

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting Newsletter Second Month 2015

CURRENT ACTIVITIES	
<p>2/21 6:30 pm Founders Day at the school Contact the school for tickets</p> <p>3/5 4-6pm JCOC Homeless shelter meal – Contact Tracey Paladini to assist and for details tpaladini@yahoo.com</p>	<p>3/9-13 School – Spring Break</p> <p>4/2 thru 4/6 School – Easter Break</p> <p>4/9 4-6pm JCOC Homeless shelter meal – Contact Tracey Paladini to assist and for details tpaladini@yahoo.com</p>
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> <i>younger children join Meeting during or after Worship</i> * <u>12:00-12:30 pm Silent Peace Vigil</u> - <i>in front of the Meetinghouse</i> <p><u>EACH 2nd DAY</u> (Monday)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>11:45 am for 30 minutes Moral Monday</u> - <i>Richmond VA St. Paul's Episcopal Church steps (across the street from the General Assembly/Capitol Park).</i> <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> <i>All are welcome, with special invitation to School & Meeting Community (except when school is not in session)</i> 	<p><u>1st First Days</u> 9 am – Buildings & Grounds Meeting 12 noon - Peace & Social Justice Meeting</p> <p><u>2nd First Days</u> 8:30 am - Meeting for Worship with attention to Business (except Seventh Month)</p> <p><u>3rd First Days</u> 9 am - First Day School Discussion</p> <p><u>4th First Days</u> 9 am Meeting of Ministry & Oversight</p>
SAVE THE DATES	
<p>4/9, 10/29, 11/19</p>	<p>JCOC Homeless shelter meal – Contact Tracey Paladini to assist and for details tpaladini@yahoo.com</p>
<p>4/25</p>	<p>Interim Body Meeting – Greenville NC</p>
<p>4/26</p>	<p>Empower Hampton Roads Annual Banquet</p>
<p>5/2</p>	<p>Eastern Quarterly meeting – New Bern NC</p>
<p>7/15-19</p>	<p>Yearly Meeting, Guilford College, Greensboro NC: <u>Note: Date Change From Routine</u></p>
<p>10/24</p>	<p>Interim Body Meeting – Location TBD</p>

The Query to consider for next month will be forwarded via email at a later date.

NEW OPTION for VBFM Committees: If you have any report or material for Meeting members consideration at Monthly Meeting for Business, please forward to vbfm.emailer@gmail.com no later than the **Wednesday** prior to Meeting. In this way, Meeting members can receive all documents to be considered in a timely fashion. (This would be in addition to sending your report to the Clerk and Recording Clerk). Thank you, from our Communication Committee!!

Empower Hampton Roads will be hosting their Annual Banquet on April 26th. The featured speaker is Rev. Starkey Wilson, the co-chair of the Ferguson Commission. For more information, check out the Peace and Social Justice Bulletin board. Contact Nancy Craft for tickets to the banquet. More details soon!!

www.vbfriends.org, & www.ncymc.org, Facebook Group: North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative

Query 12: *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?*

Response: Some of us are better than others at visiting. We feel we are welcoming to newcomers. There are fewer young people than there used to be, though the School population is an abundant resource. This query challenges us that if we reach out and draw energy and vision from our School; perhaps more young families will come. We would benefit by encouraging those younger to share their new and fresh ideas by being more open and receptive to them. This means reaching out and learning more than just a new person's name, but truly finding some answers to the question, "Who are you?"

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting for Business with Attention to Business Second Month 8, 2015

Opening: Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting of Friends gathered for Worship with Attention to Business on First-day, 2nd month 8, 2015 at 8:33 AM in the Meetinghouse. Present were some 15 Friends and attenders.

Head of School Report: About 12 families toured the school at its open house in 1st month. Enrollment is at 190! The lower school kids love their new playground, dedicated in memory of 1st grade Teacher Rosemary Chute. The new Science Technology Engineering and Math elective in Upper School is up and running. We are deepening our relationship with Tandem Friends in Charlottesville, co-hosting the national Quaker Youth Leadership Conference there this past weekend. Plans are underway for a full day-long Peace & Social Justice Day at the end of this month. The School would benefit from a small Meeting committee, which could provide training for their teachers who are new to Quakerism.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer gave a year-end report that showed a deficit of about \$1000, despite \$7000 in contributions received in 12th month. Capital spending was \$11,000. Income from 1st month was some \$900, with over \$700 in expenses. The income included nearly \$400 in memory of Marguerite Young. People who donated to the Meeting last year will receive documentation of their gifts. All are asked to check its accuracy!

School Committee: Founders' Day is the 21st of this month for the benefit of the Louise & Bob Wilson Scholarship Fund, and will honor Jim and Lisa Metcalf. School Committee is looking forward to planning next year's budget, because of the rise in enrollment. While independent school populations are dropping, ours is growing! A process will also be getting underway with the formation of a stakeholder committee to formulate a master plan for the Schools long-term future. There has been increased co-operation between the School and the State Dept. of Transportation regarding ownership of the property. A report to the meeting will be forthcoming.

Buildings & Grounds: We met 2nd month 1 at 9 am. Our basement storm doors are in. Repair to the furnace was \$375.00. Workday is 3rd month, 28, 9 until 1 inside! We'll have replaced the clocks in the library and basement. Next meeting is 3rd month 1, 9am. A list of this Committee's accomplishments in 2014 is available. We heartily thanked this committee for their loving care and improvement in our physical plant.

Ministers, Elders & Overseers: The FREE workshop presented by Susan Wilson (and SPONSORED BY MEO), "Deeping Our Relationship to Spirit through Contemplative Practices" was held this weekend with over 30 people attending. The Meeting expressed gratitude to Gayle Cameron for her facilitation of this event. MEO approved an additional description of sufferings responsibilities. This Committee requested they be relieved of making contributions for condolences out of their Sufferings budget. The Meeting agreed to shift this to the budget of ME&O.

Peace & Social Justice: The Meetinghouse fairly “shimmered” with light at the retreat during this weekend! Six members attended a lobbying “Day for All People” in Richmond on 1/20. The Committee Clerk spoke on Martin Luther King Day to the Navy’s Center for Personal & Professional Development. The Meeting approved the committee clerk draft a minute in support of the peace activism of Steve Baggarly and Kim Williams to be sent to the court following their recent arrest. The Committee will encourage attendance of supporters at the court hearings in person.

Transfer of Membership: Meeting approved the clerk write a letter for the transfer of Inga Rothrock Erickson from our meeting to Herndon (VA) Friends Meeting.

Communications Committee: Meeting approved that proposed changes to committee descriptions during nominating season be put directly on the web with a caveat “pending approval” along with the previous description. We also approved that the Committee begin a “recent activities” section on the website, and post a YouTube video called “What Does George Fox Say.” The Committee premiered a newly created “Guest Book” for new folks to share their contact information with us.

Closing: No further business appearing, the Meeting closed at 10:15 AM with a brief period of silent worship, to meet again in 3rd Month, 2015 if consistent with Divine will.

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

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.

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.

Visions of the Seasons 2014: There Is Much To Be Thankful For (by Robert E. Young)

**May we remember our loved ones
who have bequeathed us a legacy of goodness**

**May we meet anger and rage
By touching the heart of the other**

**May we give and keep our word
and deed to family and friends**

**May we make things a little better
for our neighbor and for the stranger**

**May we have the strength and zest
to work and play abundantly**

**May we have the joy to laugh
and be of good spirits**

**May we continue the journey inward
through and beyond the mind and body**

**May our children live in a planet restored
and a world of brotherhood and peace.**

NOTE: We were saddened to hear of the passing of Bob Nelson on 2/12/2015. He was the husband of Teacher Sue Nelson. The date for a Memorial service will be announced later.

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.

We are encouraging folks to receive the newsletter electronically to help save our funds. **To receive the newsletter and/or other Meeting news electronically via email only, send a request to vbfm.emailer@gmail.com.** Please include your name, address, phone number and email when making requests. Please indicate if you no longer want to receive the hard copy newsletter. You may also communicate your request via our mailing address: Virginia Beach Friends Meeting, PO Box 4371, Virginia Beach, VA 23454.

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