

**Minutes of the Representative Body of North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative)  
Tenth Month 24, 2009**

The Representative Body of North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative) convened at Cedar Grove meetinghouse in Woodland, North Carolina on the 24<sup>th</sup> of Tenth Month, 2009. Meeting opened with expectant waiting worship, out of which the clerk prayed for the Lord's help in walking humbly in the Light.

A letter of introduction for Connie Bair-Thompson of Smithfield Monthly Meeting in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, was read. Meeting approved that the clerk endorse the letter.

The minutes from the Fourth Month, 2009, Representative Body Meeting were read.

A letter from Friends in Beaufort, North Carolina, was read, stating that they have settled on a name for their community: Core Sound Friends (Quakers). The letter was approved for inclusion in the minutes:

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To: Friends of North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative)  
From: Core Sound Friends (Quakers)

Dear Friends of the Yearly Meeting,

We are glad to announce that Friends in Beaufort, Carteret County of North Carolina, have settled on a name to call ourselves. We have chosen the name Core Sound Friends (Quakers). From our member, Susan Schmidt, we have learned that there once existed a Core Sound Meeting just outside of what now is the town of Beaufort on Highway 101. This Meeting was once a Quaker center for more than 100 years after 1733. Core Sound Meeting was originally a member of London Yearly Meeting, then Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and finally North Carolina Yearly Meeting. Perhaps one day Core Sound Friends will once again be members of a North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

With this historical background of Quakers in Carteret County we felt the name Core Sound Friends appropriate.

Thank you for continued prayerful support of our group of Friends today.

With respect,  
A representative of Core Sound Friends (Quakers),  
Nan Bowles

Mark Wutka of Atlanta (GA) Friends Meeting, Brenda Highberg of Core Sound Friends, Lawrence Newlin, and Connie Thompson of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, Woonsocket, Rhode Island, introduced themselves as visitors and were welcomed.

Barbara Gosney presented for *Nominating Committee*.

Those people nominated for a standing Earthcare Committee are: Nan Bowles; Jennifer Ginsberg; Tommie Gibson; Richard Miller; Cheryl Fetterman; and Jennie Radcliffe. The Meeting approved of these nominations.

The Yearly Meeting needs a representative for Friends Committee on National Legislation, there are two positions as representatives to Friends World Committee for Consultation that are available, and, if any are interested, a new representative to be the Observer to the Guilford College Board of Trustees could be named to replace David Bailey. The American Friends Service Committee has clarified that they only ask for names to be considered for the south-east regional executive committee and therefore we will no longer list it as an appointed position.

The Meeting discussed the need for an assistant clerk role in the Yearly Meeting. There was a sense that the Meeting was not ready to eliminate the role, and in keeping the position, the Meeting would ask the assistant clerk to sit at the clerks' table and read as opportunities arose.

Robert Gosney presented for the *Program Committee*.

“Quaker Spirituality in the Arts” is the theme for the 2010 annual sessions. The committee is working on activities that would encourage sharing among us.

Bill O'Connor presented for the *Youth Program Committee*.

The committee is working on activities and invites suggestions from locals in the Greensboro area. They are working on having the bus from New Garden Meeting available for transportation.

The Body considered *the location for the 2011 annual sessions*.

Cheryl Fetterman reported that Wilmington Meeting has carefully considered whether and how it could host the annual sessions again. Having determined what roles are required and with the addition of new participants in the Meeting, Wilmington feels prepared to host again.

Concern was expressed that Friends from Wilmington were not able to participate in annual sessions activities this past year because they were so busy. They were encouraged to consider where God is calling them to serve, to know that they are loved if they lay the hosting role down, and to know that the Yearly Meeting is grateful for what they have already done.

The Body came to unity to ask Wilmington Meeting to check the availability of facilities at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington for the dates 7/13/2011 to 7/17/2011, and to tentatively schedule the Yearly Meeting for that time if possible. Wilmington Friends are also asked explore further whether they can host again, and other Meetings are to consider ways in which they can take on some of the hosting tasks. The Body will reconsider this matter at Fourth Month Representative Body.

*The Treasurer's report* (for the quarter ended 9/30/2009) was presented by Ray Treadway on behalf of Dora Owens. The report was approved for inclusion in the minutes:

The Yearly Meeting is currently in good financial position. While the Calvert Fund Income is much reduced from past periods, it does continue to increase. The checking account balance is sufficient to meet the Yearly Meeting's current obligations.

We have received contributions from several Monthly Meetings, totaling 16% of our budgeted income for the General Fund. Contributions have been paid to 25% of the budgeted amounts; we expect to continue to pay our budgeted contributions to organizations steadily throughout the year as funds make this possible. Monthly Meetings are asked to be timely in meeting their pledges to the Yearly Meeting so that we can continue to support these worthy organizations, especially as the World's economic situation exacerbates the needs.

The expenses for the 2009 Yearly Meeting have been paid in their entirety, as far as is known by the Treasurer. The costs of the facilities were higher than budgeted; however, generous contributions of Friends to the Assistance Fund as well as the savings on return shipping for the Pendle Hill books enabled NCYM(C) to nearly break even on the event. Currently, there is a significant balance in the Yearly Meeting Assistance Fund, which we can hold for future events, as providing assistance was the intent of the donors.

Attached are reports detailing the amounts for the Budget Performance, Fund Balances, and Yearly Meeting Final Accounting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dora C. W. Owens  
Treasurer

Bob Gosney presented for *Finance Committee*.

The question of whether we sell Disciplines or offer them with a request for contributions was raised. Any money that came in would be added to the Discipline fund to be used for future publishing. It was pointed out that the Journals have been treated as free items, with contributions being made occasionally to the Journal fund.

The sense of the Meeting was that we would give the Disciplines away and ask for a three dollar (\$3.00) contribution from those receiving them, including the Friends General Conference bookstore.

Sid Kitchens shared on the *status of the 2009 minutes book*.

It is in the final stages of preparation, and there should be just over 200 copies published at a cost of approximately one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Sid hoped to distribute them to meetings prior to Christmas. He also mentioned that past editions published with the internet publisher could be reprinted at any future point as desired.

The question of *whether to contribute to the School of the Spirit* had been held over from the annual sessions, and this was addressed by the Representative Body. The Body found unity on the line item of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

Nan Bowles reported for the *Earthcare Committee*.

The committee has approved of inviting the children of the Yearly Meeting to participate in crafting the regular Earthcare statements. The children will be contacted by the committee through a letter introducing the committee and its concerns and work – work that includes the regular messages to the Yearly Meeting participants. The letter will also be sent to Meetings without children, inviting them to hold the process in prayer.

Deborah Shaw shared that she had been approached by David Johns of Earlham School of Religion to *co-author a chapter on the Conservative Friends style of worship* with a Friend each from Ohio Yearly Meeting and Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative).

She requests approval to share her work – for review on behalf of the Yearly Meeting – by the Yearly Meeting Journal editorial committee and anyone else who is interested. Friends found unity with this proposal and approved that the editorial committee may express the Yearly Meeting's satisfaction with the writing, if it is appropriate to do so.

Ray Treadway announced that *Friends World Committee for Consultation* is inviting young friends to participate in a Quaker Youth Pilgrimage. The Pilgrimage will be in the United States in the summer of 2010, and scholarships are available.

Janis Ansell announced that the *Meeting of Ministry and Oversight* invites all to join in consideration of two queries after a short break after the rise of Meeting.

The Clerk thanked Rich Square Meeting for hosting us, and the two novice Clerks were thanked for their work.

Undertaking no further business, the meeting closed with worship, intending to meet next on Fourth Month 24th, 2010, if consistent with Divine Will.

Richard Bryan Miller, Clerk  
David Neil Perry, Recording Clerk