

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting Newsletter Second Month 2012

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> First Day School- younger children join Meeting during or after Worship</p> <p><u>12:00-12:30 pm</u> <i>Silent Peace Vigil</i> in front of the Meetinghouse</p> <p><u>EACH 4th DAY</u> (Wednesday)</p> <p><u>7 pm</u> <i>Mid-Week Prayer</i> <u>7:30 pm</u> <i>Worship Sharing</i></p> <p>Query: "What is the spiritual vision, the light and life, of our Meeting? Where does Meeting feel led?"</p> <p><u>EACH 6th DAY</u> (Friday) <u>9 – 9:30 am</u> <i>Meeting for Worship</i> All are welcome, with special invitation to School & Meeting Community</p>	1/21	9-12 noon	Workshop hosted by M&O followed by a pot luck lunch. All members and attenders are encouraged to come! Purpose: Explore the role of each committee in the working of the Meeting as a whole, and the role and responsibilities of conveners of the Meeting committees.	<p><u>1st First Days</u> <u>9 am</u> <i>Peace & Social Justice Meeting</i></p> <p><u>2nd First Days</u> <u>8:30 am</u> <i>Meeting for Worship with attention to Business</i></p> <p><u>3rd First Days</u> <u>9 am</u> <i>First Day School Discussion – Pendle Hill Pamphlet, "Leading and Being Led"</i></p> <p><u>4th First Days</u> <u>9 am</u> <i>Meeting of Ministry and Oversight</i></p>
	1/21	1-3 pm	School Admissions Open House	
	1/27		"Career Day" in MS & US	
	1/30	7 pm	Opening Ceremony for Hampton Roads Season for NonViolence, 7pm at Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Fellowship Hall, 1000 Holt Street, Norfolk, VA 23504	
	2/11	10 am - 1 pm 6-9 pm	VBFS Founders Day: "An Amazing Race with Friends" Road Rally "Mystery Dinner Theater" (age 10+)	
	2/17	All Day	School – no classes, Teacher work day	
	2/20	All Day	School Closed – President's Day	
	OPPORTUNITIES			
	Every Tuesday & Saturday	7 am	<u>CATHOLIC WORKER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 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).	
	"SAVE THE DATES"	2012 TBA	Clean The Bay Day. Contact Whit Peace, whitpeace@cox.net , 425-8440	
4/30, 5/31, 9/28, 12/10		JCOC Meeting/School serves the meal at the shelter to feed the homeless. Contact Tracy Paladini to volunteer 392-1480 tpaladini@yahoo.com		
4/28		Representative Body Meeting. Durham Friends Meeting, Durham North Carolina		
4/29		Empower Hampton Roads Annual Banquet, Murray Center -Norfolk		
7/11-15		Yearly Meeting at Guilford College Campus, Greensboro NC		

Query #6: Growth of Our Children: Do we endeavor by example and precept to cultivate in our children a sense of openness and expectancy about life, and to aid them in their growth in spiritual understanding and moral discernment? Do we share with them the faith that guides the practice of Friends, while encouraging them to develop their religious insights as the Spirit of God may lead them?

Response: We have few children in Meeting today, but as a Meeting we are led to nurture, with renewed enthusiasm and zest, our First Day School. The children raised in Meeting over the last decades delight us with the expressions of Quaker testimonies we see in them. It is a puzzle to us why so few remain with us physically here, though we know many are away geographically. The spirit is alive in us to nurture children now, and the actions we take, from our silent peace vigil to our other good works, are the true way we can share the Quaker testimonies with children, and to strengthen each other's spiritual growth as well.

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business First Month, 8, 2012

Meeting opened with approximately 24 members and attenders present.

Head of School Report:

School facilities, with some very few exceptions, are in excellent shape for the start of school tomorrow. Official work begins now toward a 10-year certification. Arts are alive and well. Exploration is underway to expand the school's wireless internet router coverage to include the Meeting House, so that computers could work online without installing a modem or internet service here. Any expenses required, if they are discovered, would be brought to Meeting for approval before they are incurred.

School Committee Report:

The process for recruitment of new School Committee members was read, from the School Committee Bylaws.

Treasurer's Report was delivered and is below:

Summary income and expenses (excluding bequests, capital, and HRSD project)

	12th month	YTD	Budget for 2011	YTD % actual vs. budget
Income	\$2892.82	\$26,249.23	\$24,513.00	107%
Expenses	\$820.84	\$23,434.75	\$24,736.00	95%

2011 ended with more income than incurred expenses. Year-end tax-receipt/acknowledgements are now being distributed. Anyone seeking an acknowledgement should see the Treasurer, Dave French. Final settlement with HRSD has been accomplished for the sewer project in 2011. An additional \$59,000 has been deposited. The Property Task Force will determine the final distribution of these monies. Meeting acknowledges and appreciates Nancy Craft's diligence and persistence in obtaining this settlement. The Finance and Investment Committee did not meet this month. They will next meet on 1/18/12. Fair Trade Festival proceeds, along with the budgeted Meeting contribution, in a total amount of \$792, was disbursed to Steady Footsteps.

The Communications Committee reported:

Progress has been made on the new website, though it is not "live" yet. There is ongoing work with the various committees to flesh out useful information on each committee's page. Input is requested about:

www.vbfriends.org via email to Whit Peace or Linda Smith. Mission and goals are now defined. All members plan to attend the 1/21/12 Workshop offered by Ministry and Oversight.

Children's First Day School Committee presented the following report:

An exciting and varied curriculum, based on the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting "The Peaceable Kingdom" curriculum, is helping us explore the peace testimony. Volunteers are needed and welcomed. Please sign up.

Adult First Day School reported:

First day Adult School has concluded their study of the Pendle Hill pamphlet, "The Use of Silence." On First Month 15th, third First Day at 9:00 a.m., they will begin a study of Paul A. Lacey's Pendle Hill pamphlet, "Leading and Being Led." Copies are available at \$5.00 each from the clerk.

The Peace and Social Justice Committee reported:

In early Twelfth Month, VBFSM donated many large bags of clothing and many toiletry supply kits to The Catholic Worker and the For Kids Center. These items benefit the homeless. On 1/13/12 from 2-4 p.m. Peace and Social Justice, Children's First Day School, and Quaker Women will sponsor a workshop in the basement of the Meeting House to create tote bags for children and adults filled with toiletries and fun items. All are welcome.

A member shared a concern that each of us, as we are led, can be living expressions of the Peace testimony. This is particularly important in these turbulent times.

Meeting closed with a period of silence.

Judith Stevens, Clerk and Patricia Swan, Recording Clerk

Opportunities from Megan Murphy, VBFS

VBFS will be hosting a "Career Day" on Friday, January 27th from 9 am to noon. It is intended to help our Middle and Upper School students weigh various options available when choosing a career. This is a student event in which people from the community will make presentations (or set up booths) to help students learn about the variety of career choices.

If you or anyone you know would be willing to donate some time in speaking to our students, would you please contact me at: TMegan@friends-school.org.

From T. Linda Serrette - Founder's Day/Homecoming is planned for Saturday, February 11th.

Help VBFS celebrate Founder's Day with a daytime Road Rally/Scavenger Hunt type event in the afternoon, followed by a Mystery Dinner Theatre event in the Wilson Center (*Events are geared to be affordable to all community members and involve children in order to attract the greatest number of people in and outside VBFS community. People can choose to attend one or both events.*)

Opportunity to help the school.

VBFS collects "Box Tops for Education", empty Capri packages, Campbell labels, Farm Fresh receipts and empty ink cartridges. In addition, benefits to the school are received from the following businesses when you register with them: Harris Teeter, Office Depot, Kroger, Food Lion, Bloom and Target credit card holders.

Just a quick thank you note.

It was exciting to see all those who made it to our Christmas Eve services. We began with singing, aided by the beautiful voice of Betty Currie and others singing through our entire Christmas carol book! Following the singing, we settled into worship in a candlelight/fireplace lit room. Over 40 folks came some time during the evening and included many "old" friends. The library table seemed to grow yummy foods from all the goodies folks brought to share, and we had a great time! Plan ahead for next year!

January 21st, Saturday, 9 a.m. at the Meetinghouse - Subcommittee Workshop & Potluck

M & O is hosting a Subcommittee Workshop for all interested members and attenders. We will begin @ 9 AM. Coffee and a few goodies will be available. For Lunch, there will be a potluck courtesy of all who attend! So

please bring a dish to share.

Each Subcommittee is asked to draft a tentative "Mission Statement" Purpose/Job Description. A copy of this Statement should be e-mailed to Paula Justice, Clerk of M & O, (pjustice@odu.edu) by Wednesday, January 18. These written drafts will be compiled and put into a Power Point to be projected onto a screen at the Workshop so that everyone can understand the committee's work, ask questions, make suggestions, etc. Pat Phelan Young (ppattygram@cox.net) has a list of committees and brief job descriptions for each if conveners would like that. We strongly encourage all committee conveners to attend or send someone in their stead. Our purpose for this Workshop is to inform ourselves, particularly new members, about the workings of Quaker Committees in general and individual committees in particular. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

We are encouraging folks to receive the newsletter electronically to help save our funds. Please consider receiving this newsletter via only electronic emails. **To receive the newsletter and/or other meeting news electronically via email only, send a request to vbfm.emailer@gmail.com.** Please include your name, address, phone number and email when making requests. Please indicate if you no longer want to receive the hard copy newsletter. You may also communicate via the meeting's mailing address, Virginia Beach Friends Meeting, PO Box 4371, Virginia Beach, VA 23454.

Please remember it costs the Meeting 50 cents for every returned newsletter. Please forward address changes to avoid returned newsletters.

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.