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

Those in attendance include: Robyn Johnson, David, Roselle and Laura Clark, Brian McCutcheon, Ann Duncan, Stephen, Deb, Grant and Nora Long, Howard Brod, Fred Moore, Claudia Bates-Physioc, Claudia Farr, Karrie Richards, Tom DeWeerd, and Heather Stocker

BYM Queries to Discern the State of the Midlothian Friends Meeting

> "Am I aware that the ways in which I choose to use my time, my possessions, my money, and my energy reflects my most deeply held values?"
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> "How do we show through our ways of living that love of God affirms the equality of all people?"
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> "How do our lives illustrate our understanding of the basis of our peace testimony?"

Care and Community Committee Report

We held those who needed it in the light.

The Care and Community Committee is learning about how to keep track of attenders and members and how best to reach out to those who have not been to meeting in a while. The next meeting is next Sunday, Third First Day, October 18th at 9:30 a.m. and anyone is welcome if they have an interest in the work of this committee.

Please let Care and Community know when you find out about folks who need extra support. Brian McCutcheon, Emily Keenum and Amy McVaugh are the committee members to contact.

Peace and Social Action

TQ charities
September—Richmond Peace Education Center (RPEC) received just over $4000.
October—Prisoner Visitation and Support

There is a natural tension between speaking out regarding our testimonies and the political interpretations individuals hold. As a meeting we need to clarify how emails, etc. relate to testimonies and PSAC asks that folks ask about how issues connect to our testimonies when questions arise. The committee asks that PSAC review potentially sensitive issues so as not to leave the burden to any one person in meeting.

Consideration of a minute about Global Warming: This will be forthcoming in the Quaker Towne Crier for people to consider and discuss at next meeting.

There will be a moral injury workshop on the 24th at Richmond Friends Meeting. There is more information on the bulletin board.

Spiritual Nurture Committee
Reviewed our "Vision of Community" and made changes to the fifth and last paragraph.

Treasurer's Report

We are falling behind on contributions. We may need to cut back on our BYM apportionment and may fall behind or default on other obligations. We may further need to consider whether we continue with BYM despite the many benefits the yearly meeting brings us.

Building and Grounds

B&G Meetings are going to quarterly meetings. Large projects (such as the porch) are done. The next meeting will be in January. B&G potentially has two openings.

Next year B&G would like to add to the budget for lawn care.

There will be a fall clean up/work day. Information will be forthcoming.

Ann Duncan (treasurer) will need committees to bring budget needs so that she can create a 2016 budget for the meetinghouse.

Nominating Committee will begin the process of filling opening committee positions next month. Dave Stocker is clerk; Jane Roberson and Maria Cannady are members. If you are moved to join Building and Grounds or another committee, please consider contacting one of these members.

Meeting closed with silence.