Virginia Beach Friends Meeting for Business

5-8-2022 via Blended Technology

Meeting opened at 1:00 PM with a brief period of silence, 14 persons in attendance.

Query - Purpose: What is our purpose with one another as Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends today on this planet? What is our mission within our meeting community, in our local community, and in our global community?

Response: "Wherein the Holy Spirit comes, healing happens," from Acts 9:40-41 What does the Divine Spirit have us do for the healing of this community? Our mission is to hear each other. It is our place apart, a place of peace, of respect. We try to model the life and power that takes away the occasion of war.

Whit Peace Transition Team: **Approved that VBFM contract with Tracey French of Indalia Designs for $2,400 to begin the work of the VBFM Website Renewal/Revival (50% deposit to start, the rest due before 'going live'). Ten standard pages designed are included in this price.**

Gwynne Wells and Linda Smith have been working with Whit Peace as he begins to relinquish his Communications Committee and other VBFM responsibilities this spring. Whit began working with and has agreed to weekly Transition Team meetings with Gwynne and Linda for May, June and beyond if necessary.

Nominating Committee: An up-to-date list of committees and positions has been posted on the website for approval next month. Convener Nancy Nixon is still looking for someone to fill the clerk position (beginning in January 2023). It may be one person or up to four individuals. The clerk support team is available for consistent support. Please, everyone, ponder this position for service to our meeting.

Worship & Community: W&C will purchase for VBFM a ½ page in the Friends School yearbook this year at a cost of $400 total. ($250. from the General fund & $150. from the Program/Retreat fund, both in W&C's budget).

As a community and as individuals, we are struggling to connect with Divine Guidance and come to a sense of the meeting. We discussed that a Worship Sharing gathering may help us understand and listen more deeply. The co-clerks and elders will work together in seeking this path forward, using the Pendle Hill pamphlet, "Beyond Consensus" as a resource.

Transfer of Triangle Property: Meeting approved Linda Smith's signature on the document dated 3-18-2022 from Poole Brooke Plumlee PC acknowledging that both the School and the Meeting want PBP to proceed with the transfer of the Triangle Property from the Friends School to the Trustees of the Meeting. Recording fees are authorized to complete the transfer.

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Stormwater Management: At a called meeting held 5-1-2022, The meeting approved Tom Bertrand working with Bert Poole's law firm to fine-tune the language in the stormwater easement documents for the School and Meeting. He would be representing the meeting as a lawyer and he will do it pro bono for this stormwater management document. We all expressed our gratitude to Tom Bertrand offering to represent the meeting pro bono. We also thanked Larry Herz for advanced preparation prior to the meeting.

Stormwater Easement: Tom Bertrand introduced a revised version of the petition from the school trustees and a revised deed of easement for submission to the circuit court of Virginia Beach. Meeting approved the petition.

Unfinished Business: A **request to fund $3000 for the work on the draft lease amendment with Bert Poole from Joint Property Task Force was discussed at length and left to season.**

Membership: Kye Meran has withdrawn his 2020 request for membership, as he has found his spiritual home at the Unitarian Church of Norfolk.

Communications Committee: A work order processed on 4-13-2022 for the internet upgrade from VIcom may be delayed 60-90 days because of supply chain issues. Beth Bertrand has donated a laptop computer to the Meeting.

Finance Committee: **Meeting approved Rita Wass grants totaling $2500 for an Afghan Refugee Family, bail bond assistance, and immigrants from Mexico and Central America.**

We concluded our meeting at 3:30 PM with a brief silence, 11 present, to meet again, second first day in sixth month, 2022.

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Gwynne Wells, clerk

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Andrew Young, recording clerk