

Piedmont Friends Fellowship

**Representatives Body Meeting
August 25, 2013 – 1:00**

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, Chapel Hill, NC

Attending

John Hunter
Bob Cooper
Marian Beane
Jane Norwood
Martin Doherty
Suebear Hebner
Karen Garraputa
Barbara Gardiner
Patricia Sebens
Michah Barnhill-Wright
Tony Lowe
Ken Bradstock
Annette Broadwell
Jeff Brown

Meeting

Durham
Fayetteville
Charlotte
Rockingham County
Charlotte
Friendship
New Garden
Davidson
New Garden and Fancy Gap
Durham
Fancy Gap
Fancy Gap
Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill

The meeting opened after a period of silent worship.

Distribution of Minutes

For the Minutes from June 15, 2013, Marian has minor points for clarification that she will send to Jeff, but no substantive changes to the Minutes. John Hunter reminded Friends that the minutes of Representative Body meetings are available on the PFF website, and he will send Minutes to the representatives as well.

Treasurer's Report (Bob Cooper)

Bob Cooper presented a Summary and Additions to the PFF Treasurer's report dated 07-31-2013, and the Statement of Receipts and Expenditures, and the PFF Net Worth Statement (attached). The Representative Body has raised concerns about the social responsibility of PNC Bank where PFF holds a checking account. The Treasurer recommends that PFF change its checking account from PNC Bank to Carter Bank and Trust. This recommendation and consideration of a letter to PNC Bank will be on the agenda of the November meeting of the PFF Representative Body. Friends approved his report.

Listing of Attenders at the PFF Annual Retreat (Jeff Brown)

The task has been completed and will be supplemented by more email addresses obtained from on-site registration forms.

PFF List serve Administration Transfer (Micah Barnhill-Wright)

Micah Barnhill-Wright is taking responsibility for administration of the PFF list serve. His email address is Micah.barnhill.wright@gmail.com. Friends will make sure that new PFF representatives are added to the list serve by contacting Micah.

Ad Hoc Committee for Yearly Meeting Concerns or Yearly Meeting Formation Committee (Marian Beane)

Marian presented a report on progress of the Yearly Meeting Formation Committee. Work includes development of a document for core value statements. The other key pieces are clarification of structure and relationships. Her report is attached.

Nominating Committee Report (Marian Beane)

PFF has two representatives serving on the FGC Central Committee: Karen McKinnon and Suebear Hebner. PFF has an opportunity to nominate a third representative, but has not yet found a Friend to serve. If by the middle of September a Friend is led to serve, representatives are prepared to approve a third representative to the Central Committee via email.

The Nominating Committee continues to seek a new treasurer for PFF and a Friend to maintain the PFF Directory.

PFF Planning Committee Report (John Hunter)

The PFF Planning Committee intends to meet soon to organize and look ahead to the Annual PFF Retreat.

Progress Report on Discussions with New Garden Friends Meeting hosting PFF Annual Meeting (Karen Garraputa)

Karen reported that there is informal agreement that New Garden Meeting is willing and able to host the PFF Annual Meeting. She plans to take a proposal to New Garden's Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business in September to confirm hosting and the date (March 14-16).

Youth Programming (Karen Garraputa, Jeff Brown)

At the last Representatives Meeting, Friends expressed intentions to explore a new approach to youth programming for PFF. Karen reported that there is no progress to date, but there will be movement on this issue shortly.

Introduction of Fancy Gap Meeting Representatives and discussion of steps toward accomplishing their desire for membership in PFF.

Fancy Gap Meeting members Tony Lowe, Ken Bradstock, and Trish Sebens described their Meeting and status. Fancy Gap Meeting has been meeting for nine years and is a member of NC Yearly Meeting FUM. Fancy Gap has discerned common progressive interests with PFF members and would like take steps toward a formal connection. Fancy Gap seeks support, oversight, and fellowship from like-minded, welcoming Friends. PFF

has been inclusive, welcoming, and comfortable with differences in faith and practice among PFF members.

The next steps toward membership in PFF are for PFF volunteers to go to Fancy Gap Meeting, attend Meeting for Worship, and discuss membership. Friends came forward to serve on a committee to visit Fancy Gap: Barbara, Martin and tentatively Marian. The committee will report to PFF Representative Body in November. Barbara will get in touch Tony to work out the details.

Planning for Fall Retreat on November 2, 2013 (John Hunter)

Scott Holmes has agreed to conduct the program on social justice issues. He has applied Quaker practice as a defense attorney and has worked with indigents. John expects that he will challenge Friends to live their testimonies.

The meeting will be at Davidson Friends Meeting, starting at 9:00 AM (program and worship promptly at 9:30). The new Meeting House is located at 625 South Street, Davidson, two miles off I-77. Small rooms are available for break-out segments as needed. Lunch (for about 50) will be prepared by the host Meeting (12:00-12:30). \$10 donations will be accepted. The Representative Body will meet at 1:00 PM, while other Friends may be inclined to continue discussion after lunch. Child care will be offered (please contact Davidson Friends Meeting). Barbara offered that hospitality can be available for an overnight stay (contact Barbara).

For publicity, Karen will produce a flyer in multiple formats and text for Meeting newsletters. John will determine the title soon. Representatives will print and post flyers, announce the event, and get on Meeting calendars. Jeff will coordinate with John and Karen to generate an email message to Friends who attended the spring retreat. It would be good to know approximate lunch attendance (RSVP to be determined).

Announcements

PFF Representatives expressed appreciation to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting for hosting the meeting today.

Jeff Brown
Recording Clerk

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See next page for attachments.

Summary and additions to the P.F.F. Treasurer's report dated 07-31-2013 for presentation at the 8-25-2013 P.F.F. Representative Meeting.

Our total cash balance has decreased since the last report by \$1,047.05 to a new total of \$13,718.37.

Donations from Members have totaled \$200 since our last meeting including donations from Fayetteville and Rockingham. Other receipts consist of interest of just over \$6.

Expenditures to report since our last meeting were that our assistance to people to attending the FGC gathering totaled \$100 more than had been reported last time for a total of \$1,450 this year.

I have also checked into the possibility of changing banks, not only to save a \$3 per month service fee(which I found was due to us not maintaining a minimum balance that I was not aware we needed to have), but also to be at a more socially responsible bank, and recommend we change to Carter Bank and Trust, which has free checking, received no money in the Bank bailout, offers free checking to all with no minimum balances and has offices in the Triangle and across the Carolinas.

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the Period 01-01-2013 through 7-31-2013

Receipts

Interest Income	\$	19.24
<u>Membership Donations</u>		
Chapel Hill Meeting	\$	150.00
Durham Meeting	\$	1,100.00
Fayetteville Meeting	\$	100.00
Friendship Meeting	\$	350.00
New Garden Meeting	\$	487.50
Raleigh Friends Meeting	\$	200.00
Rockingham County Meeting	\$	100.00
Salem Creek Friends Meeting	\$	75.00
Upstate	\$	25.00
Wilkes County Meeting	\$	50.00
Total Receipts:Membership Donations	\$	<u>2,637.50</u>
<u>Retreats and Workshops</u>		
<u>Spring Retreat</u>		
Attender's Fees	\$	2,550.00
FCG Bookstore	\$	265.83
Food and Other donations	\$	242.60
Total Receipts: Spring Retreat	\$	<u>3,058.43</u>
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Total Receipts	\$	<u>5,715.17</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Fall Retreat:Program 2012	\$	<u>100.00</u>
Total Fall Retreat	\$	<u>100.00</u>
<u>General Expenditures</u>		
Donations	\$	300.00
Donations to FCG	\$	100.00
Donations to Quaker House	\$	200.00
Total Donations	\$	<u>600.00</u>
Financial Assistance FGC Gathering	\$	1,450.00
<u>Other Expenses-Bank and Office Supplies</u>		
Expenditures:General Expenditures:Other Expenses:Bank Service Charges	\$	<u>3.00</u>
Total Other Expenditures-Bank and Office Supplies	\$	<u>3.00</u>
Total General Expenditures	\$	<u>2,053.00</u>

Retreats and Workshops

Spring Retreat

Children's Program	\$ 173.54
FGC Bookstore	\$ 227.35
Financial Assistance	\$ 20.00
Food	\$ 1,277.29
Spring Retreat:Housing Costs	<u>\$ 1,127.20</u>
Total Expenditures Spring Retreat	<u>\$ 2,825.38</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 4,978.38</u>
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures	<u>\$ 736.79</u>

Breakdown of Spring Retreat Results-excess of Receipts over Expenditures

FGC Bookstore	\$ 38.48
Overall	\$ 233.05

PFF Net Worth As of 5/31/2013

Account

ASSETS

PNC Bank	\$ 6,612.18
SHCU	<u>\$ 8,153.24</u>
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	<u>\$ 14,765.42</u>
Other Assets	
Super 8	\$ -
TOTAL Other Assets	\$ -
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LIABILITIES	\$ -
OVERALL TOTAL	<u>\$ 14,765.42</u>

Report to PFF representative body on the Yearly Meeting Formation Committee
25th of eighth month, 2013

An open and loving spirit continues to be present among those participating on the Yearly Meeting Formation Committee as we worship together, seek to listen deeply to Spirit and to each other, and speak from a place of love and openness. We are mindful that other Friends including the PFF representative body are holding this yearly meeting formation work in light and prayer. For that we are grateful. It is our hope that this same spirit will continue to be evident as we move forward into the life of the yearly meeting that is being formed

In June I reported that the Formation Committee had drafted a set of core values for the yearly meeting. They include: 1) inclusivity with a spirit of openness and transparency, 2) commitment to use of Quaker practices in worship, business and use of queries, 3) building and carrying for a loving community within the meeting and in our outreach, 4) focus on spirit and being spirit-led, 5) appropriate yearly meeting structure and supportive relationship to its member monthly meetings and to the larger Quaker community including PFF. 6) What practices and expressions will be relevant as a 21st Century Yearly Meeting?

In July the Formation Committee worshiped with Salem Creek Friends and broke bread together along with other delicious edibles prior to taking up its work. The Committee's attention was on seasoning the aforementioned draft of core values and considering how best to share the core values document with meetings represented on the Formation Committee and with all of Piedmont Friends Fellowship. Following this meeting the core value statements document was distributed to all meetings intending to affiliate with the yearly meeting for information purposes and also to provide a sense of how the work if proceeding. Paragraphs that expand on each core value statements are currently being prepared and will be considered by the Formation Committee at the September 29th meeting in Charlotte. Following that meeting the Committee expects to have the core value document ready for participating meetings to season and provide response prior to the Formation Committee's November meeting. This document will also be made available to all PFF representatives as information.

Participating meetings include: Salem Creek, Charlotte, Raleigh, New Garden, Spring, Durham, Davidson and Upstate Worship Group. The Formation Committee expects to continue its practice of meeting every other month including September (29th in Charlotte), November, January & March (dates & locations yet to be determined).

Report prepared by Marian Beane, clerk of the Yearly meeting Formation Committee