

Piedmont Friends Fellowship Representative Body Meeting
March 20, 2011 1:45 pm
Carolina Friends School

Doris Wilson	Upstate
Michel Johnson	Upstate
Terry Mehlman	Chapel Hill
Robert Cooper	Fayetteville
Tommy Kagan	Raleigh
Wendy Michener	Fayetteville
Jane Norwood	Rockingham
Lyle Adley Warrick	Raleigh
Marian Beane	Charlotte
David Bailey	Friendship
Debbie Parker	Durham
John Hunter	Durham
Karen McKinnon	Durham
Marcy Newell	Salem Meeting

Virginia Driscoll, Patricia Sebens, Kirstin Olsen Kennedy, Karen Garranputa And Sue Bear Hebner were not able to attend.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report is appended to these minutes of the representative body. The report was accepted. Bob asked for an assistant treasurer to be able to keep records and funds for PFF. This matter will be referred nominating committee. Recipient of duplicate records would be a good way to keep good stewardship of the responsibilities.

The past few years have had few babies, thus we need to pay Soledad for her travel from Greensboro. Friends approved \$60.00 for reimbursement for her. In future years we may want to consider a closing of 3 days before the annual meeting to prevent unnecessary travel.

Robert also requested that a debit card would be a good mechanism for convenient transfer of funds at point of need by the Clerk or the Treasurer. The debit card would not be necessary if the check book is present. Friends decide to forego the debit card and instead be sure the check book is present.

Friends accept the report.

Waiver of liability for PFF should be referred to a legal opinion, thus Tommy Kagan and Lyle AdleyWarrick will refer to their Raleigh Friends lawyers. Friends approve.

The question of retroactive grants to Rob Lamme, Wren Hendrickson, Andrew Wright, Courtney Stanion, and Elizabeth Wintermute was discussed. Since it was unclear during registration, Terry told them to do what they think is right. Wren has not paid. The DFM FAP said let them know, and DFM will pay. Lory Mills and Andrew Wright did register and pay although they did participated in the adult afternoon program and thus should receive \$30.00 each. Friends approve. Terry will communicate with both the Treasurer and with the FAPs that they will receive full scholarship. PFF Rep Body needs to establish clear guidelines for the Registrar and the Treasurer that show our support for those who provide program for Youth.

Youth Committee to support the Youth Cte that can go forward with an agenda for job description Youth Policy: Wendy and Karen McKinnon will come back to the PFF for FAP description and support for youth leaders with hopes to develop a process of how to apply to receive support for the Gathering.

Ad Hoc Cte on YM: In the annual meeting Friends lifted up a need for clarity, context to communicate to Monthly Meetings. Friends want to have a sense of process and closure with a clear structure in a reasonable time frame. The association will remain intact and may or may not be that different from the present structure of PFF. Would want every Meeting to feel as engaged as they want. Friends that were the most unclear were those who had not gone to the February meeting. Representative Body asks and trusts the Ad Hoc Cte to address the need for clarity and context to Monthly Meetings and proceed to communication with Monthly Meeting and plan future actions.

Review of the Annual Meeting: The Youth Program worked well this weekend. Space: Middle School of CFS worked well – without this space, the weekend would have been too difficult.

Adult Program was only adequate: without the use of the gym (no floor protector) it was difficult because of air handling interfering with the acoustics in the atrium.

Going back can be advantageous and yet look it would behoove PFF to look for alternative locations. Definitely need to go back to previous convention of signup sheets at the beginning of the program by the registrar's table.

Needed Durham Friends Meeting contact information on the registration (to help with travel concerns). Need more signage to the Bookstore and other locations. To increase the booksales, one could pre-order.

Audio visual of the few things like the dancing – share with meetings. Security/website.

Housing Board Prototype: Marcy and Wendy.

Date for Next Year: did this work? Try to find the date and communicate.

Set up annual calendar at the next representative body meeting on May 15 10:30 worship.

Three things for the agenda:

1. Marian Beane will begin to find process that encourages adult young friends in NC to come together: PFF would provide framework/space for this opportunity.
2. Consideration for a mid=fall retreat/Gathering of clerks of various committees to come together.
3. Donation to Carolina Friends School from PFF.

Friends closed the Representative Body Meeting with worshipful silence and rose to begin the process of leaving the Carolina Friends School space.

Karen, McKinnon, Recording Clerk