

1 Friends Church of North Carolina Representative Body

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3 October 30, 2021, 10:00 AM
4 Rocky River Friends Meeting
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7 Greetings were extended by David Hobson with announcement that refreshments were
8 available in the Fellowship Hall.
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10 Brenda McKinney, Presiding Clerk of FCNC opened the Representative Body with thanks to
11 Rocky River Friends for hosting our meeting today. She welcomed all of those present and
12 those who were joining us on Youtube. There were 36 Friends and representatives
13 including those who reported in on line. We began by singing the hymn, "The Solid Rock."
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15 **Welcome and Devotions:** Dallas Brooks from Rocky River Friends welcomed everyone
16 and presented a devotion by calling our attention to her name tag. She is wearing it so
17 people will know who she is. This reminded her of a story about the animals at the zoo
18 who decided they should all wear a name tag, that said hello, I am a giraffe, hello I am an
19 elephant, etc. until all of them had name tags. The monkey decided he would play a trick on
20 them and went around while they were asleep and changed their names tags. This made
21 the animals angry, so they said we don't need name tags, we know who we are. Do we
22 know who we are? Matthew 7:16 reads, "Ye shall know them by their fruits." We should
23 not have to wear name tags saying we are Christians, but people should be able to know we
24 are Christians by our fruits and the way we act. Dallas closed with prayer.
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26 **Roll Call:** Mary Anna McCullen, Recording Clerk, conducted the roll call with 36 Friends
27 present including those reporting in on line. Sixteen Meetings were represented.
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29 **Minutes:** The Clerk reported that the minutes of the FCNC Annual Sessions on August 13,
30 14, 2021 were posted on the website in September. She asked if there were any
31 corrections or additions. There were none and the minutes were **approved** as posted.
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33 **Summary of Epistles:** Judy Ritter reported that Yadkin Valley Quarter had not been able
34 to complete the 2021 Summary of Epistles and they would be posted on the FCNC website
35 when completed.
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37 **Ministry and Counsel:** Mike Fulp presented a list of Ministry and Counsel officers for the
38 year of 2022. They are: Presiding Clerk, Mike Fulp Sr.; Assistant Presiding Clerk, David
39 Millikan; Recording Clerk, Roger Greene; Assistant Recording Clerk, vacant.
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41 Recording Committee: Etta Florence Winslow, Ray Luther, Rusty Parsons, Tommy Sluder
42 and one vacancy (a lay person). Tommy Sluder was **approved** as a new member.
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44 Revitalization Committee: Jake Penley, Clerk; Pat Hurley, Recording Clerk; Rusty Parsons;
45 Jeff Barnes; Hugh Spaulding and Ex-officio, Presiding Clerk of Ministry and Counsel.
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47 These were **approved**.
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2 **Outreach Commission:** Brent McKinney, Clerk, reported that a concern was expressed at
3 the August, 2021 Annual Session to reconsider provision # 8 of the procedures for
4 Administration of the Church Extension Funds. The Church Extension Committee has
5 reconsidered and recommends that this provision be changed. Eligible meetings that have
6 made application may make additional applications and receive up to \$5,000 in a three-
7 year period. The three-year period will begin upon approval of the initial grant. This was
8 **approved.** The meeting that had received \$2700 earlier may now apply for an additional
9 amount. A copy of the revised Procedures for Administration of the Church Extension
10 Funds may be found on the FCNC website.

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12 **Communications/Technology Committee:** Jimmy Spaulding, Clerk, presented a preview
13 of the new monthly FCNC newsletter that will be sent out in a few days. The thought is that
14 this is a tool to improve communications. Jimmy stated that this is your newsletter and all
15 of your activities that need to be publicized should be sent to Jenny Gullion at
16 www.jenny@friendschurchnc.org. This is your newsletter and if you have not already
17 signed up to receive it you may send your email address to Jenny and ask her to put you on
18 the newsletter list. Paul Routh described a page where you can create a Facebook post.
19 The deadline for receiving information to go into the newsletter is the first day of each
20 month. If we don't receive information, we won't have a newsletter.

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22 Brenda stated that the Jamaica letter was included in the newsletter, because she wanted
23 us to know how much they appreciate FCNC. She reported that Jamaica has returned to
24 COVID-19 Level 4 and travel is not possible at this time.

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26 **Finance Committee:** Jimmy Spaulding, Clerk, thanked everyone who sent funds for the
27 Superintendent Salary Sponsorship. As of August 31, 2021 \$7,500 has been received for
28 this year. Over \$30,000 was received for the previous year. No funds will be solicited for
29 2022.

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31 Jimmy presented a copy of the proposed FCNC for 2022 on the screen. This has been
32 available on the FCNC website for several weeks and a copy was available in the lobby for
33 those present today. He went over each area highlighting proposed changes from 2021 to
34 2022. Financial obligations for members will again be \$63.25 for 2022 based on 2376
35 members. Copy is attached to these minutes. Clerk, Brenda McKinney, stated that she
36 would not ask for approval of this budget at this time, but she would ask for approval later
37 in today's meeting after the Administrative Oversight Report.

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39 **Break - 11:00 AM**

40 Brenda reminded all of the Billy Britt celebration for his more than 60 years in ministry on
41 November 13, 2021, at High Point Friends. You can call the FUM office to RSVP.

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43 **Minute to Iglesia Evangelica de los Amigos en Mexico:** Brenda McKinney presented a
44 minute that was suggested at Annual Sessions and written from FCNC to Iglesia Evangelica
45 de los Amigos en Mexico congratulating them and extending appreciation for their 150
46 years of Quakerism in Mexico. This minute was **approved** to be sent. A copy of this minute
47 in Spanish and English is attached to these minutes.

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1 **Administrative Oversight Committee:** Roger Holt, Clerk, presented the following
2 recommendations.

- 3 • Roger showed a slide of a bulletin insert, “What FCNC does for you,” that was
4 prepared and will be used in a presentation that will be made to each
5 meeting by the members of the AOC over the next few weeks. We have often
6 heard the question, “What does FCNC do for us?” This is the answer.
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- 8 • The AOC recommends that we restart the Intern Program that was successful
9 in NCYM for a number of years. The AOC recommends that we hire a Part-
10 Time person working 20 hours per month using the job description shown
11 on the slide with a copy attached to these minutes. Names of interested
12 persons have already been received. Support for this was expressed with
13 emphasis on the need for the right person with passion for youth. This was
14 **approved.**
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- 16 • At the last AOC meeting to discuss recommendations for the 2022 FCNC
17 budget we feel we do not have funds to support the position of
18 Superintendent for 2022. Funds have been received from fundraising and
19 the remainder has come from undesignated trust funds in the past. We will
20 not be fundraising for this position for 2022 and do not feel we will have the
21 funds to support this position for the coming year. We recommend that we
22 lay down this position. He said we have heard comments from those who
23 were concerned that we should not support this position from trust funds
24 and have received a number of complaints. Roger Holt stated that we need to
25 hear comment from the yearly meeting about what you want.
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27 John Porter, current pastor at Science Hill Friends and Roger Greene said that
28 they do not support this recommendation. John, former NCYM
29 Superintendent, said that he spent 50% of his time working with pastors and
30 there needs to be someone available for them. Roger Greene said that the
31 position of superintendent was hired as a “pastor to the pastors,” and this is
32 too sudden for him and he supports keeping it. As far as undesignated trust
33 funds being used, it is decided each year how to use them. Seventeen cents
34 per day is what is being asked in financial obligations. If there is a problem
35 with the superintendent, it should be addressed, but we should not just
36 eliminate the position. Roger Greene stated that if we don’t use the trust
37 funds and let them pile up, we may not get more. Judy Ritter corrected him
38 in stating that is not the way it works. We may be blessed with more if the
39 trust funds grow, it is not determined by how we use them.
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41 Gloria Simmons said Mike Wall had an impact on pastors and she along with
42 David Millikan, supported continuing the position supporting Mike.
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44 Martha Jo Jones, representative from Centre Friends stated that Centre
45 Friends approved that they would not support paying the superintendent
46 position with undesignated trust funds.
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1 Deets McCullen asked the question, whom would pastors go to if we do not
2 have a superintendent? He suggested we try to resolve issues Friends have
3 with Mike Wall. If there is a problem with the Superintendent, it should be
4 addressed, but we should not just eliminate the position and keep it in the
5 budget paying for it with trust funds. Communication is a great thing.
6 Brenda McKinney, Clerk said that there is support for Mike and there is not;
7 it is divided. Michael Fulp also said support is divided.
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9 Gloria Simmons said we need to initiate conversations with Mike about what
10 Friends are unhappy about, but we need to look at ourselves first. There has
11 to be some resolution or we are going to be lost.
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13 Brenda, Presiding Clerk, said she is hearing that we are in support of keeping
14 the position of Superintendent. She asked if Centre Friends is agreeable to
15 work on this issue? If so, she and Roger Holt will sit down and work with
16 Mike Wall on the issues of concern. She asked if Southern Quarter can
17 resolve their issues if we work on it. Brenda and Roger Holt will meet with
18 Mike Wall personally and try to resolve issues that Friends are concerned
19 about and continue this position paying for it from the undesignated trust
20 funds. This was **approved**. Michael Fulp stated that Mike needs to spend a
21 great deal of his time in Southern Quarter.
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23 Mike Wall rose and spoke to the Representative Body saying that we are wise
24 to keep this position, not necessarily to keep him. Someone has to keep us
25 together and try to move forward with the help of a superintendent.
26 Remember that this is a part-time position and he has been working with
27 churches that have been struggling. He is willing to work to improve what
28 the issues are, trying to help us to move forward.
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30 **Budget Approval:** Brenda McKinney, Presiding Clerk, brought to the attention of the Rep.
31 Body that considering approval to keep the superintendent and it's funding coming from
32 the undesignated trust funds, do we approve of the proposed 2022 FCNC budget with the
33 Financial Obligations of \$63.25 per member. This was **approved**.
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35 **FUM Representatives:** Brenda reported that she and Etta Florence Winslow have served
36 as representatives to the Friends United Meeting Board from FCNC for the past two years.
37 She asked for approval for herself and Etta Florence to serve as FUM representatives again
38 for another two years. This was **approved**.
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40 **Young Friends:** Paul Routh reported that there will be a FCNC young friends fall retreat
41 "Reignite Youth Faith," at Quaker Lake next weekend, November 5-7, 2021. Deadline for
42 registration is October 31st and he encouraged youth to attend.
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44 **NCYM, Inc.:** Brenda McKinney has prepared a report from FCNC that will be presented to
45 their Annual Meeting next Saturday, November 6, 2021. She showed slides of the report
46 showing how we used the funds we received from the NCYM Funds, LLC (Trustees of Trust
47 Funds) in 2020. This was an outstanding report and **approved**.
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1 **Memorial Campfire:** The Clerk reminded everyone that a Memorial Campfire will be held
2 for Neil Thomas, former Quaker Lake Director, next Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

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4 **Jamaica Pews:** Mike Fulp, Sr. asked if we still need funds for shipment of pews and work
5 at Belfield Meeting in Jamaica. Clerk Brenda reported that \$3,000 has been received for
6 shipping the pews, but funds are still needed for roof and floor repair. Four thousand
7 dollars is needed for repairs and Hopewell Meeting will be helping with that in memory of
8 Myra Brady.

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10 Displays and posters for missions at Rocky River Friends were called to our attention to see
11 on the front pews of the meetinghouse today. We were also reminded to see the pictures of
12 the successful Quaker Lake Pumpkin Festival on their website with approximately 3,000
13 people in attendance.

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15 The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 pm.

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19 Respectfully submitted,

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21 Brenda McKinney, Presiding Clerk

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23 Mary Anna McCullen, Recording Clerk

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