



Among Friends

The Newsletter of the Richmond Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Fourth Month 2010

Baltimore Yearly Meeting Proposed Queries on Equality

In what ways do we respond to prejudice and injustice?

How do we benefit from inequity and exploitation? How are we victims of inequity and exploitation? In what ways can we address these problems?

Do we teach our children, and show through our way of living, that love of God includes affirming the equality of all people, treating them with dignity and respect, and seeking to address that of God within every person?

Equality: Voices

To consider mankind otherwise than brethren, to think favors are peculiar to one nation and exclude others, plainly supposes a darkness in the understanding. For as God's love is universal, so where the mind is sufficiently influenced by it, it begets a likeness of itself and the heart is enlarged towards all men.

John Woolman, *Journal*

Equality: Advices

From the beginning of Quakerism in the 1640s, Friends have been aware that every person is equal in God's eyes. Women played a very important role right from the start. Refusing to doff one's hat to a person of superior rank was another way early Friends expressed the testimony of social equality. The servants at Swarthmore Hall in England were invited to attend the meetings for worship. In England during this period, "you" and "your" were used only when speaking to a person of higher rank, and peers or persons of lower rank were addressed as "thee" and "thou." Quakers adopted "plain speech," using thee and thou to all persons.

In our meetings for worship, God's message may be delivered through any person attending that meeting. In our meetings for worship with a concern for business, each person present may shed Light on a matter under consideration. We also need to recognize that the young among us need to be listened to as any adult. Out of the mouths of babes may come something that would bring unity among us.

Calendar (* indicates story in the newsletter)

March 27th – Memorial Meeting for Worship for Jay Worrall, Charlottesville, VA, 1 pm.*

March 31st – War as Entertainment and the Militarization of Culture, VCU Commons 7 pm.*

April 10th – Take a Second for Peace walk. Meet at The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts at 9 am.

April 15th – Monthly Sacred Circle Dance for Women, with Peggy O'Neill, 7:30 to 9 pm.

April 16th – 7th Annual YF Coffeehouse sponsored by Young Friends, doors open at 6:30 pm.

April 17th – Memorial Meeting for Worship for Ruth Dahlke at the Meetinghouse.

April 18th – Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business until 12:30 pm.

April 25th – Potluck lunch at rise of meeting. Please come and bring a dish. All are welcome.

May 8th – Spring workday at the Meetinghouse, 9am to 3pm, and lunch provided.

May 28-30 – Spring Retreat at The Clearing.*

Child care is available each First Day starting at 9:15 am for Bible Workbench, and 9:30 and 11:00 worship.

News Among Us

Lucy Hammer Miller was born March 19th to Nathan and Jenny Miller. **Don Miller** and **Ada Hammer** welcome their second granddaughter.

Rachel Carter has been awarded a research grant by Bryn Mawr College to study epigraphy (the study and deciphering of ancient inscriptions) in Greece this summer. Rachel will have completed her junior year at BMC in May.

The City Singers and Neighborhood Singers Children's Choirs will be singing the National Anthem at the Richmond Flying Squirrel's game at 2 p.m. on Sunday April 18th. **Thea Rugg** (daughter of Sam & Heidi), **Hallie Perry** (daughter of Linda & Marc) and **Alex Johnson** (granddaughter of Bob Alexander) are in the Neighborhood Singers Choir. The kids are selling game tickets.

Heidi Rugg will be performing "Galapagos George" at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday April 24th at Ginter Park Presbyterian Church. This event is a fund-raiser for the City Singers Choirs. Call Sam or Heidi at 804-539-6552 for more information.

Michael Pierce's Master of Disciplinary Studies Thesis Exhibition "In My Busby Berkeley Dreams" opens Friday, April 23, 7:00 - 10:00 at artspace gallery at Plant Zero. He'll be showing with two of his mentors Amie Oliver and Ginna Cullen. The show runs April 23 - May 23. Free and open to the public. See Michael's artist statement later in the newsletter.

Jay Worrall, author of the wonderful book *The Friendly Virginians*, died recently in Charlottesville. Jay participated in Yearly Meeting activities for many years. He had fallen recently. He died surrounded by family and Friends. A Memorial Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 27th at 1:00 pm at Tandem Friends School, Tandem Lane, Charlottesville, VA 22902. Condolences may be sent to Jay's widow, Carolyn Worrall, and family at 402 Oak Street; Charlottesville, VA 22901.

Bible Workbench

BIBLE WORKBENCH sessions, held in the Community Room from 9:30 to 10:30 each first-day morning, will continue in April. Through our texts, we will explore some of the discrepancies (and new unfoldings) between theory and practice -- both in scripture and in our own lives. No previous biblical study or expertise is needed, and copies of the passages will be provided. For those who like to read them in advance, the texts for April are:

April 4 -- Luke 24:1-12 -- Women with spices, men in shining garments, fear, not being believed, "remember how he spoke to you when he was in Galilee" . . .

April 11 -- John 20:19-31 -- "Peace be with you," the Holy Spirit, Thomas, signs . . .

April 18 -- John 21:1-19 -- Casting the nets (which fill, but do not break) . . .

April 25 -- Acts 9:36-43 -- Tabitha raised from the dead . . .

RE Birthdays in Fourth Month (April)

Aiden Manthey (10)	4/2
Ellie Burris (10)	4/13
Lillie Patterson (9)	4/19
Andrew Kossan (9)	4/19



Wednesday Morning Meditation Continues

Each Wednesday morning from 10:30 am to 12 noon in the Library at RFM. This small group began nearly ten years ago and was part of Chrysalis. We started meeting at the Friends Library in the summer of 2009. For more information, please contact Spencer Reid.

April Young Friends Conference at Maury River Meeting

The next Young Friends (High Schoolers) conference is April 9th-11th at Maury River Friends Meeting. Young Friends will do service at Common Ground, planting the food that will be consumed at Teen Adventure this summer. Please bring clothes, sleeping bag, and anything you like that builds community - music, sports equipment, games, etc. There will be a BUS to take people down there!

On Friday, it will leave:

- BYM Office at 3pm
- Stony Run at 5pm
- Vienna Metro at 7pm

On Sunday it will return to:

- Vienna Metro at 2pm
- Stony Run at 3:30pm
- BYM Office at 4:30pm

Because of the bus, this con costs \$70. You **MUST** tell Alison Duncan where you are getting on the bus by April Fool's Day using Facebook, 301-774-7663, or youthsec@bym-rsf.org. Please contact her for more information. Also, please turn in forms and money in advance. Find forms at <http://www.bym-rsf.org/yf/index.html>; FAX them to 301-774-7087, or mail them with a check to 17100 Quaker Ln Sandy Spring MD 20860. As always, limited scholarship is available, particularly to those who request it ahead of time.

7th Annual Young Friends Coffeehouse

The Young Friends ask that everyone attend the 7th annual Young Friends Coffeehouse to Benefit Invisible Children, Friday night, April 16th. Doors open at 6:30, acts begin at 7:00. "It's no fun if you don't come." Suggested donation: \$10 for adults, \$20 for a family AND bring one guest not from meeting! There will be coffee, tea, and other refreshments available, also for a donation.

NOTE: It will be just a coffee if no acts sign up, so please psych up your inner performer and fill out a registration form available in the box under the bulletin board outside the meeting room. Completed forms go there, too.

What is Invisible Children? It is an organization addressing the tragedy that revolves around Africa's longest running war, where children have become the victims and the weapons. Rebel armies, known as the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), have been abducting children and using them as troops while they wage war against the Ugandan government. This originally caused the children to night commute, or walk miles nightly to avoid these troops. It is estimated that 90% of the LRA is abducted children. The story of the invisible children has sparked a grassroots movement mobilizing thousands of American teens into action to raise money to rebuild war-torn schools in northern Uganda and provide scholarships to African youth.



Fundraiser for Haiti

Peace and Social Concerns is holding a fundraiser to help the victims of the earthquake that wreaked havoc in Haiti. We will have a symbolic tent in the room downstairs during the Young Friends Coffeehouse on Friday, April 16th. Please stop by and make a donation with cash or check payable to AFSC. All donations will be forwarded to AFSC to use as they see fit. The tent will remain up through Sunday, April 18th, after Meeting for those who will not be attending the Coffee House and would like to make a donation. A member of the Committee will be present to receive gifts at that time.

Katrina Relief Trip

Our group of 14 volunteers wants to thank the Meeting for their generous support for our trip to Gulfport, Mississippi the first week in April. Many came and supported us through the chili luncheon. Others donated generously. As you know, much of the home reconstruction work has been done by the faith community. This will be our 5th trip in the 5th year since the storm. We feel privileged to be able to do this and to represent Quakers through our work.

This year's group includes four contractors and 10 other variously skilled people. Going are: David Barron, Charlotte Davenport, Kelly DiPasquale, Charlotte Green, Ada Hammer, Paul Mastracco, Barbara Merle Smith, Ginny Morton, Carolyn Moul, Pattie O'Neill, Alan Schintzius, Sean Shanley, Frances Stewart, and Wendy Wadsworth.



March 31st Discussion of War as Entertainment & the Militarization of Culture

On Wednesday, March 31, join us for a forum on War as Entertainment and the Militarization of Culture at 7 p.m. in the Commons Forum Room, in the VCU Student Commons building (907 Floyd Ave.). The showing and discussion is free and open to the public.

The forum will include excerpts from the film *Militainment, Inc.*, from the Media Education Foundation, which offers a thought-provoking and timely glimpse into the militarization of American popular culture. It examines how U.S. news coverage has come to resemble Hollywood film, video games, and “reality” television in its glamorization of war.

The film will be introduced by Dr. Paul Achter, Associate Professor of Rhetoric, University of Richmond. Following the showing, audience members will be invited to discuss the presentation with an informal panel including Adria Scharf, director of the Peace Center, VCU professor Mark Wood, and Jonny Cecka of the Network of Spiritual Progressives at VCU.

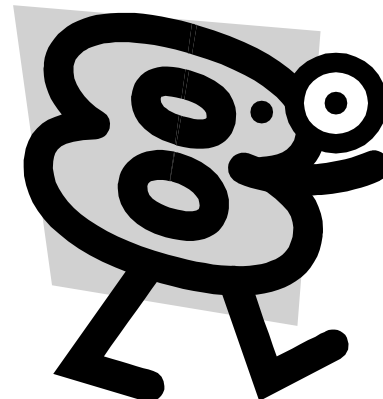
This event is co-sponsored by the Richmond Peace Education Center, the Network of Spiritual Progressives at VCU, Bon Air Presbyterian Church Peace Study/Action Group, and the VCU Religious Studies Program. For more information, contact RPEC at 232-1002 or rpec@rpec.org, or NSP-VCU at nspvcu@gmail.com.

Friendly Eights Aging Study Group

This group of mostly retirement age Friends has been studying issues related to aging, such as housing, mental and physical health, community support and end of life issues. We have now decided to become a continuing group that will provide support to help each other age in place. We will meet regularly to socialize, study topics of interest, share concerns and have fun. Though all of us are now, for the most part, independent, we see a need to begin setting up structures to assist each other as we become more dependent. We are still in the process of determining what these structures would be.

We invite other members and attenders of retirement age to join us in our effort to get to know each other better and to provide support as it is needed. Such support areas would be driving, visiting, light maintenance, meals etc.

We invite anyone in Meeting of retirement age to join us. If you are interested, contact Bob Alexander.



Monthly Sacred Circle Dance for Women

Sacred Circle Dance for women is offered monthly on 3rd Thursdays, January through May in the community room. Women of all ages are invited to join the circle each month, or as often as you can. The dances have simple, repetitive steps that allow us to turn off our busy minds and be fully present in our bodies in the present moment. Each dance is gently taught, and no previous dance experience is required. Peggy O'Neill has been leading Sacred Circle Dance at Quaker gatherings since 1997 as part of her ministry.

WHAT CANST THOU SAY?

It's time again to begin thinking about a What Canst Thou Say? As many of you will recall, RFM occasionally produces a collection of Friends' thoughts, photographs and black-and-white reproducible artwork. ALL FRIENDS, of whatever age, are invited to contribute.

For this edition our focus will be all things inspired by or related to Jean Jones Andersen. We even have a piece or two from her to include. So spare some time this summer to think about your stories, recipes, lessons learned, or any memories or pictures you want to share. Hopefully there will be a dragon or two!

Your contribution doesn't need to be perfect – only honest. Gentle editing help is readily available.

Come September, anyone willing to help in the editing and production of our journal is encouraged to participate. In the meantime, snail- or e-mail anything you want to share to Grace Palmer.



Annual RFM Spring Retreat at the Clearing--May 28- 30, 2010 “We Are the World”

Plan to join Friends for a weekend at the Clearing, come for the day or for the whole weekend....camp or stay in the sleeping cabin.... your choice. There will be Sufi and sacred circle dances, a program for adults in the morning where we will explore how we bring our Quaker values into the world and a choice of 3 afternoon sessions, activities for children, great food, and swimming.



Saturday evening we'll share music and singing at the campfire. Plenty of free time, and all sorts of creative, spontaneous activities. This year we will have massages available for a small fee and drumming at our evening campfire.

Registration will be available in the May newsletter and at Meeting. Questions contact: Lynda Perry OR contact one of the other committee members: Janett Forte, Mary Fran Hughes-McIntyre, Diana Westbrook or Peggy O'Neill.

April 19 is the Deadline for Virginia Students to Enter Annual Peace Essay Contest--Entries must be postmarked or delivered by April 19

For more than a decade, the Richmond Peace Education Center's annual essay contest has encouraged Virginia's youth to think more deeply about the meaning and importance of peace while strengthening their writing skills. This year's theme, *Living in a World of Diversity*, prompts students to consider how Americans can look beyond our divisions to build unity and respect — as individuals, communities and a country. An official entry form, along with the full writing prompt and contest rules is available at the Peace Center's web site, www.rpec.org.

“Our greatest goal with this contest is to give children an opportunity to think about what a peaceful world would look like, and how their actions can help create change,” explains Paul Fleisher, the Richmond Peace Education Center's Assistant to the Director.

The contest is open to all public, private and home-schooled students in Virginia from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Many teachers use the contest as a writing assignment or extra credit option in the classroom in order to provide a meaningful subject for students to write about as they develop their language and composition skills.

“Each year we are inspired by hundreds of entrants' dreams and plans for a cooperative society,” says Fleisher. “And thanks to our generous donor, we are proud to offer so many students a chance to be rewarded for their thoughtful visions of peace and justice.”

A private benefactor enables the contest to offer 24 prizes ranging from \$20 to \$100. Entries are divided into four age groups, with eight cash prizes in each. The top two essays in each school level are also invited to read their essays on WRIR.

Entries will be judged on content, composition, style and grammar, with emphasis on a thoughtful and creative approach to the theme. Two copies of all essays are due by April 19, 2010, at the Richmond Peace Education Center office: 400 W. 32nd St. Richmond, VA 23225. For more information, contact Paul Fleisher at rpec@rpec.org or (804) 232-1002.

Michael Pierce's Artist Statement

Some of us dream of a time and place where we can be who we really are, do what brings us most joy, and say what we want in our own clear voice. When I was twelve years old, I found that place in the Culpeper Art Group and today I am finding it again in my studio. Much of my recent work reminds me of my beginnings with the Culpeper Art Group and Dorothy Skelton. Dorothy wore hats wherever she went and dressed in bright flashy patterns. She was exotic to me because I had never left rural Virginia and she had lived all over the world. She was a wonderful batik and watercolor artist. In rural Culpeper where I grew up, she was The Other. I don't know whether she intuited my sexuality; I certainly never told her about it. However, she certainly accepted me as The Other and supported my dreams to be an artist. I stayed in contact with her until her untimely death in 1999. Lately, as I have been making my new work, I often think of her. Maybe it is the polka dots, which might come from a pattern on one of her dresses or from a ribbon on one of her hats. Maybe it is her embracing of difference and her creative spirit. She is there with me in my studio as it fades to black and becomes a huge pencil-eraser-pink Hollywood soundstage filled with hundreds of scantily-clad men marching and dancing in formation while cute little pastel colored bunnies hop around in fields of pansies and on swirling stages painted with giant polka dots, as text from art criticism and the Bible is projected over it all, floating and scrolling across the screen to the rhythm of The Magnetic Fields. Yes, lately I can see Dorothy in my Busby Berkeley dreams.



Summary of Health Care Reform Forum Held Sunday March 14th at Richmond Friends Meeting

Dr. Susan Miller, a family physician and a professor at the VCU Department of Family Medicine, led this forum, attended by over 25 people. She shared the history of health care in the U.S. and the growth of for-profit insurance groups, hospitals, and pharmaceutical companies. During the past decade, costs for insurance have increased, but coverage has declined. Due to lack of insurance or restrictions on what is covered, many Americans have died. Many others have filed for bankruptcy to cover their bills. Some were middle class with private health insurance coverage. Dr. Miller wants health care for all, but prefers the term “Medicare for All”. The administrative costs for Medicare are 3%, rather than the 20% or more charged by for-profit agencies. The lower administrative costs would cover the cost of new provisions.

Dr. Miller recommended that we talk about this need to others and move toward a system that provides fair, affordable health care for all.

Submitted by Spencer Reid.



April 25th Film Premiere to Feature Richmond Educator’s “World Peace Game”--Private Reception to Follow

On Sunday, April 25, the Richmond Peace Education Center will host the Richmond premiere of the hour-long documentary *World Peace...and Other 4th Grade Achievements*. The showing is scheduled for 2 p.m. at the Byrd Theater in Carytown. The new film by Charlottesville filmmaker Chris Farina details the work of award-winning educator John Hunter.

The movie follows Hunter and his students as they tackle the World Peace Game, a cooperative eight-week simulation that Hunter has developed over the past twenty years. The film documents the open, accepting, and extraordinarily challenging environment Hunter creates in his classroom, and the intense involvement of the thirty fourth-graders who thrive and grow under his guidance.



Following the film, Hunter and Farina will conduct a question and answer session. RPEC will then host a private reception from 4-6 p.m., at which guests will be able to meet the film’s principals in person. A five dollar donation is requested for admission to the film; no reservations are required. Cost to attend the reception is \$20 (including theater admission), and space is limited. To make reservations for the reception, call 232-1002 or email rpec@rpec.org. Checks should be made payable to RPEC.

Hunter, who currently teaches in Charlottesville, is well-known to many Richmonders. He grew up in Chester, attended VCU, and began developing the World Peace Game while teaching in the Richmond Public Schools, where he also was honored with a prestigious R.E.B Award. An African-American educated in segregated schools where his mother was his 4th grade teacher, Hunter was one of seven students to integrate a previously all-white Chesterfield middle school. After graduation, Hunter traveled to China, Japan, and India. His exposure to the Gandhian principles of non-violence led him to ask what he could do as a teacher to work toward a more peaceful world. For information on the film, including a trailer: www.rosaliafilms.com/about.htm. For information about the April 25 events: www.rpec.org, rpec@rpec.org or 232-1002.

Peace & Social Concerns Report on the Virginia Monthly Meeting Joint Membership in VICPP

At the March 2009 Meeting for Business, Richmond Friends Meeting asked the Peace and Social Concerns Committee to invite other Virginia Monthly Meeting to discuss joining together in a joint membership in the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy. The Virginia Interfaith Center is an ecumenical organization that advocates on poverty and social justice issues in the State of Virginia, similar to FCNL, but ecumenical and focused on State, not national issues. Richmond Friends Meetings had been a member of VICPP since the early 1990s, and have been represented on the VICPP Board as a judicatory, first by William Beverly, and for the past eight years by Barbara Williamson.

During four meetings during the past year, the 16 Virginia Monthly Meetings have been invited by our Peace and Social Concerns Committee to discuss the possibility of forming this joint membership. Don Miller facilitated the meetings, Barbara Williamson served as a resource, and I served as the representative from Richmond Friends Meeting, and also convened the Meetings. We met in Charlottesville to be centrally located. We have regularly kept Riley Robinson of BYM informed of the progress of this undertaking. In January, the following ten Monthly Meeting formally joined together and requested a joint membership in VICPP: Alexandria, Charlottesville, Goose Creek, Herndon, Langley Hill, Maury River, Midlothian, Richmond, Roanoke, Valley

Going forward, Richmond Friends Meeting will no longer have its own membership, but will instead be a part of this joint membership.

In January, representatives designated by each of the ten Monthly Meetings formed the Coordinating Committee. In November, I had been designated as Richmond's representative to the Coordinating Committee by Meeting for Business. Richmond Friends Meeting has budgeted \$300 which will be added to the contributions of the other Meetings, to total more than the requested \$1,000 for the joint judicatory membership.

At the January Meeting of the Coordinating Committee, I agreed to be the Clerk of the Coordinating Committee. At a subsequent meeting of the Coordinating Committee, Davis Balderston of Alexandria was chosen the representative to VICPP. It was the hope of the Coordinating Committee that he would be seated on the Board.

Davis and I met via teleconference met this past Monday with VICPP Exec Director Doug Smith, and Board members Charles Baugham and Charles Swadley. They indicated that VICPP will accepting the new Virginia Monthly Meeting joint membership as the judicatory for the Quakers in Virginia, in the place of the judicatory arrangement with Richmond Friends Meeting. They also accepted Davis Balderston as the judicatory representative to the VICPP Board. He will attend their first Board Meeting of the year on March 25th.

Because the new joint membership will now be the Quaker judicatory, Richmond Friends will no longer designate a representative to the VICPP Board. Therefore, Richmond Friends will no longer designate a representative to serve on the VICPP Board representing the Virginia Quakers.

It is my understanding that VICPP will offer Barbara Williamson the opportunity to continue to serve on the board as an at-large member this year, as an individual member no longer representing the Religious Society of Friends. This is a year of transition for the VICPP, as it restructures its Board.

We look forward to increasing the involvement of Quakers throughout Virginia in the work of VICPP to help improve the laws of Virginia that impact the poor. Encourage all to go to the VICPP website and sign up for their email updates about legislation: www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org.

Submitted by Sally Andrews Gudas.

Richmond Friends Meeting

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Third Month 20th, 2010

Meeting for worship with attention to business (MWB) began at 11 a.m. with introduction and welcome to the 53 Friends in attendance. Jean James from Ministry and Worship sat on Facing Bench to hold meeting in the light. Meeting welcomed first time attenders Jenna Holton and Tom DeWeerd. Rita Willett read the queries from Baltimore Yearly Meeting (BYM) on social concerns in both the singular and the plural.

Buildings and Grounds: Bob Alexander reported that Mary Fran and Bill Hughes-McIntyre have donated a piano that now resides in the community room.

Nominating: Ron Lee announced the need for addition teacher/s for the 3rd-4th grade class.

Peace and Social Concerns: Spencer Reid announced that the committee would have a tent at the Young Friends Coffee House on Friday April 16th to accept monetary donations for Haiti.

Sally Gudas presented a detailed report (see website/newsletter) on the progress of the joint membership in Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICCP). Meeting expressed gratitude to all the folks who have worked on this project.

Elizabeth Smith advised Meeting that the Eyes Wide Open project has opted to continue focus on the war in Iraq and continue to prepare for the eventual shift of focus to Afghanistan. This is in accord with requests received and advices given by American Friends Service Committee (AFSC).

Ben Hebner announced a gathering at the meeting house on April 1st at 6:30 to discuss priorities for the 2011 lobbying efforts of Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL).

Joint Committees: Dan Shaw distributed and distributed a report from the 3/15 informational session on Jean Jones Andersen's bequest, which includes information from Ministry and Worship, Financial Stewardship and the ad hoc Exploratory Committee, and detailed three options. He noted that information is also available on the website and in the newsletter. He reminded Friends of the Threshing Session on Tuesday 3/23.

Minutes: The minutes from Second Month MWB were approved with the following correction: The

last sentence of the sixth paragraph is amended to read: "It is hoped that we may be ready to make a decision by May MWB." A Friend clarified that, in the future, corrections to the previous month's minutes should be spelled out in the current month's minutes. (The 2nd Month MWB minutes had said only that a correction was made to the previous month's minutes, not what it was.)

Ministry and Worship: Sam Rugg distributed copies and read the proposed Spiritual State of the Meeting report. Friends suggested a few changes and approved the report in confidence that the committee would complete said changes. It was also agreed that a listing of events during the year and a list of renters would be made part of our archives in addition to this report.

Clarisse Harton read aloud traveling minutes for Peggy O'Neil and Jean James for Meeting's acceptance. Meeting approved with enthusiasm.

The Clearing Oversight: Don Miller announced that all necessary funding is in place and construction of the lodge addition is planned to begin next week, to be completed by midsummer. He pointed out that usage of The Clearing would not be impacted by the construction.

The Clearing Buildings and Grounds: Wendy Wadsworth reported that a large group of volunteers have given The Clearing an extensive Spring cleaning.

Spring Retreat: Diana Westbrook reminded Friends that Spring Retreat will be held on Memorial Day Weekend, and that several appealing speakers and activities are planned.

Clerk's Business: Margaret noted the passing of Jay Worrall, the author of "The Friendly Virginians." A memorial service will be March 27 at 1 p.m. at Tandem Friends School in Charlottesville. She also noted that a Financial Audit Committee has been formed. A committee member asked that it be more accurately called the Financial Review Committee. Finally, she announced that we will be hosting the October BYM interim meeting and asked for volunteers for a coordinating committee.

The meeting was concluded at 12:45 p.m.

Margaret Edds, Clerk

Grace Palmer, Recording Clerk

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9:30 and 11 am Every First Day
Singing
10:35-10:55 am 1st First Day
**Meeting for Worship with
Concern for Business (MWB)**
3rd First Day
Religious Education:
11:20 am First Day School
Pot Luck Lunch:
4th First Day, at rise of meeting

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