

New Association of Friends Steering Committee Meeting  
October 20, 2013

DRAFT MINUTES

The Steering committee of the NAOF met at Raysville Friends with the following present. Catherine Griffith (Irvington), Jameson McGrew (New Castle), Brenda Alyea (Greenfield), Richard Ratliff (Spiceland), Nancy Shawver (Bluff Point), Peter Shawver (Bluff Point), Linda Daniel (Muncie Friends Memorial), Ed Nicholson (West Richmond), Ray Ontko (First Friends Richmond), Margaret Fraser (Friends of the Light), Dortha Meredith (First Friends Richmond), Richard Meredith (First Friends Richmond), Mary Probasco (First Friends Richmond), Joshua Brown (West Richmond), Michael Sherman (Raysville), Russell Wheeler (Englewood), Kay Wheeler (Englewood), and Mike Hinshaw (visitor from Wooster Lake Erie YM, representing Friends World Committee for Consultation.)

The Presiding Clerk opened the meeting with a welcome to all in attendance and a period of open worship.

The roll call of member meetings was called with representatives from Bluff Point, Englewood, Friends of the Light, Greenfield, Friends Memorial, Muncie First Friends New Castle, First Friends Richmond, Spiceland, West Richmond and Raysville in attendance.

The minutes from the Steering Committee Meeting held June 20, 2013 were approved as distributed.

Trustees' Report

Ray Ontko reported that all restricted and unrestricted funds have been transferred from IYM to the NAOF in two separate checks. (See the attached Treasurer's Report for the details.)

Recommendation from the Trustees:

**The trustees recommend investing all of the restricted funds and all but \$10,000 of the unrestricted funds in Friends Fiduciary at the earliest possible date.**

A concern was raised as to the accessibility of the invested funds if the need should arise. The funds are easily accessible at any time with no restrictions.

### **Recommendation approved**

The Fountain City Meetinghouse has been transferred to the NAOF with the survey yet to be completed.

### Treasurer's Report

Bud Shore presented the treasurer's report as of 10/20/2013.

There are total funds of \$ 436,499.89 most of which are restricted funds. The full report is attached to these minutes.

Meetings are encouraged to include support for the NAOF in their budgets.

The Treasurer requested that the Assistant Treasurer, Duke Hamm, be given authority to sign NAOF checks. This will be taken to the October 27<sup>th</sup> NAOF Meeting for approval.

### Membership and Bylaws

The committee is recommending that the bylaws require Meeting Membership, Affiliated Meeting Membership and Individual Membership requests be brought to the body of the New Association of Friends by the clerks for affirmation or not. Specific requirements for membership are being intentionally omitted from the bylaws to maintain openness and flexibility.

Joshua Brown recommended a membership book for Individual Members and a list of Recorded Ministers be maintained by the Recording Clerk. Ray Ontko read the job description of the Recording Clerk from the proposed bylaws that includes these duties.

A Friend from Kenya has inquired about membership and this was used as an example of possible requests from afar for individual and affiliate membership. Some "What If" questions were expressed

and it appears the proposed bylaws will allow the NAOF to discern nearly all requests.

The proposed bylaws will be presented for approval at the meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October at Greenfield Friends.

A minute of thanks and appreciation was approved for the work of Ray Ontko and Jameson McGrew in preparing the proposed bylaws.

### Recording Committee Report

Joshua Brown presented an extensive report and proposal on the various levels of recording the gifts of Friends. This proposal is to simplify the process from what is used by IYM and to be inclusive of Women, Divorcees and all sexual orientations.

The proposal will be sent to member meetings for information as well as threshing for the next year. In the meantime, the recording committee will use these guidelines to proceed with those currently in the process of recording. No action will be required by the NAOF body until all meetings have had a year to respond with support or concerns.

The packet of information is attached to these minutes.

The Recording Committee has done a great deal of preparation of this proposal and is to be commended for their work.

### Budget Committee

An active budget committee needs to prepare a budget in order to allot funds for specific uses. For example we need to provide support if needed for Friends traveling to represent the NAOF at such events as FCNL, FWCC, FUM functions.

The NAOF is accepting contributions from Member Meetings and individuals to support our activities. No one is paid for their service to the NAOF.

## Calendar of Events

December 8<sup>th</sup> – Possible Caroling somewhere.

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014      Steering Committee Meeting at Williamsburg

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014      NAOF General Meeting

Meeting ended with silent worship in the manner of Friends, and thanks to Raysville Friends for their hospitality.

Russ Wheeler, Recording Clerk