

Midlothian Friends Meeting

Meeting for Worship with Intention for Business Minutes

Fourteenth Day, Seventh Month, 2013 – 11:00 a.m.

Those in attendance included Howard Brod, Karrie Richards, Maria Cannady, Scott Cannady, Ann Duncan, Sophia Duncan, Olivia Duncan, Nora Duncan, Jake Snider, Annie Snider, Virginia Snider, Claire Snider, Robyn Johnson, David Schanz, Patti Barns, Carol Wade, Anne Strathie and Tom DeWeerd.

The meeting opened with silence ...

Query: "What in my present life most distracts me from God?"

After a review of the agenda, the clerk welcomed those in attendance including the young Friends staying for business meeting. He announced the meeting would have a theme of simplicity and read the definition of simplicity from BYM Faith and Practice.

A brief period of worship sharing on the query followed.

RE Committee

- A continued need for teachers on 2nd and 4th day exists. No preparation is needed. Taking a walk on a trail or visiting the llamas is fine. Our young Friends need to know our older Friends. Even older teens are encouraged to sign up for a day as RE teacher. Contact Maria Cannady or Ann Duncan

Treasurer's report

- The financial Update for July 2013 was distributed. Year to date we are at 85% of needed donations to meet our budget. The full report will be distributed by the Town Crier in two weeks.

Peace and Social Action Committee

- The Thrifty Quaker recipient for July is PCAV (Preventing Child Abuse Virginia) <http://pcav.org> and the August recipient "Just Compassion" (Joy Heaton's outreach) <http://justcompassion.melcooper.com/index.html>
- The June recipient, RISC, was sent a contribution of \$ 1,975.05.

Building and Grounds Committee

- The report on cutting down trees was positive and more trees that could be dangerous will be removed. The request for the following "Minute" was approved.

MFM wishes to express our heartfelt thanks to Scott Duncan for taking down a large tree that needed to land on the road, then be cut up and hauled away. He and his crew of Mark Beck, Debbie Beck, David Schanz, Ann Duncan, and Howard Brod hoisted the pieces into the woods. It took two hours after meeting. Thanks to our lumberjack dad and his team.

Spiritual Nurture Committee

Our state of the meeting report was submitted last month to BYM. Some suggestions on the need to simplify meeting were read.

Another brief worship sharing took us to the end of our meeting. Work to simplify our committee structure will continue in the months ahead.

Meeting ended at 12:15 p.m.