

Midlothian Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship with Intention for Business
Minutes

Twenty-fifth Day, Eleventh Month 2012 – 11:00 a.m.

Those in attendance included Jan Rappe, Ann Duncan with Nora, Sophie and Olivia Duncan, Brian McCutcheon, Howard Brod, Tom DeWeerd, Cate Grove, Chuck Grove, Carol Carper, Robyn Johnson, Jane Roberson, Roselle Clark and Dave Clark

The clerk opened meeting with a reading of a passage from the new BYM Faith and Practice, “Testimonies” p. 42.

After a review of the agenda, the clerk welcomed those in attendance.

The recording clerk could not attend meeting today; Carol Carper volunteered to record.

The **treasurer's report** was provided in the absence of a traveling treasurer, Jim Beran.

- A question unable to be answered, what is the effect of the shortage mentioned in a statement at the top the treasurer's report?
As of October 31, 2012, general fund contributions, etc. to Midlothian Friends Meeting (\$11,705.88) are approximately 91% of the corresponding portion of 2012 budget (\$12,16.6).
- Since the financial stewardship committee is meeting on Dec 16th, business meeting asked them to answer any concern or questions and report back at the December or 12th Month meeting for business.

The **peace and social action committee** reported on the carryover item with regard to Herndon Friends' initiative to ban or tax single use plastic bags. The MFM religious education committee will make this a project for our young friends early next year.

It was also reported that the TQ recipient last month was the Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations and received \$1,072.70. The November recipient will be Friend Share and December will be Quaker House. This year, \$26,379.39 has been sent to organizations.

The **nominating committee** reports they are in the midst of filling all committee responsibilities for 2013. The committee clerk asked Friends who are *moved-to-serve* to please let committee member Maria Cannady, Susan Umidi or Jane Roberson know of their interest.

One position sorely needed is a treasurer for 2013. Our current treasurer recommends new accounting software and is willing to continue serving to help a new person make the transition.

The **building & grounds committee** reported that Dave Clark blew the leaves and this saved meeting about four hundred dollars. The following appreciation was given.

Minute: Thanks, Dave Clark, for your efforts to make our meeting property ready for winter. We all appreciate you clearing the leaves.

The **financial stewardship committee** decided to again carryover the decision on the funds remaining from the Homewood Meeting loan of \$709.52. The committee meets for budget considerations on December 16th and will also include recommendations on these funds.

The **spiritual nurture committee** will continue to explore a decision about having more silence on First Days with business meeting and stopping the noise during the silent worship as the hospitality committee prepares for potluck. They and others have been concerned with noise from the kitchen. Comments supported simplicity and the value of silence to feed our souls with less emphasis on feeding our bodies.

The committee will also work on another important and annual item that will be announced through the town crier: **MFM Christmas Eve Worship on the 24th of Dec.**

Meeting for Nurture at the start of 2013 will be discussed with a focus on the new BYM Faith and Practice being a strong possibility. The spiritual cinema was popular when it started but the last event had no one attend. Comments were supportive of creating worship-sharing sessions in Jan and Feb *Meeting for Nurture* sessions as preparation for our visit from a BYM spokesperson in March.

Finally, a **clerk's item** was raised: the idea of holding our business meeting on 2nd First Day of the month would return our business meeting to our traditional 2nd Sunday of the month. *Meeting for Nurture* has been held on 3rd First Day and potluck on 4th First Day. Committees need to decide when they would like to meet based on this decision. Having children involved would still be a plus if business meeting is moved from the 4th to the 2nd Sunday. Spiritual Nurture will weigh in on this decision.

Finally, our **December Business Meeting** time was discussed. Friends easily reached consensus that we will hold business meeting on Third First Day in 12th Month 2012. December 16th will be our next business meeting. Two crucial items will be on the agenda: the MFM budget and a roster from nominating committee for 2013 positions.

Children returned to meeting and business meeting closed in silence at 12:15 p.m.