**Virginia Beach Friends Meeting**
**Communications Report To Meeting For Business**
**March 14, 2021**

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## Whit Peace Intro

Due to unforeseen circumstances and opportunities, I have taken a 'step back' from 'in the middle of the life of our Virginia Beach Friends Meeting'.

Particularly, I have not done much in the way of leadership of our VBFM Communications the past few months.

Everything reported below is 'standard Communications reporting', along with some ideas I've been wondering about.

## Standard Monthly Tasking/Support

- Monitor/follow up on incoming to vbfm.emailer@gmail.com
- Website/Email/Facebook Community Announcements
- Follow up from **February** MFBusiness => set up for **March** MFBusiness
- Setup Zoom Meetings and corresponding webpages for regular VBFM meetings
- Respond to NYCM(c) requests.
- Respond to Friends School requests.

## Recent Community Mails

- 13FEB - Meeting for Worship and Meeting for Business reminder
- 16FEB - Meeting For Business Minutes Posted
- 18FEB - Friends School Yearbook Project
- 19FEB - Meeting for Worship and Adult First Day Discussions
- 22FEB - Friends School Looking for help with After School Care
- 26FEB - Friends School Master Planning Update Meeting
- 27FEB - Meeting for Worship reminder and pictures of the work progress
- 03MAR - Reminder - Friends School Master Planning Update Meeting
- 05MAR - Meeting For Worship Reminder and Weekly Reminders

## Meetinghouse Usage Request

- Friends School Candice Jarden requested using the Meetinghouse for the First Adventures Program on Wednesday mornings in April and May when the weather isn't nice.

## Nominating Committee

- Nancy Nixon has taken over from Andy as Nominating covenener.
- Nominating Season will kick off in March.
- But who is Nominating cmte going to call?

- In normal times Nominating would call:
    - Folks currently serving in one or more positions
    - Folks that are not 'assigned to any job', but have been regularly attending MFWorship and different VBFM events, workdays, etc. - aka Prospects ;-)
    - Newish folks depending...
    - Often folks that we haven't heard from in a while...

- This year I think Nominating has two main sources:
    - Folks that are already serving in a position
    - Folks that are regularly Zooming with us

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What Are We Going To Do If Things Go Back To Normal in 2021?

- Have we thought this through?
- I don't think we have to worry about always and forever, just for now maybe make commitment to Blended Technology MFWorship through 2021, maybe until June before Yearly Meeting in 2022?
- From a Nominating cmte point of view, I'm thinking/pushing this idea/commitment from Meeting in order to be able to recruit 'workers' that are not local to Hampton Roads.
- Except for Buildings and Grounds, we've proven in 2020 - most of the 'work of the Meeting' can be accomplished without a physical gathering.

Newsletter

- **I am solid** with my decision **not** to '**carry**' the VBFM Newsletter forward into 2021.
- This decision was reported/recorded in our February MFBusiness minutes.
- I am open toward working with anyone interested in carrying the Newsletter forward.

Recommendation:

- I think the Worship & Community cmte and the Communications cmte should meet soon to discuss our Meeting's outreach mail, and letting everybody know that the VBFM Newsletter has been laid down :-(
    - This will involve:
        - More changes than already planned to our online sign up form - Dropping Newsletter Only folks from our MailChimp list :-(
        - Decision on an 'auto response' and/or an individualized welcoming response when folks 'sign on;

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**Working on… :-)**

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