Midlothian Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship with Concern for Business
Minutes
Eighth Day, **Third Month, 2015**—11:00 a.m

Those in attendance include: Bill Marx, Robyn Johnson, Debra Beck, Don McVaugh, Stephen, Deb, Grant and Nora Long, Fred Moore, Laura Moore Crespin, Susan Umidi, Howard Brod, David Clark, Roselle Clark, Joy Heaton, Debbie Beck, Ann Duncan, Olivia, Nora and Sophie Duncan, Karrie Richards, David, Heather, Elliot and Ian Stocker, Tom DeWeerd

Introduction to today's theme: Nurturing our youth.

Care and Community We held folks who need it in the Light.

RE There will be a parent meeting to discuss RE curriculum and planning directly after business meeting.

Junior Young Friends of BYM are to visit MFM next weekend. A few things need to be done to prepare and we have volunteers covered for each of the items in preparation.

Child safety policy writing ad-hoc committee meeting is March 9th at 6 pm. All are welcome.

Treasurer's Report Please see Ann's Report for the March update with end of February totals.

Special note: semi-anonymous donations have greatly funded the B&G roof and porch funds.

Building and Grounds Committee Roof replacement and porch funds update and planning information:

Goal: B&G plans to seek bids starting May 1. B&G would like to let folks know via the Town Crier that we need our total to be $11,000 before we can start looking for contractors. The sense of meeting is that the porch is a go and that putting our need or $1600 on the Town Crier is appropriate.

A generous member of MFM offered to match up to $800 for this project if the greater meeting can fund the other $800.

Peace and Social Action Committee (PSAC)

Tom is submitting a nomination for the Thrifty Quaker to be considered by the Richmond Peace Education Center as Peacemaker of the Year (2015).

February's donation is to Southside SPCA and we'll have $700-800.

March's donations will go to Quaker House.

Joy will present on prison visitation next week.

Spiritual Nurture Committee Report

Vision statement: We'll review our vision statement and continue a review of that statement. Those will be taking the place of queries at business meeting.

A central goal for Spiritual Nurture Committee involves assisting with, facilitation and awareness of spirituality and Quakerism.

Annual Gathering for Clearness—we're planning our spring retreat. Current date: Saturday, June 6. There will be no potluck, the hours are from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, there will be a one-on-one activity and a fun treat. The them for that day is walking cheerfully over the earth answering that of God in everyone. In an effort toward simplicity, the Annual Gathering will be held here at the meetinghouse.

Announcements

Scholarship and Grants are available to Quaker youth. See the BYM website for more information regarding these opportunities.

BYM Camp: they have scholarships for camp and MFM has scholarships as well. The application is available, please see the bulletin board.

July 5 is Friends General Conference. See bulletin board.

BYM publishes the Interchange. If we want to add info for our meeting then the deadline is March 23. Let Tom know if you're interested in writing this quick blurb.

Earl Ham (?) has scholarships for high school students who want to explore the campus.

Robyn spoke on a 21 day mediation practice published by Deepak Chopra and Oprah Winfrey. It takes only 20 minutes a day and she will send that through the Crier.

Business meeting ended with silence.