

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting Newsletter Eighth Months 2011

WEEKLY	CURRENT EVENTS			MONTHLY
<p><u>EACH 1st DAY:</u> (Sunday)</p> <p><u>10-30-11-30 am</u> <i>Meeting for Worship</i> <i>First Day School-</i> <i>younger children join</i> <i>Meeting during or</i> <i>after Worship</i></p> <p><u>12:00-12:30 pm</u> <i>Silent Peace Vigil</i> <i>in front of the</i> <i>meetinghouse</i></p> <p><u>EACH 4th DAY</u> (Wednesday)</p> <p><u>8:30- 9 am</u> <i>Meeting for Worship</i> <i>All are welcome with</i> <i>special invitation to</i> <i>School and Meeting</i> <i>Community</i></p> <p><u>7 pm</u> <i>Mid-Week Prayer</i> <u>7:30 pm</u> <i>Worship Sharing</i> <i>Query: "What is the</i> <i>spiritual vision, the</i> <i>light and life, of our</i> <i>Meeting?</i> <i>Where does Meeting</i> <i>feel led?"</i></p>	9/11/11	1 -4 pm	2001 Tribute Weekend – Ten Years Later at the meetinghouse. Contact Sean Bowers for details at VIZUALIZE.org	<p><u>1st First Days</u> <u>12:30 pm</u> <i>Peace & Social</i> <i>Justice Meeting</i></p> <p><u>2nd First Days</u> <u>8:30 am</u> <i>Meeting for</i> <i>Worship with</i> <i>attention to</i> <i>Business</i></p> <p><u>3rd First Days</u> <u>9 am</u> <i>First Day</i> <i>School</i> <i>Discussion –</i> <i>Pendle Hill</i> <i>Pamphlet, "The</i> <i>Use of Silence"</i></p> <p><u>4th First Days</u> <u>9 am</u> <i>Meeting of</i> <i>Ministry and</i> <i>Oversight</i></p>
	9/15/11	5:30 pm	All school picnic. Everyone is invited – pot luck – bring a dish and meet the students!	
	9/16-17/11	6/9 pm 9:30-11	Fundraising Workshop For Steady Footsteps – THE STORIES OF OUR LIVES: Exploring the Deep Structures of our Consciousness through Archetypal Story. See details in this newsletter!	
	9/17/11		Clean The Bay Day Contact Whit Peace, whitpeace@cox.net , 425-8440	
	9/21/11	6:30 – 8 pm	The International Day of Peace at Christ and Saint Luke’s Church 560 Olney Road, Norfolk VA 23507. Reception following in the Lloyd Hall.	
	10/6/11		JCOC Meeting/School serves the meal at the shelter to feed the homeless. Contact Tracy Paladini to volunteer 392-1480 tpaladini@yahoo.com	
	10/8/11	11 am	T. Megan hosting a charity silent art auction to benefit the VBFS music, art and drama programs Location: First Colonial Inn First Colonial Road. See details in this newsletter!	
	10/22/11		One Love Festival – Watch for more information. Virginia Wesleyan College	
	10/22/11		Representative Body Meeting, Greenville, NC	
	2011 EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES			
	Tuesdays & Saturdays	7 am	<u>CATHOLIC WORKER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS</u> <u>Breakfast on the Streets:</u> (prep begins at 6 am at Sacred Heart Church). Serve and share a meal with over 100 brothers and sisters left out of the downtown boom, on Armistead St. (behind the HRT building on Monticello).	
	5/29/2011	3 pm	Yearly Meeting Inter-visitation gathering in Greenville NC	
“SAVE THE DATES”	11/5		Clean The Bay Day. Contact Whit Peace, whitpeace@cox.net , 425-8440	
	4/28/12		Representative Body Meeting Location to be determined.	
	10/6 & 11/8		JCOC. Meeting/School serves the meal at the shelter to feed the homeless. Contact Tracy Paladini to volunteer 392-1480 tpaladini@yahoo.com	

Query to ponder for the next business session: *Are we faithful in our attendance at meetings for worship and are we careful not to disturb the spirit of the meeting by our late arrival? Is our behavior therein that of open submission to God in silent communion?*

Query #1: *Do we faithfully uphold our testimony for worship which is based on silent waiting, and for free and unprogrammed ministry that may be shared by all? Is there a living silence in which we feel drawn together by the Light of Christ, the power of God in our midst; and is this inspiration carried over into our daily lives? Do we come to Meeting with hearts and minds open and ready to worship in silence or in vocal ministry or prayer as the Holy Spirit leads us? Does our meeting encourage those who may have a gift for the spoken ministry?*

Response: Friends palpably feel the living silence among us when we gather, and carry it with us from our meeting. Queries, as a focus for our gathering, allow us to dwell in the mystery of our experience and knowledge of God and each other. Our living silence and appreciated occasional vocal expressions, as led, offer us the expectance of insight for ourselves and our larger community.

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business 8/14/2011

Meeting opened with a waiting silence with approximately 14 members and attenders present.

Treasurer's Report (attached) from Dave French. Discussion about reporting styles of financial information followed. Also decided

- The Investment Committee and Treasurer will determine a frequency and practice for auditing Meeting finances and investment strategies.
- Budget Committee for 2012 will be collecting information for creation of 2012 budget from all committee conveners in tenth month 2011.
- Friends felt it would be helpful if monthly budgeted outcomes were emailed to meeting members monthly. Treasurer was happy to make this available.

Head of School Report from Linda Serrette.

Physical Plant/Maintenance:

- The major task this summer has been to improve safety and security on campus.
- Motion sensitive security lights have been put up in our most vulnerable areas.
- A thorough safety inspection was done on all buildings.
- Currently, repairs and painting of Middle School and Cottage are underway.
- There was a campus clean up on Saturday 23rd July. Members of Meeting, parents and staff were involved. Thanks to the Meeting members for their tireless efforts on an extremely hot day.
- Next week the task of improving our gym storage area begins.

Special Events:

- On July 29th, the school hosted an amazing event which included a very successful blood drive, collecting food for the SPCA and an informal Open House. It was also Bobby's birthday. The atmosphere around campus was wonderful.
- Our NPR ad campaign will continue into the school term.

Enrollment/staffing:

- Teachers return the week of August 22nd. School begins on August 30.
- Enrollment projections remain very conservative.
- Current interest and enrollments to date are slightly ahead of last year.
- Hiring for the 11/12 year is nearly complete with T.Lauren Broccoletti taking over the position of Director of Admissions. T. Tyler Brown will teach Technology and LS Spanish.

Technology:

- The new wireless system is up and running.
- SMART Boards have been installed.
- Teacher and student computers have been delivered and are in the process of being installed.
- Staff will be attending an intense day of SMART Board training on Friday 26th August.

Facility update: We are negotiating a long-term rental of the gym.

School Committee Report from Nancy Nixon.

School Committee met on August 8, 2011. There are two new members: Jim Metcalf – who has been on SC before some years ago, and a current parent- Darlene Beckett. Many of the committees did not meet because of summer break and vacation schedules.

Committee Members for 2011-2012

Advancement – Cheryl Dronzek, Darlene Beckett, Linda Serrette, Linda Smith (convener)

COT - Linda Smith, Lisa Wynkoop (convener) Nancy Nixon, Patrick Goold

Budget and Finance - Darlene, Cheryl (convener), Jim Metcalf., Linda Smith

Spiritual Life – Patrick Goold (convener)

School Committee Clerk - Linda Smith
Assistant Clerk - Lisa Wynkoop
Recording Clerk - Nancy Nixon
Treasurer- Cheryl Dronzek

Property Committee - Jim Metcalf, Nancy Nixon, Lisa Wynkoop, Linda Smith, Linda Serrette

School Committee Goals for 2011-2012

1. Quakerism - maintaining our roots.
2. Rebuild trust relationship between SC/faculty and staff
3. Information dissemination - transparency
4. Enhance Giving to the Annual Fund
- 5 Re-affirm our commitment to professional development
6. Achieve financial stability

2011-2012 working budget has been adopted for 147 student enrollment.

An article in Quaker Life (July/September issue) focused on the success of a VB Friends School international program.

Yearly Meeting Report by Nancy Craft

- Over 200 people attended including 15 children.
- Quaker House in Fayetteville NC is searching for a new director to begin next Eleventh Month.
- Yearly Meeting has a new Facebook page. The web committee is working on how it is to be used.
- Dave Perry had asked for reports electronically to prepare the minute books quickly.
- Representative Body is scheduled the fourth seventh day of tenth and fourth months with the dates for this fall and spring being 11/22/2011 and 4/28/2012. The tenth month meeting is scheduled to be in Greenville NC. No location has been set for the spring meeting. VB Friends Meeting may consider hosting this meeting. Yearly Meeting next year is scheduled for 7/11-15/12 at Guilford College.
- The Davidson Meeting has a capital campaign to building a meeting house. The land was donated by a meeting member. VB Friends Meeting and our members may consider supporting our newest monthly meeting by donating to this cause.

Membership. A letter from Bob Young was read asking for consideration for membership. A Clearness Committee was formed: Louise Wilson, Nancy Nixon, Rebecca Mani, Judith Stephens, Dave French, and Gillian Spencer.

Meetinghouse use. Tidewater Sowers of Justice, a Catholic group devoted to Peace and Social Justice, asked for use of the Meeting House for a meeting with a speaker, Angie O’Gorman, on 10/22/11. The date/time is available. This group’s mission is compatible with VBFM and they are a community partner. Members expressed support of this group and its use of the Meeting House free of charge.

Membership. William Hall requested VBFM to consider him for membership in our meeting. A Clearness Committee was formed: Dave French, Nancy Craft, Paula Justice, and Rose Kennedy.

Ministry and Oversight Report was given by Paula Justice.

- Ministry and Oversight is planning the third in a series of discussions focused on the booklet, “The mind of Christ,” on 8/28/11 following the Peace Vigil. This will be a potluck meal. We will invite the VB Friends School staff to join us at 12:30 for the meal. Dave French’s commentary on this topic will be handed out in hard copy on first day 8/21/11, and sent this week via email to the VBFM mailing list.
- The query, “What is the Meeting’s responsibility to our Meeting, our local community, and our larger world?” is presented and asked to be a focus of consideration in our committees. This is suggested as a year-long project.
- A project is underway in Ministry and Oversight. The group is writing out the history, beliefs and meeting projects. May create documents as led.

A partial **Peace and Social Justice report** was also presented by Paula Justice. A workshop will be offered to meeting and community members called, “The Stories of Our Lives,” as a fundraiser for Virginia Lockett’s work in Vietnam under her non-profit organization, Steady Footsteps. It will occur in two parts, one part on 6th Day evening, 9/16/11, including a dinner meal, and one on 7th day morning, 9/17/11. Meeting approved this project and the use of the Meeting House. Assistance will be required from meeting members to complete this project, particularly with the dinner meal.

Bob Clapp, Clerk for the day and Patricia Swan, Recording Clerk

FUNDRAISING WORKSHOP FOR STEADY FOOTSTEPS – THE STORIES OF OUR LIVES: Exploring the Deep

Structures of our Consciousness through Archetypal Story

A Two-part Workshop led by PAULA JUSTICE

I: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 - 6 to 7 PM - Potluck Dinner

7 to 9 - Retelling of the Prodigal Son Parable with participatory audience analysis

SUGGESTED DONATION for Steady Footsteps: \$10

II: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - 9:30 to 10 AM Registration/Coffee

10 AM until 12 Noon Using childhood stories, participants will explore their own personal and Spiritual patterns experientially discovering how elements of Karma and Grace are reflected in their lives.

PARTICIPANTS limited to 20 for this portion of the workshop.

SUGGESTED DONATION for Steady Footsteps: \$10

(Checks may be made payable to Virginia Beach Friends Meeting)

** Steady Footsteps is a program for rehabilitation of disabled persons in Viet Nam founded by VBF Meeting member, Virginia Lockett, and supported by our Meeting.*

From T. Megan Murphy

As some of you already know, in addition to teaching Middle School English at Virginia Beach Friends School this year, I'm also the development director. I'm hosting a **charity silent art auction** on Saturday, October 8th. It'll be at First Colonial Inn in Virginia Beach.

I was wondering if you had any artist friends (photographers, painters, cartooners, collagers, etc.) who would be willing to donate a piece of their art for the auction. All artwork will be posted on the VBFS website with a link to their sites. We're a non-profit and all the money raised will go to our music, art and drama programs.

I appreciate any help you could give me. You can contact me at my home email: MeganMurph@aol.com or at school: Thank you, TMegan@friends-school.org

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