

Piedmont Friends Fellowship Yearly Meeting Formation Committee
24 November, 2014 Spring Friends

In Attendance:

Dick Connell	Salem Creek Friends
Christina Connell	Salem Creek Friends
Dan Perry	Spring Friends
Debbie Parvin	New Garden Friends
Julie Stafford-Highberg	Charlotte Friends
John Cardarelli	Salem Creek Friends
Gary Hornsby	Salem Creek Friends
Carol Morris	Raleigh Friends
Martin W King	Raleigh Friends
Marian Beane*	Charlotte Friends
Jennifer Lilly**	Raleigh Friends

*Convenor

**Recorder

Agenda

1. Opening worship
2. Time of spiritual sharing and regrets
3. Consideration of reports from Meetings on proposed Yearly Meeting Vision & Core Values
4. Report from PFF Representative Body on its consideration of proposed relationship of PFF and Yearly Meeting
5. Next steps in considering yearly meeting organization, structure and guiding principles
 - a. Lake Erie Yearly Meeting Document (and others)
6. Next Meeting Dates
 - a. January 26th
 - b. March - during annual retreat at New Garden Friends

The meeting began with a moment of silence.

Consideration of Reports

Christina Connell, Dee Edelman and John Hunter did the final editing on the draft 'vision & core elements' document that was sent by Marian to all PFF MM's and WG's asking for comment and response. Reports from meetings offered gratitude for the work that has already been done on the document and helpful suggestions to provide clarity of meaning and understanding and that spoke to the meetings sense of yearly meeting vision and core elements. There was also messages of strong unity with some elements of the document. We minuted our gratitude to meetings for taking time during their monthly meetings for business to give attention to this document and for their helpful response and guidance. Based on what we heard and our own leading we became clear on modifications that we wanted to make. Christina Connell agreed to take the notes from this meeting and provide a revised document for our next meeting.

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The committee would like to express appreciation to the individuals and meetings involved for their faithfulness and insight through this process and to help our work go forward.

PFF Report

Marian Beane reported that the PFF representative body had considered the document that was previously prepared and that laid out a general sense of relationship between PFF & the Yearly meeting. (see attached document). The PFF representative body received it favorably and encouraged the Yearly Meeting Formation Committee to proceed and to keep the representative body informed on matters related to yearly meeting structure and proposed relationship of PFF/Yearly Meeting to Friends General Conference. We agreed to consult with John Hunter as clerk of PFF to determine if there is any sense that this document also needs to be circulated to individual monthly meetings prior to moving forward.

Next Steps

Our meeting in January will focus on task to be accomplish by March including structure and officers and including such questions as:

- How does a meeting become a founding meeting of PFF (process for affiliation)?
 - Review the Lake Erie process
- What core committees would we need?
- Financial concerns
 - How much will it cost and what would be the financial obligations of members?
- How will we identify ourselves in the wider Quaker world?

Next Meeting Dates

January 26th - New Garden Friends

February 23rd - Salem Creek (tentative). To be determined at the January meeting.

March 14th-16th - Annual Retreat

Special thanks to Spring Friends for hosting our meeting and for lunch.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.