

**The Annual Meeting of the Piedmont Friends Fellowship
Carolina Friends School
March 20, 2011**

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Matters of Business: Concerns that arose this weekend that need to be addressed by the representative body that meets follows this Annual Meeting for Business include:

- Parental Form still says that PFF accepts no liability for the children when the children are at PFF but PFF is committed to having insurance for each retreat. Thus it is recommended that the proposal should be seasoned through the representative body.

- Request from the Friendly Adult Presences (FAPs) that they not have to pay for the weekend since they were not able to participate in the adult program. Thus it is recommended that the proposal be seasoned through the representative body process with the following comments:

Historically, we should recognize that PFF is in a the process of change – for thirty years or more all responsibilities were volunteer and were rotated between Meetings. As PFF incorporates the changes that are more in line with other yearly meeting and gatherings like SAYMA and FGC, the representative body will be asked to consider changes to the historic patterns. Friends appreciate the work that the Youth Program does and want to encourage the undertaking whether directly through reduced registration fees or indirectly through financial aid from PFF.

Friends recommend to PFF Representative Body that financial accommodation is made for those working with Youth.

Minute approved.

- Seth Barch, FGG traveling minute accepted. PFF appreciates the witness that Seth has brought to this weekend to PFF and his Light for FGC. Quaker Quest, Couple Enrichment, Religious Ed, and other programs are available on the FGC website that Meetings can use. Seth highlighted the importance of learning Quaker business practice that can be taken back to Friends as well as to the outside world. Friends expressed their belief that FGC nurtures young Friends who then stay within the Religious Society of Friends as a result of this connection. Friends minute appreciation to Seth for his presence and participation in our annual meeting.
- The Epistle from the Youth Program was presented by Claire Hannibel and Isaac Wintermute from Durham Friends Meeting and is appended to these minutes:

*Thirty kids from 5th to 12th grades organized active and spiritual activities, art music guided mediation nature walks and reflection on the weekend – there is some desire for less scheduling to bring to next PFF retreat. Teens organized a fishbowl activity and invited the adult. It was a learning experience to have this as an intergenerational activity with adult participation. The Teens have formed a planning committee for next year's annual meeting: **Calvin Trisolini, Claire Hannabel, Oliver Lanning, Durham Friends Meeting; Katrina Kagan, Raleigh; Katie Rowler, New Garden Friends Mtg.***

- The age range for the program and the fees are referred to Representative Body.

Friends minute their appreciation for the Youth and FAPs who participated in this Gathering of Friends.

- Jane Norwood reported from the FGC Bookstore: \$826.22 and 61 books purchased all covered.
- Treasurer's report is appended to these minutes. Friends appreciate the Treasurer's care of PFF finances and approve Robert Cooper's report.

Reflections on the Annual Meeting of Piedmont Friends Fellowship:

Friends appreciate the accessibility and affordability of the Sleep8 Motel.

Friends would like to recommend supplemental map information and a direct phone number for traveling concerns.

Friends should be mindful of the footprint for offsite. There are Friends in this area for hospitality but we could be more proactive and organized without the motel option.

Minute of Appreciation: Thanks to Carolina Friends School for being.

We expressed our great appreciation to the kindness of CFS for offering their facilities and their generosity. We appreciate greatly the food preparation by David Bailey, the efforts of the leaders of the Youth Program and to John Hunter for his deep sharing of the richness of the history of Piedmont Friends Fellowship, We appreciate the musicians who lifted us and our feet. We also want to include in this minute of appreciation that David Bailey has provided ministry and service to PFF in food preparation, music, and many roles behind the scenes through the years. He returned for Colorado for this weekend to participate in this Annual Meeting and Representative Body Meeting. We celebrate the success of the FGC bookstore and its exemplary Friend, Jane Norwood.

Friends appreciate Sue Adley-Warrick's faithfulness to the youngest friends that enabled others to participate with the adults throughout the weekend. Sue presented the Children's epistle: 3.5 to 8. *Teachers can plan all they want to, but the realities of the weather and the campus – the makeup rock, tire swing, pot belly pigs, the tractor with one wheel was an experience in sharing. Everyone met at least one new Friend. Appreciated that the teens shared their drum circle and soap bubbles with all. Sue's smile says it all to us.*

Report from the Nominations Committee (Lyle Adley-Warrick, Bob Cooper, Marian Beane): Wendy Michener agreed to Clerk PFF for the upcoming year.

Kristen Olsen-Kennedy agreed to serve a 3 yr. term as Recording Clerk

Representative for FGC: 3 slots for Central Cte: Virginia Driscoll will continue, Terry Mehlmen will be completing her 3rd year and the nominating cte will continue to discern a name for this position. Sue Bear Hebner agreed to serve as the Adult Young Friend to represent PFF at the Friends General Conference Central Committee.

Bob Cooper, Treasurer, has requested an assistant treasurer for PFF.

PFF minutes appreciation to Terry Mehlman for her service on FGC Central Committee and Karen McKinnon for service to PFF for several years as recording clerk.

Friends approve the report of the nominating committee.

The report from the AdHoc Cte on Yearly Meeting Concerns (Trish Sebens, Debra Parker, John Hunter) is appended to these minutes. **Friends accepted the report.**

Friends are asked to take this report back to the Monthly Meeting. But questions were raised about what Friends are supposed to do with this information? How will this report be framed into next steps? Sending this report alone is not perceived to be sufficient and greater clarity may require more direct communication.

This report was referred to representative body and the Ad Hoc to carefully consider how to communicate this information to meetings in addition to this written report.

The Annual Meeting of Piedmont Friends Fellowship closed in worshipful silence.

Karen McKinnon, Recording Clerk