

**MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS  
VIRGINIA BEACH FRIENDS MEETING**

**9th Day of 2nd Month**

Meeting opened at 8:30 a.m. with a period of waiting worship, 14 persons present.

**Peace Testimony: Query #7:** *Do we endeavor to live in the life and power that takes away the occasion of all war, seeking to do our part in the work of reconciliation between individuals, groups, and nations? Do we faithfully maintain our testimony against nuclear and all other military preparations, the bearing of arms, and all participation in war?*

**Meeting united in the following response:**

Public action for peace is worthwhile, but the true work of reconciliation begins in our own families and communities. Considering that we are all God's children, we look for different points of view. Peace needs to come from within the heart. Some of us struggle when we personally know someone in military service to the country.

**Clerk's Corner:**

The clerk shared a paragraph from "The Mind of Christ" on the meeting for business by Bill Taber: *"There are two ever present and very real hazards in the Friends business method: impatience and vacuous boredom. The Friend who recognizes that these hazards can be a spiritual call to go deeper into worship brings great power to the work of the church as well as an opening of his of her own spiritual gifts, including discernment. Thus the Friends business meeting is not just a peculiar Quaker form of getting things done; rather it should be seen as an essential part of the spiritual formation and the spiritual growth of every seasoned Friend, for it is that place through which we learn to walk hand in hand with each other and the Spirit out into the world to do the work of committed and obedient disciples."*

**School Report:**

Mike Barclay noted the cottage is available for use by the meeting. We currently hold our children's programs there. The annual Founders day program is just two weeks away honoring Garland Waller and Lewis & Mary Pelham White. The school has walked a financial tightrope since he took over last year. Nancy Craft reminded us of our responsibility to support the school. A number of generous contributors have come forward with support. He expects next year's enrollment of 160-175 students, compared to a little over 70 late last summer.

**Meetinghouse usage:**

School has been asked by Google Maps to allow them to publish street and inside views of both the school and meetinghouse. We agreed to join the school if they approve, provided the meetinghouse is identified as a house of worship. A request from an Alzheimer's group to use the meetinghouse for a coffee and conversation place will be referred to committees.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Dave French reported the monthly report is on the website. The annual report is still being compiled. Receipts for 2019 gifts to the meeting are being distributed. He has also agreed to be the Yearly Meeting treasurer.

**Peace, Earthcare, and Social Justice:**

Tom Bertrand has asked to be relieved as convener. The committee will name a new one at their next meeting. Elizabeth Waitekus briefed the meeting on their latest action items which are also posted on the website.

**Young Friends:**

February 23<sup>rd</sup> is their next event with a "Faith and Play" led by Galen Hamann, followed by a pizza party. The children will learn about Bayard Rustin. The clerk agreed to be a contact person for Intellectechs to conduct background checks of those working with the children.

**MEO Realignment:**

Tentative names are "Care and Community" and "Worship & Nurture."

**Laskin Rd. Project:**

Lewis White reported we need to prepare our grounds by the first of 8<sup>th</sup> month. Anything we want to remove from within the driveway circle before that area is destroyed must be done before then.

**Buildings & Grounds:**

Dave reported Gwen Jannone has asked to resign as meetinghouse cleaner after some twenty years of this work. The clerk volunteered to get a "thank you" card for her service that we will sign. The committee is seeking a replacement.

**Membership:**

Kye Moran has paused his request for membership at this time. His clearness committee will meet with him when he is ready.

Business Meeting closed at 10:25 am with a period of silent worship, 13 persons present.

Jeanne Crawford, Clerk

Andrew Young, acting Recording Clerk