

Friends Church of North Carolina  
Representative Body  
October 1, 2022  
Forbush Friends Meeting

Brenda McKinney, Presiding Clerk, called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. Clerk acknowledged the bad weather experienced across the state on Friday was keeping many folk from attending. Brenda asked Mitch See, Pastor of Forbush Friends Meeting, to begin the meeting with a few words. He shared that we were using our gifts by being present today and we must rely on God to start us over everyday. He closed with prayer.

Brenda asked for regrets that need to be recorded. The following names were voiced: Mary Anna and Deets McCullen, Darla and Linwood Anderson, Connie and Howard Seymour , Geraldine Brannon, Etta Florence Winslow, David Robinette, and Kelli Koonz. In absence of a vocal rollcall a sign-in sheet was passed to record Representatives and others in attendance.

Clerk shared minutes of Annual Sessions had been posted on the website for several weeks after completion by the Recording Clerk and the Editing Committee and copies were available today. Minutes of Annual Sessions were approved.

Brenda called on Roger Holt, chair of Administrative Oversight Committee, to give a report. Roger reported AOC had approved the position of Assistant Presiding Clerk of Program in addition to Assistant Presiding Clerk. The Committee on Clerks has identified someone who would feel called to become a Clerk but felt untrained. This position was approved.

Clerk called on David Millikan to give the Committee on Clerks report. The Committee recommended Brenda McKinney as Assistant Presiding Clerk for one year and Erin Mitmier for the new Assistant Presiding Clerk for Program for one year. Meeting approved the report.

Clerk asked Assistant Recording Clerk, Judy Ritter, to read the Summary of Epistles. This Summary was prepared by Darla Anderson of Contentnea Quarter.

Brenda asked David Millikan, Chair of the Finance Committee, to present the 2023 budget. Highlights of the budget was an increase for Friends Campus Ministries due to expansion to Wilmington area ie UNCW; increase in cost of the Audit; the salary of the Intern Coordinator although covered by Outreach Commission funds; and the increase of Financial Obligations to the Meetings from \$63.25 to \$65.00. The increase was due in large part as a result of membership dropping from 2376 to 2250. Meeting approved the budget.

Literature Committee reported that some Meetings still had three copies of FCNC Faith and Practice available to be picked up.

Clerk asked Ministry and Counsel Clerk, Mike Fulp, to give a report. Mike expressed a concern is that of developing leadership. He asked each Quarterly Meeting to appoint a member for the M&C Nominating Committee. He shared the Revitalization Committee can help Meetings find

what they can do in community outreach. Mike reminded us that our purpose is “To know God and make Him known”.

Brenda shared that October 2, 2022 is World Quaker day and that the most Quakers are in Kenya, US next, Bolivia third, and Peru is fourth.

October 15<sup>th</sup> is Pumpkin Festival at Quaker Lake and volunteers are needed.

NCYM, Inc Annual Meeting is November 5<sup>th</sup> with a celebration of 350 years of Quakers in North Carolina followed by lunch and the Yearly Meeting and other reports in the afternoon.

There being no further business Clerk adjourned the business meeting and we moved into a workshop on Outreach led by Darryl Bodie of The Fellowship Institute in Greensboro.

Brenda McKinney, Presiding Clerk

Judy Ritter, Assistant Recording Clerk