

## Virginia Beach Friends Meeting Newsletter Ninth Month 2012

### CURRENT ACTIVITIES

**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](mailto:tpaladini@yahoo.com)

**10/6 School Sandcastle Contest** (at the ocean front)

**10/19 School Grandparents Day and Admissions Open House**

**10/24 School Administrative Day – Noon Dismissal**

**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. EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO COME AND PARTICIPATE! Paula Justice and Patricia Phalen Young are coordinators for this Event. Contact them to assist with food and overnight hospitality!!

**10/27 School Halloween Carnival**

#### WEEKLY

**EACH 1<sup>st</sup> DAY** (Sunday)

- \* 10:30-11:30 am, Meeting for Worship  
First Day School- younger children join Meeting during or after Worship
- \* 12:00-12:30 pm Silent Peace Vigil - in front of the Meetinghouse

**EACH 4<sup>th</sup> DAY** (Wednesday)

- \* 7 pm - Mid-Week Prayer
- \* 7:30 pm Worship Sharing - Query: "What is the spiritual vision, the light and life, of our Meeting? Where does Meeting feel led?"

**EACH 6<sup>th</sup> DAY** (Friday) 9 – 9:30 am - Meeting for Worship

All are welcome, with special invitation to School & Meeting Community

**EACH 3<sup>rd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> days** (Tuesday & Saturday) 7am **CATHOLIC WORKER**

- \* Breakfast on the Streets - (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).

#### MONTHLY

**1<sup>st</sup> First Days** - 9 am  
Peace & Social Justice Meeting

**2<sup>nd</sup> First Days** - 8:30 am  
Meeting for Worship with attention to Business

**3<sup>rd</sup> First Days** - 9 am  
First Day School Discussion –  
Pendle Hill Pamphlet, "Leading and Being Led"

**4<sup>th</sup> First Days** - 9 am  
Meeting of Ministry and Oversight

### SAVE THE DATES

<b>10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> months TBA</b>	<b>The River Cleanup Days.</b> Contact Whit Peace, 613-2828 <a href="mailto:whitpeace.river@gmail.com">whitpeace.river@gmail.com</a>
<b>11/12-16</b>	<b>School Holiday Book Fair</b> (1/2 Day on Wednesday)
<b>12/10</b>	<b>JCOC Meeting/School</b> 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 <a href="mailto:tpaladini@yahoo.com">tpaladini@yahoo.com</a>
<b>12/21</b>	<b>School Winter Concert</b> 10:45 am
<b>12/21 to 1/6/2013</b>	<b>School Christmas Break</b>
<b>4/27/2013</b>	<b>Representative Body meeting</b> – Location to be determined
<b>7/10-14/2013</b>	<b>NCYM-C Wilmington North Carolina</b> – Location: UNC Wilmington Collage Campus

**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?*

**Response:** *We find much joy and acceptance in the fellowship of Friends. We accept and celebrate all who come to Meeting for Worship, whether we share a consistent theological viewpoint or not, and no matter the time of their arrival. This query challenges us to examine the reasons large numbers of our members are not regular attenders. The committee of Ministers, Elders and Overseers has a project to reach out to non-attenders because we long to worship with all who are fellow members and attenders.*

**Query #3 to ponder for next month: LOVE AND UNITY.** Do we follow the teachings of Jesus and seek the inspiration of His 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?

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## Virginia Beach Friends Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Ninth Month 9, 2012

**Meeting opened** in waiting silence with approximately 15 members and attenders present.

**Request for Membership:** Walter Roberts (Bob) McIvor submitted a letter to our Meeting for Business requesting membership. A Clearness Committee was formed: Bob Clapp (convener), Dave French, and Faye Bailey. If more members feel led to join this committee, please speak to the committee convener.

Bob Clapp brought a proposal to end collection of food items in our lobby and to create a path to funnel cash donations to a major national food program to leverage our donation amount for maximum effect. This idea will be sent to the Peace and Social Justice Committee for review and recommendation.

### **Head of School Report:**

Development: New director, Teacher Larry, is meeting parents, getting to know all of our students, organizing the parent volunteer list, working to rebuild and reorganize the Friends School Community Association. The students will soon be choosing our new mascot.

Facilities: All major work on Woolman Building is finished. We are hoping to have Fox hallway tiled before Open House. The new roof on Fox has withstood some major deluges with no leaks. The ceiling has been repaired. Dominion Power has been contacted regarding tree replacement. We are awaiting a response from them. McKenzie Construction contacted us about the gym roof, stating they were ready to start; job is on hold until a quote is submitted. The school still plans to share wireless internet access with the Meeting. The physical wiring required may be in place soon.

Faculty: There are several new full time faculty members including Tom York (MS math and Algebra1) and Dee Talbert who is our counselor. New part time faculty comprise Nicola Cowan (US Geometry), Tony Ruffa (Latin), Zach Stein and Greta Stempka (MS PE).

Life of the School: New classes and electives for this semester include Astronomy, Latin, Cultural Quilt, US Health, Art History, Music Appreciation and QUIP, Quaker Understanding in Practice. The students in this class have already begun community outreach, making 150 sandwiches for the JCOC last week. Our Lower School program has been tweaked and strengthened. The teachers are very excited. During the summer T. Barbara applied for a grant for a greenhouse to start a small agricultural community outreach program. We were awarded that grant last Wednesday from the Norfolk Foundation!

Scholarship: Two students are now on generous scholarships, using money donated to the school from Meeting funds received from HRSD.

### **Treasurer's Report was delivered and is included. Regular income / expenses:**

	August 2012	YTD	2012 Budget
Income	\$1092.41	\$15,447.97	\$27,548
Expenses	\$818.46	\$19,362.42	\$27,548

There were no unusual income or expense items. YTD expenses have exceeded income by about \$4000. This is because income is less. Expenses are below budget, given that all contributions have been made. Normally we have more income at towards the end of the year, which may cover the current "shortage". The finance committee will meet in September, beginning the budget process. Committees should begin planning for their input for the 2013 budget.

**Children's First Day School:** The Committee is prepared each first day to joyfully receive children. Please join in and volunteer. The Committee requested a change of title to Young Friends First Day School. Meeting approved the name change.

**School Committee Report:** SC did not meet this month. The Back to School Picnic is September 13, 2012 at 5:30.

**Ministers, Elders and Overseers Report:** The Committee continues to review roles and committee descriptions. Every member of VBFM, who is a non-attender currently, has received communication from MEO. An "inactive and distant" list is being prepared, and all changes in membership are being brought to Meeting for Business. Former member Richard Holcombe has passed away.

**Representative Body Reminder:** Yearly Meeting accepted VBFM offer to host Representative Body on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 to coordinate Meeting's response to this need.

**New Business:**

- Meeting received a letter from Chicago Yearly Meeting asking for a donation or advice in support of their new elementary school program. The Clerk will write a letter, in fellowship, recommending they contact Quaker educational support organizations.
- Meeting also received a letter from the Adelphi MD Meeting stating their support for same sex unions and marriage. Our Meeting will respond stating our support.
- Meeting received a letter from Guilford College noting the deposition of our minutes from 8/2011 through 6/2012 in their secure historical collection.

**Meeting closed with a period of silence.**

Judith Stevens, Clerk & Patricia Swan, Recording Clerk

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**Please note: The Catholic Worker weekend has been canceled.**

**Excerpt from the latest Pendle Hill Pamphlet, by William Z. Shetter, "Some Thoughts on Becoming Eighty-five"**

*"The Light in the corporate life of the Meeting is deep listening to each other. Really listening in this way is a competence that- if my own experience is any indication – takes a lifetime to grow into.*

*Fifty years ago, in Friends meeting myself focused listening depended on the silence created by others. Now I'm practiced in the process of centering and can help create, support, and strengthen the silence for others. With experience and understanding of the connectedness of all, I can set about weaving the little distractions into worship, and they lose their capacity to distract.*

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

*(From Nancy Craft – I encourage anyone interested in advocacy in Virginia to attend this event and see how it is working.)*

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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