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

Those in attendance include: Robyn Johnson; David and Roselle Clark; Brian McCutcheon; Claudia Farr; Dave Noe; Howard Brod; Joy Heaton; Emily, Will and Sam Keenum; Lily Bose; Larry Barnet; Cate and Chuck Grove; Karrie Richards; Hui Zhang; Heather Stocker; and David Stocker

Queries from BYM
Faith and Practice on Equality

- In what ways do we respond to prejudice and injustice?
- How do we benefit from inequity and exploitation? How are we victims of inequity and exploitations? In what ways can we address these problems?
- How do we teach our children and show through our way of living that love of God includes affirming the equality of all people, treating them with dignity and respect, and seeking to address that of God within every person?

Care and Community Committee Report
We held those who needed it in the light.

Spiritual Nurture Committee
Theme of Simplicity: Spiritual Nurture Committee will have a gathering each third Sunday (starts next Sunday) that everyone is invited to.

Treasurer's Report
We exceeded contributions expected last month and we are well on our way for the year.

Financial Stewardship
We reviewed a letter MFM is writing to BYM informing them that we are not comfortable with our apportionment being any more than 10% of our Operating Budget. Discussion ensued; it was decided we should rework the letter to be more spirit-filled and focused on MFM's apportionment issues rather than the whole yearly meeting's apportionment process.

Peace and Social Action
PSAC brought the "We Stand Together" pledge again for consideration to meeting. Discussion ensued and the meeting did not come to consensus. This will be held over as some folks have concerns about the wording and also the narrowed scope of the pledge (it only includes Muslims and not other marginalized peoples).

Clerk's Messages
There has been an idea about changing Business Meeting format. The proposal came up that announcements made in Business Meeting be switched to the end of meeting in an effort to foster a more spirit filled experience in Worship with Attention to Business.

Meeting ended in silence.