

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
9th day of fourth month 2017

Meeting opened with a period of silent worship, 10 persons present.

Query number 10: "On manner of living":

Do we endeavor to live in harmony with nature? Are we careful in our stewardship of the world's irreplaceable resources?

Response:

Environmental consciousness is one of the core values of our school. As a Meeting and as individuals we are committed to reverencing our world. We remind ourselves that extra vigilance is called for in these times as funds are withdrawn from public stewardship at the same time as we become aware of the magnitude of the threats to the wellbeing of people and to the earth's nonhuman inhabitants.

Head of School:

The Head of School reported that 163 students are currently enrolled. 10 international students are registered for next year. Founder's Day was successful with a large turnout that included a larger than usual parent turnout. There will be reduced summer programs this year. Teacher Daphna will run a three-week session.

MEO:



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.

Ministers, Elders, and Overseers reported considering the status of trustees. There are currently three, but both Houston Shirk and Robert Clapp have asked to be relieved. MEO asked that Hank Ghittino be added as a new trustee. This was approved. MEO asked whether two was sufficient or if Meeting wish there to be more than that, and if more, then how many more? Meeting united in wanting three trustees. Changes to the trustees are pending filing the required paperwork. MEO will bring back a third name to the Meeting for Business in fifth month for approval.

Treasure/Finance:

Treasurer reported that income for third month was \$2100 and that expenses came to \$1900. Income for the year-to-date was roughly equivalent to the expenses year-to-date at \$5000. There was a capital expenditure of \$2100 for attic insulation. Treasurer reported that the Finance Committee met with Beth Patterson, financial advisor to review the Treasurer's annual report, which was found to be satisfactory. Meeting expressed gratitude to Beth for her work. Finance Committee proposed that it was better for the Wass fund to be left invested rather than granted out as was approved by Meeting sometime ago. Meeting approved this change.

Building and Grounds:

Building and Grounds reported that attic insulation work has been completed. Thanks are due to Larry Herz for his substantial part in this.

The subcommittee addressing access to the basement and improving social space plans to convene on the 13th day of fifth month at 1 PM at the meetinghouse. This meeting is open to all who wish to have input.

Nominating Committee:

Nominating Committee has been meeting. The next meeting is on the 26th sixth day of fourth month. A list of nominees will be presented in fifth month for final approval in sixth month.

Coastal Friends Gathering:

Clerk called for someone to coordinate planning for the hosting of the Coastal Friends Gathering which will take place on the first day of 11th month. Nancy Nixon, Gail Cameron, and Mary Pelham White agreed to take the lead in this.

Membership:

A letter was read in which Rose Kennedy asked that her membership be transferred to the Norfolk Preparative Meeting. Meeting approved. Clerk will write the letter.



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.

Use of Meetinghouse:

A letter was read in which Kristen Hofheimer asked to use the meetinghouse on the 27th day of fifth month at 1 PM p.m. for a wedding. This wedding will not be under the care of the Meeting. Meeting approved this request.

Thank You Card:

A card was read in which those who attended the Friends Committee on National Legislation Young Persons Lobbying Weekend in Washington, DC thanked the Meeting for supporting their trip.

Meeting closed with a period of silent worship, 12 persons present.

Nancy Nixon - Clerk
Patrick Goold -Recording Clerk

'Tis A Gift

By Bob Young

It is Sunday morning. What some Quakers call "First Day." I am sitting, facing west, on a plain wooden bench in the somewhat squared circle of the modest Meeting House. There are seven members facing me, eyes closed in silent worship as is the Quaker Way. It is the silence that draws me to the Meeting – the silence, and then the respectful spoken word for non-violence and inclusion and compassion, and mission.

We are so few in number, and I feel some dismay at this. Then I smile from within, and I am reminded of the book, "Small Is Beautiful," by E. F. Schumacher, that was assigned to my son, Josh, for his Peace Corps training in West Africa.

And I rejoice. 'Tis a gift to be simple; 'tis a gift to be free."

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Upcoming Events

[Interim Body Meeting ==>](#)

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

[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

[Creeds Hum Dinger ==>](#)

Date: Sunday April 30
Time: 10:30 am until...
Location: Creeds Preparative Friends Meeting
Phone: 757-721-9320
Address: 1941 Clifton Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23457

[Coastal Friends Gathering ==>](#)

Date: Saturday May 6
Time: 11 am worship followed by potluck
Location: Fayetteville Friends Meeting
223 Hillside Ave.,
Fayetteville, NC 28301

[Yearly Meeting ==>](#)

Dates: July 13-16 2017
Location: UNC Wilmington Campus
Wilmington, NC

[Creeds Hum Dinger ==>](#)

Date: Sunday July 30
Time: 10:30 am until...
Location: Creeds Preparative Friends Meeting
Phone: 757-721-9320
Address: 1941 Clifton Road

Virginia Beach, VA 23457

[Coastal Friends Gathering ==>](#)

Date: Saturday August 5
Time: 11 am worship followed by potluck

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

Date: Tuesday October 3
Location: Judeo-Christian Outreach Center
Address: 1053 Virginia Beach Blvd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

[Creeds Hum Dinger ==>](#)

Date: Sunday October 29
Time: 10:30 am until...
Location: Creeds Preparative Friends Meeting
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Query to Consider for May:

Social Justice and Equality

11. Do we reverence that of God in every human being with concern for the needs of each individual? Are we seeking to rectify existing social injustice and racial discrimination in our local communities and in the world at large?

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>.