

Delaware Valley Friends School/Concord Quarter Care Committee Minutes, September 23, 2019

Present: Susan Brodesser (Birmingham Meeting), Clerk, Ginny Sutton (Westtown Meeting), Steve Kupferschmid (Willistown Meeting), Gray Goodman (DVFS Faculty), David Calamaro (DVFS Associate Head and Academic Dean), Christa Harp (Trustee and former parent)

Excused: Tom Ceresini (Middletown Meeting)

After we introduced ourselves, we had a few minutes of worship.

1. Agenda Approval - agenda approved
2. May 6th, 2019 Care Committee Minutes were approved
3. Review of school/Quarter interactions since last meeting: There was an attempt to find a service project for 45 students at the beginning of the school year, but there was no Quarter site available that could use that many students. There may be opportunities later on for smaller groups of students to participate.
4. Upcoming activities:

October 6 - Brief Presentation at Birmingham MM, Susan

October 6 - Hayride and Potluck Campfire event - information has been sent to DVFS.

October 12 - Founders Day - mostly for former students (soccer game), and teachers.

October 27, Quarterly Meeting - David and Kirk will come along with a few others, including students. A 2 minute film made by a former student will be shown. Ginny asked if perhaps there might be students who would be willing to talk to the FDS children about different learning differences. David will check this out, but it will probably be too much for them. Lynne will check with Westtown about AV equipment availability (Carl Beehler is the person at Westtown to check with). David be present at 10:15 during the break after Meeting for Business to work out the AV details. The article about DVFS written by David Calamaro that will be in the October newsletter was shared and appreciated.

November 14 - Invitation to worship and tour at DVFS. Lynne will get the language from David to publicize it. 10:05-10:35am. followed by a tour. RSVPs for this event should go to Judy Sheridan at 610-640-4150 x2360. Or email her at Judy.sheridan@dvfs.org.

For regular meeting for worship on Thursdays to which all are welcome RSVP to David at 610-640-4150. X 2131 It is important to check to be sure meeting for worship is scheduled to happen.

Steve will bring up with Willistown Meeting the idea of a having a special hosted meeting for worship at their October Meeting for Business. David will let Steve know what dates might be good that don't conflict with the school calendar.

Susan shared the opportunity of playing with the "Friendly Beast" orchestra at Birmingham Meeting before Christmas. A teacher from DVFS has participated in the past.

January 26, 2020 – The First annual school and committee report for Quarterly Meeting is expected. We will work on this at the next meeting.

5. Feedback from students about topics in which they are interested and about which they might wish to engage in conversation with Quarter members, make a presentation etc: Gray shared that clubs have just started up for the year. They focus on leadership and decision making at the beginning of the year.
6. Quaker Life Committee (Board Committee) is getting up and running again after a hiatus. It will meet 4 times a year and include the Clerks of all the student committees along with Board members, faculty, and Susan Brodesser as Clerk of the DVFS/Concord Quarter Care Committee. David will be clerking it this year. The idea is for it to be a place where students can learn more about Quakerism and give feedback about how things are going. Evidently the model of including students is not used in all Quaker schools.
7. Date of next meeting: January 13, 2020. 3:15pm here at DV.

The meeting closed with some worship.