

# Virginia Beach Friends Meeting

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Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of  
Friends

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business  
February 12, 2017

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

## **Query # 8 – Manner of Living:**

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:**

As a meeting our financial dealings are open and payments prompt and within a realistic budget. Our shared life communicates the lessons of simplicity and honesty, and we feel our spiritual life strengthened in the Meeting for Worship, in working together on committees and in other activities.

## **Communications:**

The Communications Committee reported that some people with Cox internet service are still not receiving the e-mailings. The committee asked that those in this situation contact Cox directly about this.

## **Meeting Sound System Committee:**

The Sound System Committee reported consultations with Durham Meeting about their sound system, which sounded effective and practical. Cost and applicability to our situation



## **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](mailto:christenhansel@cox.net).

are being researched.

**School Committee:**

School Committee reported on the search for a new Head of School. Two candidates were invited to campus. This search continues. Gratitude was expressed for the work of the Search Committee and the School Committee in this process.

**Treasurer/ Finance Committee:**

Treasurer reported that income for the month was \$1900 and expenses were \$2300. The biggest single expense was the annual property insurance premium. Letters were sent to everyone who donated to the Meeting this past year. Anyone who donated but did not receive this letter is asked to contact the treasurer so that this oversight can be corrected.

**Building and Grounds:**

Building and Grounds Committee reported that work on the ceiling lights is complete, thanks in large part to Larry Herz. Work on insulating the attic ductwork is next. The next work day is the first day of fourth month.

The committee will meet to consider long-range planning issues, including thinking about how to configure the social spaces in the Meeting, on fourth day, third month at 10 o'clock, A.M. Those with ideas are invited to attend.

**Peace and Social Justice:**

Peace and Social Justice Committee had no report. The next meeting of the committee is at rise of meeting third First Day of this month. Friends are alerted to the coming FCNL spring youth lobby weekend third month. It is hoped that several members of this Meeting will attend.

**Joint Property Task Force:**

Joint property task force reported that the task force is waiting for more information about why the gas company, Virginia natural gas, needs the additional easement they are requesting.

**Faith and Practice:**

Faith and Practice Committee met on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of first month to begin consideration of the new material introducing the queries. The committee will meet again in third month to continue this discussion.

**Long-range planning:**

Long-Range Planning Committee reminded friends that the long-range plan is available on the website.



**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.

**Memorial:**

Friends were reminded about the memorial for Herb Gill on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of second month at 2 PM in the Meetinghouse. Planning is underway with sign-up sheets for bringing food to the reception posted in the foyer and online.

**Founders Day:**

Friends were informed that Founders Day will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of third month. The theme is "Party like its 1999!" Tickets are available in the school office at \$30 for one person or \$50 for a couple. The date for the Spring-it-on-a-thon has also been set for the 29<sup>th</sup> day of fourth month.

**Hospitality:**

Hospitality Committee reported that they need help. Someone is needed to take responsibility for first and third First Days' set up. And since many hands make the work light and even enjoyable, all are asked to lend a hand with setup and clean up. The possibility of offering hospitality only twice a month was put forward as well as the idea of keeping arrangements simpler.

**Preparative Meeting:**

Creeds Preparative Meeting reported on 2017 planning of their Meeting schedule. Creeds suggested that holding a Humdinger Meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> first day of 12<sup>th</sup> month is not appropriate. Meeting agreed.

Meeting closed with a period of silent worship, 21 persons present.

Submitted by

Nancy Nixon - Clerk

Patrick Goold - Recording Clerk

## Upcoming Events

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### [Herb Gill Memorial Service ==>](#)

**Date:** Sunday February 26  
**Time:** 2 pm  
**Location:** Meetinghouse

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

**Date:** Wednesday March 15  
**Location:** Judeo-Christian Outreach Center  
**Address:** 1053 Virginia Beach Blvd.  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

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### [Virginia Beach Friends School Founders Day ==>](#)

**Date:** Saturday March 25

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### [Work Day at the Meetinghouse ==>](#)

**Date:** Saturday April 1  
**Time:** 9:00 am -1:00 pm  
**Location:** Meetinghouse

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

**Date:** Wednesday April 5  
**Location:** Judeo-Christian Outreach Center  
**Address:** 1053 Virginia Beach Blvd.  
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### [Interim Body Meeting ==>](#)

**Date:** April 22 2017  
**Location:** Durham Meeting  
Durham Meetinghouse  
404 Alexander Avenue  
Durham, NC 27705

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### [Friends School - Third Annual Spring-It-On-A-Thon ==>](#)

**Date:** Saturday April 29  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
**Location:** Virginia Beach Friends School

## Query to Consider for March:

### *Manner of Living*

9. 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?

## 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](mailto: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/DocPa d/Review/\\_main.html](http://vbfriends.org/DocPa d/Review/_main.html).