

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting Newsletter Tenth Month 2012

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

<p>10/24 School Administrative Day – Noon Dismissal</p> <p>10/27 Representative Body Meeting HOSTED BY VIRGINIA BEACH MEETING – <u>EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO COME AND PARTICIPATE!</u> See below in this newsletter the schedule and contact persons to assist with hosting the Yearly Meeting Event – and meeting others in our Yearly Meeting!!</p> <p>10/26 School Halloween Carnival</p>	<p>11/1 & 2 – No school - conferences and teacher work day</p> <p>11/12-16 School Book Fair – NOTE CHANGES – in School Library 9am to 4 pm all week <u>Except 9-12 on 11/14</u></p> <p>11/21 to 23 – School Thanksgiving break</p> <p>12/2 – School Teacher Jane Book Award ceremony</p> <p>12/10 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><u>EACH 1st DAY</u> (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</u> - in front of the Meetinghouse <p><u>EACH 4th DAY</u> (Wednesday)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>7 pm - Mid-Week Prayer</u> * <u>7:30 pm Worship Sharing</u> - Query: "What is the spiritual vision, the light and life, of our Meeting? Where does Meeting feel led?" <p><u>EACH 6th DAY</u> (Friday) <u>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</u> (Tuesday & Saturday) <u>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). 	<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>

SAVE THE DATES

10th & 11th months TBA	The River Cleanup Days. Contact Whit Peace, 613-2828 whitpeace.river@gmail.com
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- School ends at noon for the holidays
12/21 to 1/6/2013	School Christmas Break
3/8, 2013	School Spring Break – school office is closed
3/28 to 4/1, 2013	School Easter Break - school office is closed on 3/29 and 4/1
4/27/2013	Representative Body meeting – Location to be determined
5/3, 2013	School Golf Tournament – fund raiser – open to all golfers and non-golfers!!
7/10 to-14, 2013	NCYM-C Wilmington North Carolina – Location: UNC Wilmington College Campus

Query # 4 to ponder for next month 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?*

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Tenth Month 14, 2012

Meeting opened in waiting silence. 16 persons attended the meeting.

The Clearness Committee for Walter Roberts (Bob) McIvor recommended him to Meeting for membership. Meeting enthusiastically welcomed Bob back into our Meeting.

Head of School Report:

Development: Last Thursday's reception for the new Development Director was delightful. Parent volunteers are working with faculty to organize a very exciting Halloween/ Fall Festival. Our Friends School Parent Association is up and running.

Facilities: Received quotes for tinting the gym windows and installing the new volleyball equipment. They were higher than expected. The new volleyball equipment has been installed. The ditches have been dug and pipes laid for the camera cables. The wiring for Cottage/Meeting has to be put above ground. We have been looking into the possibility of purchasing another bus, as the number of students in our athletics program has outgrown the one we have. The bus we were looking at did not work out.

Life of the School: We had a wonderful All School Picnic with a great turnout. Middle School had their camping trip at the end of last month and it was a great success. Our team won the best team spirit award at the Sand castle competition on Saturday. The JV volleyball team is having a great season this year. The QUIP class winter coat drive is doing quite well. The VAIS visiting Team has accepted Joanne Young's kind offer of the Sandbridge beach house.

Faculty: The HR team hosted a delightful afternoon tea for the faculty. This was in response to a desire amongst the teachers for time to sit down informally and exchange ideas, educational books, techniques etc. We had our first administrative half day and the consensus was that it proved quite productive.

HOS requested a meeting with the Building and Grounds Committee of VBFM to coordinate beautification efforts for the road frontage. All suggested we use Linda Smith as a coordinator.

Treasurer's Report was delivered and is included below:

Regular income / expenses:

	October 2012	YTD	2012 Budget
Income	\$1045.02	\$16,768.22	\$27,548
Expenses	\$610.06	\$19,972.48	\$27,548

There were no unusual income or expense items.

Finance Committee Report:

Committee Responsibilities: Finance Committee would like to begin making up the budget for 2013, using the 2012 budget as a template. Nancy had prepared a list of what committee is responsible for each budget line item. If you're a member of one of those committees that spend meeting funds, please initiate discussions with that committee so that the Finance Committee may know their needs as soon as possible! Committees with unspent funds in the budget are asked to expend those funds by the end of this (10th-) month!

Budget Review: One more review of this year's budget figures will be conducted before the treasurer prepares a year-end report to 1st-Month's Meeting for Business.

Investments: We plan to discuss the various funds invested in the stock market, at our next meeting at the end of this month. Besides the VDOT rent for the Laskin Rd. project, why do we have these other funds? The long-term needs of the physical plant are the only other items that might require them. In order to make funds available in a timely fashion to meet those needs, we need to know what they are, and when they're expected to be funded. We again ask the Buildings & Grounds Committee to meet and develop such a list ASAP!

School Committee Report:

September: SC did a welcome back lunch for the faculty at the end of the first week of school. Starting in September SC members will be doing a Monthly birthday breakfast for the Faculty as a gesture of appreciation for their dedication to VBFS. Formulation of this year's sub-committees has begun. We have several new members, two parents; Jeff Merritt and Laurie Terry, who is the new parent representative. Cheryl Droznek resigned at the end of her term this year.

This year's SC officers: Linda Smith -clerk, Darlene Beckett- recording clerk, Joanne Crass- assistant clerk, Jeff Merritt – treasurer. REACH - Is the school committee's new acronym we will be using to keep us on track with our mission in growing VBFS. REACH stands for: Retain and Grow Enrollment, Enhance Facilities, Achieve Financial Goals, Commit to Curriculum & Faculty, Honor Quaker Values.

October: A welcome reception for our new advancement director, Larry Ward was held at the Princess Anne C.C. on Oct. 4, 2012. He will be heading the advancement team that will be in charge of fund raising and marketing of VBFS. A major goal is to tell our story as it is a great story that the community needs to know about. The Schools QUIP class is having gently used winter coat drive and any contributions would be appreciated. Grandparents Day/Open House/Blood Drive will be the two main events the school is planning for October. The Quaker night presentation that will be presented by Paula Justice has had to be postponed until after the first of the year due to coming Holiday school activities.

Ministers, Elders and Overseers Report: MEO continues to reach out to inactive members. The following members of our Meeting have requested removal: Andrew Thaddeus Herz, Ana Janssen and Eileen Lawler.

Representative Body Reminder: Yearly Meeting accepted VBFM offer to host Representative Body on the 4th Saturday in tenth month (10/27). Members of the Hospitality Committee request Meeting members contribute to a pot luck dinner that evening. Paula Justice is coordinating overnight hospitality as needed. All Meeting members and attenders are encouraged to participate in this meeting day.

Building and Grounds Report: The lower level of the Meeting House was recently painted. Debbie and Dave Riley have been very helpful and Meeting is very grateful for their support. More opportunities for renovation will be available after Meeting in the coming months. The dehumidifier has been replaced.

New Business:

Clerk of Meeting replied to letters received from the Adelphi Monthly Meeting offering our support for same sex marriage, and a request for friends from the Chicago Monthly Meeting for their newly founded school declining to send funds but offering other sources to pursue.

Several members suggested that Meeting members consider end of life arrangements be shared with Meeting for safekeeping via a written form or other method. MEO will take this under consideration.

Meeting closed with a period of silence.

Judith Stevens, Clerk & Patricia Swan, Recording Clerk

NORTH CAROLINA YEARLY MEETING – CONSERVATIVE FALL REPRESENTATIVE BODY MEETING

**This is an opportunity for Virginia Beach members and attenders to participate in our Yearly Meeting activities and to meet friends from our other Monthly Meetings!
All events are open to everyone.**

FALL REPRESENTATIVE BODY MEETING – Saturday October 27, 2012 at the Meetinghouse

SCHEDULE

9:00 until 9:30 am	Registration and light breakfast provided by hosts
9:30 am to 10:45 am	Meeting of the Ministry and Oversight of NCYM-C
11:00 am to 12:00 noon	Worship
12:00 noon to 1:30 pm	Potluck lunch provided by hosts
1:30 pm	NCYM-C Representative Body Meeting
Free Time from closing of Representative Body Meeting (usually by 4:00 pm) until Dinner	
6:00 to 7:30 pm	Potluck Dinner provided by hosts
7:30 to 9:00 pm	Evening entertainment

Paula Justice (pjjustice@odu.edu) is coordinating overnight accommodations for our guests for the 26th and 27th. Please contact her to volunteer to host.

Patricia Phalen Young and Nancy Nixon are coordinators for the food. Contact Patricia to assist.

Our guests are also invited to join us on First day, 10/28/2012 for worship at 10:30 am.

Query #3: 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?*

Response: Membership in our community is dynamic, with members joining, new people arriving, and some members leaving. We find the goals of trusting and loving each other ever present in our minds as we work and grow together. Trust takes time and attention to flourish. While we face no situations of major conflict right now, we know we need a foundation of trust, forgiveness and love to be a healthy community. Considering this query reminds us that our speech has power. It is well to be reminded that we need not speak every thought, particularly critical thoughts. In Meeting and in the larger world we seek and can benefit from the guidance and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to live even more in a spirit of love, honesty and humility in all our interactions.

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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