

DRAFT Minutes
NCFF Annual Gathering
10 August 2019
Quaker Lake Camp

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Following a time of worship lead by Sara Beth Terrell and worship sharing, coordinated by Kathy Adams and leaders from across the fellowship, Friends from around the Fellowship (all Meetings were represented) gathered at Quaker Lake Camp, Climax, North Carolina to conduct business during a day of reunions, worship, and celebrating our life in Christ.

Friends APPROVED the Agenda

The clerk recognized visitors: Don Farlow, Clerk of NCYM, Inc., Jolee Robinson and Jason Eaby of Baltimore Yearly Meeting Intervistation Committee.

Clarence Mattocks, Treasurer, presented the sixth-month **financial report** on Askings received and Account balances of income from the Trust Funds. The clerk reported that the Finance Committee and he are working to keep the Askings at the same level for 2020 (\$40/member (\$9 for NCFF, \$11 for NCYM, Inc., and \$20 for QLC; and a \$10 voluntary contribution for QLC Endowment). Friends **RECEIVED** the report. (Attached)

Jack Ciancio of the **Social Justice Working Group** presented a **Prayer for the Healing of Our Nation**. After a time of clarification, approval of the Prayer was held over to the afternoon session, allowing time for members to talk with Social Justice Working Group members.

Kathy Adams of NC Peace Resource Center presented a draft **Minute on Immigration**. After hearing the minute, it was held over to the afternoon session for consideration and approval.

Carl Semmler reported on **MOWA Choctaw Friends Center** and the transfer of the property from NCYM, Inc. to a local group of churches. The local group has obtained non-profit status (501c-3) and is working on developing a governing board and a funding structure.

Church Extension Funds

- Wayne Blyth and Amanda Munford, and all the members of **Bethel Friends**, (Franklin, VA) in attendance reported on the work of refurbishing the meetinghouse. The work in restoring the meetinghouse has increased interest in, and visibility of, the meeting, and brought additional activities by members and the youth of the meeting. Friends **RECEIVED** the report with delight. (Bethel's report is attached)

- **Miami Friends** are still obtaining bids on their projects and expect the work to be accomplished this fall. They will submit a report at a future meeting.
- **Statesville Meeting** is still at work on their projects and will report in the future.

A printed report on **Grants to Organizations** was presented, with acknowledgement of the importance of these grants in the ministry of each. (Available at: www.ncfriends.org)

Memorial Meeting: The meeting moved into a time of remembering those who have gone before us. (List attached)

After lunch and workshops Friends gathered again to consider our business.

Prayer for the Healing of Our Nation: The body turned once again to the Prayer, with Jack Ciancio reading the document incorporating suggested changes. After a lengthy discussion and prayerful consideration the meeting **APPROVED** the Prayer (Attached) with the understanding that it was approved by those in attendance. The clerk will forward the Prayer to the Meetings of the Fellowship, with our national leaders, and to Friends bodies and publications.

NCPRC Minute on Immigration: The Minute was withdrawn to be considered at a future date.

Committee and Working Groups Membership: Friends reviewed and **APPROVED** the list of Committee membership, Representative to Friends Organizations, and Officers.

- NCFF is entitled to six representatives to the Friends United Meeting Triennials, 12-18 July 2020, Kisumu, Kenya. There are still openings to attend the Triennials.
- Quaker House, Fayetteville is seeking representative to serve on its Board. Marcy Shipwash was **APPROVED** as the NCFF Representative.
- NC Friends Committee on Legislation is forming and Friends of NCFF are invited to participate as this important work.
- Friends **APPROVE** a **discernment and prayer committee** for the clerk: Kathy Coe, Sara Beth Terrell, and Judy Haughee-Bartlett.

Upcoming Dates:

- NCYM, Inc., 2 November at QLC
- NCFF, 9 November at New Garden Friends Meeting
- NCFF, 21 March 2020 at Bethel Friends Meeting, Franklin, Virginia

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank C. Massey

clerk