

Piedmont Friends Fellowship

**Representative Body Meeting
June 8, 2014 – 1:00**

New Garden Friends Meeting, Greensboro, NC

<u>Attending</u>	<u>Meeting</u>
John Hunter	Durham
Karen McKinnon	Durham
Micah Barnhill-Wright	Durham
Marian Beane	Charlotte
Barbara Gardiner	Davidson
Marshall Eddelman	Fancy Gap
Tony Lowe	Fancy Gap
Mike Wilson	Fancy Gap
Charles Reid	Fancy Gap
Colby Solomon	Fancy Gap
Robert Cooper	Fayetteville
Joan Tillotson	Friendship
Karen Garraputa	New Garden
Patricia Sebens	New Garden/Fancy Gap
Virginia Driscoll	New Garden
Tom Kagan	Raleigh
Jeff Brown	Chapel Hill

The meeting opened after a period of silent worship.

Clerk John Hunter welcomed representatives.

Friends had no comments on the Minutes of the Representative Body Meeting on March 16, 2014.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Kagan reported that total cash and bank accounts amounted to \$17,485.79 as of 5/31/2014. Expenses from the March retreat were \$2,916.47 or \$479.98 less than retreat income. Income includes \$250 in donations since our last meeting. The Treasurer's Report is attached.

Report of the Ad Hoc PFF Website Committee

The new PFF website is complete and running successfully. Friends expressed appreciation for the solution by the Ad Hoc Committee. Representatives approved laying down the Ad Hoc committee. Website maintenance will need attention and will be added to future Representative Body meeting agendas.

Report of the Yearly Meeting Formation Committee

The report by the Yearly Meeting Formation Committee at the Annual Meeting included a history of PFF and considerations about yearly meeting formation. A

timeline and process were included. Those documents are online.

In April a letter of invitation to consider affiliation with Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting (PFYM) went to Clerks of PFF member meetings and worship groups. Meetings are seriously considering the invitation. The invitation asks each meeting to reply as to where each meeting is in their discernment process. If there is clarity, a minute is requested.

The Formation Committee will continue to meet through 2014 in support of the Representative Body of Yearly Meeting. The first Representative Body meeting of PFYM will take place in September.

To clarify understanding, Friends discussed the role of PFF. PFF will continue to be the broader, more inclusive body for PFF member meetings and worship groups. Yearly meeting formation is in addition to the fellowship and does not replace the fellowship. For more information, Representatives are advised to review the online documents and if needed, consult first with Marian Beane and then John Hunter.

The committee's report is attached.

Report on Listserv

Micah Barnhill-Wright reported that there are two listservs (group email addresses): one for PFF Representatives and one for Clerks of member meetings and worship groups. Changes in representatives and clerks need to be e-mailed to Micah Barnhill-Wright to keep the listservs current. The PFF Directory is a separate document for the website for reference purposes.

In a related concern, Friends discussed the value of having contact information for PFF Representatives online versus privacy issues of Representatives. Friends may discuss this further in August.

Youth Program Coordinator

PFF previously approved formation of a youth program to include creation of a job description, and hiring a youth coordinator. PFF is led to pause to take time to consider an initiative whereby PFF and Conservative Yearly Meeting would collaborate on a youth program. This item is on the agenda of Conservative Yearly Meeting in July. Meanwhile, PFF will continue to develop a job description.

United Church of Christ (UCC) Lawsuit against the State of North Carolina

Friends had a long discussion about the Quaker history of separation of church and state and implications of North Carolina's ban on same-sex marriage.

PFF Representative Body supports in principle the United Church of Christ in its lawsuit against the State of North Carolina in opposition to State Constitution Amendment 1 for the purpose of assuring separation of church and state.

John will compose a minute of formal support for the UCC lawsuit and distribute it to the Representative Body along with supporting materials for review and comment by

email. If there is unity in adopting the minute, PFF will send the minute and materials to Meeting Clerks for their meeting's discernment.

Planning for November Retreat

Review of a survey following the annual retreat included discussion of suggestions for improvement. Respondents suggested "more advanced planning and publicity, especially to youth." To that end, Karen Garraputa, Joan Tillotson, Jeff Brown, and Bob Cooper will lead and begin planning for the November retreat. Speakers of interest to youth include Christina Repoley, Executive Director of Quaker Voluntary Service. Another potential speaker for November or March is Mary Kay Glazer on spiritual disciplines.

Planning for March will be on the agenda for August. The planning group identified in March is expected to report in August.

Fancy Gap Worship Group

PFF is willing to work with Fancy Gap Friends on issues related to becoming a monthly meeting. Virginia Driscoll, Karen McKinnon, John Hunter, and Marian Beane volunteered to assist Tony Lowe and Fancy Gap Friends.

Nominating Committee

Marian reiterated that PFF is seeking a Friend to serve as PFF Treasurer and another Friend to serve on the FGC Central Committee on PFF's behalf.

Bank Accounts

PFF approved an authorization for Tommy Kagan or his successor to make a judgment about a suitable bank with convenient offices for PFF bank accounts and to bring a recommendation to the next meeting.

Announcements

Friends thanked New Garden Meeting for hosting this meeting.

Friends General Conference is later than usual. The dates are July 5 through July 11, 2015 at Western Carolina University. Joe and Terry Graedon are leading the planning.

Future Meeting Dates

August 24, 2014 at Wilkes County Friends Meeting with a backup of Catawba Valley
November 1, 2014 in Durham
January 18, 2015 – TBD

The meeting closed with worship.

Jeff Brown
Recording Clerk

Attachments

1. Treasurer's Report
2. Yearly Meeting Formation Committee Report

PFF Treasurer's Report by Tom Kagan

Summary and additions to the P.F.F. Treasurer's report dated 6/07/2014 for presentation at the 06/08/2014 P.F.F. Representative Meeting.

Our total cash balance has increased since the last report by \$3651.62 to a new total of \$17485.79. Our outflow was \$2916.47 from the Spring Retreat, which has already been figured into the above cash balance.

Donations from Members have totaled \$250.00 since our last meeting including donations from New Garden, and Salem Creek. This has also been included in the above cash balance.

<u>Assets</u>	
PNC Bank	\$ 9,300.85
SHCU	<u>\$ 8,184.94</u>
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	<u>\$ 17,485.79</u>
Other Assets	
Super 8	\$ -
TOTAL Other Assets	\$ -
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 17,485.79</u>
LIABILITIES	\$ -
Net Worth	<u>\$ 17,485.79</u>

Retreat Numbers

Spring Retreat Total Income	\$3,396.25
Spring Retreat Expenses	
Food	\$1,283.44
Housing	\$1,143.52
Child care	\$170.00
New Garden reimburse/apprec.	\$ 300.00
Misc, copies	\$ 19.51
Total Expenses	\$ 2,916.47
Retreat Income vs. Expenses	\$ 479.98

NOTE: Spring Retreat Numbers have already been figured into the Net Worth shown above!!

Report from Yearly Meeting Formation Committee To PFF Representative Body

June 8, 2014

The Yearly Meeting Formation Committee presented its report on the formation of Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting (PFYM) at the annual PFF meeting in March. The report included a brief history of PFF's considerations of yearly meeting, a vision statement and set of core values (elements) for the yearly meeting, and an organizational relationship document for PFF & PFYM. The latter document includes a time line for establishment of PFYM. These documents are posted on PFF's website for review by anyone with interest.

Following the indicated time line in April a letter of invitation to affiliate with PFYM along with the aforementioned documents was prepared by Marian Beane, clerk of the Formation Committee and John Hunter, clerk of PFF and sent to all PFF affiliated monthly meetings and worship groups. Meetings were asked to minute their response to the invitation and if clear to affiliate to name up to 3 yearly meeting representatives. A response from meetings/worship groups by early to mid-August was requested in order to help in the planning of the first meeting of the YM representative body in September. Meetings who have not yet reached clarity are invited to participate in the representative meeting even as they continue in their discernment. It is expected that the representative body will meet periodically through the year in preparation for the first annual meeting in March of 2015.

The Yearly Meeting Formation Committee, as reported in March, intends to continue meeting for this next year in order to support the yearly meeting formation process. At its May meeting the Committee identified elements yearly meeting formation, which ones the Formation Committee should take up, which are the purview of the yearly meeting, and where the Formation Committee and yearly meeting body might collaborate. The Committee will next meet on Sunday, July 20th at New Garden Meeting. One its main tasks will prepare a draft agenda for the September yearly meeting representative body meeting.

Report prepared by Marian Beane, clerk
Yearly Meeting Formation Committee

Yearly Formation Committee Members (as appointed by their respective meetings)

Marian Beane	Charlotte Friends
Julie Stafford	Charlotte Friends
Sandy Kohn	Charlotte Friends
Dorothy Mason	New Garden Friends
Debbie Parvin	New Garden Friends
Martin King	Raleigh Friends
Carol Morris	Raleigh Friends
Jennifer Lilly	Raleigh Friends
John Cardarelli	Salem Creek Friends
Dee Edelman	Salem Creek Friends
Dick/Christina Connell	Salem Creek Friends
John Hunter	Durham Friends
Doris & Mike Wilson	Upstate Friends
Barbara Gardiner	Davidson Friends
Dan Perry	Spring Friends