

**Piedmont Friends Fellowship
Representative Body Meeting**

August 23, 2009

Salem Friends

Sally Ferrell	Wilkes
Joan Tillotson	Charlotte
David Bailey	Friendship
Marian Beane	Charlotte
Tom Kegan	Raleigh
Elizabeth Osbourne	Spring Friends
Dottie Hobson	
Tim Traynor	(WS Friends affiliating with PFF)
Linda Idom	
Dee Edleman	
Virginia Driscoll	NG Central Cte representative
Linda Whisnant	NG
Trish Semans	NG
Bob Cooper	Fayetteville Friends Mtg
Meg Zulick	Salem Worship Group
Kristan Olsen Kennedy	Davidson
Karen McKinnon	Durham

Agenda:

Treasurer's Report

Winston-Salem Friends Meeting

Salem Worship Group

November at Winston Salem Friends Meeting: Quaker Quest

Central Committee Oct. 22-25th FGC

PFF Consideration of Yearly Meeting

Topics of Minutes of Last Meeting

Treasurer's Report:

Tom presented copies for each representative to take back to the heir respective meetings. Total of both bank accounts is \$6939.30 . Karen McKinnon will be reimbursed for the cost of food for the PFF Annual Retreat $254 + 478 = \$732.26$. Total food for the retreat was increased by the cost of catering due to unforeseen accidents. The Self Help Credit Union needs Wendy Michener to sign a form that we are still an active organization. Tom will send it in to SHCU. We need a signed statement from the Clerks that Tom Kegan or the new treasurer to have signing power and correspondent. Tom Kegan has prepared a set of instructions for a potential named Treasurer. Please remind Meetings of the correct address all correspondence to the proper person. A note should be sent out to all Meetings to remind them of their commitment as well as the correct address. Tom will post his email and mailing address to the yahoo address.

Winston Salem Friends Meeting:

Winston Salem FM is moving forward at a reasonable speed to request affiliation with PFF. A Friend from Baltimore Yearly Meeting visited Winston Salem Friends Meeting and answered questions about FGC governance and expenses associated with affiliation. WFSM Clerk from Ministry and Council will contact Wendy Michener.

Salem Worship Group / Friends Meeting

The Salem Friends Worship Group had now transitioned to a preparative meeting under Friendship Meeting. They are already a member of PFF. They are beginning the clearness process of becoming a monthly meeting in October. Over the course of the summer, Salem visited PFF, NCYM and SAYMA annual meetings.

Communications:

David Bailey asked for updates to the PFF directory Email: Terry Melhmen will be asked to prepare a Primer for the PFF Yahoo listserve: How to add names, remove names, to direct email to individuals on the listserve, and add attachments (rtf or txt). Website Clerk for PFF needs to be named. Robert Cooper volunteered to work with Tom Kegan to establish the website protocol in collaboration with the former web clerk Marty Hube. Word Press (free site) and other sites are possible.

School of the Spirit:

PFF has received two applications for scholarship support from two meetings on behalf of Friends to attend the School of the Spirit. These scholarship requests are balanced with other scholarship requests in the range of \$200 hundred dollars. It is the hope of PFF that these monies will show the support of the spiritual gifts that will return to PFF member meetings. Friends approve.

PFF Annual Gathering: March 12-14, 2010

We have engaged space at Camp New Hope for our annual retreat in March. Various buildings are rented for our use: Fleming, May (15), Hickory (16), Walnut may be used (16), and Oak (kitchen and living room only) could be used for breakfast. Durham Friends Meeting (Karen Stewart) has offered to take responsibility for the youth program and will be inviting NCYMC youth as well.

The PFF Fall Retreat:

The fall PFF retreat will be at the Winston Salem Friends Meeting, 3151 Reynolda Road on November 7th. (This is a good way for a meeting to make itself known.) PFF must consider the hospitality for FGC representative coming to present at the Quaker Quest introductory workshop. Child care and age need to be considered (space available, but no program). Kristin and Tim will prepare a flyer that will announce a program 9:30 to 12:30, lunch in an hour, and time afterward for Quaker Quest spiritual enrichment will occur with the larger body of Friends while the PFF reps meet until four pm. Registration fee of ten dollars is set for each person, but PFF will pay for costs beyond. (Lunch and QQ). Dottie Hibb and Tim Traynor will coordinate hospitality for the FGC staff.

FGC Central Committee Representatives:

Central Committee representative for 3rd years - Jan Blodgett (2010) Terry Mehlman (2011) will be continuing. Nominating Committee could approach Debbie to serve from 2009 to 2012. Karen McKinnon will confirm interest with Debbie Parker. Other PFF representatives are Marian Beane and Virginia Driscoll (co-opted). Virginia Driscoll agreed to be the representative for PFF to Executive Committee of Central Committee. Wendy Michener will not attend this year because of the trial for her arrest for an immigration protest in Alamance County. Friends are encouraged to hold Wendy in the light during this process. Wendy will post this information on the PFF listserv.

Nominating Committee for Treasurer and CC rep to replace Jan Blodgett: Marian Beane and Robert Cooper, Treasurer from now until 2012. Still looking for a Friend for recording clerk.

Letter for Yearly Meeting Queries from Ad Hoc Committee:

David Bailey introduced a draft of questions for PFF meetings/worship groups concerning PFF becoming a Yearly meeting. A cover letter will be sent to Monthly Meetings to open this issue for discussion. Does the format of this document and its queries reflect the message that we want to send. Friends approve with the correction of the addition of a paragraph at the end that says that we are holding all in the light during this spiritual discernment. The date for the responses to the letter February 1st so that the PFF representatives may consider the issue in late January or early February. Friends approve sending a cover letter and the copies of the queries to the Clerks of each Monthly Meeting and the Clerks of the Ministry and Councils of each Monthly Meeting by letter, and copy the PFF representatives by email. The Ad Hoc Committee will receive and collate the responses.

Appreciation:

We minute our appreciation of Salem Friends for hosting this meeting of the representative body of PFF on this August 23, 2009.

Announcements:

Davidson is hosting a talk on John Woolman by Max Carter Monday, October 5th in Davidson. Raleigh Meeting's annual Falls Lake Picnic is coming up in September and all are invited.

Karen McKinnon, Recording Clerk