

## Virginia Beach Friends Meeting Newsletter Fifth Month 2013

### CURRENT ACTIVITIES

<p><b>6/6 5:30 pm</b> All school Pot Luck Picnic – all are welcome</p> <p><b>6/7</b> Last day of school – noon dismissal</p>	<p><b>6/8 2-4 pm</b> School Graduation</p> <p><b>6/17</b> School Summer Camp begins</p>
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### WEEKLY

### MONTHLY

<p><b><u>EACH 1<sup>st</sup> DAY 10:30-11:30 am</u></b> (Sunday) <u>Meeting for Worship: First Day School-</u> younger children join Meeting during or after Worship</p> <p>* <u>12:00-12:30 pm Silent Peace Vigil</u> - in front of the Meetinghouse</p> <p><b><u>EACH 4<sup>th</sup> DAY</u></b> (Wednesday)</p> <p>* <u>7 pm - Mid-Week Prayer</u></p> <p>* <u>7:30 pm - Worship Sharing Query:</u> "What is the spiritual vision, the light and life, of our Meeting? Where does Meeting feel led?"</p> <p><b><u>EACH 6<sup>th</sup> DAY 9 – 9:30 am</u></b> (Friday)</p> <p>* <u>Meeting for Worship</u> All are welcome, with special invitation to School &amp; Meeting Community</p> <p><b><u>EACH 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> Day</u></b> (Tuesday &amp; Saturday)</p> <p>* <u>7am Catholic Worker 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>	<p><b><u>1<sup>st</sup> First Days</u></b> - 9 am Peace &amp; Social Justice Meeting Noon- Knitting</p> <p><b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> First Days</u></b> - 8:30 am Meeting for Worship with attention to Business</p> <p><b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> First Days</u></b> - 9 am First Day School Discussion – The Great Divorce by C. S. Lewis</p> <p><b><u>4<sup>th</sup> First Days</u></b> - 9 am Meeting of Ministry and Oversight</p>
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### SAVE THE DATES

<b>To Be Determined</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>10/7,11/18</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>7/10 to14</b>	<b>NCYM-C Wilmington North Carolina</b> – Location: UNC Wilmington College Campus

**Query 12 to ponder for next month:** *Outreach: Do we welcome newcomers and non-members to our meetings? Are they encouraged to share in Meeting activities and to consider membership when they are in agreement with the principles and practices of Friends? Are our younger members appointed to committees and encouraged to share in other responsibilities of the Meeting? Do we visit one another frequently, remembering those who may be lonely? Does this visitation and caring extend beyond the members of our own Meeting?*

**Query #10.** *Harmony with Nature. Do we endeavor to live in harmony with nature? Are we careful in our stewardship of the world's irreplaceable resources?*

**Response:** Always more is possible; we are open to ways to improve our care for nature. Harmony is perhaps not the word we should use, there being an element of domination in our intent, as we cultivate and improve. But we cherish the moments of quiet contemplation in which we simply observe. We acknowledge our responsibilities as stewards and the need to be reflective in our drive to tame the wildness. As we work with outer nature we seek also to transform our inner nature to effect what harmony is possible.

**Query #11.** *Do we reverence that of God in every human being with concern for the needs of each individual? Are we seeking to rectify existing social injustice and racial discrimination in our local communities and in the world at large?*

**Response:** The query joins personal reverence to concerns for the world at large. We do a part of the latter. This morning it is the reverence, respect, compassion for individuals, especially the children in our care, that moves us to reflection, to gratitude and to new resolve.

**Virginia Beach Friends Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

## Fifth Month 12, 2013

**Meeting opened** with approximately 25 members and attenders present.

### **Membership:**

A letter from Tobias Paddock requesting membership in Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting was read. A Clearness Committee was formed, consisting of Louise Wilson, Barbara French, Andy Young and Gayle Cameron.

A letter from John Thomas Bertrand requesting a transfer of membership from Brevard Monthly Meeting to Virginia Beach was read. We have received a letter of transfer from the Brevard Meeting. The request was approved and a Welcoming Committee was formed. Members of that committee are David French, Faye Bailey and Judith Stevens.

A report was accepted from **Head of Friends School**, Linda Serrette.

#### Admissions:

- We continue to be ahead of last year regarding contracts for next year.
- T. Lauren is busy scheduling student visits before school ends.
- The Admissions Director and Business Manager attended a VAIS conference on Financial Aid last Thursday.

#### Development:

- The Golf Tournament was professionally run, pleasant and I hope, it will also be a financial success. Many thanks go to T. Larry for his vision and his hard work.
- We had had quite a few checks come in last month for the annual fund's fifty-dollar additional gift.

#### Life of the School:

- Field Day was a lot of fun and we had lovely weather as well as great community spirit.
- T. Eve's Lower School classes have been hosting luncheons for their parents to show how much they have learned about etiquette.
- The Shakespeare class went to Staunton last Thursday to the Blackfriars Theater. They saw *Love's Labour's Lost*.
- Our Baseball and Soccer seasons are finished.
- Our Spring Arts Festival was held on Wednesday at 10:30 am.
- Steel drum students attended a national steel drum workshop this Friday.

#### Facilities/safety:

- There have been a couple of air conditioner repairs during the last month.
- We are gearing up to repair the MS roof.
- We had a surprise security check and have discovered that there is still room for improvement.
- We have received a donation of a variety of herbs and vegetable seedlings for our greenhouse project.

A report was accepted from School Committee.

Meeting was reminded that minutes of the School Committee meetings are available in the library at Friends School.

The all school picnic will be held on Thursday June 6 beginning at 5:30.

School Committee will meet in its semi-annual retreat on Saturday 6 July.

The committee received several inspiring letters from graduating seniors, evaluating their experience at Friends School.

Friends were reminded that a detailed weekly memo about school events is published on-line and that one can add oneself to the contact list by emailing the Meeting emailer, Linda Smith, and requesting to be added.

Finally, it was noted that the annual fund grows apace but that there is still much need for your financial support to make this important part of the Meeting's outreach successful.

**Treasurer's Report** was accepted.

1. Regular income/expenses, and also the coffee house:

	April 2013	YTD
<b>Income</b>	\$1780.28	\$8744.78
<b>Expenses</b>	\$8188.92	\$15,085.35

2. Major expenses included the contributions to the school (\$6700) and a few other groups.

3. The budget and finance committee did not meet, and there is nothing unusual in our short term forecast.

4. Money for the basement room equipment approved last month (\$1500) has not been spent yet.

A report from the **Peace and Social Justice Committee** was deferred until next month.

A report from the **Building and Grounds Committee** was accepted.

Outside Issues

1. Clogged gutter. Larry will redirect the water away from the building by May 30th
2. Steps. - Larry will level off the top of the front steps, bring the bottom pad to make bottom step equal in height to other steps. William Hall re-pointed the back steps this week.
3. Shutters - discussion of condition of shutters led the committee to consider replacing:

Inside Issues

4. Kitchen: Remove the dishwasher and replace with a cabinet. Topic of replacing the sink arose. Using the dimensions of the sink (4 ft. base unit; "sink base 48 inch" Actual sink is 43 inches), research new sinks, preferably a single large sink with a drain board. New faucet needed.

ACTION ITEM: Bring to MFB for approval for updating sink; estimated cost: \$400.

5. Bob Clapp and Pat Young will facilitate moving refreshments to basement. This will continue for a few months. Everyone's input is welcomed.

6. Spring Work Day: May 18th - 9am - 2:00pm.

Linda will formulate a task list and distribute for input.

7. Property Task Force: The Committee wants 1) to be informed about the impact of the Strategic Growth Plan on the Meetinghouse, 2) to keep communication lines open with school on this topic, and 3) to keep Meeting informed of developments

Meeting united in approving the request for "four to five hundred dollars" to update the sink.

The following report from **Ministers, Elders and Overseers** was accepted.

1. Reminder that NCYM annual Meeting is in July in Wilmington, NC. Registration forms are available in foyer on bench. All are encouraged to attend.
2. Kristin Olson-Kennedy from NCYM MEO visited with our MEO on 5/5. Members experienced a very helpful dialogue with her. We are encouraged to "Look out for one another's good in all things."
3. Pat and Andy hosted a very successful Discovery Dinner on 4/4 attended by 8 members. They discussed the Query, "What do you hear, when you listen?"

A report from **Nominating Committee** was accepted. The committee presented Meeting with a first draft of the new committee assignments for the year ahead. Members and attenders can submit correction or new nomination to Pat Phalen-Young or to anyone else on Nominating Committee. The final draft will be submitted for approval at the June Meeting for Business.

The **Representative Body** liaison asked Friends to check the Meeting website for a link to the minutes and information from the RB.

**Hospitality Committee** reminded Friends that everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring good things to the hospitality table. The committee organizes coffee-making and clean-up but is not responsible for providing fare.

A report from the **History Committee** was accepted. They compiled a list of questions to ask Louise Wilson. They then made a video of Andy Young interviewing Louise and asking these questions. The video is now being edited and prepared for release.

**Membership:** The Clearness Committee for Linda Tingle Shirk reported that they have yet to meet but that they plan do so on June 2, first attending the Creeds Meeting and then meeting with Linda at her home at Munden Point.

**Sean Bowers** presented a list of sixty ideas for helping Meeting and Friends School to maximize their impact on the surrounding community in the Quaker ways of leadership, tolerance and peace. This list is available directly from Sean and from Dee Talbot, the counselor at Friends. It is also posted in the foyer of the Meeting House.

Meeting closed with a brief waiting worship

Judith Stevens, Clerk and Patrick Goold, Acting Recording Clerk

*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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