

## Virginia Beach Friends Meeting Newsletter Fifth Month 2015

CURRENT ACTIVITIES	
<p><b>5/31 10:30am Creeds Meeting</b>, Worship followed by pot luck lunch, singing and fun</p> <p><b>6/6 9am- Noon River Cleanup</b>, Beach Garden Park, Laskin Road</p> <p><b>6/10 School Picnic</b> – time not yet known</p>	<p><b>6/11 Last Day of School</b> – ES/LS noon, MS, 1pm</p> <p><b>6/13 School Graduation</b> – 2pm</p> <p><b>6/15 Summer Camp begins</b></p> <p><b>6.20 Memorial Service 2pm</b>– for Ben and Myra Brown</p>
MONTHLY	
<p><b><u>EACH 1<sup>st</sup> DAY</u></b> (Sunday)</p> <p>* <u>10:30 – 11:30 am Meeting for Worship with First Day School</u>- younger children join Meeting during or after Worship</p> <p><b><u>EACH 4<sup>th</sup> DAY</u></b> (Wednesday)</p> <p>* <u>7 pm - Mid-Week Prayer</u></p> <p><b><u>EACH 6<sup>th</sup> DAY</u></b> (Friday)</p> <p>* <u>8:50 – 9:30 am Meeting for Worship</u> All are welcome, with special invitation to School &amp; Meeting Community (except when school is not in session)</p>	<p><b><u>1<sup>st</sup> First Days</u></b></p> <p><b>9 am</b> – Buildings &amp; Grounds Meeting</p> <p><b>12 noon</b> - Peace &amp; Social Justice Meeting</p> <p><b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> First Days</u></b></p> <p><b>8:30 am</b> - Meeting for Worship with attention to Business (except Seventh Month)</p> <p><b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> First Days</u></b></p> <p><b>9 am</b> - First Day School Discussion</p> <p><b><u>4<sup>th</sup> First Days</u></b></p> <p><b>8:30 am</b> Meeting of Ministry &amp; Oversight</p>
SAVE THE DATES	
7/11, 8/8, 9/12, 11/19	River Cleanup
7/15-19	Yearly Meeting - UNC Wilmington, Wilmington NC: <b><u>Note: Date Change From Routine</u></b>
10/24	Interim Body Meeting – Location TBD
10/29, 11/19	JCOC Homeless shelter meal – Contact Tracey Paladini for details & to assist. <a href="mailto:tpaladini@yahoo.com">tpaladini@yahoo.com</a>

**Query #9 to consider for next month:** Are we mindful of Friends testimonies against alcoholic beverages, tobacco and other harmful drugs, and do we refrain from using them or dealing in them, realizing that abstinence is the clearest witness against overindulgence? Do we seek to avoid all kinds of gambling and places of diversion that tend to be demoralizing? Do we keep in mind how diverse and widespread are the temptations to grow richer at the expense of others? Are we faithful to our testimony against taking oaths?

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**The Query #8:** *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?*

**Response:** *There are many demands that modern life puts on us. The perception that technology, fashion trends, and expedience are needs, rather than wants, makes it very tempting to complicate our mode of living. We are grateful our school teaches the values that this historic Quaker query extolls, and that our meetinghouse exhibits simplicity to all who enter. In our personal lives, we continually attempt to balance those conflicting demands in a way that helps us meet the challenges posed by these questions.*

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## **Virginia Beach Friends Meeting for Worship with attention to Business** 5/10/2015

**Opening:** Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting of Friends gathered for Worship with Attention to Business on First-day, 5<sup>th</sup> month 10, 2015 at 8:30 AM in the Meetinghouse. Present were some 14 Friends and attenders.

**Head of School Report:** We had a moderate attendance at Open House; six families visited. However on the same day T. Kristyne received four applications. T. Larry has just sent out the final Annual Fund appeal for this year. The STEM fair was a great success. We hope it heralds the beginning of a new science era at the school. End of year field trips have started. The Upper School Quaker class is organizing a series of stewardship activities for all Divisions during May. The "Spring-it-on-a-Thon" was a surprising success, with many thanks to the strong support of Meeting members.

**Treasurer's Report:** Expenses exceeded income by some \$3200, largely due to the payment of our annual \$3000 gift to Yearly Meeting. We still have over \$15,000 in donations to the school and other Quaker organizations, but we have only about \$9000 in our bank account, so we can't yet meet all those obligations. Over \$600 was spent from the Capital Budget for 40 new chairs in the basement.

**School Committee:** Welcomed a new member, Karen Easterling. The Committee is currently focusing on planning. Work is being done in several subcommittees, including the growing scholarship funds, use of the physical plant, and the remainder of our property.

**Young Friends:** Held a mothers' appreciation brunch last Sunday with about 20 from the Meeting and school in attendance. First-day school continues to be held every week now.

**Buildings & Grounds:** The contract for yard maintenance with Nelin Brothers is still being negotiated. Discussions are still underway. Due to the lack of parking, some of our grass is being killed, ruts are developing and access to fire equipment is limited on Sunday mornings. A subcommittee has been formed to deal with issues in the kitchen such as flooring, excess and unused items such as coffee pots, renters property not labeled, painting, and pest control.

**Ministers, Elders and Overseers:** We began work on a draft of the membership application process statement. The children of Ben and Myra Brown have agreed to schedule a memorial for them on the 20<sup>th</sup> of Sixth month at 2:00 PM. Nancy Craft will convene a committee to plan for this event. Nancy Nixon, Keith Williamson, Bob Clapp, Diane Hofheimer, and Tom Bertrand will serve on the committee. The Finance Committee was asked to plan for acknowledging and spending any donations given to the Meeting in memory of those who have passed. The Meeting approved the final draft of the Committee Process document that was recently published.

**Peace & Social Justice:** The draft letter from the Meeting to the DC court where Steve Baggerly and fellow anti-war protesters will be tried was approved by the membership. It will be signed by the clerk. Networking with other organizations, and on behalf of other activists, is historically Quaker work that the Committee takes very seriously.

**Communications Committee:** The publication of the newsletter is changing to electronic mail except for special requests.

**Nominating Committee:** A first draft of 2015-2016 committee assignments has been published for review.

**Closing:** No further business appearing, the Meeting ended with a brief period of silence with gratitude, to meet again in 6th month if consistent with Divine will.

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

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**Yearly Meeting 2015 of NCYM(C)**

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

**The registration form is now on-line at [www.NCYMC.org](http://www.NCYMC.org)**

**The deadline for the registration to be received is 6/26/2015!!**

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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**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](mailto:vbfm.emailer@gmail.com) no later than 4<sup>th</sup> 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!!

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**From the School: TURN IN YOUR RECIEPTS NOW FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR!**

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](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.

**NOTICE:** The Meeting is hosting the Memorial Service for Benjamin and Myra Brown on **6/20/2015 at 2pm** in the Meetinghouse.

Please plan to come and participate!! Also we have a small committee to coordinate this and if you plan to attend, know others who are planning to attend, or wish to assist with the arrangements, please contact one of the committee members. Nancy Craft, Nancy Nixon, Keith Williamson, Bob Clapp, Diane Hofheimer, and Tom Bertrand.

*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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