

Midlothian Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
January 10, 2010, 9:30am

Present: Tracey Cain, Maria Cannady, Scott Cannady, Jim Beran, Julie Crum, Linda Miles, John Cain, Tom DeWeerd

Meeting opened with news of friends followed by silence, queries, and a review of the agenda.

TREASURER

John Cain, treasurer, and Linda Miles, former treasurer, discussed the details of transfer of authority for check signing and so on. Committee heads need to get their budgets for 2010 to John, and we will continue for the time being with projections from last year until the new numbers are submitted.

Minute: John Cain is now the treasurer for Midlothian Friends Meeting, taking the place of Linda Miles, who has stepped down from that position.

QUERY FROM ROANOKE FRIENDS MEETING

Roanoke Meeting has asked to see our budget; John Cain will write to ask about their purpose, and will probably send the figures along.

MINUTES

Minutes from December will be reviewed at February's business meeting.

WEDDING

Last month Jane Roberson (Care and Counsel) reported that Cate Myers and Chuck Grove had a clearness committee in the matter of their marriage. Cate and Chuck would like to marry "in the manner of Friends but not under the care of the meeting." Meeting is delighted with the news of the impending marriage, but clarification is needed about the matter of not being under the care of the meeting.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The January 18 (Martin Luther King day) work day will concentrate mostly on the library.

SPIRITUAL NURTURE

Maria Cannady reported that the decision to cancel the Christmas Eve worship was a wise decision; the parking lot was treacherous.

Quakerism 101 is in the works, with some classes already arranged and teachers still needed for four more of the sessions. Classes will be held once a month at the rise of meeting.

Meeting for Nurture will be held Sunday, January 17 at the rise of meeting; Betty Gilchrist will speak about Centering Prayer.

PEACE AND SOCIAL ACTION

The clerk of the Peace and Social Concerns committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting wrote to encourage monthly meetings to consider the peace testimony in the light of the current situation with our military and the buildup in Afghanistan. Our PSAC is asked to follow up.

Minute: Meeting thanks Dave Clark for his continued hard and thoughtful work on the meeting's website.

BUSINESS MEETING

Should we reconsider the time and day for meeting for business? It is difficult to take the time to consider all our business when meeting is held before worship, and the alternating times are confusing to people. Meeting continually struggles to encourage participation in business meeting. This discussion will continue next month.

If at all possible, representatives from each committee should be present at business meeting.

Meeting ended with silence.