Midlothian Friends Meeting

Meeting for Worship with Intention for Business

Minutes

Eleventh Day, Eighth Month, 2013 – 11:00 a.m.

Those in attendance included: Judy Glynn, Virginia, Claire, Annie and Jake Snider, Robyn Johnson, Howard Brod, Maria and Scott Cannady, Sophia, Olivia, Nora, and Ann Duncan, Tom DeWeerd, Cate and Chuck Grove, Heather, Elliot, Ian and David Stocker, Roselle and Dave Clark

The meeting opened with silence

Queries from BYM Faith & Practice under the heading "Children and Young People" --

"How do we provide young people with guidance in Quaker faith and practice?"

"How do we share our deepest beliefs with children, while leaving them free to develop as the spirit of God may lead them?"

After a review of the agenda, the clerk announced the meeting would have a theme of Children and Young People and read from BYM Faith and Practice on this topic.

RE Committee

• In reverse of what usually happens, the committee sought advice from business meeting on our religious education (RE) program as they seek teachers and a plan moving forward to keep the program alive. The committee clearly heard a consensus that business meeting would support the hiring of an RE teacher for 2nd and 4th First Days. The treasurer reported that the RE committee has the funds in their account for paying \$50.00 per day (with \$1200 in the account that means this could be tried for one year). The committee was asked to stay involved with choosing the curriculum and meeting thought it best if attenders still provide help and support with teaching when there was a large group. Expressions of support also came out with the thought that each member of meeting brings much to "mentoring" our young Friends given the diversity of our spiritual and religious background. Advice included ways to involve all of meeting in getting to know our children of meeting with continued projects and activities in unison with Peace and Social Action. The committee will consider all this advice as they discern the future of RE. They recognize not all adults feel comfortable teaching but clearly heard support.

Treasurer's report

• Financial Update for August 2013 (to be emailed to Friends during the 4th week of the month)

Peace and Social Action Committee

• Thrifty Quaker recipient for September is the Richmond Peace Education Center (RPEC).

Building and Grounds Committee

• The committee sought and gained approval to give permission to the Powhatan EcoVillage (PECO-VILLAGE) to use our meetinghouse twice a month on late Sunday afternoon. The committee will monitor how it goes and report back to business meeting at a later time. This small non-profit group will give a donation to meeting after each use.

Care and Community

• At the end of worship, we ask if there is anyone to "Hold in the Light" for the week. At this time, at the end of business meeting, we will ask if anyone knows of persons or families who need other kinds of help in the coming month. We may have a number of Friends in our community with needs and we should care for them. We will remain sensitive to privacy and confidentiality but caring for our community cannot fall on only a couple people on a small committee. Before putting anyone's name out on the Town-Crier, someone will check to be sure they feel comfortable sharing their circumstance and allowing our community to assist them.

Another brief worship sharing on children and young people took us to the end or our meeting.

Meeting ended at 12:15 p.m.

MIDLOTHIAN FRIENDS MEETING

July 2013

ANNUAL BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

INSTRUCTIONS (HOVER)

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46% of income needed for July has been received to date

Percent of YTD income needed at July month-end that has been donated: 91%

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