

Piedmont Friends Fellowship

**Representative Body Meeting
March 15, 2015 – 1:00**

New Garden Friends Meeting, Greensboro, NC

Attending

John Hunter
Linda Hunter
Micah Barnhill-Wright
Marian Beane
Martin Doherty
Karen Garraputa
Virginia Driscoll
Carol Cothorn
Debbie Parvin
Joan Tillotson
John Cardarelli
Karen McKinnon
Tom Kagan
Gedd Rigler
Doris Wilson
Mike Johnson
Jeff Brown
Eric Evans

Meeting

Durham
Durham
Durham
Charlotte
Charlotte
New Garden
New Garden
New Garden
Fancy Gap
Friendship
Salem Creek
Hillsborough Worship Group
Raleigh
Davidson
Upstate
Upstate
Chapel Hill
Central Philadelphia / FGC

The meeting opened after a period of silent worship.

Friends had no comments on the Minutes of the Representative Body Meeting on January 23, 2015.

PFF Listserv

Micah Barnhill-Wright is the contact for updates to the listserv. Friends reviewed the current list and provided updates in his presence.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Kagan reported that total cash and bank accounts amounted to \$18,903.08 as of 2/28/2015. There were no outflows of cash prior to the annual meeting. Revenue since January, not including the annual retreat, increased by \$800 from member meeting donations. A report is attached.

Regarding expenses for PFF, the process for scholarships is the following. A Monthly Meeting clerk or PFF representative contacts PFF to request a scholarship to attend FGC for \$150 for individual and \$200 for families. Karen Garraputa will create a form for requesting a scholarship. Meetings may contribute additional support if they wish.

Eric Evans pointed out the current scholarship policy on the FGC website and recommended conveying the information to Monthly Meetings. Registration begins April 1. First time attenders need to apply early for available grants. At FGC, Traci Hjelt Sullivan is moving to the position of Associate Secretary for Development and Interpretation. Ruth Reber will be the new FGC Gathering Coordinator.

Friends agreed that a budgeting process will be important to clarify and plan expenses and revenues this year in anticipation of PFYM beginning a budgeting process as early as next year.

Friends agreed to continue to keep a balance in PNC Bank considering its decision to divest in all mountain top removal projects. The Clerk will notify PNC Bank.

Report of the Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting

Marian Beane reported that the Yearly Meeting is established with the first meeting having taken place on March 14, 2015. An ad hoc working group on peace and social concerns is underway. The Interim Meeting (PFYM representatives) is scheduled to meet on May 2. Marian Beane thanked PFF for its formation work and care for the process. A report is attached.

The Yearly Meeting Formation Committee reported that its work is complete and recommends that the Formation Committee be laid down. PFF approved the recommendation.

PFF Member Meetings and Worship Groups

Tom Kagan of Raleigh Friends Meeting reported that the Laurinburg Worship Group has been laid down. Ashe County Worship Group has not responded to inquiries by the Clerk.

The Clerk will remove Laurinburg and Ashe County from the list of PFF member meetings and worship groups. The total membership in PFF is now 17 meetings and worship groups. The Directory the needs to be updated.

Regional Youth Ministries Committee (PFF and NCYMC)

John Hunter reported that the plan is to establish a cooperative committee, to be clerked by Andrew Wright. He plans to report to PFF in the fall. The current focus is middle school aged youth.

Review of Annual Meeting Just Concluded

Youth concerns were expressed in its Epistle read to the Annual Meeting, including appreciation of their own time but also the intergenerational sessions such as those held yesterday by AFSC and Quaker House.

Saturday dinner numbers were greater than expected. There were attendees from PFYM who stayed for dinner. There are implications for registration. The rates need a review. For example, a sliding scale has been applied by FGC that makes it affordable for all and enables generosity.

The interest meetings lengthened the day. The teens found that the bonfire conditions were cold. Drummers set up inside due to wet grass. For next year, it would be beneficial to have an alternative plan to account for weather conditions for the evening fellowship. Friends need to review the evening fellowship in the context of the full program. Food was great and the Friday evening games were much enjoyed.

Representatives solicited comments and discussed future planning of the weekend. High school students had SATs on Saturday (consider for next year). New Garden coffee time is 10:30 on First Day; there is concern about disrupting that. Hospitality worked well for the few Friends who took advantage of it. Karen will send out letters to thank for Friends hospitality.

The count of Friends registered for the retreat by Meeting/Worship Group:

Meetings/Worship Groups	
Chapel Hill	18
Charlotte	17
Croatan	1
Davidson	1
Durham	26
Fancy Gap	7
Fayetteville	3
Friendship	5
New Garden	10
Raleigh	10
Salem Creek	8
Spring	1
Upstate	2
Traveling Friends	2
Total	111

Naming Members of a New Nominating Committee

The Representative Body approved naming Karen McKinnon and Virginia Driscoll to the Nominating Committee. The Clerk will contact Gini Emigh to determine if she is willing to be named to the Nominating Committee.

Traveling Minutes

The PFF Representative Body endorsed a traveling minute from Middlebury Friends Meeting (Vermont) for Mary Kay Glazer with appreciation for her presence this weekend.

The Representative Body endorsed a traveling minute from Philadelphia Central Meeting for Eric Evans, with appreciation for his participation in the PFF retreat.

Future Meeting Dates

Friends considered quarterly meeting days in coordination with the PFYM Interim

Meeting schedule. This will be considered further during the next Representative Body Meeting. Friends are reminded that member meetings may have up to three PFF representatives. Saturdays are scheduled for now.

June 6, 2015, Raleigh (Saturday)

August 22, 2015, TBA

November 7, 2015 TBA (Saturday, Fall Retreat)

January 16, 2016 TBA

March 11-13, 2016 (New Garden) Spring Retreat and Annual Meeting

The meeting closed with worship.

Jeff Brown
Recording Clerk

Attachments

Report of the Yearly Meeting

15th of Third Month, 2015

Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting held its first annual session on the 14th of Third month, 2015 with 76 Friends in attendance. There was a true sense of joy and anticipation for the opportunities that this new yearly meeting can provide for strengthening the spiritual life of meetings, strengthening our service and witness in the world and connecting with the broader body of Friends. Out of worship a member of each affiliated meeting read their meeting's minute on affiliation. Those meetings include: Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Fancy Gap, New Garden, Salem Creek, Raleigh and Upstate Worship Group.

Yearly Meeting received reports & recommendations from the ad hoc Yearly Meeting committee that has been meeting with the yearly meeting formation committee during this past year. Yearly Meeting approved three documents that provide guidance for the yearly meeting. These include: The (1) Vision Statement & Core Elements, (2) the PFF/PFYM Relationship, and (3) Policy & Practice Handbook (draft). The latter document provides for three officers including: presiding clerk, assistant providing clerk and recording clerk. Session approved the slate of officers that was brought forward by the yearly meeting ad hoc nominating committee as follows: Marian Beane, presiding clerk (2 years), John Cardarelli, assistant presiding clerk (1 year) and Julie Stafford, recording clerk (1 year). Finally Yearly Meeting approved preparation of an epistle informing Friends 'everywhere' about the establishment of Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting and the spirit of its first session that was held in coordination with Piedmont Friends Fellowship's annual weekend retreat.

Interim Meeting is the representative body of the Yearly Meeting and will meet 3 or 4 times during the year. Its task and charge is to further the work of the yearly meeting between annual sessions. All affiliated meetings are asked to appoint up to three representatives. Individuals from any of the PFF meetings are also invited to participate in Interim Meeting and other yearly meeting programs as they are led. Interim Meeting will hold its first session on Saturday, May 2nd. PFF can expect to receive regular reports from the Yearly Meeting and Interim Meeting in particular as we our mutual relationship and shared visions.

Report prepared by Marian Beane, clerk

Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting.

PFF Treasurer's Report by Tom Kagan

Summary and additions to the P.F.F. Treasurer's report dated 1/8/2015 for presentation at the 3/14/2015 P.F.F. Representative Meeting and/or Yearly Meeting.

Self Help Credit Union balance of February 28, 2015: \$8,212.73
PNC Bank Checking balance of February 28, 2015: \$10,690.35
Our total cash balance as of February 28, 2015, was \$18, 903.08.

No outflows of cash since last meeting. This does not include any expenditures made for the PFF 2015 Spring Retreat, nor any monies collected for the Retreat.
Monthly Member Meetings Donations so far: Raleigh Friends \$200, Fancy Gap Friends \$300, and New Garden Friends \$300. These are included in the above totals.

Piedmont Friends Fellowship Statement of Receipts and Expenditures 1/1/2014-12/31/2014

Receipts

Interest Income (Self-Help Credit Union)	\$33.17
Membership Donations (Monthly Meetings)	\$4,700.00
Spring & Fall Retreats Combined Receipts	<u>\$4,021.25</u>
<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>\$8,754.42</u>

Expenditures

Spring & Fall Retreat Combined Expenses	\$3,450.46
General Expenses –	
FGC travel for Exec. Committee	\$300.00
Financial Assistance for FGC Gathering	\$750.00
Bank Service Charge	<u>\$2.00</u>
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$4502.46</u>

Receipts Less Expenditures 2014

Total Receipts	\$8754.42
Total Expenditures	<u>\$4502.46</u>
<u>Excess of</u>	<u>\$4,251.96</u>