Midlothian Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship with Concern for Business
Minutes
Thirteenth Day, Third Month, 2016—11:00 a.m

**Those in attendance include:** Debra Beck, Stephen, Debbie, Gran and Nora Long, Sandy Fry, Leslie Skinker, Roselle Clark, Howard Brod, Catherine Advocate-Ross, Karrie Richards, David and Heather Stocker, Laura Clark, Brian McCutcheon.

Queries:

Does the clerk of meeting refrain from expressing a view on items of business so that he/she may stay clear and objective as she/he reads the sense of the meeting?

When unending discussion, confusion, or the crafting of details starts to occur, does the clerk of meeting refer the matter to a standing or ad hoc committee for further study or action?

Is the clerk of meeting mindful to allow the full operation of the Spirit among us by encouraging quieter Friends to offer a view?

Does the clerk of meeting take seriously his/her responsibility to ensure that Friends' business proceeds in a Quakerly manner, suggesting to the meeting how to proceed when the meeting has deviated from Quaker process or is not unified on an item?

**Care and Community**

We held folks in the light.

**PSAC**
Stand Together pledge: Has been taken down from the original website.

Roselle has written a Minute on Religious freedom:

Religious Freedom Minute – March 13, 2016

Midlothian Friends Meeting stands together with others in our community to support religious freedom. We believe that bigotry in public discourse is destructive and divisive. We wish to support a more respectful, pluralistic, and inclusive community.

Religion should not be used as a wall to separate people from this land, from their neighbors, or from their hopes and dreams. At a time when feelings of fear and vulnerability may be heightened, we call upon public figures, private citizens, and media outlets to speak and act with respect and sensitivity.

In a spirit of equality, we stand with our Muslim friends, as well as all those who are unjustly vilified as “the other.” Recognizing that there is that of God in everyone, we reach out with compassion, love, and peace.

The minute was approved and will be distributed to local newspapers and the Thrifty Quaker

There is Prayer vigil at the State capital every Wed in March from 12-1:00 regarding climate change. This has been approved to go out in the Town Crier.

**Financial Stewardship**
BYM Apportionment letter—Heather will consult with Karrie regarding editing this letter.

**Web Clerk**
Meeting will send out a survey about what types of online media is used by members and attenders to better understand how Meeting can harness social media and online communications.

**Building and Grounds**
We got free wiring for outlets on porch.

Wiring is put in over the table in the library which gives us the ability to install a ceiling fan. B&G would like to have a light above the table. There is an offer to install a ceiling for free. There was no objection from Meeting.

Home warrantee: B&G proposes getting rid of the home warranty and putting that money it into a fund so that Meeting self-insures repairs that may be needed in the future. Meeting has approved doing away with the home warranty and creating the fund.

**Clerk’s Message**
We are looking for a way to have a more worshipful experience incorporating silence. Announcements will come after meeting.

Business meeting ended with silence.

Thrift Quaker: February--$2000.98 to Powhatan Project Lifesaver Program. March--Southside Child Development Center