

Piedmont Friends Fellowship

**PFF Representative Body Meeting
January 18, 2015 – 1:00**

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Attending

John Hunter
Karen McKinnon
Linda Hunter
Marian Beane
Martin Doherty
Bob Cooper
Tom Kagan
Jeff Brown
Patricia Sebens
John Cardarelli

Meeting

Durham
Durham
Durham
Charlotte
Charlotte
Fayetteville
Raleigh
Chapel Hill
Fancy Gap and New Garden
Salem Creek

The meeting opened after a period of silent worship.

Clerk John Hunter welcomed representatives.

There were no corrections to the Minutes of the Representative Body Meeting on November 1, 2014.

The Clerk reminded representatives of the importance of maintaining the vitality of PFF as an essential organization for fellowship among Friends in the region and for programming for the new Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting. He invited ideas on ways to involve more Friends from our Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups. Meetings need more than one or two people to actively participate in sustaining PFF. Friends considered ways to clarify expectations for participating in PFF as well as FGC.

Report of the Yearly Meeting Representative Body

Marian Beane reported that Yearly Meeting Representative Body met yesterday, January 17, 2015. Member Meetings and Worship Groups to date are Salem Creek, Raleigh, Charlotte, Fancy Gap, New Garden, and Upstate. Durham and Chapel Hill representatives are actively participating as observers.

There is an interim report on proposed structure and a document on organization (on website) PFYM does not anticipate need for a budget or a treasurer for the first year or two as the Yearly Meeting evolves. Communication between PFYM and PFF will be important for integrating business and programs and for avoiding duplication. Structure is evolving gradually.

PFYM plans to hold its first Yearly Meeting on Saturday afternoon March 14, 2015. PFYM expects to approve its Vision and Core Elements and approve three officers (presiding clerk, assisting clerk, and recording clerk). Work will continue on planning

the first yearly meeting. The next PFYM representatives meeting will be February 28 at New Garden Friends Meeting.

FGC has indicated it is open to what PFF/PFYM proposes for representation on the FGC Central Committee. The suggested approach is that FGC representation will continue to be from PFF in coordination with PFYM. Friends acknowledged the challenge locally and nationally to find Friends willing and able to serve on representative bodies. Young adult Friends present a particular challenge to engage in face-to-face activities.

Listserv

John Hunter will contact Micah Barnhill-Wright to get a list of Friends on the listserv and ask representatives to confirm and update the information on the list.

Member Meetings

Friends are reminded that small meetings in PFF appreciate communication and personal visits as way opens. We are holding in the Light Friends in Rockingham County, in particular. Friends emphasized the importance of reaching out to Meetings like Rockingham, Catawba Valley and other small meetings in PFF.

Planning for the March, 2015 Annual Meetings

PFYM plans to meet on 3/14 after the adult program. The Yearly Meeting will be open to all Friends.

Mary Kay Glazer is confirmed as presenter of the adult program. The topic needs to be confirmed. The overall program theme will be "Seeking Wholeness."

Representatives reviewed the elements of the Spring Retreat and identified details and contacts for each. The responsibilities and coordinating Meetings are the following:

- a. Food (New Garden and Charlotte; Karen Garraputa and Marian Beane will coordinate)
- b. Children through 8th grade (Chapel Hill and Raleigh); also, Marian Beane will contact Jane Carter and New Garden Friends School to encourage participation
- c. Teen program (Durham)
- d. Publicity (Durham; John Hunter)
- e. Daily Program (Durham; John Hunter)
- f. Hospitality – (Durham; John Hunter)
- g. Registration – (Fayetteville and Chapel Hill; Jeff Brown will coordinate)
- h. Friday Evening Program (Fancy Gap, Salem Creek and Durham); the program will have an intergenerational focus and feature information about the FGC gathering and shared FGC experiences
- i. Saturday Evening Program (Charlotte, New Garden and Durham); the program will include a cemetery tour to visit our ancestors (Marian will contact Max Carter), bonfire (New Garden), and games (Karen McKinnon will contact Emily) including music download demonstrations
- j. Site coordination (New Garden; check with Virginia Driscoll)

- k. Coordination with Mary Kay Glazer (New Garden)
- l. Local transportation for Mary Kay Glazer and Eric Evans (Salem Creek; John Cardarelli will coordinate)

Treasurer's Report

Tom Kagen reported that total cash balance as of December 31, 2014 was \$18,451.50.

Representatives reviewed the practice of financial support for Friends attending FGC Gathering. First, an applicant for the Gathering seeks funding from his or her monthly meeting. Then the representative or Clerk of the monthly meeting should contact the treasurer of PFF if additional support is needed for that Friend. Financial support is not an entitlement. It is intended for a Friend who plans to attend and needs financial assistance. The standard rates are \$150 for an individual and \$200 for a family.

As an alternative to PFF's account at PNC Bank, Bob Cooper found that Carter Bank has potential. Tom Kagen will research and bring a proposal to the PFF representative's meeting in March.

Friends will confirm that Quaker House and FGC are intended recipients of regular annual contributions from PFF.

PFF Nominations Committee still needs names to fill the vacant Treasurer position.

Hosting

PFF expressed gratitude to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting hosting the meeting today on short notice.

Meeting Dates for 2016

March 13-15, 2015 Annual Meeting, (New Garden, Greensboro)
June 6, 2015 (Raleigh)
August 22, 2015
November 7, 2015
January 16, 2016
March 11-13, 2016

After a period of silent worship, the meeting adjourned at 3:40.

Jeff Brown, Recording Clerk