

## Virginia Beach Friends Meeting Newsletter Eighth Month 2014

CURRENT ACTIVITIES	
<p><b>8/25. School Orientation</b> 5 pm ES.LS.MS New Family Orientation 6:30 pm US New family Orientation</p> <p><b>8/26 First Day of School</b></p> <p><b>9/1. No School – Labor Day</b></p> <p><b>9/3. MS 6 pm Back to School Night</b></p>	<p><b>9/4 6 pm. LS Back to School Night</b></p> <p><b>9/11 5:30 pm, Back to School Picnic</b></p> <p><b>9/13 9 am to noon. River Cleanup.</b> For more information or to register, call our office at 757-962-5398, <a href="mailto:Trista@LRNow.org">Trista@LRNow.org</a></p> <p><b>9/20 9am - 1pm. Meetinghouse work day.</b> Everyone is encouraged to come and lend a hand!</p>
MONTHLY	
<p><b>Moral Mondays 11:45 am for 30 minutes St Paul's Episcopal Church 815 Grace Street, Richmond, VA</b> <b>NOT EVERY WEEK NOW!: 9/7/2014, 9/21/2014</b></p>	
<p><b><u>EACH 1<sup>st</sup> DAY (Sunday)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <u>10:30 – 11:30 am Meeting for Worship with First Day School-younger children join Meeting during or after Worship</u></li> <li>* <u>12:00-12:30 pm Silent Peace Vigil - in front of the Meetinghouse</u></li> </ul> <p><b><u>EACH 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY (Monday)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <u>11:45 am Moral Monday - Richmond VA St. Paul's Episcopal Church steps (across the street from the General Assembly/Capitol Park).</u></li> </ul> <p><b><u>EACH 4<sup>th</sup> DAY (Wednesday)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <u>7 pm - Mid-Week Prayer</u></li> </ul> <p><b><u>EACH 6<sup>th</sup> DAY (Friday)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <u>9 – 9:30 am Meeting for Worship. All are welcome, with special invitation to School &amp; Meeting Community (except when school is not in session)</u></li> </ul>	<p><b><u>1<sup>st</sup> First Days</u></b> <b>9 am – Buildings &amp; Grounds Meeting</b> <b>12 noon - Peace &amp; Social Justice Meeting</b></p> <p><b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> First Days</u></b> <b>8:30 am - Meeting for Worship with attention to Business</b> <b>(except Seventh Month)</b> <b>Next business session is 8/10.</b></p> <p><b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> First Days</u></b> <b>9 am - First Day School Discussion</b></p> <p><b><u>4<sup>th</sup> First Days</u></b> <b>9 am Meeting of Ministry &amp; Oversight</b></p>
SAVE THE DATES	
11/1/2014	<p><b>The River Cleanup Days.</b> Contact Whit Peace, 613-2828 <a href="mailto:whitpeace.river@gmail.com">whitpeace.river@gmail.com</a> For more information or to register, call our office at 757-962-5398, <a href="mailto:Trista@LRNow.org">Trista@LRNow.org</a></p>
11/1/2014 2/7/2015 5/2/2015	<p><b>Host: Rich Square Meeting</b> <b>Host: TBD</b> <b>Host: TBD</b></p>
10/7/2015, 11/6/2015	<p><b>JCOC dates for 2014 – Contact Tracey Paladini to assist and for details</b> <a href="mailto:tpaladini@yahoo.com">tpaladini@yahoo.com</a></p>
10/25/2015	<p><b>Interim Body Meeting – Durham NC – to be confirmed</b></p>
4/13/2015	<p><b>Interim Body Meeting – Greenville NC – to be confirmed</b></p>
7/15/2015 to 7/19/2015	<p><b>Yearly Meeting, Guilford College, Greensboro NC: <u>Note: Date Change From Routine</u></b></p>

**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:** We say "yes" this is our way. Newcomers add that our meetings feel welcoming, and they are embraced by our silence and worship. Louise's legacy of Spirit remains alive to us as an inspiration and joy. We value the silence that does carry forward into our daily lives.

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## **Virginia Beach Friends Meeting for Business with Attention to Business Eighth Month 10, 2014**

Twelve present, with others arriving during the meeting.

**Clerk:** Dave French acting Clerk and recording clerk

**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?

We read this query and had some discussion about it, but postponed writing a minute.

**Head of school report** - Linda Serrette reported an active summer of admission work. The normal fixing and painting are under way. Summer camps have been well attended and keep the school bustling. New Spanish and Upper School science teachers have been hired. Enrollment is currently 148 which is more than prior years at this time.

The meeting expresses appreciation to the School for hosting Louise Wilson's memorial service.

**School committee** - Lewis White reported that Linda Smith, Lisa Wynkoop, and Joan Young are departing school committee; and Tim Craddock, Ann Dworetzky, and Nancy Lowe have joined. The budget had a surplus at year end, and donation giving has exceeded the \$100,000 goal. Facility maintenance and planning are high priority. There is more work with a lawyer to gain the 1 acre property on the back of the campus.

**Ministers, Elders, and Overseers** - Nancy Nixon reported that there will be a gathering at Woodland August 30 (date not certain) to provide support for small meetings in our Yearly Meeting. We received notes from Suzanne McIvor and Jane Volkhausen. Tom Bertrand will compose a memorial for Louise Wilson, and work on getting something in Quaker Life and Friends Journal. MEO wants new Overseers since Louise has passed and both Rose Kennedy and Rebecca Mani have laid down their roles.

Tom Bertrand reviewed his work to prepare a memorial minute. A draft may be available in a few months, which will then be offered to our business meeting.

**Buildings and Grounds** - Barb French reported on the new windows and on the next scheduled work day 9th month 20. Larry Herz repaired the attic trap door and bathroom exhaust fan. Next capital item under consideration are the basement storm doors. Clogged downspouts remain an issue needing long term solution.

**Finance and treasurer** - Dave French updated us on the money situation - income and expenses are balanced. Most of our budgeted donations haven't yet been paid.

**Peace and Social Justice** - Tom Bertrand reported on hosting at the Meetinghouse "Social Justice University" on 9/28/14 (Sunday afternoon). We also are considering co-sponsoring a "Prayer Walk for Peace" with the local Baha'i community; more to be reported later. The survey of our individual P&SJ involvement is being reviewed.

**Report from Yearly Meeting** - Nancy Craft commented on the discussion on the F&P revision related to having a quorum at Interim business meeting, which was dropped. A proposal was discussed on doing more related to youth ministry, especially in conjunction with Piedmont Friends Fellowship. The budget committee dropped most of the donations budget to \$250 due to lower income, especially from Friendship Meeting, who faces major capital needs. It was agreed that we will make up the Yearly Meeting difference for our school this year by taking

\$600 from the Lucy Stone fund.

**Joint Property Committee** - Nancy Craft described the current work related to Dominion Power's request for a permanent easement in front. We hope to work with Jack Ferrebee (a lawyer) to better understand their request and our options.

**Faith and Practice re-write update** - Dave French reported that the rewrite of pp 20-22 has been approved by Yearly Meeting and that pp 23-25 are now under consideration. The main current change proposal is to limit children to associate membership which will automatically expire at their 25th birthday unless they take active steps to become regular members. Our committee of Dave French, Gayle Cameron, Andy Young, and Keith Williamson are reviewing the proposed changes.

**Business Meeting** then closed with silence.

David French Clerk for the day

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### **Sylvie**

By Midori Bamba (7-21-2014)

There is a world that I can see  
only when I close my eyes.  
There are words that I can speak  
only when I close my lips.  
There is a woof that I love to listen to  
only when I cover my ears.  
There is a beloved dog that I come to meet  
only when I stop walking.  
Be still ...  
When I want to meet my dog,  
I seek Sylvie, loving and royal.  
The unseen is eternal.

Midori added this poem by an unknown author:

"He is your friend, your partner,  
your defender, your dog.  
You are his life, his love, his leader.  
He will be yours, faithful and true,  
to the last beat of his heart.  
You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion."

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**Have you responded yet? If not it is time!!!** If you have not yet taken the “Survey of Peace & Social Justice Activities and Concerns of Virginia Beach Friends” please do so. Go to <https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=buDY-0HcKtxmnUafTRvNSw#>

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**Virginia’s Moral Mondays are continuing in Richmond 11/45 am at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, next to the park at the General Assembly building**

*The purpose of this newsletter is to share the Monthly Meeting minutes with members, attenders and others interested in the Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting. The minutes represent the official view of the Meeting. Other articles relating to the Meeting are included on a space available basis and reflect the views of the person submitting the information. The name of the person writing or submitting each article is included to avoid the impression the information represents the opinion of the Meeting.*

**Newsletter Notes: The Deadline for the newsletter is the day of our monthly Business session.**

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