

Midlothian Friends Meeting  
Meeting for Worship with Concern for Business  
Minutes  
Twelfth Day, Fourth Month, 2015—11:00 a.m

**Those in attendance include:** Monica Rogers, Katie, Baylor, Adam, and Kayla Brown, Cate and Chuck Grove, Patti Barnes, Fred Moore, Claudia Farr, Brian McCutchen, Stephen, Deb, Grant and Nora Long, Fred Moore, Susan Umidi, Howard Brod, Roselle Clark, Joy Heaton, Debbie Beck, Ann Duncan, Olivia, Nora and Sophie Duncan, Karrie Richards, David, Heather, Elliot and Ian Stocker, Erin and Tom DeWeerd

Introduction to today's theme: Aging.

**Care and Community:** We held folks in the light.  
There will be a survey sent out about how we can move forward to build community.

**RE:** Parents met last month.

How to help young friends to have a more vibrant environment at meeting? Suggestions were presented for the committee and meeting to consider.

**Child Safety Policy:** One attendee needed clarification of the term “Trusted Adult”—the clerk clarified that this term is not to imply that adult has cleared a background check. Clarify the term “Trusted Adult” to mean that this adult has cleared a criminal background check. There will be language changes and this will be reconsidered next month.

**Treasurer's Report:** Stephen Long, Emily Keenum, Ann Duncan and Heather Stocker will be the new trustees for financial stewardship. Once these four new trustees are added, MFM will need to have at least two signatures on any legal documents.

March ended with 110% of our expected contributions.

**Building and Grounds:** Porch and roof repair is slated to start sometime in May. 6 supporting pillars will be added under the porch.

The total cost will be almost \$13 K, but the committee is planning for \$14, so we need more fundraising to bring this to the final completion.

**Peace and Social Action Committee (PSAC):** The Thrifty Quaker has been selected as Peacemaker of the Year by the Richmond Peace Education Center.

There will be a screening of “Dogs on the Inside” at the Byrd Theater. More information will come out via the Town Crier.

There is a John McCutcheon performance coming soon for RPEC. He's a Quaker songwriter and activist.

This month's charity will go to Richmond Friends of the Homeless. May is Backpacks of Love, June is ROSMY LGBTQ Youth Organization, July is William Byrd Community House, and August is Virginia Supportive Housing.

Adult RE: this coming Sunday American Friends Service Committee. In May will be about food choices. Richmond meeting will have Russian Quakers coming to speak. Joy Heaton volunteered to reinstitute spiritual cinema circle—Films on the 5<sup>th</sup> which would take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday as they appear on the calendar.

Langley Meeting—drone minute

Richmond Meeting—environmental minute

MFJ would like to create a minute on the recent Religious Freedom Protection Bill that is sweeping the nation. It is inconsistent with our own understanding with what religious freedom means. Want to clarify our position as a part of the religious community that doesn't support discrimination of LGBTQ. Send as letter to editor to the Times Dispatch at some point. We'll eventually bring it to the greater meeting.

PSAC asks whether the meeting supports Films on the 5<sup>th</sup>. The general sense is that yes, the meeting will support this.

**Spiritual Nurture Committee Report:** Vision statement—we'll use query time as self reflection and as a way to build our vision statement.

**Announcements:** Sat June 6<sup>th</sup>. Gathering for clearness

State of the meeting report will not come during that event, we'll be working on it in the coming months.

BYM apportionment meeting @ Blacksburg Friends Meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

FGC conference in TN this year (Nashville). July 5-11 at Western Carolina University near Asheville, NC.

Business meeting ended with silence.