

## Virginia Beach Friends Meeting Newsletter Tenth Month 2015

CURRENT ACTIVITIES	
(for details <a href="#">click this VFBM Upcoming Events webpage link...</a> )	
<p>10/29 Friends School Judeo-Christian Outreach Center Service</p> <p>10/30 Friends School Halloween Carnival</p> <p>11/8 Social Justice U</p> <p>11/12-15 FCNL Annual Meeting and Quaker Lobby Day</p> <p>11/14 River Cleanup</p>	<p>11/14 Friends School Fall Theatrical Performance</p> <p>11/19 Friends School JCOC Service</p> <p>11/21 Meetinghouse Work Day</p> <p>11/24 Friends School Thanksgiving Feast</p> <p>11/29 Hum Dinger at Creeds Preparative Meeting</p> <p>12/19 Friends School Alumni Gathering</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- younger children join Meeting during or after Worship</u></p> <p><b><u>EACH 4<sup>th</sup> DAY</u></b> (Wednesday)</p> <p>* <u>8:30-9:00 am – Morning Worship (start your 4<sup>th</sup> 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><b><u>EACH 6<sup>th</sup> DAY</u></b> (Friday)</p> <p>* <u>8:50 – 9:30 am Meeting for Worship All are welcome, with special invitation to School &amp; Meeting Community (except when school is not in session)</u></p>	<p><b><u>1<sup>st</sup> First Days</u></b>  <i>9 am – Buildings &amp; Grounds Meeting</i></p> <p><b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> First Days</u></b>  <i>8:30 am - Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (except Seventh Month)</i></p> <p><b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> First Days</u></b>  <i>12 noon - Peace &amp; Social Justice Meeting</i></p> <p><b><u>4<sup>th</sup> First Days</u></b>  <i>8:30 am Meeting of Ministry &amp; Oversight</i>  <i>12 noon- Communications Committee Meeting</i></p>

**Query Number 5 to consider for the next Business Meeting:**

**Meeting for Business:** 5. Do we regularly attend our meetings for business, and are they held in a spirit of love, understanding, and forbearance? Do we seek the right course of action in humble submission to the Authority of Truth and in the patient search for a sense of unity under Divine guidance?

### Virginia Beach Friends Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business 10/11/2015

**Opening:** Meeting opened at 8:30 am with a period of silent worship.

**Query:** Query #3 was read and Meeting united in the following response:

*Not the love but the unity among us was questioned. References to the teaching of Jesus and the phrase 'the Holy Spirit' seem too narrow to some. Others find this implied*

*rejection of a tradition perplexing. The final sentence of the query is bright before us now. What will it mean to 'resolve' this difference?*

**School Report:** Head of School reported that enrollment stands at 188. There was a successful event at the home of the Bertrands, honoring donors to the school. Ten new international students have been made at home. The school received the Pearl School Award from Lynnhaven River Now. Quaker Youth leaders are doing a monthly programmed Meeting for Worship.

**Memorials:** The passing of Meeting members Lou Stadlin and Carol Baraff was noted. A memorial service for Lou is set for October 17 at 2pm. It will be held at the Meetinghouse.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer reported that income for the month was \$4684 while expenses came to \$2120. The major expense was budgeted donations. The income came largely from two people. We are still approximately \$5000 short of covering budgeted expenses for the year to date. The Finance Committee has not met but plans to soon.

**Communications Committee:** Communications Committee reported that they are working on a new budget that adapts to the cost-savings realized by moving the newsletter on-line. Work proceeds on archiving reports received at meeting for business.

**Building and Grounds:** Building and Grounds reports that Debbie Reilly has agreed to serve as co-convenor with Barb French starting next month. The project to replace damaged ceiling panels continues. The next work day is November 21 from 9am to 1pm. They have confirmed that members and attenders may use the parking lot at Gilbert Optical on Sundays.

**Ministers, Elders, and Overseers:** Ministers, Elders, and Overseers reported that they have approved \$205 to send our clerk to a clerking workshop at Pendle Hill. Discovery Dinners are being planned for some time in January.

**Nominating Committee:** Nominating Committee reported that Andy Young will be the convenor for this year. The description of the committee that will be posted on the website was approved as presented with two minor changes.

**Membership:** Upon the recommendation of the Clearness Committee, Elizabeth Jordan Storm and her daughter, Ana Robinson Carregal Ferreira, were accepted into membership in Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting.

**Hospitality Committee:** Hospitality Committee reported that Jordan Storm will be the convenor for this year. Members and attenders are encouraged to bring snacks when they wish.

**Miscellaneous:**

Joint Property Task Force has not met this month.

Clerk asked how Meeting wishes to establish a steering committee for strategic long-range planning. A vigorous discussion ensued. The matter was left to season until the next meeting for business.

Bob Clapp asked Meeting to approve the formation of a small group to aid him in collecting money for *Feeding America*. Meeting asked that the Peace and Social Justice Committee take this on. In the meantime, Meeting approves Bob handling this as he is able.

Meeting adjourned following a period of silent worship at 10:27am.

Nancy Nixon, Clerk and Patrick Goold, Recording Clerk

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**REMINDER:** 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!!

Also, please check our **Documents for Review** page. Documents are submitted by committees for review and comment before being presented to MFB for approval. See this link for details - [http://vbfriends.org/DocPad/Review/\\_main.html](http://vbfriends.org/DocPad/Review/_main.html).

*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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