

**Piedmont Friends Fellowship
Representative Body Meeting**

April 27th, 2008
Camp New Hope

The Representative Body of PFF met at Camp New Hope following the PFF Annual Retreat. Virginia Driscoll began by asking the representative body members present to evaluate the PFF annual retreat by topic:

Registration:

This year the Registrar Packet that transferred from Jane Norwood to Terry Mehlman was helpful. However, there were some technical difficulties because of our change in venue from Quaker Lake to Camp New Hope. Terry felt uncomfortable not knowing what was her responsibility with signage and assignment of spaces for the PFF. By 6:00 Terry made the registration look perfect. Signage at New Board is an additional responsibility that we did not have to do at Quaker Lake.

Location and Date:

We need close proximity for book display and display boards to the areas where we congregate. Because the deadline for booking Camp New Hope is cancellation date 90 days from the expected gathering, the clerk can book it now when we set the date for Mothers Day May 10, 2009. We will have to check for conflicts with schools, other Quaker organizations and meetings, and Merle Fest. We will make a definite decision by August, 2009

Terry Mehlman has volunteered to send out an Evaluation online to retreat attenders. In addition Terry will send out a letter to the PFF representatives to bring to their monthly meeting dates and themes that would draw them to the PFF Retreat. One of the queries considered concerning attendance at PFF was "What are the barriers for participation in PFF?"

Food:

The kitchen continues to be an issue. The dining hall may or may not be available next year. However, insurance issues will be need to be resolved for us to use it.

Children's Program:

Kara Van Hooser and Mike Dodge did a great job with children's program Soledad came to assist on Saturday and Sunday. The Pay \$125 should be increased due to the price of gas to \$150.00. In the future Soledad may be asked to come So it might be as an need only. Friendly Adult Presence: small number made it easy for the teen FAPs. The programs were well planned.

Adjunct programs:

Sally Ferrell Wilkes County Friends and Ann Lennon ASFC, and Pam Swingl Choices out of Chapel Hill Meeting. Led a discussion about Counterrecruitment. We had 3 visitors from FGC : different persons, CMR named someone, Central Committee appointment (Byron Sandford) Carrie Glasby and Kody and Seth Barth, Committee on Racism .

Youth Program:

Campfire was originally started as an alternative for teens who didn't want to participate in the music and dancing. The teens this year wanted to dance **and** do the campfire.

Adult Program:

The adult program was excellent. Theme: how does PFF community relate to you? A retreat participation fee could be used to accommodate the people who wish to attend but not sleep over.

The representative body will send out a letter to the monthly meetings, reminding them as they are preparing their budgets that they might want to increase the support to PFF to cover increase costs in the annual meeting and also the number of attendees to the Gathering 2009 in Blacksburg. If we continue to come here, there is an increase in cost.

The nature of the Nominating Committee was discussed and this topic will be continued in the next meeting. Suggestions included the position of assistant clerk, youth coordinator, recording clerk, FGC representative for the 2009 central committee.

PFF could sponsor programs in November for all those who are responsible for youth programs. How do we get other engaged beyond the monthly meeting instead of competing with other Quaker organizations. NC Friends may be changing. Retreat tends to offer something different and attractive and pleasant.

Directory and Meetings:

Demographics – 11 monthly meetings: 2 preparative Catawba Valley and Rockingham, 3 worship groups Ashe Co. Friends Worship Group/Raleigh, Upstate / Charlotte, Winston Salem Worship Group /Friendship. Morehead City ?DB will contact? association with PFF.

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Chapel Hill

Charlotte

Durham ncymc

Davidson

Fayetteville ncymc

Friendship ncymc

New Garden fum

Raleigh

Spring fum

Wilkes County

Catawba Valley/Charlotte

Rockingham Co./New Garden fum

Chatham Meeting: ? printing the brochure. What do they want to do?

Other affiliations:

Spiritual Condition of the Meeting was read from Upstate Worship Group. We were encouraged by their sense of community.

We minute our appreciation for the six years that Virginia Driscoll has given to PFF as its clerk.

Next meeting is sometime in August Quaker House First choice Hickory backup Rockingham. August 10 Hickory. Second choice is 10th at Rockingham

Karen McKinnon, Recording Clerk