

**Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
10th Day of Twelfth Month 2017**

Meeting opened with a period of silent worship, 11 persons present.

Meeting for Business 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 of Truth and in the patient search for a sense of unity under Divine guidance?

Response: *Those who work on committees hold the trust of the meeting. Meeting for Business Attenders share the responsibility for seeking unity and the right course of action. Meeting for Worship with attention to business is a way to live every moment. It changes our lives.*

Clerk's report:

Jeanne attended Arthur Larrabee's Clerking workshop in Pendle Hill. It was both educational and inspirational. The fellowship was remarkable. She appreciated his guidance and gained a sense of the beauty of clerking and the deepening of the relationships in this lovely community.

School Committee

Annual Fund letters haven't gone out yet. As the school is in the care of the Meeting, if you would like to contribute to the school this is a good time.

We are excited about the new Head of the School coming in the near future.

Current enrollment is 120 students. The budget has been adjusted.

Grandparent's day was attended by 5 times as many grandparents and grand friends as in the past.

Upcoming events that all are welcome and encouraged to attend at the School:

- Twelfth month 21st day; 11 a.m.--Christmas School Performance
- First month 12th day; 6 p.m.--Middle School Mystery Theater
- First month 13th day; 7 p.m.--Upper School Standup Comedy Night

MEO

MEO has been considering both a MEO retreat and the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting. They formed a query which will be discussed along with long range planning at the retreat on First month 4th day.

Joanne Crass, Pat Phalen Young, and Nancy Craft formed an ad hoc committee to find people either whose contact information is missing or who have been inactive for a long time.

Meeting approved MEO to receive an additional \$100 to their 2017 budget to cover a donation to the school in Mary Warren's name.

The Christmas Eve service will be from 7-8 pm with caroling and piano accompaniment followed by waiting worship until midnight.

Adult First Day may be starting up soon and a topic is being worked out. Adult First Day School Committee is looking for additional members.

Treasurer:

The Eleventh Month income was \$1960 and expenses were approximately \$1292. Year to date, expenses are approximately \$2000 more than income. Capital expenses year to date are approximately \$11,335. Any reimbursement requests are needed promptly. In the past we have had enough donations to meet expenses by the end of the year.

Finance:

The budget was presented. The JCOC donation of \$100 will be reinstated. The proposed budget includes a large increase for the School. There is also a small decrease in our support of Yearly Meeting. With these changes, the budget is approved. We are aware of changing realities and we are able to make those adjustments. It was noted that the Stone Fund for Education is available. The Meeting appreciates the work and expertise of the Treasurer, Dave French.

Building and Grounds:

Kathie Garner is working on the door lock situation. Please contact her soon with your concerns. Safety window well covers are being considered. Use American Mechanical for building emergencies. Contact someone on building and grounds committee first if possible. The ceiling fan lights are not needed and will remain off.

Peace and Social Justice: The Biennial Friends Council on National Legislation (FCNL):

Grassroots legislative priority setting process begins in Jan -- this will be a major focus of our Committee for first few months of the new year. Mary Pelham and April Mitchell are leading our effort to revitalize the P&SJ Meetinghouse Mandala. Mary Pelham and Tom will be on an FCNL conference call tomorrow night, and Tom will also participate in other end-of-year FCNL conference calls on each of the following three nights.

Nominating:

Nominating Committee is looking for a volunteer for the Committee. Nominating Committee proposed new options for Hospitality and it was decided to continue to work together, as we have been, on a weekly basis for at least a few months.

Communications:

Email issues have been researched and Mail Chimp is recommended as a no cost solution. It will provide several improvements including a 99% delivery rate, an opportunity to unsubscribe, and reported information. The set up is significant work. It is planned to be effective First month 2018. Appreciation is expressed to Linda Smith and Whit Peace for their work on this.

Communication committee proposes a Quaker Speak Meeting for Eating to be held First month 21st day.

Other:

Public Meeting on the Laskin Road project on Twelfth month 14th day from 5-7 p.m. and Joint Property members will attend.

Wedding planning is progressing; the committee is working with Richard and DeShaunda.

Meeting closed with a brief period of silent worship with 17 persons present.