

Friends Church of North Carolina
Representative Body Meeting
October 25, 2025
White Plains Friends Meeting

Representative Body Meeting started at 10:00 AM. Presiding clerk, Roger Holt, welcomed all.

Devotions/Prayer were lead by: Dusty Ball, pastor of White Plains Friends

Spoke about unity in the church and quoted from John 17: 20-26; Love is the key factor in all our relationships—

Jennifer (Dusty's daughter), sang "All My Hope is in Jesus"

Roll call: Recording Clerk, Christine Blamer, conducted the roll call. (See sheet) There were 31 Friends representing 16 Meetings and 0 visitor(s) present.

Regrets: David Millikan (Asheboro); Ginger Holt (Deep Creek); Ray Luther (Marlboro), Erin Mintmier (Cedar Square); Tommy Sluder (Centre); Brent McKinney (White Plains); Andy Garner and David Briles (Science Hill); Carolyn Bray (Harmony Grove).

Reading/Approval of Minutes from Annual Sessions August 8-9, 2025:

These were posted on the FCNC website for view prior this Meeting. Therefore they were not read aloud. Roger Holt asked if there were any corrections needed to the minutes. There were a few corrections. Corrected Minutes were then approved by the Body.

Annual Sessions Epistle: David Hobson

Read a summary of what transpired at Annual Sessions. Friends were invited to comment on the Epistle; It was approved by the Rep Body. This epistle from FCNC will be available to read to all Friends everywhere. (Copy attached).

Summary of Epistles: Mary Anna McCullen

Read summaries from as many Yearly Meeting summaries that were available online from locations throughout the world. (Copy attached).

Trustee of Trust Funds Update: Don Farlow: (trust fund income available to FCNC & NFFF based on a 75.6% (FCNC) / 24.4% (NFFF) split)

It's been 8 years since NCYM, Inc approved the reorganization of the former North Carolina Yearly Meeting in 2017. At the time of the reorganization, NCYM Funds, LLC was established to, among other things, assume the role of "Trustees of Trust Funds." This is a summary and an update regarding these funds and the generated income that is available to support the ministry and mission work we are called to do.

On March 31, 2017, (the basis for the payout the first year of the reorganization), there was a trust fund balance of approximately \$6.6M available in the General Trust Fund to generate the approximately 4% payout for 2018. Subsequently, the basis-date for

payout was revised to June 30 of the year prior to the payment, and, as of 6/30/2025, the General Trust Fund balance had grown to \$13.3M. Don made it clear that we are not sitting on millions of dollars to use; rather these funds pay out 4% of market value each year to be used for missions and ministries of the two Associations and beneficiaries according to the guidelines in existence at the time of the reorganization.

Don went through years 2018 to 2026... in 2018 the total General Trust Fund payout was approximately \$146,000 and the payout in 2026 it will be approximately \$392,000. This is the total payout from the general trust funds, but a portion of this is distributed to other beneficiaries, including Guilford College and Quaker Lake, based on the instructions of the donors who created the trust funds. There is some "Undesignated" trust fund income to be used as needed by FCNC and NCFE without restrictions. The payout to FCNC alone in 2026 will be approximately \$296,000. Our challenge is to translate this payout into 21st century ministries and missions while still honoring donor wishes. This rationalization should occur with integrity.

Don also presented the following recommendations from the Trustees of the Trust Fund Board and NCYM, Inc for approval...

Eliminate the Quaker Lake Camp financial management fee of \$24,750 annually and eliminate the Friends Disaster Service management fee of \$2700 paid annually to NCYM, Inc.

With camper capacity near its maximum, the significant inflation over the last several years, and no increase in support from FCNC or NCFE since reorganization, elimination of the QLC financial management is an opportunity to aid in keeping camp affordable.

NC FDS does not receive funds from FCNC or NCFE on a planned basis and the required financial management services are minimal, so the recommendation is to waive the financial management fee. The total impact of these changes would decrease the approximate \$296,000 trust fund payout to FCNC for 2026 by \$735. The Trustees of Trust Funds and the NCYM, Inc Board will continue to monitor changes to the General Trust Fund's market value and make necessary adjustments based on market value.

Presiding Clerk, Roger Holt presented the recommendation before the Body. It was approved. This change will only take place if NCFE also approves. NCYM, Inc. Board Chair, Terri Harris, will be presenting this to NCFE at their next meeting.

Consideration of Whitney Bradshaw as a replacement appointee to NCYM, Inc Board:

Don Farlow gave a summation of Whitney about her education, jobs she's held, and a list of accomplishments. She is also very active in leadership roles at Marlboro Friends and desires to lead where the Holy Spirit leads her. Don Farlow highly recommends her. Presiding Clerk, Roger Holt presented Whitney Bradshaw before the Body for approval as the new replacement appointee on the NCYM Board. This was approved.

AOC meeting on new position for Communications across FCNC: presented by Roger Holt

The purpose of this new position is to improve our communication as an organization. It will replace the current social media coordinator position. The AOC is recommending that we create a new position called, Administrative Communications Coordinator. This new position will do more than the current communications person. This person would be the central contact person for all communications within FCNC and outside on social media platforms. A description of duties was up on the video screen.

Compensation is base annual salary of \$40,000 for 30 hours per week with approved payment for office supplies and mileage expenses.

Much discussion ensued....

Roger Holt put the position before the Body...they approved.

Proposed 2026 FCNC Budget: Roger Holt presented.

The budget didn't change much from last year. Roger went through some changes with the major change being the addition of the new Administrative Communications Coordinator at \$40,000/year. This new position replaces the current Social Media Coordinator position which paid \$15,000 annually.

Financial Obligations per member remain the same as last year...\$65/member.

All in all, the total budget increased \$40,000 over last year's budget.

Members approved the 2026 budget.

Other Announcements:

It was approved by Friends that Ricky Cox serve on the Outreach commission from Southern Quarter.

Fred Sener's wife Pauline passed away.

November 10th, there will be a blood drive at Winthrop Friends 3-7pm;

Keep Bob & Hope Carter in your prayers as they travel to Palestine.

Keep Jamaica Friends Meetings in your prayers.

Roger ended with Prayer at 12:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Holt, Presiding Clerk

Christine Blamer, Recording Clerk