

## Virginia Beach Friends Meeting Newsletter Ninth Month 2011

WEEKLY	CURRENT EVENTS		MONTHLY	
<p><b>EACH 1st DAY:</b> (Sunday) <u>10:30-11:30 am</u> <i>Meeting for Worship</i> First Day School- younger children join Meeting during or after Worship <u>12:00-12:30 pm</u> <i>Silent Peace Vigil</i> in front of the Meetinghouse</p> <p><b>EACH 4th DAY</b> (Wednesday) <u>7 pm</u> <i>Mid-Week Prayer</i> <u>7:30 pm</u> <i>Worship Sharing</i> Query: "What is the spiritual vision, the light and life, of our Meeting? Where does Meeting feel led?"</p> <p><b>EACH 6th DAY</b> <u>9 – 9:30 am</u> <i>Meeting for Worship</i> All are welcome with special invitation to School &amp; Meeting Community</p>	10/6/11		<p><b>1st First Days</b> <u>12:30 pm</u> <i>Peace &amp; Social</i> <i>Justice</i> <i>Meeting</i></p> <p><b>2nd First</b> <b>Days</b> <u>8:30 am</u> <i>Meeting for</i> <i>Worship with</i> <i>attention to</i> <i>Business</i></p> <p><b>3rd First Days</b> <u>9 am</u> <i>First Day</i> <i>School</i> <i>Discussion –</i> <i>Pendle Hill</i> <i>Pamphlet,</i> <i>"The Use of</i> <i>Silence"</i></p> <p><b>4th First Days</b> <u>9 am</u> <i>Meeting of</i> <i>Ministry and</i> <i>Oversight</i></p>	
		9 am		<b>JCOC</b> Meeting/School serves the meal at the shelter to feed the homeless. Contact Tracy Paladini to volunteer 392-1480 <a href="mailto:tpaladini@yahoo.com">tpaladini@yahoo.com</a>
		11 am		<b>Clean The Bay Day.</b> Contact Whit Peace, <a href="mailto:whitpeace@cox.net">whitpeace@cox.net</a> , 425-8440 T. Megan hosting a <b>charity silent art auction</b> to benefit the VBFS music, art and drama programs. Location: First Colonial Inn First Colonial Road. See details in this newsletter!
		10-11 am		<b>School</b> –Water Pirates program
		5:30-6:30 pm		<b>School</b> – Early School Pumpkin Fest
		7 – 9 pm		<b>Empower Hampton Roads Public Meeting</b>
		9am - noon		<b>School – Grandparents Day</b> –program
		1:30- 10 pm		<b>One Love Festival</b> – Virginia Wesleyan College. See details of schedule in this newsletter.
		11 am		<b>Representative Body Meeting,</b> Greenville, NC
		6-9 pm		Halloween Carnival and MS/US Dance
		3 pm		<b>Yearly Meeting Inter-visitation</b> gathering in Greenville NC
		10/31/11		<b>School Closed for students</b> – teacher work day
	<b>2011 EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES</b>			
<b>Tuesday &amp; Saturday</b>	7 am	<b><u>CATHOLIC WORKER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS</u></b> <b><u>Breakfast on the Streets:</u></b> (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).		
<b>“SAVE THE DATES”</b>	11/5/11	<b>Clean The Bay Day.</b> Contact Whit Peace, <a href="mailto:whitpeace@cox.net">whitpeace@cox.net</a> , 425-8440		
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	4/28/12	Representative Body Meeting. Location to be determined		
	7/11-15/12	Yearly Meeting at Guilford College Campus, Greensboro NC		

**Query #3 to ponder for the next business session:** *Query- Love and Unity. Do we follow the teachings of Jesus and seek the inspiration of His Holy Spirit in our daily lives? Are love and unity maintained among us? Do we cultivate a forgiving spirit, and do we avoid and discourage needless and destructive criticism of others? When differences arise, do we endeavor promptly to resolve them in a spirit of love, honesty, and humility?*

**Query #2:** 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?

**Response:** We are grateful for this query as it reminds us to pay attention to being on time, to listen, to give thanks, and to being open to God's message. Every experience is an opportunity to be a Meeting for Worship.

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**Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business 9/11/2011**

**Meeting opened** with waiting worship with 19 members and attenders present.

**We read Query #2:** 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?

**Friends responded:** We are grateful for this query as it reminds us to pay attention to being on time, to listen, to give thanks, and to be open to God's message. Every experience is an opportunity to bring Meeting for Worship into the experience.

**Treasurer's Report**  
Report of July activity presented to the Business Meeting Ninth month 2011  
Summary income and expenses (excluding bequests and HRSD project)

	8 <sup>th</sup> month	YTD	Budget for 2011	YTD % actual vs. budget (should be 66%)
<b>Income</b>	\$1,998.54	\$12,172.32	\$24,513	50%
<b>Expenses</b>	\$5,732.89	\$18,405.34	\$24,400	70 %
<b>difference</b>	\$3,734.35	\$6,233.02		

- The table above shows that we are "short" over \$6000 year to date of donations to support the Meeting's budget for the year. The Meeting will need to consider what to do to make up this shortfall, but that discussion should be postponed until Friends have had another month or two to consider their personal contributions. There is ample money in our various accounts to meet our budget, so this isn't a "crisis".
  - Most "financial contributions" in the budget "expenses" category have been made. About \$5500 routine expenses remain to be spent this year: about \$5000 of that is building and grounds maintenance.
  - The details of income and expenses vs. budget are in a spread sheet report available by paper copy.
  - The treasurer worked with Nancy Craft to review the HRSD project income and expenses.
  - The investment committee planned meeting during eighth month was postponed due to hurricane Irene, and hasn't yet been rescheduled.
  - "Thank you" letters for donations were received from Pendle Hill (\$100), Earlham School of Religion (\$100), Quaker House (\$100), FCNL (\$200), AFSC (\$100), FWCC (\$125), VBFS golf (\$250).
- A detailed budget spreadsheet is posted at the Meetinghouse.  
Meeting would like B&F to form a plan for distributing the detailed monthly budget report by next MFB.  
Meeting would like to thank Dave French for all his efforts in composing a thorough B&F report for us this month.  
A special letter of thanks to the Lippincott family is being composed by Rebecca Mani and Louise Wilson for the earlier bequest.

**Trustees Report/HRSD Committee**

The committee has met with the lawyers and an agreement has been made. An agreement between HRSD and the Meeting/School has been reached regarding the 42 inch sewer pipe that was installed across the middle of the Meeting property. The trustees, Robert Clapp, Nancy Craft and Houston Shirk are authorized to sign this agreement. The monetary settlement is a total of \$115,000. Previously we received \$18,875 (plus interest of \$67.73) leaving \$96,125.00 due to us minus expenses. We have already spent approximately \$9,000 in expenses. The attorney fees are \$32,041.67 (one-third of the settlement over the amount originally offered by HRSD). We anticipate receiving approximately \$59,000. In addition, we know of approximately \$4,000 yet to be billed.

The Meeting is aware that the HRSD project is complete and settlement has been reached. In order to receive the compensation, Joe Fiutko's name must be removed from the Trustees, leaving the three remaining trustees: Bob Clapp, Nancy Craft and Houston Shirk. Nancy Craft will work on the legality of having Joe's name removed. We would like to express our appreciation for all the hours of work Nancy Craft has dedicated to this project.  
Meeting approves providing funds, possibly from the Lippincott bequest, to send Virginia Lockett to the Sixth World Conference of Friends in Kenya if she is still interested in attending.

**Head of School Report to Meeting**

**School Life:**  
New teachers are Tyler Brown: IT and 4th, 5th, 6th grade PE; Melissa Sorce: Science and US PE and Susan Davidson: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The negotiations with the Church are continuing about the Wilson Center rental.

**Admissions:**  
Enrollment continues to be below expectations but we are still hoping to reach our target.  
We are receiving a fairly steady flow of inquiries and visits.  
Grandparents' Day is the 21<sup>st</sup> of October and John Waller has been invited to be our guest of honor on that day.

Our first Open House will be on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Physical Plant/ Maintenance:**

Almost all of the major summer maintenance has been completed.

Middle School and Cottage have been repainted and their roofs repaired.

The Art room floor underwent major repairs and it is stable once more. There were termites and this problem has been dealt with.

The Breezeway/art room roof is the next major task and this should be finished by next week.

**Development:**

Preparations are underway for our "Art for Art's Sake Auction." It will be held at First Colonial Inn on October 8th, 6-9 p.m. Artists may donate a piece of art by contacting [tmegan@friends-school.org](mailto:tmegan@friends-school.org), or bring your piece to the school office. Teacher Megan has tickets for the event.

**School Events:**

Volley ball and Soccer seasons are underway.

The school potluck picnic is this Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting has received a heartfelt letter from VBFS teachers, Megan Murphy, Lisa Edwards, Linda Serrette, and Barbara Kelly asking us to consider offering a scholarship to an 8th grade student, Haley Reeder. The letter stated that Haley has been a student at VBFS since third grade. Her family indicated at the end of last year that, due to severe financial constraints, she would not be able to return to complete her 8th grade year. Haley is an extremely intelligent African American student who is a gifted writer and an asset to her class. Haley has had many obstacles in her life but Friends School has provided an atmosphere in which she has blossomed. The teachers are extremely concerned that the transition to a different middle school would be very difficult for her. They sincerely feel that Haley needs to be at Friends School.

Meeting is taking the request for scholarship funds under prayerful consideration. B&F is requested to investigate the Lucy Stone bequest to see if it could be used for this purpose. Some donations have already been received for Haley, but approximately \$6,000 is still needed. Members and attenders are encouraged to contribute directly to the VBFS scholarship for Haley Reeder.

**Building and Grounds Report - September 2011**

Full meeting minutes will be posted at the Meetinghouse for those interested in the details of completed and planned maintenance.

Meeting agreed that the B&G's expenditure of \$1,050 for cleaning up after the storm should be paid from the reserve funds.

FALL WORKDAY - OCT 29TH, 9-1 - This will be both an indoor and outdoor work day. Please mark your calendars! Many hands make light work.

**The following committee activities were reported from Peace and Social Justice.**

**Peace & Social Justice Report - September 3, 2011**

Several suggestions were made to address local homelessness. A list of churches that provide Winter Shelter will be obtained to see if we can assist one of them during their week-long shift housing and feeding homeless adults, which runs from October to April.

Member and attenders are invited to bring the following items to be taken to local homeless programs: backpacks, bikes, bike locks, blankets, socks, underwear, coats, shoes, scarves, food (for food pantry).

Rebecca will find out more information about how we might assist an organization of homeless people called "Hope in the Upper Room." She will also find out if VB recreation centers offer a discount to the homeless.

Paula will find out if Kim Williams, from the Catholic Worker, needs our help while her husband, Steve Baggarty, is in jail. Paula reported she recently got a letter from Steve and encouraged us to write him. See the Meeting bulletin board for his address.

We looked at items from the PACT website that we want to sell, along with the olive oil and olive oil soap, at Fair Trade. If we place the order by early November, Patricia Swan has agreed to pick them up for us when she visits family in DC.

Upcoming events include:

\* **Sept. 16 and 17**, Paula will be offering a workshop as a fundraiser for [Steady Footsteps](#).

\* **Sept. 21**, [UN International Day of Peace](#), 6:30pm to 8pm at Christ & St. Luke's church in Norfolk – the committee will have a table there at which we will sell olive oil,

\* **Oct. 22, One Love** - volunteers are needed all day so contact Paula, Gwynne or Bob Y. if you can help out;

\* **Dec. 3 and 4**, [Fair Trade Festival](#) - We will have a table and sell fair trade items from Palestine and Vietnam and profits go to Steady Footsteps. Many volunteers are needed that weekend and a sign- up sheet will be sent at a later date.

\* **Nov. 11** -7:30 - 10:00p.m. was approved by Meeting for a [Coffeehouse Fundraiser for Steady Footsteps](#) – details to follow.

**Membership**

The Meeting, based on the Clearness Committee recommendations, warmly welcomes Robert E. Young as a member of VBFM.

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A letter requesting membership for John F. Callan III (Jack) was read. Meeting approved a Clearness Committee consisting of: Bob Clapp, Bob Young (convener), Gillian Spencer and Pat Phelan Young.

### New Business

A letter was received from the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP) inviting VBFM to join their membership. We will hold this in prayerful consideration until next month.

VICPP works on poverty and social justice issues in a manner similar to FCNL, but is focused on Virginia's state issues and is ecumenical rather than Quaker.

Judith Stevens, Clerk and Linda Smith, Recording Clerk for the Day

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](mailto:MeganMurph@aol.com) or at school: Thank you, [TMegan@friends-school.org](mailto:TMegan@friends-school.org)

### One Love Festival – Community Peacebuilding

Admission is FREE

Suggested donations: non-perishable food items, or monetary contributions to Food Bank of Southeastern VA.

Schedule: 1:30 -4:30 pm Spirituality of Non-Violence (local Pax Christi-sponsored workshop)

5-6:30 pm "Speak your Peace" (open mic & featured speakers)

7-10pm Concert

**Empower Hampton Roads Public Meeting.** Come help celebrate! Location: 3<sup>rd</sup> Baptist Church, Godwin Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704

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