

Midlothian Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship with Intention for Business
Minutes
Twelfth Day, First Month, 2014 – 11:00 a.m.

Those in attendance included: Brian McCutcheon, Ann, Lenora, Sophia and Olivia Duncan, Roselle and Dave Clark, Stephen, Debbie, Grant and Nora Long, Katie DeWeerd, Baylor, Adam and Kayla Brown, Susan Umidi, Robyn Johnson, Howard Brod, Emily, Cate and Chuck Grove, Jane Roberson, Ann, Jake, Virginia and Claire Snider, Ambrose Humphrey, Brian Buniva, Maria, Scott, Haley and Andrew Cannady, Karrie Richards and Tom DeWeerd

The meeting opened with silence - Queries from BYM Faith & Practice under the heading "Meeting for Worship"

Care and Community

- Held those in our community needing assistance "In the Light"
- Brian Buniva volunteered to do final revisions of the draft article Howard Brod wrote for the BYM Interchange.

Meeting wishes to express appreciation to Howard Brod for the updated MFM Directory distributed in December 2013.

Nominating

- Approval was given for the 2014 committee appointments

Religious Education (RE)

- The "pilot" with paid teachers will be evaluated at a future meeting for business

Treasurer's report:

- The 2014 budget was approved
- The January Financial Update was given time for discernment

Peace and Social Action Committee (PSAC)

- Thrifty Quaker donated \$19,000 to charities in 2013. American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) recently was given a little over \$1,100. Future charities include the VA Conservation Network, Quaker House, Feedmore and the YMCA program Bright Beginnings.
- Worship-sharing time was given to the desires of those in attendance regarding social action.

Building and Grounds Committee:

- After some discussion, meeting gave the committee permission to move forward with plans to improve accessibility to the meetinghouse using grant money awarded to meeting from the Friends General Conference (FGC) Friends Meeting House Fund. The committee will continue to report progress and bring decisions to meeting such as any tree removal and construction to the meetinghouse.

Spiritual Nurture

- Sessions in the Quakerism 101 series continues on Quaker History, Faith and Practice at the Rise of Meeting on Third First Day of each month.
- An ad-hoc committee was appointed to plan our spring "Gathering for Clearness" will be formed; Ann Duncan has agreed to clerk this group.
- The Vision Statement from BYM will be discussed with Katherine Smith from a BYM committee on Feb. 2nd.
- We will need an ad-hoc committee for our State of the Meeting Report this year.

The meeting ended in silence as the children arrived at 12:30 pm and told of their events in First Day School.