

Midlothian Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship with Concern for Business
Minutes
Ninth Day, Third Month, 2014 – 11:00 a.m.

Those in attendance included: Brian McCutcheon, Ann, Olivia, and Nora Duncan, Roselle Clark, Dave Clark, Laura Clark, Howard Brod, Cate Grove, Chuck Grove, Maria Cannady, Karrie Richards, Liz and Ethan Singer, Larry Barnett, Debra Beck, Yoomie Ahn, Bill Marx, Amy McVaugh, Don McVaugh, Carol Carper, Emily, Will and Sam Keenum and Tom DeWeerd

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

Care and Community

- Held those in our community needing assistance "In the Light"

Religious Education (RE)

- The "pilot" with paid teachers now in its sixth month was endorsed during a brief worship sharing. There has been better attendance this year; and, from a parent perspective, the teachers are a big piece of it. Positive comments about the lessons and teachers plus a Young Friends message that RE needs to meet outside more often were part of a very positive message of success and appreciation.
- The RE committee of Richmond Friends Meeting (RFM) has asked the MFM RE committee about hosting a Lock-In sometime this Spring for both MFM & RFM high school age Young Friends. Maria Cannady is arranging this, so please let her know if you are interested in attending or in assisting with this event.

Treasurer's report: There was none this month and from now on will be offered as needed

Building and Grounds Committee:

- Presented a five-point summary of the committees thinking on Universal Access for our building plus drawings of two options (see attached handouts).
- They sought advice from Friends on the points presented and on the next step in this project and there was a sense-of-meeting on several points during this extended sharing.
 - o Option two is much preferred as railings are not attractive or desired for our entrance.
 - o After it was explained and understood why the three trees should be removed for both better and straighter access as well as to prevent roots from destroying the sidewalk not to mention that they are close to the building, there appeared consensus this was an appropriate action.
 - o The cost seems well within the grant given the deal on the cement work and thinking about project management, it would be wise to do it sooner rather than later.
 - o While everyone liked the porch roof, there was sentiment that this could wait for more discussion about the current roof and wait for a clearer way-to-open to pay for the roof at a later date.
 - o There was unity that the committee has done a wonderful job in preparing the documents and presenting some clear thinking for our consideration. The sense-of-meeting was that the committee should take the thoughts expressed and bring back a recommendation for approval.

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. The topic for March 16th is on Meeting for Worship with Concern for Business.
- Reminder: the ad-hoc committee appointed to plan our spring "Gathering for Clearness" is being clerked by Ann Duncan, please let her know if you can help.
- Members are needed for an ad-hoc committee for a State of the Meeting Report; contact the clerk if you can assist.

Peace and Social Action Committee (PSAC) – News and information held over for next month

The meeting ended in silence as the children returned from RE at 12:20 pm and told of their events that took place outside!

We affirm the children of our Meeting, for they are precious to us, and we work to educate theme in the universal truths found in Quakerism and other spiritual traditions.
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