

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting Newsletter Tenth Month 2014

CURRENT ACTIVITIES	
<p>10/29 7:30 to 9:30 am JCOC 1st Annual Breakfast</p> <p>10/31 Teacher Work Day No ES,LS, MS Students</p> <p>11/3 School Professional Day, No school</p> <p>11/1 9 am to noon. River Cleanup. Contact Whit Peace, 613-2828 whitpeace.river@gmail.com For more information or to register, call our office at 757-962-5398, Trista@LRNow.org</p>	<p>11/1 11 am Rich Square hosts informal “quarterly meeting” 11am followed by pot luck lunch and conversation around the table.</p> <p>11/6 3-6 pm JCOC Homeless shelter meal – Contact Tracey Paladini to assist and for details tpaladini@yahoo.com</p> <p>11/22 9am to 1pm Meeting Work Day</p> <p>11/26-28 School Thanksgiving Break</p>
MONTHLY	
<p><u>EACH 1st DAY (Sunday)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>10:30 – 11:30 am Meeting for Worship with First Day School-younger children join Meeting during or after Worship</u> * <u>12:00-12:30 pm Silent Peace Vigil - in front of the Meetinghouse</u> <p><u>EACH 2nd DAY (Monday)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>11:45 am for 30 minutes Moral Monday - Richmond VA St. Paul’s Episcopal Church steps (across the street from the General Assembly/Capitol Park).</u> <p><u>EACH 4th DAY (Wednesday)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>7 pm - Mid-Week Prayer</u> <p><u>EACH 6th DAY (Friday)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>9 – 9:30 am Meeting for Worship. All are welcome, with special invitation to School & Meeting Community (except when school is not in session)</u> 	<p><u>1st First Days</u></p> <p>9 am – Buildings & Grounds Meeting</p> <p>12 noon - 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</p> <p><u>4th First Days</u></p> <p>9 am Meeting of Ministry & Oversight</p>
SAVE THE DATES	
12/24/2014	Christmas Eve 8-midnight – open worship
2/7/2015	Quarterly meeting - Host TBD
4/13/2015	Interim Body Meeting – Greenville NC
5/2/2015	Quarterly meeting - Host TBD
7/15/2015 to 7/19/2015	Yearly Meeting , Guilford College, Greensboro NC: <u>Note: Date Change From Routine</u>
10/24/2015	Interim Body Meeting – Location TBD

Query to ponder for next month: Query 4 *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?*

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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 the spirit of the meeting is less often disturbed by late arrivals than the silence. Many of us enjoy seeing additional folks arrive, no matter what the time. Do we need to better reach out to members not regularly present so they may find it more meaningful? If we are following our Guide, we will be led here.

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting for Business with Attention to Business Tenth Month 12, 2014

Opening: Virginia Beach Friends met for worship with attention to business on 10th Month, Twelve in the Meetinghouse. The meeting began at 8:33 AM with silent worship. There were some sixteen Friends and attenders present.

Head of School Report: To date we are at 181 students, with a few more in the pipeline. T. Linda invited members to Grandparents' Day at school on 10/24. Maintenance has been devoted to meeting the expectations of the Fire Marshall. The Upper and Lower School Sandcastle teams were awarded the Spirit and second place trophies respectively at the Neptune Festival. Quakerism outreach to parents will take place this month with a presentation by Patrick Goold. Middle School students and faculty had their annual Camping trip last week. Our young Leaders are partnering with Tandem Friends School in Charlottesville to host the 2015 Quaker Youth Leadership Conference there in February. There will be another Halloween Carnival on 10/30 to raise both funds and Friends.

Treasurer's Report: Income exceeded expenses by about \$800, but for the year, income is down. The treasurer has delayed making a number of our voluntary payments in anticipation that members will take up the slack during this last quarter. The treasurer handed out a planning sheet outlining last year's expenses for active committees to use in making requests for fiscal year 2015.

Finance Committee: We discussed the comments at a prior business meeting expressing interest in what contributions were expected from each individual. We agreed to keep this interest in mind when the annual report is prepared. We would like all committees' budget input before 11/1.

School Committee: New members Diane Hofheimer and Clark Armentrout were welcomed to the Committee. The Committee set an admission goal of 200 students and \$150,000 for the Annual Fund. An architectural firm known for its work in school design is creating the goal of a master plan for the campus. School Committee removed seeking an alternative site for the school from its long-range plan. A heartfelt letter from Head of School Linda Serrette thanking the Meeting for its generous gift to the school was read for the membership at the rise of Meeting. It will be published in the newsletter.

Buildings & Grounds: is planning for a workday on 11/22. New basement storm doors are here and will be installed soon. The committee is preparing for winter.

Ministers, Elders, and Overseers: Paula Justice is MEO's new recorder. The “Mindfulness” statement card will not be read in the face of the Meeting but Clerk will remind the Meeting of its availability in the foyer. Changes to our Faith and Practice were discussed and concerns will be continued at their meeting in 10th month. MEO has invited two potential new members and they will be attending our Meeting to see if they wish to join.

Faith & Practice Revision: Two members attended the Yearly Meeting session on changes already submitted. Both agreed the final draft was acceptable. The next section to be addressed is on membership. Any changes in the Revision Committee membership will be addressed in M.E.O.

Peace & Social Justice: The Committee has been renewing and expanding its contacts with other peace groups. A “Social Justice University” was hosted at the Meetinghouse the end of 9th month. The Committee and the Baha'i

faith community will jointly sponsor a “Walk for Peace and Interfaith Dialogue” next 1st day (10/19) on Mount Trashmore. This is a major outreach by our Meeting to another faith that has been historically devoted to peace and is currently severely persecuted for its beliefs in the Middle East.

Student Workgroup: Tom Bertrand will act as liaison with a group from Warren Wilson College in North Carolina doing a service project at the Aquarium in Virginia Beach. We are providing them a place to sleep and cook meals during their stay here 10/18-23.

Sojourning Membership Request: Patricia Swan asked the Meeting to wait until a letter from her is received before making any changes in her membership status.

Nominating Committee: Lost two active members over the summer and seeks a new convener and other participants for the committee.

Closing Minute: No further business appearing, the meeting closed at 10:10 with a brief period of silent reflection, to meet again in 11th month.

Patricia Phelan Young, Clerk and Andrew M. Young, Recording Clerk

The Letter of Thanks from the School

Dear Members of Meeting,

On behalf of the faculty and students of Friends School, I would like to thank you for your very kind gift of over 9,000 dollars. This will go a long way towards helping several of our younger students to experience the many benefits of a Quaker education.

We are all very grateful for the many ways Members of Meeting offer our beloved school their kindness and support. We appreciate those of you who lend a hand whenever we need help and others who have taught or continue to teach Quaker studies, as well as the dedicated work of those who serve on School Committee.

Your giving enriches our spiritual life, assisting our high school students to attend the Quaker Youth Leadership Conference every year. This truly brings Quakerism alive for our young people as they interact and do service projects with students from Quaker schools throughout the country. Faculty members are given the opportunity to experience the Educators New to Quakerism workshop at Pendle Hill; again, Meeting helps to subsidize the cost.

We value our relationship with the Meeting and know that your outreach to the school enhances the educational, social and spiritual experiences of the entire Friends School Community.

Thank you for all that you do. We are blessed!

In peace,

Linda

Linda Serrette
Head of School
Friends School of Virginia Beach

From the School:

Anyone who shops at Harris Teeter, now is the time to link your VIC card to Virginia Beach Friends School. If you have done this in the past, it needs to be re-linked every fall. Click on this link (or cut/paste into your browser): https://www.harristeeter.com/other/my_harris_teeter/login_page.aspx to connect your VIC card to our school. If you have trouble, just go to the Customer Service counter at any HT store. *Added bonus: when you purchase HT brands from now until Oct. 28 we will earn double for our school.

Target: if you use a Target red card, you can link this to Friends School as well. Just go to the Customer Service counter and this can be quickly set-up. They donate a percentage of your purchases to the school.

Coke caps and Box Tops for Education - these small items also bring in cash to the school. There is a box in the Meetinghouse to collect these items.

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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