

Friends Church of North Carolina  
**Representative Body Meeting**  
October 14, 2023  
Archdale Friends Meeting

Representative Body Meeting started at 9:00 AM. Presiding clerk, Roger Holt, welcomed all and started with prayer.

**Roll call:** New Recording Clerk, Christine Blamer, conducted the roll call. There were 37 Friends representing 16 Meetings and 1 visitor present from Port Antonio, Jamaica.

**Reading/Approval of Minutes from Annual Sessions—August 11-12, 2023:**

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 none. Minutes were approved by the Body.

**FCNC Budget-David Millikan**

Going into this Budget year, we started with \$12,000 surplus. Therefore, the surplus funds were allocated or increased as follows: 1) NC Ministers Association \$4000 for pastor retreat (new line item); 2) FWCC—additional \$1500 for capital campaign; 3) Christian Education—additional \$2000 for Kaleo Academy scholarships; 4) M&C—Spiritual Life: additional \$400 for Divorce Counseling; 5) FUM Support—additional \$5000. The Financial Obligations per member remain the same as last year at \$65.00 per member. There were other minor changes to other budget line items, but, all in all, the budget line figures remain the same as last year. Questions/comments about the budget were answered. The budget was approved by the Body.

**Outreach Report—Brent McKinney**

Due to time restrictions at Annual Sessions, this report is presented today and is for August 1, 2022 - July 31, 2023 expenditures.

Outreach commission Balances:

**Church Vocations:**

General funds \$12,469; General funds are used for college loans for students which there were no applications, therefore no expenditures.

Barker Funds \$45,735; Barker funds are used mainly for Pastors—speakers, education, etc...There were no expenditures. Barker funds make about \$10,000 per year.

**Church Extension:** funds in the form of grants are used for physical facilities, salaries, and program needs of new, existing and small meetings.

Current balance: \$183,296. Trust funds generate approximately \$50,000 in trust fund income per year. Expenditures last fiscal year were \$69,011. The biggest expenditures were: Intern Coordinator: \$20,000; Yadkin Quarter—Harmony Grove: \$10,000; Southern Quarter—Thomasville: \$20,000

**Evangelism funds:** Has a current balance of \$10,962. Expenditures were: Friends Campus Ministries \$4,000; Evangelism Workshop—Steve Ackley \$2,130; Midyear

Sessions workshop— Steve Ackley (continuation from first workshop) \$2,000. Income generated by Trust funds for the Evangelism fund are generally \$4,000 to \$6,000 annually.

**Revitalization funds:** Brent gave a report but made it clear that decisions about these funds do not fall under the Outreach Commission Committee, but under the Revitalization Committee. Since he was given the information, he included it in this report.

Current balance: \$11,648. Funds were spent on Harmony Grove and Thomasville. No breakdown of how much was spent on each one was not provided.

Brent continued with how we carry some significant balances in addition to some other endowment funds. There has been some concern raised by NCYM, Inc about those funds just sitting in our bank account not earning any interest—particularly the Church extension funds of \$183,000 and Barker funds of \$45,000. Since NCYM, Inc is responsible for transferring accrued funds into the FCNC bank account, Don Farlow, who is on the NCYM Inc board, said that if this Body would want to have some of these funds transferred into a CD or a high yield interest account, we would have to minute that to NCYM, Inc to Judith Cranford who would have to execute that. This is required for documentation for the audit to show that every transaction has documentation for the execution.

David Hobson suggested forming a 4-person committee to work with Judith to invest up to \$200,000 in a short term interest bearing account. Don Farlow added that it is critical to make sure you know the timing of when the funds mature once invested, either at the beginning of our fiscal year or near the end of the year so they are available for planned use.

Presiding Clerk, Roger Holt presented the following before the Body...Would Friends approve of a 4-person committee made up of Presiding clerk, Friend, Trustee, and Treasurer to work with Judith to identify up to \$200,000 to invest short term to mature the first of the year so that funds would be available at the beginning of our calendar year? This was approved by the Body.

The Outreach Commission report was approved by the Body.

The following Representatives need to be approved for the FUM Board—

- Roger Holt
- Etta Florence Winslow
- Brenda McKinney (as an alternate)

This was Approved by the Body.

The following Representatives need to be approved for FWCC

- David Hobson
- Rausie Hobson
- Lindsay Shore Wright
- Brenda McKinney

This was Approved by the Body.

**The Annual Sessions Epistle** written by Roger Greene was mistakenly not read at Annual Sessions. Therefore, Roger Holt read it at this meeting and it was approved by the Body. A copy can be found on the FWCC.world website.

**FUM General Board Report—Roger Holt**

Roger and Etta Florence Winslow attended the FUM General Board Sessions October 4-7, 2023 at Quaker Hill in Richmond, Indiana. Roger came away with a very positive experience and got additional information on what FUM is doing. There are 400,000 Friends worldwide; 200,000 of them are in East Africa; 140,000 are in Kenya. North American numbers continue to diminish while others around the world continue to rise. Judy Ritter spoke up about the Sustainability Committee of FUM of which she is on. She gave a report on the corn project which had an excellent harvest. The corn was sold to the Kenyan government to be distributed due to drought conditions which affected their food supply. There is a total of 900 leased acres they work with. They are also looking at a fish farm (tilapia) sustainability project. FUM is also looking at planting 2 acres in Belize for fruits and vegetables for a sustainability project.

Date for Midyear Sessions needs to be decided. It was Approved to have Yadkin Valley Quarter to find out which meeting will hold the Midyear Meeting next year in March and give the date to FCNC Presiding clerk, Roger Holt.

Roger Holt adjourned the meeting at 9:53am.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Holt, Presiding Clerk  
Christine Blamer, Recording Clerk