

Midlothian Friends Meeting

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Ninth Day, First Month 2012

The meeting opened in silence with queries read from BYM regarding the way business is conducted and the need to seek Divine guidance as to the right course.

The agenda was reviewed and items were added.

Minute: **Midlothian Friends Meeting thanks Tracey Cain for her work as Clerk over the last year. Meeting appreciates all that she did for meeting for the year 2011.**

Tom DeWeerd has agreed to serve as interim clerk until nominating committee's work is complete.

Minute: **When writing the minutes for business meeting, the recording clerk will not be using names when possible but the content and the spirit of what is said will be recorded.**

The treasurer submitted an end-of-year financial report, budget and donation summary (see attached). A 2012 budget was presented and approval was held over. Final approval will be given at the 2nd Month Business Meeting as no copy was available for review at this meeting. Concerns about the BYM apportionment were concerned and a threshing had previously been requested. The clerk asked this to be held over for further review.

A brief discussion of the well-attended Worship Sharing in December led to a powerful and affirming desire to Continue interest in seeking greater attendance at worship and continued support for our Spirit led work in all aspects of our meeting.

Nominating Committee Reported a slowing of the process to choose committee assignments and clerk for 2012. All committee members will be called to determine their interest in serving on their present committee or in some other way. It was further stated that nominating recommends holding business on the Fourth First Day during Meeting for Worship to support involvement by all members of our community in the life of the meeting. In an attempt to simplify some structure and assist the RE committee with time commitment, it was suggested that curriculum development and teacher for RE be held on the 2nd and 4th First Days. It is meetings desire to see children every week and all kids are welcome during worship. The nominating committee plans to submit the 2012 roster of committees and these other suggestions at the 2nd Month Meeting for Business. They and business meeting welcome comments, suggestions or concerns. Please contact: Jane Robison - skysfriend@gmail.com, Robyn Johnson - robynjohnson@comcast.net or Susan Umidi - sumidi@comcast.net

Building and Grounds Reported that the sliding glass door will be replaced and partially paid for with an anonymous donation. Secondly, it was recommended that the committee get some estimates for their concern about the trees that need to come down for the protection of our buildings. They will bring this information back to Business Meeting. Thirdly, a donation of a pump organ has been offered. The decision to accept this offer will be held over following recommendation from the Spiritual Nurture Committee (SNC). B & G has measured a place at the top of the stairs that the pump organ will fit. Please share your thoughts on this donation and if you have the ability to play this instrument with any member of our SNC or contact Bryan McCutchen bccmccutch@verizon.net. Finally, Building and Grounds is seeking input from the community on what do we do with the worship room floor. The question is whether to replace the worn carpet or work long term to have a hard wood floor installed. The Quaker Town Crier will be sending out information on this item for comments for those having an opinion on this matter.

Minute: Thanks to our Spiritual Nurture Committee for a beautiful Christmas Eve Worship.

Issues surrounding the BYM Apportionment and MFM response to BYM will be held over until 2nd Month Meeting for Business.

Meeting closed in silence at 11 a.m.