

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting

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Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
9/11/2016

Meeting opened with a period of silent worship. 14 persons present.

Query #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?

Response to Query #2

While life's myriad commitments keep us away at times, the Meeting is fully gathered. The silent communion of Friends strengthens each of us. Opening our Meeting to all Friends sometimes makes late arrivals unavoidable, something we accept with love and patience, embracing each new presence.

Ministers, Elders, and Overseers reminded friends of the availability of help for Friends in need. Planning is underway for a 2017 workshop. MEO is open to suggestions for speakers and activities. Their next meeting is 9/25/16.

Nominating Committee reported that Andy Young will serve as convener for this year. The committee discussed succession planning for Clerk and Recording Clerk and added the positions of Assistant Clerk and Assistant Recording Clerk to the roster of positions to be filled. The position of Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting representative to Yearly Meeting Nominating



Weekly Events

- * First Day (Sunday), 10:30-11:30 am - Meeting for Worship.
- * First Day (Sunday), 10:30-11:30 am - First Day School - younger children join Meeting during or after Worship.
- * Fourth Day (Wednesday), 8:30-9:00 am Morning Worship.
- * Fourth Day (Wednesday), 7:00 pm Mid-Week Prayer.
- * Sixth Day (Friday) 9:00-9:30 am - School's Meeting for Worship. All are welcome, with special invitation to the School and Meeting Community. Meets weekly when school is in session.

Newsletter Submissions

To submit news, photos, articles, or original writing for the newsletter, please email Christen at christenhansel@cox.net.

Committee was also added.

A discussion of Meeting representatives to interim body revealed that Nominating Committee is not part of the procedure for naming these. Meeting agreed that naming Meeting representatives to interim body will be added to the agenda for 10th monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

Head of School reported that the annual golf tournament is coming up in its new fall date. The school is conducting a professionally crafted market survey to enhance retention and recruiting efforts. Three new teachers have joined the faculty. They are Susan Fisher, new first grade teacher, Kristyn Moore, new second grade teacher, and Sandy Ronstead, Upper School mathematics. The school has also purchased 75 Chrome books that will be distributed to students in the Upper School.

Treasurer reported that income for eighth month was \$1360 while expenses were \$600. There were no capital expenses this month.

Budget and Finance committee will meet soon to finalize the Rita Wass Grant process and kick off budget planning for the next year. Conveners of committees should have budget on their agendas and make their requests known by November.

Communication Committee reported that the sound system investigation is moving forward.

The committee recommended a change to the website to include reports of committees, business meeting packages, the document review section and archives in the table of contents on the homepage. Meeting approved this change.

The committee further recommended that the various calendars be consolidated on the website so that Young Friends and Hospitality Committee rotators, etc. will appear on the same calendar. Meeting approved this change.

Young Friends Committee reported that responses to the availability of a prepared curriculum have been positive. The teaching schedule for ninth and tenth months looks good; only 10/23/16 is open.



Monthly Events

* First First Day (first Sunday of each month), 9:00 am - Building & Grounds Committee meeting.

* Second First Day (second Sunday of each month), 8:30-10:15 am - Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention To Business.

* Third First Day (third Sunday of each month), Noon - Peace & Social Justice Committee meeting.

*Third First Day (third Sunday of each month), 9 am – Adult First Day School

* Fourth First Day (fourth Sunday of each month), 9-10:15 am (library), and Noon-1 pm (Meetingroom) - Ministry and Oversight meeting.

* Fourth First Day (fourth Sunday of each month), Noon - Communications Committee meeting.

A proposal to form a committee to plan an observance of **World Quaker Day** on 10/2 was approved. Linda Smith, Debbie Reilly, Whit Peace, Pat Phelan Young, and Jordan Storm were named to this committee. The called meeting to discuss the Faith and Practice review process will be moved to a later date.

Building and Grounds Committee is investigating water damage to the kitchen ceiling, the source of which remains obscure. Repairs currently underway include re-pointing exterior brick work. Friends can talk to Debbie Reilly if they would like to help. The next meeting of the committee is 10/02/16 at 9 AM.

Meeting closed with a period of silent worship. 17 persons present.

Andy Young

Clerk for the day

Patrick Goold
Recording Clerk

Silent Meeting
By Bob Young

Someone told me
he went to a Quaker Meeting
the other day
and nothing happened.

I asked if he was disappointed
he replied
they held me in the light
or words to that effect.

I asked what he meant
all he said
without words
was an opening of the heart.

Upcoming Events

[Social Justice University](#)

Date/Time: September 27, 6:30-9:00 pm
Location: The Shiloh Baptist Church
745 Park Avenue
Norfolk VA 23504

[One Love Festival](#)

Date: Saturday October 1
Time: 1-9 pm - events going on all day
Location: Virginia Wesleyan College
1584 Wesleyan Drive
Norfolk, VA 23502

[World Quaker Day \(WQD\)](#)

Date: Sunday October 2
Time: Rise Of Meeting - until...
Location: Virginia Beach Friends Meeting

[Paul Chappell Peace Workshop](#)

Date/Time: October 2, 1-3 pm
Location: Unity Renaissance Spiritual Life Center
1120 Eden Way North
Chesapeake, VA 23320

[Friends School Judeo-Christian Outreach Center Service \(JCOC\)](#)

Date: Thursday October 6
Location: Judeo-Christian Outreach Center
Address: 1053 Virginia Beach Blvd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

[NCYM\(c\) Interim Body Meeting](#)

Date: Saturday October 22
Time: 11:00
Location: Friendship Meetinghouse
1103 New Garden Road
Greensboro, NC 27410

Coastal Friends Gathering

Date: Saturday November 6
Time: 11:00 am, potluck follows
Location: Wilmington Friends Meetinghouse
202 N. 5th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

Friends School Judeo-Christian Outreach Center Service (JCOC)

Date: Wednesday November 9
Location: Judeo-Christian Outreach Center
Address: 1053 Virginia Beach Blvd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Queries to Consider for October:

Love and Unity

3. Do we follow the teachings of Jesus and seek the inspiration of His Holy Spirit in our daily lives? Are love and unity maintained among us? Do we cultivate a forgiving spirit, and do we avoid and discourage needless and destructive criticism of others? When differences arise, do we endeavor promptly to resolve them in a spirit of love, honesty, and humility?

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?

Reminders

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.

Materials for consideration at Monthly Meeting for Business should be sent to the Clerk, Recording Clerk, and vbfm.emailer@gmail.com no later than the Wednesday prior to Meeting for Business. Thank you, from our Communication Committee!!

Documents submitted for review and comment before being presented to MFB for approval can be found at:
<http://vbfriends.org/DocPad/Review/main.html>.