

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting Newsletter Eighth Month 2015

CURRENT ACTIVITIES (for details click this VFBM Upcoming Events webpage link...)	
<p>8/30 Hum Dinger at Creeds</p> <p>9/26 10th Annual One Love Festival</p>	<p>10/25 2nd Annual Prayer Walk for Peace and Racial Harmony</p>
MONTHLY	
<p><u>EACH 1st DAY</u> (Sunday)</p> <p>* <u>10:30 – 11:30 am Meeting for Worship with First Day School-</u> <u>younger children join Meeting during or after Worship</u></p> <p><u>EACH 4th DAY</u> (Wednesday)</p> <p>* <u>8:30-9:00 am – Morning Worship (start your 4th Day off with silent morning worship)</u></p> <p>* <u>7 pm - Mid-Week Prayer (prayer time especially for those in need)</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> 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> 8:30 am Meeting of Ministry & Oversight</p>
SAVE THE DATES	
10/10, 11/14	River Cleanup
10/24	Interim Body Meeting – Location TBD
8/30, 11/29	Quaker Hum Dingers for 2015
10/29, 11/19	JCOC Homeless shelter meal – Contact Tracey Paladini for details & to assist. tpaladini@yahoo.com

Query Numbers 2 and 4 to consider for the next Business Meeting.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP: 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?

WORK OF THE MEETING: 4. Do we assume our rightful share in the expenses of our Meeting? Do we regard our time, our talents, and our possessions as given us in trust, and do we use them freely for the needs of others?

Query #1. *Do we faithfully uphold our testimony for worship which is based on silent waiting, and for a free and unprogrammed ministry that may be shared by all? Is there a living silence in which we feel drawn together by the Light of Christ, the power of God in our midst, and is this inspiration carried over into our daily lives? Do we come to meeting with hearts and minds open and ready to worship in silence or in vocal ministry or prayer as the Holy Spirit leads us? Does our Meeting encourage those who may have a gift in the spoken ministry?*

Response. *The gathered silence is deep and fulfilling. The spoken ministry at times reinforces the gifts of the silence. We encourage each other to be alert to genuine leadings to speak and to be open to the different honoring what is important to each of us, is one way we carry our faith into our daily lives.*

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business 08/9/2015

Opening. Meeting opened with a period of silent worship, fifteen persons present.

Queries: The first query was read and responded to.

Head of School Report. A detailed and very positive report from the Head of School was accepted.

Building & Grounds Committee Report. Building and Grounds Committee convener, Barb French, reported that she is stepping down and that the committee currently lacks a convener. Barb agreed to stay on temporarily provided a co-convener is named. Nominating committee was asked to help with this. Meeting united in thanking Barb for her exemplary service as convener of the Building and Grounds committee.

A minute was proposed with the intent of clarifying the role of B&G in long-range planning and relationship between B&G and the Joint Property Task Force. Consideration was deferred until the School Committee report.

B&G reported that a quote for work to prune dead limbs from the oak trees in front of the meeting house had been solicited but that there was a lack of unity on a decision to go forward. Meeting united in directing the committee to get a second quote and to proceed with this work.

Treasurer's Report. The treasurer reported that expenses so far this year were at eighteen thousand dollars and income was eleven thousand, the biggest single expense being the contribution of roughly nine thousand dollars to Friends School. The checking account balance is roughly four thousand dollars, the lowest it has been in some time.

A letter of thanks from Friends School for the Meeting's contribution to the school's annual fund was read.

Ministry, Elders and Overseers Report. A report from Ministers, Elders and Overseers was received and accepted.

Peace and Social Justice Committee Report. The Peace and Social Justice committee reported. A proposed mission statement for the committee and an accompanying elaboration of the sort of activities the committee engages in was presented. The committee asked for and received approval of the mission statement and description of activities.

School Committee Report. School committee reported. School committee asked to meet with the Joint Property Task Force prior to the next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, with the specific task of

addressing master planning for the School and Meeting on our joint property. Meeting approved this proposal. A date is to be set.

New Business. A request for membership from Jordan Storm was read in the face of Meeting. A clearness committee was formed: its members are Tom Bertrand, Barb French, Gale Cameron and Faye Bailey.

Meeting closed at 10:17 with a moment of silent worship.

Closing: No further business appearing, the Meeting ended with a brief period of silence with gratitude, to meet again in 9th month if consistent with Divine will.

Nancy Nixon, (Acting) Clerk and Patrick Goold (Acting) Recording Clerk



REMINDER: 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!!

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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