

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting Newsletter Eighth Month 2012

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

<p>8/27 School begins!!!</p> <p>9/3 Labor Day - School is Closed.</p> <p>9/4 First Day of Early School</p> <p>9/5 Back to School Night for MS/US</p> <p>9/6 Back to School Night for Lower School</p> <p>9/13 All school Picnic</p>	<p>9/16 The River Cleanup. Contact Whit Peace, 613-2828 whitpeace.river@gmail.com</p> <p>9/20 Back to School Night for Early School</p> <p>9/22 One Love Festival Virginian Wesleyan College Watch for details!</p> <p>9/28 JCOC Time to volunteer to help serve the meal at the Homeless Shelter – with the school children. Contact Tracy Paladini to volunteer 392-1480 tpaladini@yahoo.com</p>
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WEEKLY

MONTHLY

<p>EACH 1st DAY (Sunday)</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>EACH 4th DAY (Wednesday)</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>EACH 6th DAY (Friday) 9 – 9:30 am - Meeting for Worship All are welcome, with special invitation to School & Meeting Community</p> <p>EACH 3rd & 7th days (Tuesday & Saturday) 7am CATHOLIC WORKER</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). 	<p>1st First Days - 9 am Peace & Social Justice Meeting</p> <p>2nd First Days - 8:30 am Meeting for Worship with attention to Business</p> <p>3rd First Days - 9 am First Day School Discussion – Pendle Hill Pamphlet, "Leading and Being Led"</p> <p>4th First Days - 9 am Meeting of Ministry and Oversight</p>
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SAVE THE DATES

10th & 11th months TBA	The River Cleanup Days. Contact Whit Peace, 613-2828 whitpeace.river@gmail.com
10/6	School Sandcastle Contest (at the ocean front)
10/5-7	Catholic Workers have a weekend retreat on campus.
10/19	School Grandparents Day and Admissions Open House
10/27	Representative Body Meeting HOSTED BY VIRGINIA BEACH MEETING – Ministry and Oversight meeting 9am, Worship at 11am, Lunch at noon and Representative Body meeting begins after lunch. <u>ALL EVENTS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE</u> . Paula Justice and Patricia Phalen Young Coordinators for this Event. Contact them to assist with food and overnight hospitality!!
10/27	School Halloween Carnival
11/12-16	School Holiday Book Fair (1/2 Day on Wednesday)
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
12/21	School Winter Concert 10:45 am
12/21 to 1/6/2013	School Christmas Break
4/27/2013	Representative Body meeting – Location to be determined
7/10-14/2013	NCYM-C Wilmington North Carolina – Location: UNC Wilmington Collage Campus

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?*

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?*

Friends responded: *We clearly feel the living, sacred silence when we gather. Newcomers remark upon it as well. In this space we become true listeners. The power of the silence may keep some from sharing. We might grow by encouraging those with powerful messages shared, after Meeting is broken, to share during the silence.*

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

Meeting opened in waiting silence with approximately 20 members and attenders present.

Clearness Committee Report: The Clearness Committee for Lewis Richard White reported that, in unity, they heartily recommend his membership in our Meeting. Meeting enthusiastically approved this recommendation.

Request for Membership Transfer: Meeting member, John Francis (Jack) Callan III, by letter, requested a transfer of membership from our Meeting to the Floyd Meeting in Floyd, Virginia. Meeting approved this request, with good wishes for his spiritual journey and grateful appreciation of his contributions to this Meeting.

Head of School Report:

Open House: Our summer Open House included a partnership with the SPCA. It ran smoothly and we had quite a lot of visitors.

Development: The Development room has been cleaned and painted. The southern wall has been properly finished and baseboards put in. This will be our conference room during the December accreditation visit. We have employed a full time counselor and director of development.

Summer Programs: Summer camp ended on Friday. It was very successful. The campus has been filled with energy and good fun and the kids enjoyed all of the programs. Through week six, we have netted four and a half times more than what was earned last summer.

Facilities: Work continues on Woolman. The rooms are looking bright, clean and tasteful. The restrooms have been painted and we are re-grouting the floors. Several serious leaks have developed in Fox. Two are old ones but there is a new, large one in the hallway, which caused the part of the ceiling to fall. We are awaiting final quotes from several roofers. The gym has had an ongoing problem with leaks. The company that built it has been contacted and they are going to assess the roof. There are still several maintenance issues that need to be addressed before the start of school including painting.

VAIS: The preliminary visit went well and the team was pleased with our Doc box. The real accreditation visit is confirmed and will take place December 2nd through 5th.

Treasurer's Report was delivered and is included below:

Regular income / expenses:

Expenses included payments of budgeted contributions to 10 organizations (see

	June + July 2012	YTD	2012 Budget
Income	\$3293.62	\$14,505.56	\$27,548
Expenses	\$4939.39	\$19,392.42	\$27,548

spread sheet), and the cost of painting the basement (\$840). Income included a donation to cover the painting cost.

- A check of \$18.15 was sent in June to Steady Footsteps, based on recent donations, which corrected the carryover shortage discussed several months ago. YTD we've sent SF \$437 plus the Meeting donation of \$350.
- Our checking account in Towne Bank now has about \$6000.

- The BB&T account, which has held the VDOT / road widening project money, was closed with the final transfer of \$37,341.34 to the Friends Fiduciary Fund (FFF) account. FFF now has all the VDOT money. With the recent growth in the stock market, the FFF account is worth about \$125,000.
- Our account at Self Help Credit Union now has about \$67,000. That includes an account for capital spending with a balance of approximately \$2700. The majority of this account, about \$60,000, is from the Lippencott bequest.
- The finance committee hasn't met this summer, but will meet in September, beginning the budget process. Committees should begin planning for their input for the 2013 budget.

Children's First Day School: CFDS committee welcomes children weekly with programs, as they attend.

July School Committee Report: SC held their summer retreat meeting on July. Some of the highlights include:

1. Vision statement finalized and approved at the June SC meeting: ***VBFS will become a recognized model of excellent academic Quaker-based education in Coastal Virginia.***
2. Finalized the VBFS Strategic Long Range Plan and the SLR Financial Plan.
3. Developed an acronym to capsulate the key goals of the SLRP, which is REACH. The key goals are: Retain and grow enrollment; Enhance facilities; Achieve financial goals; Commit to excellence in curriculum and faculty; Honor our Quaker values. All committee decisions will align with these goals.
4. Approved the draft Policy for Investments for VBFS
5. Elected SC Officers for the 2012-13 school year: Linda Smith – Clerk, Assistant Clerk - Joanne Crass (with Joanne Young as a mentee), Co-Treasurers - Jeff Merritt and Jim Metcalfe, Recording Clerk - Darlene Beckett.
6. Updated the focus for Building and Grounds Committee: Building and Grounds committee: To Include: Members of SC, Meeting, and Parents which would convene as necessary, possibly quarterly. Its mission is to assess and to monitor the school's present physical situation and the options for future development of facilities, including a possible relocation. Cultivate connections with city officials and others to plan the future location of the school. Address joint property issues with Meeting as/if they arise. ** Would like to ask for one Meeting rep for this committee.
7. Developed SC Goals for 2012-13 based on the SLRP.
8. Approved the newly revised SC Handbook. Discussed final preparations for initial visit from the VAIS team in July.

August School Committee Report: School Committee Reviewed the newly developed 2012-13 Master Advancement/Marketing Calendar, Developed specific initiatives and action items for SC to address Long Range Goals, including plans for Quakerism 101 in September for VBFS community and plans for gatherings for potential donors.

Spiritual Life - Patrick will still spearhead this effort but discussion took place concerning not having this as an actual committee but a series of events dedicated to promoting spiritual life in the community. The focus will be on Peace and Social Justice. It is hoped that more students will get involved with this new format. Faculty Welcome Back luncheon will be on 8/24 at noon. Continuing preparations for the December VAIS visitation. Roof repairs on Fox and Wilson - will be a capital expenditure.

A discussion took place regarding the VBFS School Committee request for members of Meeting to join with School Committee to work jointly on property issues. Member Lewis White volunteered, and Meeting recommended him, to serve on such a committee. While the Property Task Force still exists, a decision about who will work with the School, and how, will be taken up by the Committee on Trustees and Nominating Committee, in cooperation with School Committee.

Report from Yearly Meeting: One attendee reported that Yearly Meeting was stimulating and growth-producing for attendees. Themes noted were: Quakerism in our bigger world, and the true spirit of hospitality. Interesting to note that funds are available to Quakers interested in travel on behalf of Yearly Meeting. Interest continues to grow internationally, as shown by visitors to Yearly Meeting, in our conservative unprogrammed style of worship.

Accommodations were comfortable. Meeting members are strongly encouraged to attend future gatherings. Full report will be posted on the bulletin board.

Representative Body Reminder: Yearly Meeting accepted VBFM offer to host Representative Body on the 4th Saturday in tenth month (10/27). Due to the great distances involved for attendees, overnight hospitality will be required. Hospitality Committee for this event will be Pat Phelan-Young and Paula Justice, (co-conveners), Nancy Nixon, and Andy Young will coordinate Meeting's response to this need.

Meeting closed with a period of silence.

Nancy Nixon, Clerk for the day and Patricia Swan, Recording Clerk

Information about an organization our meeting has been invited to join via the Quakers in Virginia.

The Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy has scheduled the "Social Justice University" on September 30, 2012 from 2-5:00p.m. at the Church of the Holy Apostles in Virginia Beach. Presentation topics include health care, predatory lending, immigration, budget and uranium mining.

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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