

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting Newsletter Third Month 2012

CURRENT ACTIVITIES		MONTHLY
<p>3/24 9am to noon - The Ministry and Oversight sponsored 3rd Workshop on Committees and Roles in the Meeting. Potluck to follow. Focus will be on Special Events Committees, Roles in Meeting (Clerk, Treasurer, Minister, Elder, etc.), and Completion of Standing Committees and Convener responsibilities. Every standing committee should have a finalized written emailed version of their mission into Nancy Craft by March 23. Thank you for your cooperation.</p> <p>3/26 to 3/30- School Spring Book Fair – an opportunity to shop for books!</p> <p>4/5 through 4/9 No School – Easter Break</p> <p>4/20-21 Ministry and Oversight sponsored Weekend Retreat. Begins with a light supper on the 20th and continues the next morning 9am to noon with Robert Gosney facilitating a discussion on the Concept of Clearness.</p> <p>4/28 Clean The Bay Day. Contact Whit Peace, 425-8440 whitpeace@cox.net</p> <p>4/30 JCOC Meeting/School serves the meal at the shelter – Middle School students are planning this meal as part of their studies. Volunteer to help and see what they are doing!</p>		<p><u>1st First Days</u> 9 am Peace & Social Justice Meeting</p> <p><u>2nd First Days</u> 8:30 am Meeting for Worship with attention to Business</p> <p><u>3rd First Days</u> 9 am First Day School Discussion – Pendle Hill Pamphlet, “Leading and Being Led”</p> <p><u>4th First Days</u> 9 am Meeting of Ministry and Oversight</p>
WEEKLY		
<p><u>EACH 1st DAY (Sunday)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>10:30-11:30 am, Meeting for Worship</u> First Day School- 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 4th DAY (Wednesday)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>7 pm - Mid-Week Prayer</u> * <u>7:30 pm Worship Sharing - Query: “What is the spiritual vision, the light and life, of our Meeting? Where does Meeting feel led?”</u> <p><u>EACH 6th DAY (Friday) 9 – 9:30 am - Meeting for Worship</u> All are welcome, with special invitation to School & Meeting Community</p> <p><u>EACH 3rd & 7th days (Tuesday & Saturday) 7am – CATHOLIC WORKER</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>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, 425-8440 whitpeace@cox.net	
4/30, 5/31, 9/28, 12/10	JCOC Meeting/School serves the meal at the shelter to feed the homeless. Preparation begins 3-4 pm with meal ready at 6pm. Contact Tracy Paladini to volunteer 392-1480 tpaladini@yahoo.com	
5/14	School Golf Tournament – See article below or go to the website www.vbfsgolffclassis.com	
7/11-15	Yearly Meeting at Guilford College Campus, Greensboro North Carolina	

Eighth Query: Do we observe simplicity and honesty in our manner of living? Are we careful to live within the bounds of our circumstances, punctual in keeping promises, prompt in the payment of debts, and just in all our dealings? Do we choose those activities which will strengthen our physical, mental and spiritual life; and do we avoid those harmful to ourselves and others?

Response: *We hear this query on two levels. One is a challenge to our individual way of living, and we respond that we feel we are growing and moving in the direction of simplicity. We feel our individual responsibility for the environment, and for living Quaker values. We find the query a healthy reminder of practices that allow us to live in balance. On another level, the meeting perhaps serves as a role model for us because as a meeting we do observe simplicity and honesty in our manner of dealings, and we examine our ways of loving carefully and in good conscience.*

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Third Month 11, 2012

Meeting opened with approximately 20 members and attenders present.

The **Clearness Committee** enthusiastically recommends Dee Talbert for membership. She is welcomed heartily by Meeting.

Ministry and Oversight Report:

M&O will sponsor a 3rd workshop in our series on Saturday, March 31 from 9 until 12. We will continue our discussion of standing committees, conveners, special events committees, roles, and clearness committees. On April 20th and 21st, Bob, Gosney, a guest speaker and member of the Rich Square Monthly Meeting, will discuss "The Concept of Clearness", in a two-part presentation at the Meeting House. Details to follow.

Meeting approved the recommendation of M&O to lay down the current Sufferings Committee. The work of the current Sufferings Committee will be undertaken by M&O. Meeting's Directory has been updated to list active and inactive members. M&O is contacting inactive members in the local area over the next few months to encourage their participation in Meeting. Meeting members are encouraged to review the listings and help M&O ascertain the status of members.

Treasurer's Report was delivered and is included below:

Summary income and expenses:

Hank Ghittino reviewed the 2011 treasurer's work and found everything in good order. A final treasurer's report for 2011 is now available by request from the

	Feb. 2012	YTD	2012
Income	\$1269.58	\$2741.02	\$27,548
Expenses	\$743.49	\$1962.42	\$27,548

treasurer, either on paper or electronic version. Meeting members will review the report and bring questions and ideas for improvement to the Treasurer. Meeting is grateful to Dave French, Treasurer, for organizing our finances, including our year-end report. The Sufferings Committee has a zero budget in 2012. M&O requested \$200 to be allocated for an immediate need, and for an additional \$500 to be designated for Sufferings for this budget year. Meeting approved this recommendation. Unspent Sufferings funds will not this year or in the future "roll over" from year to year.

Children's First Day School Committee: If all liability concerns are met, the Meeting supports the First Day School creating a basketball-based community outreach program for children on March 18th and 25th, as proposed dates.

Head of School Report:

Admissions: Happily, several new students have been admitted. Contracts for next year have been mailed.

Development: While the Founder's Day event was a success, donations are below goal for the Annual Fund.

Another appeal is pending.

Facility: Replacement is being considered for a sewer pump for the gym due to increased use. The front driveway pothole is being temporarily repaired.

School Life: An active extracurricular calendar now includes chess as well as basketball, soccer, baseball and forensics.

Faculty: Two faculty members were at Pendle Hill this week. The accreditation process has created a need for self-study and reflection. A full day will be devoted to this study in April in preparation for the VAIS visit this summer.

Trustees Report: It is the sense of the joint Property Task Force, consisting of representatives from the Meeting (VBFM) and the School (VBFS) that of the \$115,000 award from HRSD, the Meeting should be—and it already has been—reimbursed for its legal and other expenses [totaling \$45,665.70] as shown by the Summary of Income and Expenses dated Feb. 9, 2012, and that VBFS should be reimbursed for its expenses directly incurred or expected to be incurred to correct direct damages by HRSD [\$24,979.65] as shown by the VBFS invoice #100 dated Feb. 9, 2012. The joint task force recognized that both the Meeting and VBFS have suffered unquantifiable additional damages. In recognition of those damages, the joint committee recommends that the remainder of the \$44,354.65 be split equally between the VBFS and the Meeting. The members of the Meeting on the joint Task Force further recommend that the Meeting contribute their remainder to VBFS as a commitment to the future of the school and the continued relationship between the Meeting and the School.

Meeting approved this recommendation.

Old Business: Meeting thanks the members and attenders who supported the First Colonial Inn Coffeehouse on February 16th. Meeting is invited to support an outreach to the Jewish community at the next FCI Coffeehouse on April 16th.

Meeting closed with a period of silence.

Judith Stevens, Clerk and Patricia Swan, Recording Clerk

Plans for the School's Golf Classic!! (from T. Eileen)

All right, you don't golf. This is a fundraiser for Friends School and you can still help!

We need your help telling everyone and distributing the attached golf flyer, letter, donation form and poster. Copies are available from the school office.

1. Please email the flyer and letter to everyone you know.
 2. Do you know any golfers?
 3. Do you own a business? Sponsorships and donations are a great way to promote your business within the school community. Sponsorships and donors weblink or email link will be posted on www.vbfsgolfclassic.com until April 2013. Additional perks are listed in the flyer.
 4. Do you shop somewhere regularly and they know you? Ask them for a donation for the golf tournament. Gift certificates are a great way to get new customers into their shops.
This is a fun event for everyone whether you golf or not. There are children's activities at 5:00 PM followed by dinner at 5:45 PM with entertainment, raffles, and a silent auction. The dinner reservation will be sent separately. So, **SAVE THE DATE** and come have fun at Cypress Point Golf Club!
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NEWS from: Yearly Meeting 7/11 to 15, 2012, Guilford College, Greensboro, NC

Prepare Now to attend Yearly Meeting: **Radical Hospitality: Cherishing the Old, Attending the New NCYM(C) anticipated program events in addition to meetings for worship, business and other activities.**

Evening Programs:

4th Day (7/11) Meeting of the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight (everyone is welcome)

5th Day (7/12) Report from FWCC World Conference in Kenya from our yearly meeting delegates to the Conference: Kristin Olson-Kennedy, Emily Stewart, Rachel Miller.

6th Day (7/13) *The Call*, a play by Charlotte Basham about a young woman seeking clearness from her meeting about following her leading. Yearly meeting members and attenders will perform the play, directed by the author.

7th Day (7/14) Intergenerational event planned and facilitated by Emily Stewart.

Morning Bible Study, 7/12-15: Deborah Shaw has agreed to lead the Bible study each morning on the theme of hospitality and welcoming.

Displays: All monthly meetings in the yearly meeting have been invited to prepare displays about themselves. Also, display space is available upon request for Friends' organizations and schools.

Interest group time: Time in the afternoon is available for interest groups as leadings or interests arise. We also value the use of that time for fellowship.

Children and youth: Plans for children and teens will be provided later.

Join NORTH CAROLINA YEARLY MEETING (CONSERVATIVE) on FACEBOOK!!!

Our Yearly Meeting has set up a Facebook page to share information about our monthly and yearly meetings.

Join the page and keep up with what is happening in our Yearly Meeting.

Look for information on Representative Body meetings and the Yearly Meeting.

Share what our meeting is doing and planning with our other Monthly Meetings.

No need to wait for the Yearly Meeting gathering to "meet" other members and attenders of our Yearly Meeting.

Information about the Yearly Meeting plans is posted on Facebook!

(From Nancy Craft – a member of the YM Web Committee)

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.