Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Thirteenth Day, Tenth Month 2019

Meeting opened with waiting worship, 15 persons present.

Opening Worship: Query #3: Love and Unity: 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?

Meeting united in the following response:
We seldom have conflicts that rise to the level of needing explicit resolution. Hence we have little practice in this. The query rightly calls us to be alert to the demands of real resolution when deep conflict arises. We recall past differences among attenders that have been healed by patience and love. We are aware that in our history differences have simmered for too long. Conflicts challenge us to find a way forward, following God's will. The challenge is especially difficult when events are pressing. Then there is no time to wait for certainty. At these moments great faith is called for. Faith means passion and passion drives us beyond making nice. We need to work through these various calls in order to discern the divine will. Deep listening in the spirit of love and humility is the way.

School Committee:
Hank Ghittino reported on the pressing needs of the school. *Meeting was asked to direct the finance committee to release immediately the remaining $50,000 of the money approved at the August meeting for worship with attention to business.* This was **approved**. School Committee and Finance Committee will work out the paperwork and present it at the next meeting for worship with attention to business.

Finance Committee:
Proposed the following minute: *Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting asks NCYM-C to assist our Friends School teachers' participation in a Quaker conference next April with $3000.* This was **approved**.

Meeting concluded with a period of waiting worship at 10:30.

Jeanne Crawford, clerk
Patrick Goold, acting recording clerk