

## Piedmont Friends Fellowship Representative Body Meeting, March 18, 2012

Robert Cooper	Fayetteville
Wendy Michener	Fayetteville
John Hunter	Durham
Karen McKinnon	Durham
Jane Norwood	Rockingham County
Patricia Sebens	New Garden/Fancy Gap
Virginal Driscoll	New Garden
Marian Bean	Charlotte
Christina Connell	Salem/Annapolis
Dick Connell	Salem
Tommy Kagan	Raleigh
Jan Blodgett	Davidson
Karen Garaputa	New Garden
Kristin Olson-Kennedy	Davidson
Suebear Hebner	Friendship
Annette Broadwell	Chapel Hill
Jeff Brown	Chapel Hill
Martin Doherty	Charlotte

Representative Body Meeting started with silent worship.

### **Agenda**

Treasurer  
Yearly meeting committee  
Future planning including teens  
Evaluation of retreat  
Advanced planning for next year fall retreat  
Dates for future meetings

### **Future meeting Dates**

June 17 at Friendship  
Aug 26 (if needed)  
Nov 10 at Davidson  
Jan 27  
March 15-17 annual retreat

There was a point made that with the amount of business that comes before the board it seems that 4 meetings in a year does not give us enough time deal with all of our business. A concern was also shared that 4 meetings a year does not give us much time to share together and to get to know one another. It was suggested that we should schedule a 5<sup>th</sup> meeting in August if it is needed.

### **Retreat Evaluation**

A suggestion was made to create an evaluation for all attendees of the retreat to fill out over email or on the internet. Karen McKinnon has volunteered to create an evaluation survey. Annette, John and Jeff volunteered to join Karen to create, distribute, and collate the results.

Food: great, more kid friendly food needed, need more snack food for teens, more variety of drinks, relevant information on food costs was requested at next meeting

Cooking: a couple of delays because of the facility, training of young people took some time

Clean up: very good this time, helped to have specific tasks listed, it is not a choice to help or not to help, the choice is which task do you want.

Kids program: the kids had a blast.

Teen program: the teens planned their own program. They seemed to have a great time. Request the teens to survey themselves to find out what the participants thought of the program. Karen McKinnon will contact the teens and request them to do this. Karen will also contact Wren about what the FAPs thought about the teen program.

Adult Program: it seemed to go very well. It was easy to enter the retreat at midway points and still be able participate well. A suggestion was made to create queries out of the material to share with others during the retreat and to take back to our meetings. Individual responses are sometimes more valuable than group summaries. If possible, copying notes from discussions and handing them out to the participants at the end of the retreat. We should go back to our meeting and share with our meetings our experience at the retreat. A note on the evaluation should be placed to ask people to share their experience with others in their meetings.

Evenings entertainment: This needs to be restructured. Tommy and wife Amy will meet with teens to start planning the evenings.

Registration: the committee will meet and give a report at the June meeting.

Hospitality: it was great to host and to be hosted at private homes.

Future planning to include the teens.

The teens have asked to be part of the our future planning, especially for the annual retreat. Thru the evaluation process we will find out how much they want to be engaged and how they want to engage in the planning.

Fall retreat. One possible topic is religion and politics.

Teens can request as individuals scholarships to FGC Gathering. They are required first to request scholarship from their monthly meeting, and then from PFF through the representative. One scholarship per household.

A "Save the Date" should go out for the fall and spring retreat. John Hunter and Karen Garaputa will work on this together.

### **Yearly meeting committee**

They will post all of their documents on the web. Please consult with your clerks to make sure that they are planning to answer these questions at the monthly meeting.

**The treasurer shared his report.** The sense of the meeting was to accept the report as given. The password for the bank account was changed because of the change of ownership of the bank from RBC to PNC, but the name of the account, Piedmont Friends Fellowship, remains the same.

The meeting concluded in silent worship.

Kristin Olson-Kennedy, Recording clerk