Virginia Beach monthly meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for worship with attention to business
14th Day of Tenth Month 2018

Meeting opened with a period of silent worship, 16 persons present

Opening Worship: Love and Unity: Query #3

Do we follow the teachings of Jesus and seek the inspiration of His Holy Spirit in our daily lives? Are love and unity maintained among us? Do we cultivate a forgiving spirit and do we avoid and discourage needless and destructive criticism of others? When differences arise, do we endeavor promptly to resolve them in a spirit of love, honesty and humility?

Response:

Our life within this Quaker meeting and the whole Quaker community is deeply steeped in the Quaker tradition of good will toward others. Individuals may become passionate over issues and this query reminds us to be mindful of how we are perceived and it helps us to welcome differences with the goal of understanding.

We aspire to live in relationship with Jesus and that is reflected in the way we listen carefully to all people and to the Divine through waiting worship.

School Report:

There are 110 currently enrolled and several new applications. The school appreciates the loan from the meeting which helped with enrollment. The school is developing a niche and improving the aesthetics. Property issues are being discussed and the Friends of Friends loan has been funded. All are invited to Fall Festival 11/3/18, which will include an Open House and a Fun Run fund raiser.

Membership: A clearness committee was formed for Kate Rogers, who requested membership. The committee includes Barb French, Mary Pelham White, Tom Bertrand, Jeanne Crawford and Nancy Craft. Nancy will convene the committee.

Inclement weather cancelation policy: There was discussion of issues involved with cancellation decisions. The sense of the meeting is that we don't need a cancellation policy at this time. Our policy is that we do not cancel Meeting for Worship. We will remain mindful of the needs of the community.

A special events committee was formed to help with Bob Clapp's memorial, set for 11/4/18.The committee includes Tom Bertrand, Nancy Delle Famine, Hank Ghittino, and Nancy Craft. who will meet with Bob's daughters. They will request help from the community.

Finance Committee: The loan from the meeting to the school was repaid. Each committee should make budget recommendations before next MFB.

Minute: Tom offered to host David Perry from Davidson Meeting on 10/26/18 for Interim Body Meeting.

Joint Property task force Update:

Minute: Meeting approves with gratitude to the Joint Property Task Force, the modified drawing and a request to increase of the VDOT offer by $17,000 to cover the estimated cost of an arborist to protect the trees.

JPTF continues to negotiate the easement document with Virginia Natural Gas.

Minute: Meeting approved a trustee to sign the conflict of interest disclosure document to finalize the creation of Friends of Friends LLC.

Minute: The Meeting endorses the Poor People's Campaign: A Call for Moral Revival and recommends that our Yearly Meeting endorse the Poor People's Campaign as well. Meeting will forward our position to Yearly Meeting.

Note: The Committee on Peace and Social justice will set up an information program in the near future so that our meeting may hear from PPC supporters in the Community and determine how individual members of our Meeting can participate effectively in the PPC.

Discussion about the proposal to change the time of Meeting for worship: as the meeting has not reached unity, the proposal was referred back to MEO.

B & G: 10/20/18 all welcome and encouraged to attend work day.

The meeting closed with silent worship, 18 people present.

Jeanne Crawford, clerk

Joanne Crass, recording clerk