

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting Newsletter Tenth Month 2013

CURRENT ACTIVITIES	
<p>10/18 6pm & 10/19 9:30 am to 3 pm – Workshop – Exploring our Faith in relation to our book of Discipline. (See details below.)</p> <p>10/25 – School Halloween Carnival/Dance and Sports Tournament</p> <p>10/26 11am til – Representative Body Meeting, Davidson NC</p>	<p>10/31 & 11/1 - No School for students, Faculty work day</p> <p>11/18 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</p> <p>11-26 School Full Day - Thanksgiving Feast</p> <p>11 27-11/29 No School – Thanksgiving Break</p>
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 with First Day School</u>-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> <p><u>EACH 6th DAY</u> (Friday)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>9 – 9:30 am Meeting for Worship</u> All are welcome, with special invitation to School & Meeting Community (except when school is not in session) 	<p><u>1st First Days</u> –</p> <p>9 am – Building & Grounds Meeting</p> <p>Noon- Knitting</p> <p>12:15 pm - Peace & Social Justice Meeting</p> <p><u>2nd First Days</u> –</p> <p>8:30 am - Meeting for Worship with attention to Business (except Seventh Month)</p> <p><u>3rd First Days</u></p> <p>9 am - First Day School Discussion <i>The Great Divorce</i> by C. S. Lewis</p> <p><u>4th First Days</u></p> <p>9 am Meeting of Ministry & Oversight</p>
SAVE THE DATES	
To Be Determined	<p>The River Cleanup Days. Contact Whit Peace, 613-2828 whitpeace.river@gmail.com</p> <p>For more information or to register, call our office at 757-962-5398, Trista@LRNow.org</p>
4/14-16/2014	FWCC Consultation, High Point NC
4/26/2014	Representative Body meeting, Durham Meeting, Durham NC
7/9-13/2014	Yearly Meeting, Guilford College, Greensboro NC

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?

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: We can follow the teachings of Jesus that speak to us, such as the Light within. The challenge of maintaining love and unity involves striking a balance. Being part of a faith community helps to achieve that balance. Resolving differences in a spirit of love, honesty, and humility are universal principles of good human relations, no matter what their origin.

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Tenth Month 8, 2013

Opening: Virginia Beach Friends met for worship with attention to business in the Meetinghouse. The meeting began at 8:31 AM with silent worship. There were some 10 Friends and attenders present.

Head of School: Giving to the Annual Fund is three times what it was at this time last year! The school is working hard to meet the changes suggested by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools at last year's review. A safety/maintenance person, and a part-time marketing coordinator were added to the staff. The Cottage program has moved to the Fox building. New teachers are being mentored. Cross country was the requested fall sport this year, attracting a whole new group of athletes and a new league that includes different schools. A new scholarship program was started called the "Empty Chair" that funds individual students in need of assistance whose contribution to the community is significant. It is expected the school will fund them at least thru completion of one Division.

Treasurer: September income exceeded expenses by about \$700. Only the Buildings and Grounds committee has put in their budget request for 2014. Other Committees, please get in yours! We continue to expect a \$5000 shortfall for this year. Efforts at recovering rent for the Meetinghouse space are underway.

Finance Committee: Bob Smith has resigned from the Committee. We seek a replacement for him. Part of the Rita Wass Endowment fund is being kept in the Pax World Mutual Fund because its performance has improved. The remainder is in Friends Fiduciary Fund. Ton Kennedy will again act as our Financial Reviewer, using the same process undertaken for Yr 2012.

School Committee: The Director of Advancement led an activity aimed at building trust and relationships among committee members and the larger community. About 30 major donors to the school were honored at a "soiree" last month, which netted a number of early-year gifts. A 9th Month phonathon doubled parent participation compared with the entire last year! Another phonathon is planned for 10th Month which will include calls to meeting members. The Admissions director is following a new "customer service" model aimed at building enrollment. New Meeting member Tom Bertrand has joined the School Committee. Cottage teachers are very pleased with their new quarters in Fox. The Committee Clerk and Head attended a VAIS workshop on "Innovation in Schools." Fall open house is the 18th, the same as Grandparents' Day. The Meeting approved a request for the School to paint the brick sign white with dark letters to improve visibility. The school will maintain that sign going forward.

Hospitality: Five or six people take turns overseeing weekly refreshments at the rise of meeting. It was suggested that these be moved upstairs again, as some cannot go downstairs. The Committee does not mind the extra effort, and will try this arrangement. The Meeting thanks them for their efforts!

Buildings and Grounds: The Clerk is drafting a letter to the City Arborist asking to save the large magnolia and oak trees when Laskin Rd. widening begins. Replacement of shutters on the west face is being considered. The next workday is 7th day, 10/26. A proposal totaling an estimated \$27,000, for long-term improvements to the Meetinghouse and grounds was presented to the business meeting. A prioritized list of each specific project was circulated, reviewed, and discussed. An intent to move forward and spend these funds was endorsed by the Meeting. Finance Committee will now undertake the financing. The Committee was thanked for its work.

Ministers, Elders, and Overseers: Is sponsoring a presentation on the weekend of 10/18-19 on "Exploring our Faith in relation to our book of discipline" starting at dinner on 6th day and ending 7th day afternoon. There is a sign-up sheet for participants on the bulletin board.

Closing: No further business appearing, meeting closed with a few minutes of silence, to meet again in 10th Month.

Patricia Phelan Young, clerk & Andrew M. Young, recording clerk

VIRGINIA BEACH FRIENDS MEETING WORKSHOP

EXPLORING OUR FAITH IN RELATION TO OUR BOOK OF DISCIPLINE

WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH: (Supper of Soups, breads and dessert
will be provided at 6:00 PM)

WORKSHOP: 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH: 9:30 AM- 3:00 PM

Coffee and Bagels at 9:00 AM
Workshop will Begin at 9:30 AM and end at 3:00 PM with breaks and a
POTLUCK LUNCH

(Sign up Sheet on the Bulletin Board)

Or

Contact Nancy Nixon at n.nixon1@verizon.net, 757-412-1297

WHERE: VIRGINIA BEACH MEETING HOUSE

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS AND ATTENDERS

FACILITATOR: Dave French: Member of Virginia Beach Friends Meeting

This workshop will consist of small group and large group discussions with opportunities to explore our beliefs as individuals and as a group. Participants can expect to deepen their understanding and experience of their Faith and that of others in our gathering, and of the Advices in our Faith and Practice, Book of Discipline of the NCYM-C. Please bring your copy if you have one. If you don't have a copy, one will be provided for you.

REPRESENTATIVE BODY MEETING, DAVIDSON FRIENDS MEETING, DAVIDSON NC

Representative Body Meeting is open to all members and attenders as well as visitors. We will be meeting in the new Davidson Meetinghouse in Davidson, NC. Contact Nancy Craft if you are interested in car-pooling. Nancy plans to drive down on the 25th and return on the 27th after worshipping with the Davidson Meeting.

Meetinghouse is open for committee meetings early. Worship begin at 11 am followed by lunch, then the Representative Body Meeting.

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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