

**Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
14th Day of First Month 2018**

Meeting opened with a period of silent worship, 13 persons present.

Meeting for Business Query #6 - Growth of Our Children: Do we endeavor by example and precept to cultivate in our children a sense of openness and expectancy about life, and to aid them in their growth in spiritual understanding and moral discernment? Do we share with them the faith that guides the practice of Friends, while encouraging them to develop their religious insights as the Spirit of God may lead them?

Response:

Our children include the ones who grow up in the meeting as well as the children in the school. Our program for the children is Spirit led. We nourish their openness and expectancy while protecting and caring for them. The experiences and examples we provide have a deep and lasting effect on our children.

Clerk Sharing:

The clerk encouraged us to get to know each other in a deeper way by sharing something about ourselves.

Treasurer:

The income for 2017 was about \$31,500 and expenses were about \$27,300. The property insurance is still due, which is about \$2000. We did a lot of capital improvements in 2017, costing about \$11,300. The meeting approved an additional \$50 for the treasurer's budget to purchase new checks.

Building and Grounds:

The meeting is grateful to Kathie for her research on the locks, which she presented. There was extensive discussion including whether the source of the problem is difficulty using the doors or security concerns. It was left to season.

The Buildings and Grounds committee determined that an elevator to the basement would cost \$30,000. More follow up is needed for a pit/lift instead of an elevator. Call American Mechanical for all emergencies. Their number is in the electric box. The next work day is the 17th day of Third month. Dominion Power has been contacted about the broken street light. We are grateful to Tom Powers for plowing the snow.

Building and Grounds will contact the meetinghouse scheduler to reserve the meetinghouse and will contact the Communications Committee to post it to upcoming events. This is a gentle reminder that all committees should follow this process when scheduling events.

Peace and Social Justice:

Friends Council on National Legislation relies on input from local meetings to set priorities for the upcoming congress. This process is a two year cycle and has just begun. On the 21st day of First month, the Meeting for Eating will present several videos for education and discussion. Peace and Social Justice will request Communication Committee's assistance with mailings regarding this event.

The Friends Council on National Legislation Advocacy Team continues to be established and will include guest speaker and FCNL Executive Secretary, Diane Randall.

Upcoming events:

Virginia Interfaith Council for Public Policy meets in Richmond on 23rd day of First month. All encouraged to attend.

Michele Alexander, author of *The New Jim Crow* will speak at ODU on 16th Day of First month at 7 p.m.

Woman's March in Norfolk to be held on 21st Day of First month at noon.

It was suggested that the PSJ and B&G committees meet on the same day, leaving open one First Day a month for special events.

Communications:

Upcoming events:

- Meeting for Eating: 1/21/2017 at 12 noon
- Day For All People: 1/23/18
- School events have been postponed

All committees are encouraged to sponsor Meeting for Eating topics.

Committees can reschedule their meetings as desired so that there is one First day a month available for special events. Peace and Social Justice is considering this option.

Meeting approved purchasing a device that will provide full internet coverage.

Transition to MailChimp for bulk emails is providing useful information and is still being worked on. Communications committee edits the electronic newsletter and continues to solicit input from the meeting. Monthly meeting Minutes will be posted as soon as they are ready.

Meeting closed with silent worship, 18 persons present.

Jeanne Crawford, clerk

Joanne Crass, recording clerk