

Piedmont Friends Fellowship

**Representative Body Meeting
August 25, 2018, 1:00**

New Garden Friends Meeting

Present:

Jeff Brown (clerk)	Chapel Hill
Michael Misenheimer	Durham
John Hunter	Durham
Terry Walker	Abingdon
Karen McKinnon	Eno
Melissa Meyer	Wilkes County
Judy Williams	Friendship
Virginia Driscoll	New Garden
Joyce Mers	New Garden
John Cardarelli	Salem Creek
Bill Moore	Raleigh
Martin Doherty	Charlotte
Mary Jo Klingel	Charlotte

The meeting began with a period of silent worship, followed by introductions.

Review of Minutes

Friends present found that no changes were necessary to the Minutes for the Representative Body meeting on June 24, 2018, and the Minutes were approved.

Reports

Communications

The Listserv is working well, and we are transitioning to the Quaker Cloud. Updates were made to the PFF Directory.

PFF Nominating Committee

Karen McKinnon reported that she will be cycling off in April from the Nominating Committee. Virginia Driscoll will be continuing on that committee. A naming committee needs to be formed by the next business meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Clerk reported on behalf of the co-treasurers, reviewing account transactions since

our last report. Our ending balance in the Self-Help Credit Union is \$13,583 and our checking account balance is \$5,308. Financial assistance to the FGC Gathering amounted to \$1,600 and Friends expressed their thanks for the assistance. Friends agreed to allow FGC to keep the PFF \$150 deposit for a Chapel Hill Friend who was not able to attend the Gathering due to health issues.

Discussion / Decision

Annual Donation to Friends General Conference

We have traditionally given money to FGC, and we had agreed to send \$400 this year as budgeted. John Hunter explained the financial struggles facing Friends General Conference. A proposal was made to double our contribution to FGC to \$800, and Friends approved this increased giving for the current year. Jeff will contact the Treasurers and ask them to send our \$800 donation soon.

PFF Fall Retreat 2018

The fall retreat is scheduled for September 7, 8, and 9 at Seven Springs Lodge and Retreat. The weekend will feature camping, hiking, swimming, and light programming on Saturday afternoon and evening. On Saturday afternoon, Friends will have a worship sharing around queries on the topic of climate change and earth care. Mary Jo is developing these queries. A food committee (Judy Williams and John Cardarelli) is planning Saturday lunch and dinner, and Sunday breakfast and lunch. PFF will accept a donation of \$10 for a meal to support food purchases. Judy Williams will contact Wes Daniels the director of Quaker Leadership Scholar Program to invite Guilford students to our retreat.

PFF Annual Spring Retreat 2019

The Spring Retreat will take place on Easter weekend of April 19th to 21st in 2019. The theme will be a celebration of the 50th anniversary of Quaker House and the 51st anniversary of Piedmont Friends Fellowship. It is proposed that Friends' organizational reports be streamlined into one set of presentations for a joint session with Yearly Meeting on Saturday afternoon to eliminate redundant reporting by organizations. It was suggested that Friends may share the state of their monthly meetings, or their verbal reactions and impressions of the annual retreat and yearly meeting, after the Sunday morning Meeting for Worship during the PFF annual meeting. Business that we usually conduct after Meeting for Worship among PFF Representatives could now be opened up to all Friends in a worship sharing style. The question of where PFF is going, and who we want to become, will be a topic worthy of discussion at this spring retreat. We are exploring a Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation through a PFF/PFYM working group.

Peace work will be the theme of this retreat. It was suggested that games or a movie be held on Saturday evening rather than a live music performance this year.

Archiving PFF Documents

Jeff Brown will consult with past PFF clerks to obtain copies of PFF Minutes recorded since 1993.

Upcoming Meetings – Days and Locations:

The previous date (October 28) is in conflict with FGC Central Committee meetings.
A fall date will be announced, place TBA
January 27th, Salem Creek Meeting

Announcements

Friends were very grateful to New Garden Friends Meeting for hosting the Representative Body today, and for the tasty leftovers.

Closing Worship

The meeting closed with a stretch break and brief silent worship. Afterward, both PFF and PFYM representatives met in a joint session to review the work of today, and to appreciate the opportunity to share each group's priorities and what we hold in common.

John Cardarelli
Recording Clerk
