

Piedmont Friends Fellowship
Representative Body Meeting
Eighth Month 26, 2012
Spring Friends Meeting

Attending:

Robert Cooper
Wendy Michener
John Hunter, Clerk
Karen McKinnon
Marion Bean
Tommy Kagan
Karen Garaputa
Kristin Olson-Kennedy
Suebear Hebner
Annette Broadwell
Jeff Brown
Martin Doherty
Lyle Adley-Warrick
Barbara Gardiner
Isaac Little
Deborah Staves
Dottie Hobbs
Jane Norwood

Meeting:

Fayetteville
Fayetteville
Durham
Durham
Charlotte
Raleigh
New Garden
Davidson
Friendship
Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill
Charlotte
Raleigh
Davidson
Durham
Spring
Spring
Rockingham

At 1:00 Representative Body Meeting started with silent worship.

Agenda

Welcome and Introduction
Review/Request for additional agenda items
Review minutes of last Rep Body meeting
Discussion of Treasurer reporting expectations
Request of FGC for PFF member meeting membership data
Updates to PFF List Serve and Directory
Appointment of Nominating Committee to report in March
Discussion re: Establishment of standing Planning Committee for Adult programs and Annual Meeting, including a youth planning component
Report of Committee for Yearly Meeting Concerns
Fall Retreat planning:
 Venue and Date
 Specifics of Program "Quakers and Politics"
 Name coordinator and principles
Advance planning for March retreat
Other Business
Closing Worship

Minutes from Sixth Month 17, 2012 were shared in writing and reviewed. The minutes were accepted as written.

Reports

The clerk opened a discussion about the frequency of the Treasurer's Report, how often it is needed to report our financial status through out the year. The sense of the meeting is to have a financial report at each representative body meeting in addition to the yearly general meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was shared and accepted as written with appreciation. The report is attached to the minutes

FGC

FGC has requested a copy of the membership lists of our member meetings. Some monthly meetings have sent them on to FGC and some have not. The question was raised if the rep body has any responsibility with this request or not. It was suggested that representatives request of their meetings to send in the appropriate member/attender list to FGC. The sense of the meeting was to approve the suggestion. Wendy Mitchner will send out the original email from FGC to the representatives for them to forward this on to their meetings also.

The question was raised on how to have your name added to the list serve. A suggestion was made to add a person who attends our representative meeting to our webmaster list so that we have someone at the meeting who has some knowledge of our distribution list. Another suggestion was made to make a list of written directions so that people can add themselves to the list. John Hunter is going to contact Terry Mehlman to find out how to add people to the list serve. Isaac Little volunteered to help with computer communication of our representative body.

Nominating Committee

The current membership of the committee is Marion Bean, Robert Cooper, and Lyle Adley-Warrick. The membership of the committee was suggested to remain the same this year and also the committee was requested to make a recommendation on how to make nominations for and term of service for members of said committee. The sense of the body was to accept these suggestions.

Establishment of standing Planning Committee for Adult programs and Annual Meeting, including a youth planning component

The question was raised if a standing planning committee for adult programs and annual meeting, including a youth planning component should be set up or not. The question was raised should people who are not representatives be on the committee. Length of service on the committee was discussed. If this committee was created at the end of the yearly retreat then people who are not part of the representative body might be willing to join the committee. Should the nominating committee find a clerk of this committee for 2013 yearly meeting to plan the 2014 retreat? Concern was expressed about planning of the retreat being too far removed from the representative body. Details of the retreat can be planned outside of the rep body. What is the balance between the rep body and a

committee in planning the yearly retreat? It was brought up that the planning of the yearly retreat take up $\frac{3}{4}$ of meeting time in the year for the representative body. The question was raised could we create a committee so that the body was still involved in the planning but that less time of the body was spent on the planning. A question was raised as to how to get more young friends from New Garden to the retreat. Would moving the retreat to different places every year draw more people to the retreat? A question was raised as to the responsibility of the committee. A suggestion was given about the leading of the adult program of the retreat. Earlham School of Religion has a traveling ministry that is free to use. There is a long list of topics that professors of the college can come and lead a retreat about. The question of creating a committee for the yearly retreat will be revisited at our next meeting.

Report of the Committee for Yearly Meeting Concerns

At the last meeting it was agreed to move ahead with the creation of a PFF related yearly meeting. A letter was sent to those meetings who were specifically interested in the creation of a yearly meeting. The ad hoc committee sent out a communication to Raleigh, Rockingham, Charlotte and Upstate to meet Sept 30th. Other meetings are also invited to the meeting to be part of the process. Charlotte has offered to host the meeting. The question was raised were there any other meetings that would like to attend. The meeting is an open meeting to all who would like to attend on a Sunday afternoon for 3 hours from 1-4pm. The relationship between PFF and the new yearly meeting is still to be discerned and understood.

Fall Retreat Planning

Davidson is unable to host the fall retreat on Oct. 27th. It was considered to move the date, but there are not any other dates that worked as well as Oct 27th. A different venue was considered. New Garden and Charlotte were named as possibilities. One of the concerns is that meetings in South Carolina were considering coming because of the location in Davidson was closer to them. Karen Garaputa and Marion Bean will check availability of their meeting houses. New Garden is the first choice and Charlotte will be second choice for site of the fall retreat. The program will be Quakers and Politics. How and who will organize the program needs to be decided. Some of the suggestions are Rob Lamme a NC lobbyist, FCNL, Bill Rogers who is former president of Guilford College and involved with FCNL. There was interest in Quaker history and politics. Karen Garaputa will check with Bill Rogers to see if he is willing to make a presentation for the Fall retreat in the morning. The question was raised about the afternoon program. Questions were raised about the involvement of the youth in the fall retreat. The youth could use the time for fellowship and planning of the yearly retreat youth program. Isaac Little will talk with Rob Lamme about leading a discussion in the afternoon of the fall retreat about how we as Quakers involve ourselves in politics on a day-by-day basis.

Advance planning for the March Retreat

There was good response from last year's retreat evaluations on the site used, Friends School. Suggestions for the topic can be brought to the next meeting. Evaluations from last year need to be looked at for ideas for topic for next year.

Kristin Olson-Kennedy will clerk an ad hoc committee to gather topic ideas. Robert Cooper and Martin Doherty will also be on the committee. Friends want to keep in mind that larger meetings need to consider what responsibilities they are willing to take on for the children's/youth program. The youth would want to lead the Friday night icebreakers. The youth have also requested alternative activities to the dance on Saturday night. The sense of the meeting was to have the Yearly Retreat at the Carolina Friends School in Durham. Karen McKinnon will confirm with Friends School that they are available on March 15-17th, 2013.

PFF will support the youth in youth only activities. All Quaker youth, whether they are part of member meeting or not, will be welcome at all PFF activities.

Announcements

There will be 3 displays by Quakers in Charlotte during the Democratic National Convention in Spirit Square on North Tryon.

Durham Monthly Meeting will have a 75th anniversary celebration on Nov. 17th.

Chapel Hill will have a 75th anniversary and homecoming on Nov. 10th at Carolina Friends School.

Davidson Friends Meeting will have a Celebration and Open House for their new meetinghouse on Oct 28th.

Quaker House will have a send off for Chuck Fager on Nov. 17th. It will be a dessert potluck open house from 2-6pm.

Durham has Godly Play/Faith in Play training in Nov.

We thank Spring Meeting for hosting our meeting and us. We enjoyed our time in their newly renovated meetinghouse and will keep them in our hearts and prayers.

Future meeting Dates

Oct 27 at New Garden

Jan 27 at Rockingham

March 15-17 annual retreat at Carolina Friends School

The meeting was closed with silent worship.

Kristin Olson-Kennedy, Recording Clerk