Midlothian Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship with Concern for Business
Minutes
Thirteenth Day, Twelfth 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, Claudia Farr, Patti Barnes, Veena Raguvir, Kieran, and Asha Haug, Larry Barnett, Joy Heaton, Karrie Richards, Tom DeWeerd, Heather Stocker, and David Stocker

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Care and Community Committee Report

We held those who needed it in the light.

Peace and Social Action

Climate Change minute: Roselle read the minute and the minute will be held over until January for feedback. This will go out into the Towne Crier but here is a copy of the minute:

Minute on Quaker Stewardship

As Quakers, we are called to be stewards of our natural world, and we recognize a moral duty to cherish creation for future generations. We face the challenge of living sustainably and in unity with nature.

We recognize the connections between climate change and unprecedented levels of consumption on a planet with limited natural resources. As a faith community dedicated to peace and social justice, it alarms us that the effects of climate change disproportionately impact the world's most impoverished people and that fossil fuel extraction and consumption has contributed to international conflict.

We feel called to put our testimonies into action and let them guide us as we face this urgent challenge. We support actions on all levels, from individual to international, as we work toward an ecologically healthy planet. We invite other individuals and communities to endorse this minute and to join us in restorative actions to heal ourselves and the planet.

This Earth is a stunning gift that supports a multitude of life. It is our only home. Let us care for it together.

TQ charities
November—Friends of the James River received $1500

We've donated over $27,000 in the community this year.

Richmond Peace Education Center wrote a thank you note to Midlothian Friends Meeting for the donation we have given them this year via the Thrifty Quaker which allowed RPEC to affect change within our community and state.

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".

Financial Stewardship Report

The Budget for 2016. Capital projects budget will be brought down to zero. Reductions of the RE budget—monies were left over that has been set aside for supplies. Reductions to Peace and Social Action Committee. Our electric bills have been lower and we will reduce this on our budget to reflect those changes.

Insurance has gone up.

There is a reduction in the total budget of about $1400.

There is a request to simplify the process regarding how the budget is presented in 2016.

Discussion ensued regarding a letter regarding Sustaining Midlothian Friends Meeting and how folks can help support the meetinghouse.

Financial Stewardship has been given the power to soften the language of the letter.

Nominating Committee Report

The Committee Roster was presented to the greater community.

Spiritual Nurture Committee

Christmas Eve meeting for worship at 5:00.

Clerk's Messages

BYM wants to have their interim meeting here at MFM.

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