

NC Fellowship of Friends
30 March 2019
Deep River Friends Meeting

The following Committees & Working Groups met:

- Recording Committee
- Social Justice Working Group
- Youth and Children's Working Group
- Meeting Nurture and Development Committee
- Stewardship & Finance Committee
- Outreach Working Group

30 members, representing twelve meetings of the Fellowship, gathered to conduct the business of the day.

Friends **APPROVED** the Agenda

Friends **APPROVED** the minutes of the 10 November 2018 meeting (attached)

Treasurer's Report:

- Friends **RECEIVED** the Financial Report for 2018 (attached)
- Friends **RECEIVED** the Financial Report for March 2019 (attached)

Stewardship & Finance Committee: Alicia Sharp, clerk, reporting:

The Committee approved a budget item of \$5,000 (\$2,500 from undesignated and \$2,500 from NCFE) to assist our representatives who attend governing bodies that NCFE is a member organization. Representatives will be reimbursed 80% of their expenses, up to \$1,000. Friends **APPROVED**.

Social Justice Working Group, Jack Ciancio reporting

Mission Statement for the Social Justice Working Group of the NCFE

The mission of the North Carolina Fellowship of Friends Social Justice Working Group is to be a catalyst for change in the policies, structures and institutions that disenfranchise those individuals in society who are the most vulnerable and disadvantaged. By focusing our energy on strategies which enable these groups and individuals to achieve equity in the distribution of economic and social rights, we acknowledge that there is "that of God" in all humans and that our faith calls us to act to raise awareness, build alliances and create change in our communities.

Friends **APPROVED** the mission Statement of the Social Justice Working Group

José Santos Woss Legislative Manager, Criminal Justice and Election Integrity of Friends Committee on National Legislation met with the Working Group to report on the work of sentencing reform and how FCNL and NCFE might work together.

Youth & Children's Working Group

Nominating Committee, Sara Beth Terrell, clerk, reporting:

The Committee brought from the name of Cassandra Israel as a representative to American Friends Service Committee, to join Lou Gordh as NCFE representatives. Friends
APPROVED.

The Committee is still seeking suggestions/nominations for a "faith and practice committee." Please contact Sara Beth Terrell with any questions or suggestions.

Recording Committee: Richard Wilcox, clerk reporting:

Our Recommendation

The Recording Committee recommends that Recording of Ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ be done by the Monthly Meeting.

Our Vision

We do envision a need for the Recording Committee to be a standing committee within NCFE at this time. We see the need for NCFE to have a resource for Monthly Meetings and individuals within the Fellowship discerning a call to pastoral ministry. We do not sense a call to be a deciding body, to have authority on whether one should be recorded or not, but to help Monthly Meetings discern, to have dialogue, to invite them to join the vocational discernment journey with their candidate, and further encourage them to share that conversation with the larger fellowship of Friends through reading, clearness committees, mentors and other resources.

Our Plan Forward

Over the course of the next year we would like to develop resources for Monthly Meetings, including:

- A Clearness Committee at the NCFE level where candidates could discern and discuss their call outside of the Monthly Meeting.
- A Suggested Reading List
- A Suggested Mentor List
- Suggested Educational Requirements
- Resources for Psychological Assessments along with Career and Personality Inventories beyond NCFE along with the suggestion that NCFE reimburse the Monthly Meeting for a portion of the expense.
- Suggested Background Check processes and resources

- Developing a Certificate of Recording to be used by Monthly Meetings if they would so desire.

We Value Input and Assistance

- We welcome any ideas, concerns, and resources from Friends.
- We would like to compile a list of people willing to mentor with candidates.
- We affirm that public ministry comes in many variations, not just preaching, and would welcome mentors from a variety of backgrounds and life experiences.
- We would like to know what resources would be most valuable to your Monthly Meetings in helping someone discern. What questions do you have? What needs do you have?

Friends **APPROVED** to Committee's recommendation.

Annual Session Planning Committee, Kathy Adams reporting

August 10, 2019—Theme: New Beginnings (Isaiah 43:19)

Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

Tentative schedule for Saturday:

8:30-9:00 a.m.—Registration

9:00 a.m.—Worship, gathering, centering, singing

Worship leader: Sara Beth Terrell

9:30 a.m.—Worship Sharing Groups

10:30 a.m.—Break

10:45 a.m.—Business Meeting

12:15 p.m. —Lunch

1:00 p.m.—Breakout sessions (Tyler Foster will video the sessions for our web site.)

Breakout sessions: Quakers and the Underground Railroad—Led by Max Carter: Quaker Women in History—Led by Brenda Haworth (There are tentative plans for a Quaker History session and a session on Palestine and the Ramallah Friends School)

3:00 p.m.—Break

3:15 p.m.—Business Meeting

4:45 p.m.—Service Projects

6:00 p.m.—Supper

1. Catering (lunch): Deli trays from Subway; (supper) Pizza
2. Snacks: Friends whose names begin with A-L will bring salty snacks. Friends whose names begin with M-Z will bring fruit or sweet snacks. The planning committee will provide paper products, coffee, pastries, and drinks.
3. Children/Youth programming: Ages birth-4 years—Preferred Childcare of Jamestown will provide childcare; Grades K-5—Tyler Foster will lead sessions; Grades 6-12—Tanna Shipwash will lead sessions. Marcy Shipwash is assisting in the planning process for these groups.
4. Friday evening: Casual fellowship time—board games, recreation, refreshments, etc.
5. Saturday evening: Campfire—8:30 PM
6. Sunday morning: Worship time.
7. Publicity: Online and mailings to each meeting and organization. Khaleelah Grant is creating documents for distribution by the end of April.
8. NCFE business session APPROVED that there will be no cost for the weekend. Donations for food/materials/Quaker Lake staff will be accepted.

Outreach Working Group: Martha Dentiste, Dottie Hobbs, Beth Massey, reporting

In our recommendations for expenditures of “Mission Committee” funds, we leave some of our available funds to allocate in Fall 2019. We plan to research further the work of each of these recipients and write a written report to be distributed at our August 2019 gathering. We plan to invite Kelly Kellum, General Secretary Friends United Meeting (FUM), to report to us in person on November 9, 2019 on the various missions under FUM’s care. We will also ask him to facilitate a discussion with us regarding our wisest support of FUM going forward: Should we give fewer dollars to several projects, or more dollars to a single project that we might “adopt”?

Friends United Meeting	
Girl Child Education (in northern Kenya)	\$1,000
Belize Friends School and Center	\$1,000
Lugulu Hospital	\$1,000
General Budget	\$1,000
Robert Wafula (Head / Friends Theological College)	\$ 500
Ramallah Friends School	\$1,000
AGLI (Africa Great Lakes Initiative)	\$1,000
Fayetteville Quaker House	\$1,000
“Living Letters” to Palestine	\$1,000
MOWA	\$ 500
Worthington Friends Church/Kingston, Jamaica	\$ 500
ECAR (Every Campus a Refuge)	\$ 500
Friends Committee on National Legislation	\$1,000
American Friends Service Committee (work with refugees in NC)	\$1,000
Friends Emergency Material Aids Program (FEMAP)	\$ 500
Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)	\$1,000
North Carolina Council of Churches	<u>\$1,000</u>
TOTAL	\$14,500

Friends **APPROVED** the recommendations.

Church Extension Proposal(s) [Attached]

Friends **RECEIVED** Statesville Friends Meeting's Report on Use of Funds. ATTACHED

Friends **APPROVED** funding Miami Friends Meeting's request of \$4,430. The complete proposal is ATTACHED

Friends **APPROVED** funding Bethel Friends Meeting's request of \$15,000, payable over two payments. The full proposal is ATTACHED.

Reports from Organizations

FCNL: José Santos Woss Legislative Manager, Criminal Justice and Election Integrity, reported the work of FCNL on Mass Incarceration and "sentencing reform." Jack Ciancio, NCFE's representative to FCNL written report is ATTACHED.

Deborah Suess, NCFE's representative to NC Council of Churches, written report is ATTACHED.

Kathy Adams reported on the Alternatives to Violence Project training sessions.

The meeting ADJOURNED following a time of centering worship and a prayer by Wayne Blythe to meet again on 10 August 2019 at Quaker Lake Camp, Climax, NC.

Respectively Submitted,

Frank C. Massey, clerk