

# 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  
11<sup>th</sup> day of sixth month 2017

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

### Query number 12 "Outreach":

Do we welcome newcomers and non-members to our meetings? Are they encouraged to share in Meeting activities and to consider membership when they are in agreement with the principles and practices of Friends? Are our younger members appointed to committees and encouraged to share in other responsibilities of the Meeting? Do we visit one another frequently, remembering those who may be lonely? Does this visitation and caring extend beyond the members of our own Meeting?

### Response:

*We are grateful to a small group of heroes of visitation who make extraordinary efforts to visit the ill and isolated. They call all of us to greater effort. We feel our way forward in the subtle work of welcoming newcomers and nonmembers. Nominating committee has been mindful of younger persons in its search for people to fill committee assignments. While we look back on our efforts with modest satisfaction, we remind ourselves that there is always more to be done.*



## 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 to [vbfm.emailer@gmail.com](mailto:vbfm.emailer@gmail.com).

## **Head of School**

Head of school gave a detailed report. A few of the highlights follow. Admissions has processed just over 100 contracts. The senior lunch, held at the restaurant Simple Eats, was a success. Founders Day garnered \$41,000 in contributions. The Spring-It-On-A-Thon made \$4,200. The Quaker youth leadership group made a service trip to the Mattaponi reservation. There were many end of year activities, including a well organized and successful prom.

Teachers are repurposing the cottage into a maker-space for STEM activities of the lower school.

A VAIS accreditation team will be visiting on the 16th.

Many searches for new teachers are underway.

Tom Bertrand read a letter of appreciation extolling Teacher Linda's work as head of school.

Meeting approved making a formal request at yearly meeting for an annual contribution to Virginia Beach Friends School of \$15,000.

## **MEO**

Ministers, Elders and Overseers reported that Joanne Gingrich Crass has agreed to serve as an overseer. Meeting approved.

MEO activities include looking to expand Quaker education beyond adult first day classes and arranging to sponsor a young friend to attend yearly meeting. Details are still in process. Several friends urged Meeting to consider a broader program to sponsor young families with children to attend yearly meeting.

## **B&F**

Treasurer reported that income for fifth month was \$3500 and budgeted outlays amounted to \$2200. There was an extraordinary expense of \$3000 for replacement of the air conditioning equipment.

## **B&G**

Building and grounds reported that next work day is 6/17. Iron railings around the window wells are rusted through and plans are being made to replace them.

Meeting approved \$1500 for cushions to backs of benches and \$3000 for air conditioning replacement to be taken from reserves.



## **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.

The idiosyncratic functioning of the front door lock was discussed. Meeting asks building and grounds to arrange for repair or replacement of the front door lock.

### **F&P**

Faith and practice revision review committee reported on its review of the proposed changes to the Faith and Practice.

Meeting approved the committee taking its largely editorial suggestions to yearly meeting.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Meeting approved the 2017-18 committees and positions list with three changes: (1) ADD Joanne Crass as overseer; (2) REMOVE Tracy Paladini as JCOC Coordinator; (3) ADD Ashleigh Bagwell as JCOC Coordinator.

Meeting approved as representatives to yearly meeting those members of this monthly meeting who will be in attendance.

Joint property task force reported that progress in negotiations over utilities easements is stalled because of nonresponsive legal representation. Meeting approved \$250 towards the cost Clerk attending Pendle Hill clerking training in 11th month. Meeting closed with a period of silent worship, 15 persons present.

Jean Crawford - Clerk For The Day.

Patrick Goold - Recording Clerk

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### **From Nominating Committee:**

*We would like to thank Nancy Nixon and Patrick Gould for their fine service for the past two years as our clerk and recording clerk respectively. We are pleased that Jeanne Crawford has agreed to serve as our new clerk and Joanne Crass, our new recording clerk. Having done both these jobs myself, it takes a few business meetings to get in the swing of things. Make them feel welcome with your patience and understanding as they begin their new positions in the fall.*

Andy Young

Nominating committee convener

## Upcoming Events

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### [Yearly Meeting ==>](#)

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

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### [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

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### [Coastal Friends Gathering ==>](#)

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

## Query to Consider for August:

### Meeting for Worship

1. Do we faithfully uphold our testimony for worship which is based on silent waiting, and for free and un-programmed 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 for the spoken ministry?

## 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).