and JYM and PYM. The BIFM treasurer remains the same. Four Friends agreed to write the initial draft of this year's state of the meeting report and to submit it for approval at the all-island gathering in April, 2018.