

**Piedmont Friends Fellowship  
Representative Body Meeting**  
Held at Raleigh Friends Meeting  
May 23, 2010

Wendy Michener	Fayetteville
Karen McKinnon	Durham
Jan Blodgett	Davidson
David Bailey	Friendship
Lyle Adley-Warrick	Raleigh
Terry Mehlman	Chapel Hill
Jane Norwood	Rockingham
Patricia Sebens	New Garden Friends Meeting
Rob Geirka	Raleigh
Tommy Kagan	Raleigh
Robert Cooper	Fayetteville
Debbie Parker	Durham
Annette Broadwell	Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Sue Adley-Warrick	Raleigh
John Hunter	Durham
Todd Carley	Raleigh

Regrets: Virginia Driscoll, Marian Beane.

Wendy Michener distributed the Agenda for Representatives Meeting:

- Salem Meeting to join PFF
- Winston-Salem Meeting to join PFF
- PFF Contact Information
- Meeting enrichment and Quaker Quest workshop (Charlotte)
- Reconsideration of NC Council of Churches (a matter to set before
- Meetings/crease access for those wishing to work with them/ queries for our
- Meetings of current social justice issues
- Becoming a Yearly Meeting – report
- Nominations committee report
- Central Committee Representatives and attenders
- Treasurer's' report
- Consideration of PFF Gathering costs and location

**Salem Worship Group request for membership in PFF:**

As Salem Worship Group becomes established as Salem Monthly Meeting, PFF looks forward to receiving its request for membership in Piedmont Friends Fellowship.

**Winston-Salem Meeting has sent a request for membership in PFF.**

Robert Cooper, David Bailey, Karen McKinnon and Debbie Parker agreed to serve on the Clearness Committee for membership and Patricia Sebens graciously offered to back up the members of this Clearness Committee if the need arises.

Action Item: Wendy will send letters to these two Meetings to inform them of our enthusiasm to welcome these meetings to consider joining the Piedmont Friends Fellowship with a letter of intent (Salem Worship Group) and notification of the

formation of the Clearness Committee (Winston-Salem Monthly Meeting). Wendy will coordinate between the Meetings and the Clearness Committee.

### **PFF Contact Information:**

Robert Cooper offered to serve as a direct contact for PFF. The contact information can be placed on the PFF website (action item): Robert Cooper 130 Deerfield Drive, Spring Lake, NC 28390 Home Phone 910-496-1673 Cell Phone 910-977-2339 email: [robertcooper@centurylink.net](mailto:robertcooper@centurylink.net).

### **Meeting enrichment and Quaker Quest workshop.**

Kristin Olsen-Kennedy (Davidson Friends Meeting) offers a Meeting enrichment workshop (as she delivered at the March Annual Meeting for PFF). Please let your Meetings know that she can be contacted for this opportunity ([jfkkmok@mindless.com](mailto:jfkkmok@mindless.com)). Kristin's workshop was well received at the annual meeting in March. FGC offers Quaker Quest and Fit for Freedom workshops and information is available on the FGC website. Debbie Parker (Durham Friends Meeting) is a trained facilitator for the Fit for Freedom workshop and she will help your Meeting work with FGC to schedule the workshop. Her contact information is [flyingfree67@yahoo.com](mailto:flyingfree67@yahoo.com). Charlotte Monthly Meeting is organizing a Quaker Quest Workshop (date to be announced).

### **Reconsideration of NC Council of Churches:**

Does PFF want to participate as a denominational base for Friends or does PFF want to serve as a clearinghouse for communications? NCYM-FUM has participated at the state level. Does PFF want to be a conduit for information? Does this mean that PFF would send a representative to the NC Council of Churches? How would the relationship between PFF and NC C of C be structured? Role could be confused. A single representative to their gathering does seem to suggest a corporate function for PFF. Because the Council of Churches does not typically deal with individual churches, it would seem that PFF would be the organizational entity with which the CofC can connect. In the last minutes of the PFF Representative Body, it was stated that Wendy, Clerk, would contact Virginia Driscoll to explore options for state interfaith issues. These minutes read "The Clerk will also contact Virginia Driscoll, Co-Clerk of CIRC, Christian and Interfaith Relations Committee, of FGC to find out how bodies within FGC looked at this question of interfaith and ecumenical organizations. Friends noted that one cannot have an influence if one is not represented within the organization."

Action item: Wendy will seek this information from Virginia as well as ask small group to create a descriptive lists of NC statewide faith groups that do peace and social justice work. Sue Adley-Warrick agreed to convene this ad hoc committee of Wendy Michener and Tod Carley. They will report their findings in August in the representative body meeting and will consider a fall or spring presentations with the query What is PFF called to do?

### **Report on Yearly Meeting status:**

John Hunter reported that the subcommittee (Marian Beane) will be looking forward to this summer and will report to the Representative Body Meeting in August. John Hunter is currently visiting meetings throughout the state. He asked the question, What do our Meeting affiliations mean? He led a forum today about Affiliations at Durham Friends Meeting before this Rep Bod meeting. If PFF was to a Yearly Meeting and Association, could that bring a role for bringing yearly meetings together in North Carolina?

### **Nominations Committee Report:**

Marian Beane and Robert Cooper are convening this committee:

Jan Blodgett and Terry Mehlman are two of the 3 representatives to Central Committee with the hopes of naming an adult young Friend as the third. The position of Recording Clerk is still open. A position of Assistant Clerk is an attractive option for further discussion to help Wendy Michener. Tod Carley asked for consideration of his name as the third representative to FGC CC and as the Assistant Clerk. Action item: Karen McKinnon will forward Tod's contact information to the Nominating Committee.

**FGC Central Committee Representatives report:**

Terry Mehlman serves on the Central Committee Publications and Distribution subcommittee. Terry presented this committee was charged to pay 75% of their own way and thus they were required to develop a business plan and budget. The subcommittee will be recommending to Central Committee that three avenues be established to obtain approval for publication with Quaker Press: 1) the traditional book proposal that is fully vetted by FGC; 2) A second pathway that is a collaborative process with monthly meeting or other clearness committees within FGC. This pathway would required that they would assume some of the start up costs – revenues would be shared back with FGC and the author. 3) The third pathway to publication would be through the staff at Quaker Press that would offer services to an author (editing and book design) contracted on a per piece basis. The position of publications manager for Quaker Press has been filled by the recent recruitment of Alyson Scott.

Jan Blodgett: Jan noted that publications from Quaker Press is a critical part of FGC – a ministry, not just a business. Jan serves on the current Ministry and Nurture subcommittee. At their recent retreat the committee asked what subcommittee work needs to continue as this one is laid down? They have made their report to Central Committee and are awaiting further action. FGC is financially sound and is worthy

David Bailey and Karen McKinnon reported from the Long Range Conference Planning committee that the 2010 will meet at Bowling Green University in Ohio, 2011 will meet at Grinnell, Iowa, and the 2012 Gathering will be in the East, and hopefully near Colorado in 2013. The theme for the Iowa Gathering is “Meeting in the Center” and ideas that come to mind around that theme can be sent to [kmck@med.unc.edu](mailto:kmck@med.unc.edu) who is serving on that Gathering Committee.

**Treasurer's report:** The Treasurer position is in transition from Tommy Kagan to Robert Cooper who now has all the archival information. 4K in self help credit unit and 4K in BB@T.

Analysis of the Annual Meeting 2010 Expenses:

Spring retreat income totaled 2697.00

Expenses: 1000 deposit + 3236 cost totals \$4236.00. There is one outstanding deposit of \$486 (Karen McKinnon)

Food was \$500.00.

Thus the 2010 retreat cost PFF \$6000.00 and therefore two thousand was lost on the event. Friends realized that the cost per person sleeping at Camp New Hope was not covered by the registration fee. The decision to not charge fees for the large number of children under the age of 18 was also a major factor in the deficit. The price of food was amazingly low for the number of people fed. The financial planning of the annual meeting needs attention.

Durham Friends Meeting coordinators would like to continue the Youth Program. These coordinators have already checked the 2011 calendar and found that March 20<sup>th</sup> is

suitable for recruiting more teens and by announcing the date now, it will help prevent conflicts in the many Meeting schedules in PFF.

Action items: New Hope availability will be assessed by Wendy Michener immediately for this date.

Robert Cooper will bring a proposal to the August Representative Body Meeting with a recommendation for insurance for PFF for more than the annual meeting coverage.

Cost and location of annual meeting – Friends discussed the options to return to Quaker Lake although fees have increased and it is not clear if policies have changed to make this location an option for PFF. Friends considered the value of the community cooking experience and consideration of other sites for the weekend of March 20.

Action Item: David Bailey and Karen McKinnon will bring other options to the August Meeting (Camp Chestnut Ridge, Guilford College, and Carolina Friends, Camp Royal, Camp Rock Fish, Camp Kanata, Camp Celo UNCG has a summer camp that might be available, Lake Junaluska, Brown Summit State Park. Jane Norwood will contact Quaker Lake. Please let David and Karen know if there are other ideas that emerge.

**NCYM – FUM Patricia Sebens:**

Year of Peace 2010 George Fox's letter to the Government of Barbados – first Sunday in May but it is continuing on. Activities include an essay contest and a new poster. There are several grassroots efforts that are using materials such as Faith into Action, Waging Peace, FWCC's Focus on Peace as study materials. Poster available for all on the NCYM-FUM website under the peace committee.

**NCYM-C:**

Week after Gathering at Guilford College focusing on Art and Artistic Expression – looking for workshops. Please inform your meeting, particularly if someone is interested in having a workshop. Refer meetings to on the NCYM-C website. July 14-18<sup>th</sup>.

**2010 Fall Day Retreat the first week of November:**

A possible theme could be: What are some choices that Meetings can take in faith and social justice? There could be a local project that could be on the top of the August agenda. Think hard about this until the August Meeting.

**Wendy Michener: Sex Offender's Letter to the Editor:**

Please distribute to the Meetings for consideration. Action Item: The Clerk can send the letter to the PFF Rep Bod for distribution.

**PFF Directory:** David Bailey will work with Robert Cooper. Please bring any directory changes from your Meeting to the August Meeting.

Terry Mehlman: Meetings with Long Range Planning Committees need to confer with Chapel Hill Meeting who would like to initiate such a committee. Representatives pointed out that Durham and Raleigh and Friendship and New Garden have had Long Range Planning Committees.

**The next representative body meeting** will be in August 22<sup>nd</sup> : Charlotte/Fayetteville. John Hunter will ask Marion Beane if this date and location is acceptable with Charlotte Friends. If not, Fayetteville has agreed to host Representative Body.

Piedmont Friends Fellowship Representative Body Minutes Appreciation to Raleigh Friends Meeting for the welcoming worship and the delicious potluck at the rise of Meeting for Worship. The Meeting closed with worshipful silence.

Karen McKinnon, Recording Clerk