

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting Newsletter Ninth Month 2014

CURRENT ACTIVITIES	
<p>10/17, 4 – 6 pm JCOC Shelter meal Contact Tracey Paladini to assist and for details</p> <p>10/11 9 am to 1 pm, Let's Make a Difference ACA Pre-enrollment Seminar featuring Dr. Melissa Clark. 101 E, 26th Street, Norfolk VA. Sponsored by Empower Hampton Roads and other local organizations.</p> <p>10/11 9m to 5 pm Lynnhaven River Now Fall Festival, Rosemont Elementary School</p> <p>10/24 School's Open House and Grandparents Day</p> <p>10/24 6:30 pm MEO Meets (instead of First Day)</p>	<p>10/25 11am Worship, followed by lunch and Interim Body Meeting – Durham Meetinghouse, Durham NC</p> <p>10/29 7:30 to 9:30 am JCOC 1st Annual Breakfast</p> <p>10/31 Teacher Work Day No ES,LS, MS Students</p> <p>11/3 School Professional Day, No school</p> <p>11/1 9 am to noon. River Cleanup. For more information or to register, call our office at 757-962-5398, Trista@LRNow.org</p> <p>11/1 Rich Square hosts informal "quarterly meeting" 11am followed by pot luck lunch and conversation around the table.</p>
MONTHLY	
<p>Moral Mondays 11:45 am for 30 minutes St Paul's Episcopal Church 815 Grace Street, Richmond, VA</p>	
<p><u>EACH 1st DAY (Sunday)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>10:30 – 11:30 am Meeting for Worship with First Day School-younger children join Meeting during or after Worship</u> * <u>12:00-12:30 pm Silent Peace Vigil - in front of the Meetinghouse</u> <p><u>EACH 2nd DAY (Monday)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>11:45 am Moral Monday - Richmond VA St. Paul's Episcopal Church steps (across the street from the General Assembly/Capitol Park).</u> <p><u>EACH 4th DAY (Wednesday)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>7 pm - Mid-Week Prayer</u> <p><u>EACH 6th DAY (Friday)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>9 – 9:30 am Meeting for Worship. All are welcome, with special invitation to School & Meeting Community (except when school is not in session)</u> 	<p><u>1st First Days</u></p> <p>9 am – Buildings & Grounds Meeting</p> <p>12 noon - Peace & Social Justice Meeting</p> <p><u>2nd First Days</u></p> <p>8:30 am - Meeting for Worship with attention to Business (except Seventh Month)</p> <p><u>3rd First Days</u></p> <p>9 am - First Day School Discussion</p> <p><u>4th First Days</u></p> <p>9 am Meeting of Ministry & Oversight</p>
SAVE THE DATES	
11/1/2014	<p>The River Cleanup Days. Contact Whit Peace, 613-2828 whitpeace.river@gmail.com</p> <p>For more information or to register, call our office at 757-962-5398, Trista@LRNow.org</p>
11/22	<p>Meeting Work Day 9 am to noon</p>
2/7/2015 5/2/2015	<p>Quarterly meeting Host: TBD</p> <p>Quarterly meeting Host: TBD</p>
11/6/2014	<p>JCOC dates for 2014 – Contact Tracey Paladini to assist and for details</p> <p>tpaladini@yahoo.com</p>
4/13/2015	<p>Interim Body Meeting – Greenville NC – to be confirmed</p>
7/15/2015 to 7/19/2015	<p>Yearly Meeting, Guilford College, Greensboro NC: <u>Note: Date Change From Routine</u></p>

Query to ponder for next month: 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?*

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Query #3 "Do we follow the teachings of Jesus and seek the inspiration of the 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?"

Response: we experience love and unity as a community and have seen it especially this summer in the absence of our clerk as members have stepped up in a spirit of trust to work together. Personally, the query is a reminder of work to be done and some find it easier to practice in the presence of the meeting.

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting for Business with Attention to Business Ninth Month 14, 2014

Patrick Goold, serving as temporary clerk opened the meeting.

Head of School: Report from T. Linda Serrette

181 students have enrolled to date, 8 of them international. Maintenance on the school continues. Currently, the floor in the art room is being redone. Managing the space in the storage shed continues to be a challenge as we balance our needs for storage while honoring the requirements of the fire marshal.

Working with the visiting camp went well this summer and we expect to continue this relationship. We have need of new playground equipment. A safe swing set is an objective. Fall sports are underway. We are continuing cross country but not soccer. There was a large turnout for parents' night and the picnic. The murals are being repainted. New faculty members have been welcomed. Kathy Kelly, peace activist, will speak to the middle and upper school students Friday, September 19. Quaker studies are being taught on several levels: world religions, mindfulness and Quaker practices.

School Committee Report from JoAnn Crass

Enrollment is higher at the start of school (181) than at the end of last year, for the first time recently. Over the last three years there has been a steady increase in enrollment, a hopeful sign.

A task force is assigned to begin working on a grant from Hampton Roads Community Foundation.

School Committee set their goals for the 2014 -15 academic year to include increasing faculty professional development opportunities, campus beautification, enrollment and annual giving increases, and create a master plan for the campus.

During an exercise that included parent and teacher comments, Student Outcomes from our Quaker Education were enthusiastic learners, engaged and empowered. They gain confidence and are prepared to be technology savvy citizens, environmentally conscientious and ready to work in community with others in a changing world.

Two new School Committee Members: Alfred How, and Michelle Ewing (parents)

Treasurer' Report:

Expenditures for August were \$10,000 (\$9800 to Friends' School) while income was only \$3,000. For the fiscal year, income is \$8,000 less than expenditures. Annual expenditures are approximately \$30,000, with income derived from member and attenders' contributions as well as income from building rentals. The budget process will begin shortly and committees should submit their requests for the next fiscal year by Tenth Month.

MEO Report:

Three members were present for a meeting Eighth Month 24, 2014. Gayle Cameron reported that Susan Wilson will lead a spiritual workshop for our Meeting after the first of the year. A contribution of \$200 was made to the Bob and Louise Wilson Scholarship Fund, in memory of Louise Wilson. This does not preclude Meeting or individuals from making their own donations to this fund to honor Louise Wilson.

Young Friends Program

Gwynne Wells' request to be relieved of her responsibility as convener was accepted. A task force led by Linda Smith to determine the future of the Young Friends Program was appointed. Nancy Nixon will take the question of leadership to the Nominating Committee.

Peace and Social Justice Committee Report

Tom Bertrand reported that seven members had met Ninth Month 8. Bob Young shared his letter writing re the conflict with Israel and Palestine. Paula Justice reminded Friends of previous support of the Friends School in Ramallah and the question was raised as to whether this relationship might be re-established. Members were encouraged to write letters to our Senators asking them to oppose efforts by the House of Representative (H. R. 5230) to lessen the protections of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPRA). Peace activist Kathy Kelly, co-coordinator for Voices for Creative Non-violence, will speak on "Making Peace Amid War: Voices from Iraq and Afghanistan" to Friends School Ninth Month 19, as well as the One Love Festival Saturday, Ninth Month 20. This festival, co-founded by Whit Peace, will take place at Virginia Wesleyan from 1 to 9, with not only lectures, but also, music, poetry and the world's largest drumming circle. The Social Justice University of the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy will be held at Friends Meetinghouse, 2:30-5 pm, Ninth Month 28. A Walk for Peace and Interfaith Dialogue will occur at Mt. Trashmore, from 12:30 to 3:00 pm Sunday, Tenth Month 19, in conjunction with the Baha'i Community of Hampton Roads.

Membership/Annual Meeting

Anyone with questions re membership for Faith and Practice/Annual Meeting should contact David French

Letter for Membership

A letter requesting consideration for membership was received from JoAnn Crass. A Clearness Committee was named: Andy Young, Bob Young Nancy Nixon, Nancy Craft and Barb French

Letter from Warren Wilson College requesting the use of Friends Meetinghouse on Tenth Month 18-23, 2014 for 10 students who will be volunteering at the Virginia Aquarium was approved with Tom Bertrand being named liaison.

A request from Patricia Swann asking for a letter to be a sojourner to Chatham, NJ Meeting was approved. The clerk will be asked to write the letter.

Buildings and Grounds Report

A work day in Ninth Month was rescheduled for Eleventh Month 22. Anyone wishing to pull weeds prior to this was encouraged to do so. The next capital project will be to replace the basement storm doors for a cost of approximately \$1,000. Repairing the ceiling in the Meetinghouse is also on the list of things to be done. This will include insulating the air duct in the attic, insulating the attic, refurbishing the air diffusers, replacing the ceiling can lights, and replacing the ceiling wood (not the beams, just the panels). A contractor is being sought. Bob Clapp has contacted the lawn service to request more effective care of the grounds. Dave French recently put a screen on the downspout to prevent leaves from clogging the drains.

Patrick Goold, acting clerk and Faye Bailey, acting recording clerk

From the School:

Anyone who shops at Harris Teeter, now is the time to link your VIC card to Virginia Beach Friends School. If you have done this in the past, it needs to be re-linked every Fall. Click on this link (or cut/paste into your browser) : https://www.harristeeter.com/other/my_harris_teeter/login_page.aspx to connect your VIC card to our school. If you have trouble, just go to the Customer Service counter at any HT store. *Added bonus: when you purchase HT brands from now until Oct. 28 we will earn double for our school.

Target: if you use a Target red card, you can link this to Friends School as well. Just go to the Customer Service counter and this can be quickly set-up. They donate a percentage of your purchases to the school.

Coke caps and Box Tops for Education - these small items also bring in cash to the school. There is a box in the Meetinghouse to collect these items.

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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