Virginia Beach Friends Meeting for Business
03-14-2021, 1pm via Zoom

Meeting opened at 1:00 PM with a period of waiting worship, 11 persons virtually present through Zoom technology

Query #8 - Manner of Living:*Do we observe simplicity and honesty in our manner of living? Are we careful to live within the bounds of our circumstances, punctual in keeping promises, prompt in the payment of debts, and just in all our dealings? Do we choose those activities which will strengthen our physical, mental, and spiritual life; and do we avoid those harmful to ourselves and others?*

Response:This query speaks to our sense of balance in our financial affairs, as well as with our relationship to our earthbound home. We believe we are balanced, physically, mentally, and spiritually, to be fully present to our responsibilities, as we seek to do what is ours to do. These are values that speak to us as individuals and as a meeting. The words of "Simple Gifts" come to mind; "tis a gift to be simple, tis a gift to be free."

Worship & Community:**ACTION ITEM:** The meeting approved the committee's request of a non-budgeted amount of $750 to design a full-page ad in the school yearbook. The ad would celebrate graduating seniors, and welcome the meeting to the school community. Jeannie isworking with a new convener-in-training. Thanks, Gillian for volunteering!Seventeen people are listed as members, yet only twelve of us are here, remember, anyone is welcome. The State of Society Report is still on our agenda,and the committee seeks input from the community. Wecontinue to reach out to Friends in need as well as to newcomers, and respond to inquiries about our Meeting.

Buildings & Grounds:Nancy Craft and Dave French removed trees, vines, brush, and trash along the east fence line. Unfortunately, Davey Landscaping removed additional trees in error from the east side of the property. We're forming a landscaping subcommittee that can coordinate with the Meeting, school, and VDOT. The library ceiling needs painting, the roof has moss, and a weak spot on the tiles and gutter at the back. The meetinghouse is open for worship with masks and social distancing. No other groups use the building except for the school on rare occasions.

Joint Property Task Force:**ACTION ITEM:** Nancy Craft will follow up with Joanne Young to have a lease of the playground propertydrawn upbetween the meeting and the school. The Task Force is working with Buildings & Grounds on the new entrance construction, need for parking, stormwater run-off, playground expansion, land title, lease of our property to the school, etc.

Head of School Report: Third quarter ends this coming week. Teachers have been vaccinated! Next year's enrollment is projected at over 160. Only the cottage has openings left. There will be a new stand-alone early kindergarten next year, as the school transitions to an emphasis on younger children. The Annual Fund raised over $150,000. There were several substantial gifts, some with naming opportunities! Our five graduating seniors have received acceptances from a total of 21 colleges! Faculty will have a professional development day this Friday. As Breeden takes over our playground areas, in addition to the area east of

the meetinghouse, we will be able to use the Lutheran Church's campus next door.There is an urgent opening for after-school care Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays.

Peace, Earthcare& Social Justice:Attendance has waned, but we want to continue to gather. There are a lot of connections between its members and various related causes in the areathat don't come through the committee. Everyone has theirministry. They meet third Thursday of the month at 5 PM on Zoom. Tom B continues his work with FCNL. He and DeShaunda are leading monthly discussions of Caste twice monthly on Mondays ending on 3/22.Work with immigrants and asylum seekers continues.

Communications Committee:Blended technology (Zoom/in person) will probably continue until Yearly Meeting in June 2022. This committee suggests discussing with W&C these items: Meeting's outreach mail, changes to online sign up form including dropping "Newsletter Only" folks, and decisions regarding the welcoming response when folks "sign on".

Nominating Committee: Nancy Nixon is the new convener. Rosie Heart has joined as well. Nominating Season will kick off this month. Calls will be made to those already serving in a position, and folks regularly zooming with us.

Treasurer's Report:Capital spending was for Zoom equipment including a large screen TV monitor. Income was about twice this month's expenses. Our checking account has about $7500 so we have cash to pay all expected bills. The Annual Report is completed and available on the website.Our thanks to Dave for his dedication to create a very comprehensive report.

School Committee: Conceptual renderings of the addition to the main building were presentedand discussed.Approval was given forMichael Barclay to present them in an enclosure to be distributedto families with re-enrollment contracts. Hank Ghittino updated Meeting members on master planning earlier in third-month. The committee approved three names for new trustees. Chris Dotolo will convene a capital campaign subcommittee.

No further business appearing, we concluded our meeting at 3:30 PM with a brief silence, 14 Friends present, to meet again, second first day in Fourth month.

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Gwynne Wells, clerk

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Andrew Young, recording clerk