

**Piedmont Friends Fellowship
Representative Body Meeting
August 28, 2011
Fayetteville Meeting
At Quaker House**

John Hunter	Durham
Bob Cooper	Fayetteville
Jane Norwood	Rockingham
Marian Beane	Charlotte
Wendy Michener	Fayetteville
Kristin Olson-Kennedy	Davidson
Karen McKinnon	Durham
Tommy Kagan	Raleigh
Suebear Hebner	Friendship
Susan Lees	Fayetteville
Lyle Adley-Warrick	Raleigh
Virginia Driscoll	New Garden
Martin Doherty	Charlotte

Agenda:

Chuck Fager has a request for money for self.
Donation to Quaker house.
Yearly Meeting and Association report.
School of the Spirit message.
Financial report.
Retreat in Nov.
Supporting our teens.
FGC gathering and Central Committee.
Adult young friends.
Charlotte Friends and Quaker leadership development.
Spring Retreat committee.

The Representative Body meeting started with a time of silent worship and then the agenda was created.

All people in the meeting introduced themselves.

Central Committee

Suebear Hebner, Virginia Driscoll, Marion Beane, Karen McKinnon, Jan Blodgett, and David Bailey will be attending FGC Central Committee Oct 27-29, 2011. Suebear Hebner requested funding for registration for Central Committee. The sense of the meeting was to fully fund the registration cost.

Chuck Fager's personal request

Chuck Fager's request for financial assistance for a group trip to visit with Cuban Friends in Havana, Cuba. It was read to the meeting. It was laid aside until after the financial report.

Financial Report

The Treasurer submitted a corrected report from the previous representative body meeting May 15th, 2011. Then a summary report was submitted. A Statement of Receipts and Expenditures from the beginning of the calendar year to 8/20/2011 was submitted. The last report submitted was the PFF 2011 budget analysis and prior years comparisons. The sense of the meeting was to accept all

the reports with much appreciation to the Treasurer. In a prior year it had been minuted to donate \$100 to FGC yearly. The last year that donation was made was 2006. It was suggested that we make up the lack of donation and donate \$500 this year, \$400 for the past years and \$100 for this year, and then to continue with an annual donation \$100. Michael Wajda is the contact person at FGC that the back donation should be sent to. The sense of the meeting was to approve this and to send a letter with both checks to explain them. It was also determined that we would keep our annual donation to FGC at \$100 for the current year.

Donations out of our remaining funds were discussed. Quaker House donation and Chuck Fager's request were specifically discussed. A suggestion was made to create a Finance working group to determine monetary guidelines for PFF. It was the sense of the meeting to take action on donation requests and to create the working group. Karen Garraputa, John Hunter, Marion Beane, Martin Doherty, and Wendy Mitchener have volunteered or were volunteered for the committee. Marion Beane will ask Karen if she is willing to be on and convene the committee. A one-time donation of \$300 to Quaker House was suggested as our last donation was in 2006. An ongoing yearly donation was also suggested. The sense of the meeting was to approve the one time donation and to give the financial working group the question about the yearly donation to Quaker House. The sense of the meeting was also to support the travel of Chuck Fager with \$400 in appreciation for all his work at Quaker House with the expectation of hearing of his travels when he returns.

School of the Spirit class Epistle

The epistle of the 8th class of the School of the Spirit *On Being a Spiritual Nurturer* was read and accepted with appreciation.

Adult Young Friends

A request was made for PFF to support a meeting or weekend retreat for young adult friends to meet and get to know one another. The age of young adult friends is often thought of 18-35 years. Support can be monetary, planning, or other ways. The minute about this topic from the last rep body meeting was read. John Hunter has not received young adult names from any meetings. The meeting reiterated their support for the gathering of young adults. Representatives are urged to send contact information that include phone number and email of all young adults in their home meetings to John Hunter. We are also inviting the planning committee to meet at the same time as our next rep body meeting in November.

Committee for Spring Retreat

The meeting agreed to return to Carolina Friends School for the Spring Retreat. The date of the Spring Retreat will be early to mid March. This date will be finalized by Karen McKinnon in discussion with CFS and their availability. Karen will contact the representative body as soon as this has been determined. The Spring retreat committee will be Bob Cooper, Karen McKinnon, and Kristin Olson-Kennedy. Karen Garraputa may also join the committee at a later date.

Fall Retreat

Charlotte Friends Meeting was thinking of creating a meeting or retreat on Quaker Leadership. It was then determined that PFF was looking at this same topic for their Fall Retreat. CFM is planning on developing a program. How does this help or affect PFF in their planning? Kristin Olson-Kennedy is willing to follow up with Karen Garraputa on her communication with Mike and Marsha Green. If this is not an option, Kristin is willing to contact FGC and see what opportunities

they have for our topic. The sense of the meeting is that we are willing to cover any retreat expenditures that are not covered by the registration fee. The meeting also approves Kristin Olson-Kennedy's suggestion to follow up on organizing the Fall Retreat. The retreat will be held Nov 5th at New Garden, Greensboro. The place of the retreat will be confirmed by Kristin Olson-Kennedy. Suebear Hebner will do computer support for the Fall Retreat.

Teen Committee Report

The teen committee report will be submitted at the November meeting. The purpose of this committee is to help plan the youth program at the Spring retreat. Representatives are urged to send the contact information for their teens in their meetings to John Hunter with the permission of their parents. This information will be used to contact the teens to urge them to participate in the Spring Retreat.

Yearly Meeting and Association

The ad hoc committee shared their report. There was a discussion about the report that included a desire for more specific information to be included, who the report was aimed at, how the report would be shared and discussed in monthly meetings, adding the history of member meeting in the report, and specific concerns of monthly meetings. A proposal was made to send the document back to the committee for revisions to the original document based on the discussion in the meeting, and to create a second document that would contain more history and details about the background of the desire to create a yearly meeting. A cover letter will also be created to explain the documents and what the committee is looking for the monthly meeting to do with the documents. Appreciation is minuted for all the hard work of the committee on this document. The sense of the representative body meeting was to accept the proposal for revisions.

Contacting Meeting that are not here

- 1) We miss their presence.
- 2) We request contact info for Adult young friends and Teens.
- 3) Yearly Meeting and Association proposal
- 4) Fall retreat and representative body meeting Nov. 5th

Virginia Driscoll	Spring Friends Meeting
Kristin Olson-Kennedy	Salem Friends Meeting
Wendy Mitchener	Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Tommy Kagan	Wilkes Friends Meeting
Marion Beane	Catawba Friends Worship Group
Jane Norwood	Winston-Salem Friends Meeting
Bob Cooper	Boone Friends Meeting
Martin Doherty	Upstate Friends Worship Group

Next Meeting

Nov. 5th at New Garden after the Fall Retreat. The body will meet after the retreat.

Kristin Olson-Kennedy, Recording Clerk