

Midlothian Friends Meeting

October Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

October 9, 2016

9 Friends gathered in silence to consider the path forward for our meeting with guidance from the Spirit on the following items:

Care for our spiritual community – Friends requested an update on providing a ride to meeting for Carmen Wong on the second Sunday of each month. Brian McCutcheon will contact Dave Stocker to find out our progress on this.

Next step regarding our concern about drone warfare – PSAC received four or five ideas/suggestions on how to proceed with our concern. From these, PSAC brought a draft minute for the meeting to consider as the next step for us to take. Friends discerned that such a minute would be an appropriate next step and asked PSAC to add a few lines and phrases that make it clear our concern regarding drone warfare is a spiritually driven one. Friends would like PSAC to return to our November Meeting for Business with the revised minute so Friends can consider it. Friends also discerned that in the November Meeting for Business we will consider ways we can share this concern over drone warfare with other Friends meetings and local non-Quaker churches, as well as the general public.

Financial Concerns – Friends are concerned about our projected contribution deficit of \$500, and agreed that if necessary \$400 of that will have to be taken from the BYM apportionment of \$1620.50. Any remaining deficit will be taken from a budget category that will be determined in January of 2017.

Regarding the BYM apportionment survey we received, Friends determined that we should answer the survey and include a note that by decision of our Meeting for Business we will base our apportionment amount on 10% of our total budget each year regardless of the apportionment amount assigned to Midlothian Friends Meeting by BYM.

Outreach Efforts – Due to time constraints Friends agreed to carry over the consideration of Outreach efforts to the November Meeting for Business.