

Midlothian Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
June 13, 2010, 9:30am

Present: Tom DeWeerd, Tracey Cain, Larry Barnett, Cate Grove, Chuck Grove, John Cain, Scott Cannady, Howard Brod, Heather Stocker, Julie Crum

Meeting opened with silence and a review of the agenda.

QUAKER (outreach)

Heather Stocker reported that the committee would like to spend the \$30 for the renewal of the Friends Journal listing on something that will get more local exposure. Meeting decided to maintain the Friends Journal listing as a way of keeping us part of the wider Quaker community. The cost is not really something to be borne by the QUAKER committee, so if the committee needs the \$30 later, the budget will be adjusted.

TREASURER

John Cain presented the treasurer's report (attached). We are holding our own at the moment with our normal expenses, but at this rate will not have the funds for the big annual expenses such as our Baltimore Yearly Meeting apportionment and our contribution for The Clearing.

BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING

June 19 will be the BYM interim meeting. Tom might attend, and would be happy to have anyone go along with him.

MINUTES

The minutes from April's meeting for business were approved as written.

CARE AND COUNSEL

Tom read the letter from the Cannady family requesting membership; a clearness committee will be held.

SPIRITUAL NURTURE

Larry read the State of the Meeting report aloud, and all approved.

MINUTE: Meeting appreciates the hard work of the spiritual nurture committee in writing the state of the meeting report, which accurately represents Midlothian Friends Meeting over the past year.

Quakerism 101 is taking a break over the summer and will resume in the fall.

NOMINATING

Howard proposed the addition of Chuck Grove to Buildings and Grounds; approved.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Scott Cannady reported on the last work day, when insulation was installed in the walls and ceiling, and yard work was done. Two more work days are scheduled: June 19, for mulching, mowing, and caulking and sealing of the large wall in the worship room, and July 17, when we hope to remove the tub in the downstairs bathroom and replace it with a utility sink and closet. Friends are encouraged to bring perennials that they are dividing in their garden; especially welcome will be nandinas.

The refrigerator needs to be replaced. The worship room carpet will be replaced with a wood floor in due time. The parking lot will be delineated on the far side with a rope and post border, and friends are encouraged to donate any 4x4 posts that they might have at home.

Many friends have donated goods and materials to meeting; buildings and grounds would like to track such donations to get an accurate idea of the costs of maintaining the facilities.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The high school graduates, Olivia Rappe and Tessa Schanz, will be recognized at the June 27 pot luck at the rise of meeting.

From Tracey Cain:

We are preparing for the traditional school graduation recognition at MFM, to be held on the 27th day of this month.

The RE committee sponsored an intergenerational event yesterday, participating in the James River cleanup held at the Robious Landing Park. Three families participated.

The 3rd annual PeaceBuilders Summer Camp will be held 19th-23rd of 7th month. Children 5-12 are invited to attend; it is open to the community.

Tracey is serving as MFM contact for Alison Duncan, BYM Youth Secretary.

In addition to scheduling classes, the RE Committee will look for more opportunities to build community—both within the Meeting and with Richmond Friends Meeting RE.

Meeting ended with silence.