

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting Newsletter Fourth Month 2015

CURRENT ACTIVITIES	
<p>4/17 School admissions open house</p> <p>4/25 Interim Body Meeting, Greenville NC</p> <p>4/26 5pm Empower Hampton Roads Annual Banquet</p> <p>4/26 Noon, Communications Committee Meeting</p> <p>4/27 11am School Golf Classic, Signature at West Neck</p>	<p>5/2 11am Eastern (Informal) Quarterly Meeting, New Bern NC</p> <p>5/9 10am to 3pm Meeting/School Spring-it-on-athon</p> <p>5/31 10:30am Creeds Meeting, Worship followed by pot luck lunch, singing and fun</p> <p>6/13 School Graduation</p>
MONTHLY	
<p><u>EACH 1st DAY</u> (Sunday)</p> <p>* <u>10:30 – 11:30 am Meeting for Worship with First Day School- younger children join Meeting during or after Worship</u></p> <p><u>EACH 4th DAY</u> (Wednesday)</p> <p>* <u>7 pm - Mid-Week Prayer</u></p> <p><u>EACH 6th DAY</u> (Friday)</p> <p>* <u>8:50 – 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>	<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>8:30 am Meeting of Ministry & Oversight</p>
SAVE THE DATES	
10/29, 11/19	<p>JCOG Homeless shelter meal – Contact Tracey Paladini to assist & for details tpaladini@yahoo.com</p>
7/15-19	<p>Yearly Meeting - UNC Wilmington, Wilmington NC: <u>Note: Date Change From Routine</u></p>
10/24	<p>Interim Body Meeting – Location TBD</p>
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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 4th day (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!!

NEWSLETTER NOTICE: OUR NEWSLETTER IS ON ITS WAY TO BEING VIA EMAIL! If you wish to continue receiving a hard copy of our Newsletter, please contact us via email: vbfm.emailer@gmail.com or at PO Box 4371, Virginia Beach, VA 23454 or via phone at 757-428-9515 (We plan to phase out most copies of the hard copy mailings by mid-summer.) Our newsletter is also posted on our web site.

NOTICE: For anyone wanting to reserve space in the Meetinghouse until a more permanent person can be identified, the interim person is Whit Peace: whitpeace.VBFM@gmail.com, 757-613-2828.

Mail address: PO Box 4371, Virginia Beach, VA 23454, web site: www.vbfriends.org, Phone: 757-428-9515

The Query #8 to consider for next month: *Do we observe simplicity and honesty in our manner of living? Are we careful to live within the bounds of our circumstances, punctual in keeping promises, prompt in the payment of debts, and just in all our dealings? Do we choose those activities which will strengthen our physical, mental, and spiritual life; and do we avoid those harmful to ourselves and others?*

Query #7: *Do we endeavor to live in the life and power that takes away the occasion of all war, seeking to do our part in the work of reconciliation between individuals, groups, and nations? Do we faithfully maintain our testimony against nuclear and all other military preparations, the bearing of arms, and all participation in war?*

Response: We struggle with strong and confusing feelings when we hear this query. It is tempting to become overwhelmed, making it difficult to stay in the work of reconciliation. To keep ourselves centered, we listen for that still small voice that tells us we can make a difference. Whether we work within our families or at the national level, we seek ways to make the world a better place.

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting for Worship with attention to Business 4/11/2015

Opening: Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting of Friends gathered for Worship with Attention to Business on First-day, Fourth Month 12, 2015 at 8:30 AM in the Meetinghouse. Present were some 15 Friends and attenders.

Head of School Report: The school has had a significant number of visitors, and many volunteers have dressed up the campus appropriately. Special events included a mystery dinner theater and a celebration of Teacher Tony's tenth year as basketball coach. In just a few short months they will be saying a fond farewell to an exceptional group of seniors who excelled in both academic and athletic endeavors. Instead of the annual science fair, a STEM challenge (Science Technology Engineering and Math) was organized. After years of supporting the Mattaponi Native Reservation, a field trip there by upper school students was a real eye opener.

Special Event: Teacher Jordan proposed that the Meeting and School jointly undertake a "Spring-it-on-a-thon," featuring a mega yard sale, plant sale, vendors, games, food and music, to be held Seventh Day, Fifth Month 9. Meeting approved a \$200 donation to this collaboration.

Treasurer's Report: Expenses of \$750 were exceeded by income of nearly \$1700.

Faith & Practice: The report from Meeting of the revised "Special Occasions" section was approved for submission to Yearly Meeting.

Young Friends: A Mothers' Appreciation Brunch has been organized for First Day, Fifth Month 3 as an outreach to families at our school. Elizabeth Waitekus is now coordinating the teachers' school schedule. A full yearly curriculum for the young friends has been created so that a lesson is available for each week.

Buildings & Grounds: The Committee had a very productive workday with about 10 friends helping. Forty new folding chairs will be purchased. Meeting postponed approval of their new mission statement for another month.

Ministers, Elders & Overseers: Discovery Dinners were hosted in Third Month. Wonderful fellowship with good, deep discussions was experienced. The School has asked for a representative to attend their Meetings. A donation of \$50 to the School was made in memory of Myra Brown. Any suggested revisions to the Committee Process document should be directed to MEO clerk Nancy Nixon before Fourth Month 24.

Nominating Committee: Is making its first round of calls to folks currently serving on committees. Whit Peace's nomination to serve out Myra Brown's job as Meetinghouse Scheduler was approved.

Peace & Social Justice: Restarting the peace witness along Laskin Road is being considered. Approval of letter drafted by the Committee on behalf of our Meeting in support of Steve Baggerly was delayed until next month.

Joint Property Task Force: Hank Ghittino is to contact VDOT to clarify that our easement across the Laskin Road entrance is only for electric utilities, and that its value be reconsidered.

Communications Committee: Christen Hansel has agreed to take over duties as Newsletter Editor. A move towards a paperless edition was approved. WiFi has now been installed in the Meetinghouse. Andy will write a thank you letter to Teacher Jeff at the School.

Death: We note with sadness the death of our long-time member Benjamin Frazier Brown. Until the last several years he had been minister, and an active and beloved member of meeting since 1961. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held this coming summer.

Closing: No further business appearing, the Meeting closed at 10:10 AM to meet again in 5th-Month, if consistent with Divine will.

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

Yearly Meeting 2015 of NCYM(C)

July 15-19, 2015 on the campus of University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Preliminary outline for worship, fellowship, play, learning and business for all ages - Additional info later!

"Living Into Our Gifts"

Wednesday, 7-15: Afternoon registration, greeting one another and moving in, Late afternoon worship, evening Meeting of Ministry and Oversight (for everyone)

Thursday, 7-16: Morning Bible Study with Bruce Arnold, children and youth activities and Meetings for Business, Special Interest groups
Evening Program on "Discernment of Our Gifts" led by Katherine Damiano

Friday, 7-17: Morning Bible Study with Bruce Arnold, children and youth activities and Meetings for Business, Special Interest groups and Evening Program on "Living Into Our Gifts" with Katherine Damiano

Saturday, 7-18: Morning Bible Study with Bruce Arnold, children and youth activities, short morning Meeting for Business, Meeting for Worship, afternoon Meeting for Business, Evening Inter-generational Event

Sunday, 7-19: Morning Bible Study with Bruce Arnold, pack up, Meeting for Worship and Closing Minute

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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 (recently interviewed on the PBS news hour). For more information, check out the Peace and Social Justice Bulletin board. Contact Nancy Craft for tickets to the banquet. More details soon!!

Spring-it-on-a-thon

When: Sat, May 9, 11am – 4pm

Where: Virginia Beach Friends School, 1537 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23451, United States

Description: Virginia Beach Friends School Spring-It-on-a-Thon Mega Yard Sale! Will include a plant sale, food trucks, activities, face painting, a bounce house and much more!

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.

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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