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

Those in attendance include: Robyn Johnson, David, Roselle and Laura Clark, Brian McCutcheon, Stephen, Deb, Grant and Nora Long, Tom Deweerd, Dave Noe, Howard Brod, Veena Raguvir, Ryan, Kieran, and Asha Haug, Dave Schanz, Stephen, Debbie, Grant and Nora Long, Joy Heaton, Mary Larson, Heather Stocker, and David Stocker

A special thanks to Tom for his service as Clerk for the last four years.

Queries from BYM Faith and Practice on Simplicity

Am I aware that the ways in which I choose to use my time, my possessions, my money and my energy reflect my most deeply held values?
How do we support one another in our search for a simpler life?
What am I ready to release so that I can give my attention to what matters most?
What in my present life most distracts me from God?

Care and Community Committee Report

We held those who needed it in the light.

Spiritual Nurture Committee

Discussion and final approval of "Vision of Community" statement. The "Vision of Community" has been approved.

Minute: a special thanks to David Clark for all of his hard work, patience, openness and diligence in creating this document.

Spiritual Theme of 2016: "Making Space for What Matters". Friends united with this theme for 2016.

Nominating Committee

Approval of the 2016 roster.

There are a few needs that MFM still has. Building and Grounds could use some extra help, and Nominating Committee is in need of one or two members. David will reach out to committees and give them a gentle reminder to starting thinking about meeting schedules for 2016 in order to decide who the clerk will be for that committee.

Peace and Social Action

Reading and discussion of the Minute on Quaker Stewardship. Suggestion to change “Quaker Stewardship” to “Earth Stewardship” and to change “testimonies” to “values”. We approve this minute with minor revisions and for PSAC to send the minute into the wider community.

TQ charities
January—Newborns in Need
February—Powhatan Project Lifesaver Program
March—Southside Child Development Center

BYM Peace and Social Concerns Committee has a 2016 Networking Day for Saturday, April, 2, 2016 at Sandy Spring Friends School.

Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities—signed a pledge to “Stand Together” as a response to Islamophobia and xenophobia. Many churches have signed this pledge. We will hold over the pledge for next meeting (will send it out on the Town Crier).

Treasurer’s Report

Update on the Expenditures for 2015—we are a little short. We are short about $2300. We are making budget cuts to BYM donations so that we can make our other expenses.

There is a suggestion to change the wording of “Fund for Support”.

Jan 20th is the VICCP Day for All People.

Treasurer’s Report

In 2015, Midlothian Friends Meeting fell $440.00 short of the annual budget amount for the year. However, actual operating expenses were less than budgeted, and after all obligations were met for the year, Meeting ended with a surplus of $233.35, to be carried over to 2016.

Details for budget and expenditures may be viewed in the Treasurer’s Report.

We ended meeting with silence.
Young Friends return to Meeting for Worship to report on their lesson.