

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting Newsletter Eleventh Month 2014

CURRENT ACTIVITIES	
12/19 Scholl is dismissed at noon until 2015	12/24 Christmas Eve 7-8pm Caroling, 8-midnight, open worship
MONTHLY	
<p><u>EACH 1st DAY</u> (Sunday)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>10:30 – 11:30 am Meeting for Worship with First Day School-</u> younger children join Meeting during or after Worship * <u>12:00-12:30 pm Silent Peace Vigil - in front of the Meetinghouse</u> <p><u>EACH 2nd DAY</u> (Monday)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>11:45 am for 30 minutes 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</u> (Wednesday)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>7 pm - Mid-Week Prayer</u> <p><u>EACH 6th DAY</u> (Friday)</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> 9 am – Buildings & Grounds Meeting 12 noon - Peace & Social Justice Meeting</p> <p><u>2nd First Days</u> 8:30 am - Meeting for Worship with attention to Business (except Seventh Month)</p> <p><u>3rd First Days</u> 9 am - First Day School Discussion</p> <p><u>4th First Days</u> 9 am Meeting of Ministry & Oversight</p>
SAVE THE DATES	
2015 Dates: 2/4, 3/5, 4/9, 10/29,11/19	JCOC Homeless shelter meal – Contact Tracey Paladini to assist and for details tpaladini@yahoo.com
2/7/2015	Quarterly meeting – New Bern NC
4/25/2015	Interim Body Meeting – Greenville NC
5/2/2015	Quarterly meeting - Host TBD
7/15-19/2015	Yearly Meeting, Guilford College, Greensboro NC: <u>Note: Date Change From Routine</u>
10/24/2015	Interim Body Meeting – Location TBD

Query to ponder for next month: Query 4 *Work of the Meeting. Do we assume our rightful share in the expenses of our Meeting? Do we regard our time, our talents, and our possessions as given to us in trust, and do we use them freely for the needs of others?*

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Response: Much of this Meeting's individual and collective resources are given to our Friends School, one of only a few under the care of a single meeting. We feel we generously share our time and talents in upkeep of the property. The Meetinghouse itself is shared most often with the School, but also made available to a large number of outside organizations as well. Each of us also has an individual ministry devoted to others within and outside of the Meeting. Children who have grown up in this Meeting return to worship with us and begin outreach to others on their own. Like most organizations, it is true for us that most of the work is done by a few hard-working and faithful members.

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting for Business with Attention to Business Eleventh Month 9, 2014

Opening: Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting of Friends gathered for Worship with Attention to Business on First day, 11 month 9, 2014 at 8:33 AM in the Meetinghouse. Present were some 14 Friends and attenders.

Head of School: We are now officially at 185 students. There is an early school contract pending. Open House was moderately successful. Eight families toured the school. Two Guatemalan students have arrived. Although we had a mediocre turnout for our cleanup day, we got a lot done and the school looked really good. There was a very large turnout for Grandparent's Day. Science students had a phenomenal real life experience witnessing the Antares rocket explode at Wallops Island. Patrick's Quakerism presentation was very enlightening. We hope he can do it again, as the turnout was impacted by stormy weather. T. Lauren was awarded a fellowship for seven days of marine environmental studies in Baja Island, Mexico next March.

Treasurer's Report: Expenses outpaced income by about \$1500, but we've met almost all of our regular contributions. The largest remaining bill is for insurance, which is about \$2000. Year-to-date income is about \$8000 behind expenses. There is a reserve to meet these commitments. The treasurer will remind members to donate with announcements at the rise of meeting. Committee clerks who have not yet responded with their budget requests are reminded that we need to approve next year's budget in the next month! M & O will re-visit the issue of reaching out personally to inactive members who do not regularly participate.

Minsters Elders & Overseers: MEO asked for and was given approval for Hank Ghittino to serve as an overseer. Members also approved the AA young Adult group to meet in our Meeting Space downstairs at 10 pm on Saturday nights. Concerns regarding changes to our F&P have been raised. To address these concerns MEO proposes a brown bag lunch meeting after MFW. Dave French is willing to provide a short summary of the proposed changes to two of the sections of our Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice. The meeting will last about an hour, from 12-1 PM. Meeting approved a date of November 16th at Rise of Meeting.

Membership Clearness: The Meeting approved Joanne Gingrich Crass for membership. Her Clearness Committee has visited with her two specific times, including one in her home, and is satisfied that she is fully aware of the implications of membership. A welcoming celebration will be arranged with Joanne, and held at Nancy Nixon's home.

Peace & Social Justice: A group of nine students from Warren Wilson College in Asheville, NC spent a successful fall break volunteering at the Virginia Aquarium, utilizing our Meetinghouse as their base from October 18-22. Ten Friends joined a similar number of Bahai's for a walk for peace & interfaith dialogue at Mt. Trashmore on 10/19. The membership was encouraged to become more involved in meeting with our government representatives on behalf of Peace & Social Justice activities.

Closing: No further business appearing, the Meeting closed with a brief period of silent worship, to meet again in 12th month if consistent with divine will.

Patricia Phelan Young, Clerk and Andrew M. Young, Recording Clerk

POEM - By Robert Young

Reverence

The Reverence: Quaker Meeting
I am 83, and life is fleeting.
What a blessing it is
To spend one hour together
In silence, with Friends –

To put away the chatter in my mind and body
And to sit in the Peace
Of breathing in and breathing out
Over and over and over again.

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.

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.

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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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