

Piedmont Friends Fellowship

**Representative Body Meeting
August 23, 2015 – 1:00 PM**

Fancy Gap Friends Meeting, Fancy Gap, VA

Attending

John Hunter
Linda Hunter
Martin Doherty
Kat Rice
George Bruns
Tony Lowe
Debbie Parvin
Scott Taylor
Karen McKinnon
Jeff Brown

Meeting

Durham
Durham
Charlotte
New Garden
New Garden
Fancy Gap
Fancy Gap
Fancy Gap
Hillsborough Worship Group
Chapel Hill

The meeting opened after a period of silent worship.

Friends had no comments on the Minutes of the Representative Body Meeting on June 6, 2015.

Reports

1. Updating PFF Directory

Friends confirmed that the PFF Directory is useful as it is designed and maintained. Representatives are responsible for keeping information up to date. Bob Cooper continues to maintain the document.

2. Nomination Report

FGC recognizes PFF and PFYM as one organization for purposes of representation on the FGC Central Committee.

Lori Khamala, Friendship Meeting, has agreed to serve as a PFF representative on the FGC Central Committee. The other two representatives are Karen McKinnon, and Tony Lowe. The Clerks of PFF and PFYM are ex-officio members on the Central Committee.

3. Listserv

Micah Barnhill-Wright is stepping down as a Durham representative to PFF and as manager of the listserv. Friends expressed gratitude to Micah for a job well done. Managing the listserv is not time consuming for a Friend with the required computer skills to use "Googlegroups" and willingness take responsibility for list maintenance. Friends will search for a volunteer in their respective Meetings. Representatives continue to have responsibility to notify the listserv manager with correct information.

4. Treasurer's Report

The current total cash balance is \$16,069. PFF has received \$968 since the June meeting and has spent \$4,552. Money received included \$960 in donations from Chapel Hill, Upstate Worship Group, Rockingham, New Garden, and Raleigh, and \$8 in interest. PFF spent \$4,550 supporting 40 people including 9 children to attend the 2015 FGC Gathering and \$2 in Bank Service Charges.

Friends noted that Finances for PFYM and PFF are currently handled by PFF. PFYM has not initiated a budget or nominated a treasurer.

Discussion / Decision

5. Planning for the November 7 Fall Retreat

Lori Khamala has agreed to present a program at the fall retreat. She intends to invite people she works with to participate in the retreat. Potential sites are Guilford College, Quaker Leadership Program (Wess Daniels, Director), New Garden, Durham and Winston-Salem. The fall retreat includes refreshments in the morning, a morning program, lunch and fellowship, optional resumption of the program after lunch, and the PFF Representative Body meeting in the afternoon. John Hunter will look into a way to accommodate children through 6th grade during the retreat. John Hunter will contact Lori Khamala for details and Kat Rice to work on scheduling.

Publicity in recent years has included a flyer. George Bruns will contact a Friend who has skill and experience in designing flyers.

6. Location for Annual Meeting in March.

New Garden has worked well as a venue for in the last two years, making it an option for the Annual Meeting this year. Last year, PFF youth expressed interest in a different location. Carolina Friends School is an option now that it has a renovated teaching kitchen suitable for accommodating the retreat. After discussion, Friends identified Carolina Friends School in Durham as the first choice as a location. Karen McKinnon will check the school calendar. In the meantime, Representatives will research event calendars to determine if March 11-13 is the best weekend or if another weekend might result in higher attendance.

7. Program Planning for Annual Meeting

For the adult program, George Lakey is not available to travel for presentation or workshops that do not include related social action. Annual Meeting Program options discussed at the last Representative Body meeting and this meeting include Reverend William Barber and/or Corine Mack on the subjects of Moral Mondays, other NAACP issues, and social action; Max Carter on history of Quaker activism; prison ministry; and environmental issues. Tony Lowe will check with Max Carter on availability, and then follow up with Martin Doherty about NAACP options. The date of the retreat needs to be determined as soon as practical to make progress on the program.

8. Discussion of possible strategy for complying with FGC's long time request for our mailing list.

John Hunter distributed a policy from FGC and reminded Representatives that FGC needs mailing lists from PFF member meetings and worship groups. FGC uses names and mailing addresses of adult members of meetings for mailing three times per year, seeking support for FGC programs and services. The list is not shared with other Quaker organizations. PFF Representatives need to follow up with clerks of their respective meetings.

9. Meeting locations and times for upcoming meetings.

November 7, 2015 Location to be determined

January 16, 2016 Davidson (to be confirmed)

March 11-13, 2016 Date to be confirmed, Durham location to be confirmed.

Announcements and Other Business

10. Other Business

None

11. Announcements

Friends expressed appreciation for the hospitality of Tony Lowe, Debbie Parvin, and Fancy Gap Friends. Representatives arrived early to enjoy the Meeting for Worship, lunch and fellowship.

12. Closing Worship

The meeting closed with silent worship.

Jeff Brown
Recording Clerk

