

**Piedmont Friends Fellowship
Representative Body Meeting**

May 15, 2011
Winston-Salem

John Hunter	Durham
Bob Cooper	Fayetteville
Jane Norwood	Rockingham
Marian Beane	Charlotte
Wendy Michener	Fayetteville
Kristin Olson-Kennedy	Davidson
Karen McKinnon	Durham
Trish Sebens	New Garden
Marcie Newell	Winston-Salem
Richard Cassidy	Visitor
Terry Mehlman	Chapel Hill
Annette Broadwell	Chapel Hill
David Teague	Winston-Salem
Philip Raines	Winston-Salem
Karen Garraputa	New Garden

Agenda:

Committee Check-in
Treasurer Report
FAP Scholarships
Youth Committee Liaison
Adult Young Friends
FGC Scholarships
Ad Hoc Yearly Meeting Committee Report
Donations
Nominating Committee
Mid Fall Retreat

The Representative Body meeting started with setting the agenda for the meeting and then a time of silent worship.

All people in the meeting introduced themselves.

Treasurer Report

The financial report was shared and accepted by the meeting. The report is attached to the minutes.

Friendly Adult Presence scholarships were paid for people who attended the Spring Retreat.

The Treasurer requested that a single Representative in each meeting handle scholarships for the FGC gathering.

The Treasurer is requesting a debt card to be able to make necessary deposits, withdrawals, and buying supplies on the Internet. Discussion was raised about internal control concerning the card. The question

about the debit card was laid over for seasoning until the next Representative Body Meeting.

Youth Committee Liaison

Karen McKinnon has volunteered to be a liaison to the PFF youth committee. The question was asked if PFF is willing to financially support members of the youth committee as they travel to other member meetings to meet other youth and tell them about the Youth Committee. The sense of the meeting was to accept this proposal.

Adult Young Friend Initiative

The question was raised about an Adult Young Friend gathering. It was asked that was it a question about us planning an event or being a supportive force to them planning an event for themselves. It was agreed that PFF would feel comfortable in being a supportive force to any event that the Adult Young Friends planned. John Hunter volunteered to find a person that would be able to organize such an event. This event should give young adult friends a chance to meet one another and socialize. A request was made that a Representative from each meeting supplies names and contact information of Young Adult Friends in their meetings and forward the names to John Hunter. The age of Adult Young Friends is 18-35. This event should invite and encourage all Adult Young Friends in North Carolina.

Donations

It was suggested that we should give a donation to Carolina Friends School for the use of their property for the Spring Retreat. The question was raised about the relation between our budget and our donations in general. It was pointed out that the financial report only showed the activity for the first 4 months of the year and does not represent the budget for the entire year. There are several different funds that PFF can make a donation to at the School. It was suggested giving \$300 to the Quaker Student Scholarship fund of the Carolina Friends School. The sense of the meeting was to accept this proposal.

It was suggested that we should plan a budget for our donations to other organizations. It was requested that this discussion be held over for seasoning in a committee. A request was made of the Treasurer to make a document that records what our income and expenses have been for the past years. The treasurer is willing to supply such a document at our August meeting. A request was also made for a committee to be formed to look at this report and original request. Both the original request for a budget and a request for a committee will be taken up at the August meeting when the Treasurer brings the budget document.

Quaker House has sent PFF a letter that indicates donations have been declining. PFF was the organization of which Quaker House grew out of. Because of this relationship, Quaker House is requesting PFF to increase their donation in this time of need. It was suggested that we wait until August to donate so that we will know more about our own financial health. The sense of the meeting was to approve this request

being laid over.

Ad Hoc Yearly Meeting Committee Report

This committee has had one conference call recently. It is drafting a document in response to the Feb 28th meeting that reports the discussion and questions that were raised at that event. The committee is also writing a cover letter to go with the report that addresses what was discussed at the annual meeting about this topic. Also in response to the annual meeting, the committee is drafting a document to look at a concrete vision of developing a yearly meeting. This document is only a draft for monthly meetings to look at, not a seasoned accepted document. This draft document will come to the representative body before being sent out to the monthly meetings.

Nominating Committee

The following are nominated positions within PFF. This list indicates how many years are left on the current terms.

Presiding Clerk 1 year
Recording Clerk 3 years
Treasurer 2 years
Assistant Treasurer open
FGC Reps
 Jan Blodgett 2 years
 Sue Bear 3 years
 Rep. open

Representatives

We have not seen representatives from Spring Monthly Meeting in a long time. It has been requested that someone visit Spring to make contact. Also, we have not seen anyone from Salem Monthly meeting in some time. Marcie Newell will make contact with Salem Friends Meeting and Kristin Olson-Kennedy will visit Spring Monthly Meeting.

Fall Retreat

Ideas for a Fall Retreat: a workshop on the Friends Testimony Curriculum that includes Peace that was developed in FUM, an opportunity for clerks of meetings and committees to get together and learn from one another, and our faith practice through leadership. It was decided to have a retreat centered on the work of clerks in the meeting and the sharing of the experience. The date of the retreat is November 5th at New Garden, Greensboro. To expand the idea this would be further developed in the Spring retreat. We would have a keynote speaker to talk about "Our Faith Practice Through Leadership" and then have break out sessions that address different aspects of leadership during the Spring Retreat. Karen Garraputa will contact Marsha and Mike Green for guidance in developing this idea.

Our next meeting will be August 28th at Fayetteville Monthly Meeting. Representatives are asked to bring food for lunch. Lunch will be at 11:30 with meeting to follow.

Submitted by Kristin Olson-Kennedy, Recording Clerk.