

Piedmont Friends Fellowship Representative Body Meeting
Rockingham Friends Meeting
Wright Tavern
1075 NC 65, Rockingham County
Wentworth, North Carolina
February 22, 2009

We gathered for Worship at 10:30 am followed by the noon meal with Rockingham Friends in the historic Wright Tavern. Meeting for Business began after 1 pm with the following attenders representing their Month Meeting or Worship Group

Wendy Michener	Fayetteville
David Bailey	Friendship
Marian Beane	Charlotte
Kristen Olsen Kennedy	Davidson
Jan Blodgett	Davidson
Dan Perry	Spring
Kara Van Hausen	Spring
Lyle Adley Warrick	Raleigh
Joan Tillotson	Charlotte
Virginia Driscoll	New Garden
Jane Norwood	Rockingham
Tom Kagan	Raleigh
Debbie Parker	Durham
Terry Mehlman	Chapel Hill
Karen McKinnon	Durham

Report from FGC Executive Committee:

Virginia Driscoll reported from the recent meeting in Media, PA that FGC is taking a closer look at priorities. FGC wants to determine the most important things that it does in order to make good recommendations in its stewardship to balance funds and programs. If one know of someone with the capacity for support for FGC's campaign, Stoking the Fire of Quakerism, please contact Michael Waeda in FGC Development. Jan Blodgett who serves on FGC Ministry and Nurture Committee reported that this committee is listening to monthly and yearly meeting to see how FGC can best support them. The Ministry and Nurture Committee has nurtured and spun off the Youth Ministry and the Traveling Ministry Programs and now searches for new directions to serve yearly and monthly meetings.

Debbie Parker is in the process of learning how to facilitate workshops for meetings, She has been training to discuss issues that are raised in the consideration of the book Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship by Donna McDaniel and Vanessa Julye. The study guide for the book will come out in March.

PFF Representative Terry Mehlman reported that she has joined the Publications and Distribution Committee of FGC Central Committee. This group is working to figure out how to do more with less resources. They are meeting in committee by phone conference.

Annual Meeting: Wendy Michener has reserved at Camp New Hope the following buildings: Dogwood, field between Dogwood and the rest of the buildings, Fleming, the outdoor pavilion for the weekend of Mother's Day, May 8-10, 2009. Two 24 hr. periods have been reserved.

PFF must charge a day fee in addition to the meals in order to break even for the expense of renting Camp New Hope that collects a head fee of \$2.50 per person. The representative body agreed on the following fee structure for the annual meeting:

Day use for adults	\$5.00 a day or 10.00 for the weekend (w/o meals)
Meal fee for adult (HS grad)	\$5.00 per meal
Sleeping fee for adult	\$50 for weekend \$35/night includes all meals
Youth fee (whether sleeping or not)	\$5.00 for day or 10.00 for the weekend with meals (all inclusive)
Camping fee	\$25.00 per adult for the weekend
Late Registration	\$5.00

Annual Meeting Program Theme: ***Quakers and Justice: Then and Now***

This theme was chosen to be inclusive of the programs that have been offered:

Debbie Parker, Durham Friends Meeting, will give the Saturday morning workshop ***Fit for Freedom Not for Friendship***, as a FGC sponsored facilitator for this recently published history of Quakers and racial justice. Wendy Michener, Clerk of PFF, will contact Wren Almitra at FGC to specifically ask that Debbie Parker participate as the facilitator for this program. Debbie will name an elder from her support committee

Charlotte Friends Meeting will organize the Friday evening multigenerational program.

Durham Friends Mtg will call on New Garden, Friendship, Charlotte to assist DFM with the food for the weekend. Raleigh Friends will co-ordinate snacks.

Jan Blodgett of Davidson will prepare the flyer and Davidson Meeting will coordinate the FGC booktable. Tom Kagan has the flyer from last year and will provide this information to Jan. Jan will need program leaders to submit a synopsis of their presentations to her by March 6th; She needs this information to prepare the flyer for distribution by March 13th. April 25th will end the early registration fee after which the late registration fee is added.

David Bailey (Friendship) will find a caller for the Saturday evening dances. He will also organize childcare. Terry Mehlman, Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, will take responsibility for registration throughout the weekend. Chapel Hill has offered a presentation of Godly Play during the weekend.

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Treasurer's Report See attached:

Please make sure that all monthly meeting treasurer's KNOW that Tom Kagan is the PFF Treasurer (bills have been received recently by past treasurer's Louise Harris, and Wendy Michener).

Tom noticed on the the 2008 financial statement that line item donations from PFF to QH, FGC, and School of the Spirit seemed incomplete.

Marian Beane reminded us that it has been PFF practice to give a portion of excess funds following the annual meeting to Quaker House. noted gave one time gifts were made to Quaker House and the School of the Spirit . With FGC it was agreed that a regular gift of \$100.00 annually .School of the Spirit was also a one time payment. Thus FGC is the only one that has expectations of a yearly contribution. Usually given in the fall, but couldn't hurt to ask the Development Office of FGC what the pattern of giving has been. To rectify previous omissions, it was agreed that the missed dontations of \$300.00 will be paid now and in August (after the Gathering and the Spring Annual Meeting we will revisit further funding.

On the Treasurer's Report: the line item Scholarship for Spiritual Development will be replaced on a line item Request Conferences. Tom has paid the Camp New Hope expenses,

TK also asked why FGC receipts or travel monies? None

Nonprofit status precludes concern for IRS because we are so small.

MB is it helpful to have a designated amount for spiritual development? The sense was to keep it as is.

Nominating Committee: Marion Beane and Lyle Adley Warrick will serve on the nominating committee for Treasurer and the 3rd representative for FGC to determine from the Clerk if she needs an assistant (the distribution of the duties was not clear). Each yearly meeting is allowed up to 3 representatives. The nominating cte is asked to find a treasurer/3rd representative to Spring cte.

PFF has routinely given \$100 per individual and \$150 per family on the first time basis. Scholarship requests are made by contacting the treasurer (Tom Kagan) and the Clerk of PFF (Michener) by the PFF representatives of the requesting member's meeting. Individuals should first ask their meeting for travel monies, and then PFF, and finally FGC itself . We are asked to encourage people to come to the Gathering and to attend without work grant if they are coming for the first time. When more than one person asks for grants, please make a list to give the Clerk and the Treasurer. The check from PFF goes directly to FGC with the individual names attached. The monies do not go to the Monthly Meeting or to the individual. It is helpful to get approval as early as possible because when the funds are quickly committed. We agreed to increase first time funding to \$150 for individuals and \$200 for families. Please remind meetings of these increases in funding from PFF.

Phone number – approve for New Garden Friends Meeting

With thanks to Ellen Kepchar, a paid staff member for New Garden will refer Calls to PFF Wendy will contact Dorothy Day (FWCC) and Ellen Kepchar.

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Karen McKinnon, Recording Clerk