

**Piedmont Friends Fellowship**

**Representative Body Meeting  
October 28, 2018, 1:00**

Friendship Friends Meeting

Present:

Jeff Brown (clerk)	Chapel Hill
Michael Misenheimer	Durham
Ted Edgerton	Wilkes County
Nancy Putzel	Wilkes County
Judy Williams	Friendship
Joan Tillotson	Friends Homes
Virginia Driscoll	New Garden
Bob Mers	New Garden
Joyce Mers	New Garden
John Cardarelli	Salem Creek
Bill Moore	Raleigh
Marian Beane	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 joint PFF/PFYM Representative Body meeting and the afternoon PFF Representative Body meeting on August 25, 2018, and the Minutes of both meetings were approved.

**Reports**

PFF Nominating Committee: Virginia Driscoll (until 2020) and Karen McKinnon (until April 2019) are continuing as members. A naming committee is forming to nominate two members of this Nominating Committee for now and April. John Cardarelli and Bob Mers volunteered to form a naming committee. We are seeking a third member of this naming committee. A two-year person and a three-year person will be needed for the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will need to nominate a new PFF Clerk and another FGC Central Committee appointee in 2019.

Communications: The Listserve is working well, and updates should be forwarded to Laura Lipps-Buffum of Durham meeting. Bill Moore reported that much of our PFF content can be uploaded to the Quaker Cloud this week. The ad hoc Communications Committee (John Hunter, Bob Passmore, Dick Connell, Bill Moore, Jeff Brown) for the new website will review these updates and have a meeting soon.

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 \$ 13,619.12 and our checking account balance is \$ 6,358.08 as of 10/23/18. The \$350 expense for the Yearly Meeting's FCNL Representative to attend the upcoming FCNL annual meeting was approved by PFYM as part of their annual allocation for outreach. PFF representatives are encouraged to report any significant changes in annual giving from their Monthly Meetings to the PFF co-Treasurers. The Treasurers' report was accepted with gratitude.

Eco-Justice Report: Laurie Langham of Durham Meeting has been appointed to Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW) as a representative from NC Yearly Meeting-Conservative. She is initiating a NC Quaker Earthcare Network. PFYM has its own initiative and there will be efforts to coordinate these two actions. Quaker Earthcare Witness is planning its annual meeting in the spring of 2020 to be somewhere in North Carolina. Hospitality and meeting space will be needed. PFF/PFYM and NCYM-C have been contacted. QEW wrote an amicus brief for an ongoing Children's Trust lawsuit brought by young people against the U.S government (Juliana v US Govt) regarding the impacts of climate change.

Peace & Justice Work: Bill Moore reported that he has been helping people to join the Google Groups which were formed to facilitate communication and networking among Friends who hold concerns around peace and justice issues. The tool and opportunity for communications is there, but has not been used to any great extent. It is hoped that the new Quaker Cloud website will help publicize the Google Groups and facilitate their use, promote more communications, and help us coordinate statewide activities. The goal is for Friends in PFF and PFYM to work together.

## **Discussion / Decision**

### PFF Fall Retreat 2018

The fall retreat was held September 7, 8, and 9 at Seven Springs Lodge and Retreat. In reviewing the weekend, it was suggested that a pre-registration be reinstated to inform food planning. Google forms were suggested as an option for pre-registration, and paper forms are also helpful. Friends liked the informality and the worship sharing and smores. The motel was fine. PFF/PFYM asked for \$10 donations for food. Volunteer donations in the jar amounted to about \$300 which covered the costs of food. Gary Hornsby will be contacted soon about the availability of next September's weekends for our retreat. Communication about the camping facilities needs to be added to the announcement, which needs to go out two to three months earlier.

### PFF Annual Spring Retreat 2019

The Spring Retreat will take place on Easter weekend of April 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> in 2019. The theme will be a celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Quaker House and the 51<sup>st</sup>

anniversary of Piedmont Friends Fellowship. Friends agreed to ask the coordinators who worked last year to continue their service this spring. Eno Meeting will be asked to coordinate the food planning, but will need another monthly meeting to assist. Karin Heller of New Garden and Andrew Wright of Durham Meeting will be asked to coordinate the youth program. Friends would like John Shuford and Deborah Bromiley to lead the Friday evening icebreaker once again. John Cardarelli will invite former Directors of Quaker House to participate in a panel discussion. Various Quaker organizations (FCNL/FCNCL, FGC, Quaker House, Quaker Earthcare Witness, AFSC) will be invited to present their work and conduct question-answer sessions during a Friday afternoon time.

Archiving PFF Documents: Marian Beane is assisting the Clerk is making an effort to locate documents from former PFF Clerks to add to the Quaker Archives held at the Guilford College library. Recent and current documents of PFF minutes need to be submitted in to Judy Williams who can print hard copies and walk them over to Gwen Gosney Erickson, Archivist at the Guilford library. PFF Representatives agreed to keep our minutes public on the Quaker Cloud. The Clerk will continue to review minutes in light of privacy issues. The Treasurers' Report, Directory and PFF budget will be kept private within the Quaker Cloud hosted website.

Other Business: PFF is encouraged to check in with the status of monthly meetings who are nominally on our list of PFF members, but have not participated in some years. PFF needs to take up the question of their relationship with us in the future.

Upcoming Meetings – Days and Locations:

- Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at Salem Creek Meeting
- Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, Carolina Friends School PFF/PFYM Retreat
- TBD: June, 2019
- Tentative: August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Announcements

Friendship Meeting and Judy Williams were much appreciated for an excellent lunch and Halloween “cat litter” dessert made by Claire Koster and for hosting our meeting today.

Closing Worship

The meeting closed with silent worship.

John Cardarelli  
Recording Clerk

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