Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Eleventh month 8, 2015

Meeting opened with a period of silent worship with fourteen persons present.

1. The queries.
Query #5:
Do we regularly attend our meetings for business, and are they held in a spirit of love, understanding, and forbearance? Do we seek the right course of action in humble submission to the Authority y of Truth and in the patient search for a sense of unity under Divine guidance?
The meeting united in the following response:

> *Our meetings for worship with attention to business are attended by a loyal core of regulars. They are held in a spirit of love and in a patent search for unity. How we conceive of that unity seems to differ as we puzzle about the meaning of the phrases "authority of Truth" and "under divine guidance." We listen behind and through the words to the life that calls us together.*

2. Head of School reported that October was a busy month. The annual fund appeal is out. A well-attended Grandparents Day was held. Volleyball and soccer tournaments ran smoothly and netted a profit of over four thousand dollars from gate receipts and concessions. A silent art auction also made several thousand dollars.

Teachers are at work finalizing their curriculum review.

Teacher Charisse attended a SPARC workshop at Pendle Hill, which was based on the work of Parker Palmer.

3. Treasurer reported that income for the month of October was three thousand dollars and that expenses amounted to fifteen hundred dollars. For the year-to-date spending exceeds income by four thousand dollars.

The major expense was payment for personal liability insurance which was eight hundred and seventy-nine dollars.

ACTION ITEM: Meeting asked the trustees to review this expense and advise the treasurer about whether to include this in the budget for next year.

Eleven hundred dollars was spent from the separate 'capital expense' budget.

4. Finance Committee met this month. Tom Kennedy will convene that committee. They will be informing members and attenders of the financial side of the meeting by letter.

5. Communication Committee (CC) has cut the budget for postage and handling for the newsletter to one hundred dollars as it is now published primarily on-line.

The CC noted that the meeting house scheduler currently operates as part of the communication committee; as the committee sorts itself out this arrangement will be reviewed.

An archive protocol has been developed. Everything that has come to meeting for business since March is archived on-line, minus sensitive contact information. The committee is working on updating the website and compiling a meeting handbook that is coordinated with the webpage.

Anyone needing contact information of members and attenders should get in touch with Linda Smith.

6. Building and Grounds is soliciting additional bids for continuing the replacement of ceiling panels. They are also looking at the condition of the roof to make sure that it is properly maintained and that there are no leaks there to cause new damage to the ceiling.

The next work day is eleventh month 21 from 9 to 1.

7. Ministers, Elders and Overseers announced that a memorial service for Carol Newlin Baraff is planned for Eleventh month 28 at 3pm at the Association or Research and Enlightenment (ARE), 215 67th Street, Virginia Beach VA. In addition, a memorial service next spring at the ARE camp is being planned.

Discovery dinners are beginning again. There will be two sets in first month on the 14th and 16th and two sets in third month on the 10th and the 12th. MEO will develop a query to be discussed at these dinners.

8. School Committee reports that they continue to work on the campus master plan, reviewing and updating the strategic long-range plan, and preparing to embark on a major capital campaign. These are major

initiatives that address requirements for accreditation by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools and Friends Council on Education.

9. Young Friends reported that first day school is being covered the first three first days by regulars and the fourth first day by rotating volunteers. They plan to post the names of those who are leading the first day school in advance.

10. A question of long-range planning was put to the membership body. Does the meeting want to pursue long range planning? The sense of the meeting was that we do. Questions followed about what exactly long-range planning involves. All agreed that planning for all aspects of the physical property and facilities was sensible. What more beyond this? Meeting approved the formation of a committee, consisting of Linda Smith, Dave French and interested others to coordinate an investigation into the process, leaving the question of the exact nature of that process open for the moment.

ACTION ITEM: This committee was asked to bring back a proposal to the next meeting for worship with attention to business.

11. Peace and Social Justice Committee (PSJC) announced that an update on activities of the committee has been circulated on the website. As part of its work, individual committee members will be addressing particular concerns in a pointed way at rise of meeting. Christen- the highlighted part is not needed? Also I included the query, it makes more sense and defined the action items, which makes more sense to me and it is similar to other committee's minutes. What do you think?

Meeting adjourned after a period of silent worship.

Submitted,
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Recording Clerk