

Minutes - DRAFT
Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business
Fifth Month 21, 2006

Opening

Friends gathered for a brief period of silent worship. Our clerk, Ann Marie Moriarty, read the queries of Baltimore Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice for the fifth month, which focus on home and family:

Do you make your home a place of affection where God's presence is felt? Do you practice family prayer? Do you share your deepest beliefs and interests with all in the family? Do you grow together through sharing prosperity and adversity? Can you keep a sense of humor and avoid taking yourself too seriously?

Do you establish family standards including the mutual obligations of children and adults? Are you as children learning to be accountable for your own actions? Do you as parents help your children to grow in independence and responsibility? Do you consider the needs of grandparents and older members of the family circle?

The agenda was approved, with 20 friends present.

The minutes of the April business meeting were approved with corrections.

Clerks Mail

Announcements from Quaker and non-Quaker community organizations were read. Please ask Ann Marie or see our bulletin board for information about these. William Penn House is having a youth weekend in October.

Finance Committee - Phil Martens

Phil reported on the income given in April, the month that has seen the lowest amount of giving. Phil encouraged friends to make donations to the meeting so that we can meet our giving goals. A copy of the report for December through April will be attached.

Ad hoc Long Range Planning Committee - Reuben Snipper

Reuben gave an update about what is happening so far with this ad hoc committee. The process the committee will be using is one of asking members of committees to consider the best process for doing long range planning. Some people have very concrete ideas about what the meeting should be doing, and others have a more global view of how to support our spiritual community. There may be a day-long retreat around the time of the meeting's 50th anniversary celebration, along with second hours and other more usual events. Chase Clement served as the convener up to this point, and now Cheryl Morden is clerk of this committee.

Announcements

Friends Community School will have its annual picnic on the grounds of our Meeting house on Friday, 9.

There are scholarships available to First Day School teachers for attending Baltimore Yearly Meeting. Interested teachers should contact the yearly meeting office. Our clerk encouraged friends to attend the annual sessions of Baltimore Yearly Meeting to be held at the end of July/beginning of August in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Nominating Committee - Wendy Eck

The FCS school board members are on a different rotation from other committee positions, and so need to have terms that begin and end in June. The following names were given a first reading for the FCS School Board: Phillip Bogdonoff and Michael Hayes, both to serve 2006-2008.

Other names that were given a first reading:

Marialis Zmuda for Peace and Social Concerns (06-08)

Shelly Thurber for Hospitality (06-08)

Jolee Robinson for Liason to BYM's working group on racism (06-08)

It was noted that Marialis Zmuda is resigning from Hospitality.

Peace and Social Concerns - Matty Lau

Information about all of the organizations that Adelphi gives donations to was compiled and put into a binder in the library, available to all Adelphi friends. The Committee has prepared a first draft of their recommendation for disbursement of the Meeting's Outreach Funds for this year.

Peace & Social Concerns Committee Proposal for Outreach Budget Allocations for 2006

Organization	Proposed Funding Amount
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Be Friendly Ministries	\$2,000
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Crossings Healingworks	\$1,000
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HIP	\$4,000
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Jubilee Jobs	\$866
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P.G. Peace & Justice Coalition	\$900
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Washington Quaker Workcamps	\$1,000
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MD United for Peace and Justice	\$234
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Total \$10,000

[Note: Funds for the meeting's tutoring program are being handled by the finance committee; it was noted that from now on expenses of this effort will be included as a line item in the regular annual budget.]

A proposal was considered from the Montgomery County Coalition on Recruitment Issues, an organization that opposes the use of aggressive tactics used by military recruiters in high schools, and advocates that military recruiters be given the same access to students as other recruiters, with no special privilege. The group has so far been successful in receiving permission to distribute two booklets in Montgomery County public schools that explain the realities enlisting in the military. This information is to appear on the same tables as the information of the military recruiters. Sarah Wilton, an attender at Adelphi, brought this information to the Meeting with a request that Adelphi endorse their efforts.

After reviewing the MCCRI proposal, the Meeting approved endorsing it. The proposal is attached.

Other Business

The meeting approved writing a letter of introduction for Phillip Payette to meetings in upstate New York.

The Meeting ended after a brief period of worship.

Respectfully submitted by

Marcy Seitel
Recording Clerk

Attached: Finance Committee Report December-April
MCCRI proposal

Here is the petition that MCCRI is hoping the Peace and Social Concerns Committee will bring to Meeting for Business to solicit Adelphi Meeting's endorsement. With Montgomery County (collective and individual) support, the committee intends to deliver the petition to the MC School Board for approval.

Very briefly, the proposal regulates access by military recruiters to students by protecting their contact information and providing alternative messages to military propaganda. The proposed "MCPS Military Recruiting Procedures" are in accordance with federal law, protect student privacy, and allow interested students to freely explore all career options, including the military. The proposal seeks to:

- Ensure that all students and parents are informed of their right not to have contact information released to military recruiters;
- Station all recruiters (whether college, corporate, or military) in career centers rather than in hallways and cafeterias, and otherwise provide students with equal, not preferential, access to all recruiters;
- Provide students with access to realistic, accurate information on the military and on alternatives to the military so that they can make an informed decision about enlisting.

These are the endorsements we have received so far from organizations, including Bethesda Friends Meeting:

Takoma Park Peace and Justice Committee
Montgomery County Coalition for Alternatives to War
Military Families Speak Out - local chapter
Veterans for Peace (Chapter 16)
Bethesda Friends Meeting
River Road Unitarian Peace Action Committee
National Organization for Women - local chapter

Here is the proposed petition in its entirety:

Proposed MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS MILITARY RECRUITING PROCEDURES by the Montgomery County Coalition on Recruitment Issues

School districts throughout the country are revising their procedures on military recruiting in response to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), as well as concerns of parents,

students, and civic associations such as the National PTA [1]. Generally, these procedures cover three broad areas of concern:

I. Student privacy;

II. Recruiter access to students;

III. Use of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) for recruiting purposes.

The laws governing military recruitment in high schools are stated as follows in NCLB Section 9528(a) [2]:

(1) ACCESS TO STUDENT RECRUITING INFORMATION- Notwithstanding Section 444(a)(5)(B)[3] of the General Education Provisions Act and except as provided in paragraph (2), each local educational agency receiving assistance under this Act shall provide, on a request made

by military recruiters or an institution of higher education, access to secondary school students' names, addresses, and telephone listings.

(2) CONSENT- A secondary school student or the parent of the student may request that the student's name, address, and telephone listing described in paragraph (1) not be released without prior written parental consent, and the local educational agency or private school shall notify parents of the option to make a request and shall comply with any request.

(3) SAME ACCESS TO STUDENTS- Each local educational agency receiving assistance under this Act shall provide military recruiters the same access to secondary school students as is provided generally to post-secondary educational institutions or to prospective employers of those students.

The following proposed procedures on military recruiting at Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) are in accordance with NCLB provisions, protect student privacy, and allow interested students to freely explore all career options, including the military. They would entail updating MCPS regulations on Student Records (JOA-RA) and on School Visitors (COA-RA), last revised prior to the NCLB, as well as the Student Privacy Notice [4].

I. Release of Student Contact Information

1. All secondary students or their parents/guardians shall be allowed to request that the school obtain written consent by the parent (or student of legal age) before releasing information to military recruiters.

2. Students and their parents/guardians shall be allowed to opt out of the release of information at any time of the year, and once they have done so, this status shall remain in place for the remainder of their time in MCPS, including transfer from one school to another, unless a change is requested in writing by the parent or student of legal age.

3. The release of student information shall be limited to name, telephone number and address.

4. This information shall be released only for juniors and seniors, as stated in a joint letter by the U.S. Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Education [5].

5. Notices on the release of student information to military recruiters and on the process for opting out of such release shall be disseminated as widely as possible by a variety of mechanisms,

including, but not limited to, annual mailings to parents and students, and placement in prominent locations on school web sites, in student and parent handbooks, etc. Notices and opt-out forms

shall be provided in simple, succinct language and with clear and easy-to-follow directions in English and Spanish, as well as other common languages used by non-English speaking families.

6. All entities (military, corporate or college) receiving student information shall certify that they will not discriminate against applicants based on race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or disability, as per Maryland Code, Art. 49B,

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II. School Access by Recruiters

1. All recruiters (military, corporate or college) shall be subject to the same procedures throughout MCPS.
2. No recruiters shall be allowed on elementary or middle school properties, except in their capacities as parents or guardians of individual students in specific schools.
3. Each recruiting entity (college, employer, or branch of the military) shall be allowed to visit once quarterly at any given high school, in addition to college and career fairs. The schedule shall be posted in career centers and on their web pages, with at least two weeks' advance notice of each visit, and accessible by a telephone call to the school.
4. Except for career and college fairs, recruiters shall be accessed by interested juniors and seniors only in the Career Center or counseling office. Recruiting shall not take place in school cafeterias or hallways, or at sports events, or involve a captive audience, such as an entire class or mandatory assembly.
5. Recruiters shall not serve as mentors or tutors, coach sports teams, or sponsor intramural activities such as school clubs, except in their capacities as parents or guardians of individual students at specific schools.
6. A procedure shall be established for notifying school principals of any intimidation, harassment, or misrepresentations by recruiters, so that appropriate action can be taken.
7. MCPS employees, including JROTC instructors, shall not engage in recruiting activities on behalf of any outside entity, nor invite recruiters to have contact with students outside of procedures outlined in this section. In addition, JROTC instructors shall not conduct mass mailings to students to promote enrollment in JROTC, and shall meet Maryland state teacher certification requirements.
8. Recruiters shall not sponsor or host activities involving contests, drawings, or lotteries, or engage in transactions that include the exchange of money or gifts (other than promotional items of minimal value).
9. Military exhibits, including vehicles, weaponry, and mobile units such as the U.S. Army Cinema Van, the U.S. Army Cinema Pod, the Army Adventure Van, and the Rockwell and Navy exhibit centers, shall not be allowed on MCPS property, nor shall any electronic games involving simulated violence.
10. Wherever U.S. Armed Forces promotional materials are made available to students, MCPS also shall allow materials encouraging students to make informed decisions on military enlistment and suggesting alternative means for obtaining employment or advanced education.
11. All MCPS high schools shall, if requested, allow equal student access by advocates of alternatives to military service.

III. Use of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

1. If any school wishes to administer the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test, students must be informed that it is voluntary, and the military must guarantee that no contact information or test data for students obtained from the test will be released to military recruiters. Nothing herein shall preclude a student from independently arranging, outside of school, recruiter access to the information..
2. No recruiting shall take place when tests are administered or results disseminated.
3. Information on ASVAB provided in career centers, in parent and student handbooks, and on school web sites, shall refer to the test by its full name, Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, disclose its administration by the Armed Services, and specify the actions taken by MCPS to guarantee student privacy and confidentiality of test scores.

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- [1] Statement from the National Parent-Teachers Association
<http://www.pta.org/ia_pta_positions_1124827720656.html>http://www.pta.org/ia_pta_positions_1124827720656.html
- [2] Section 9528, No Child Left Behind Act of 2001
<<http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg112.html#sec9528>><http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg112.html#sec9528>
- [3] Section 444(a)(5)(B) states: "Any educational agency or institution making public directory information shall give public notice of the categories of information which it has designated as such information with respect to each student attending the institution or agency and shall allow a reasonable period of time after such notice has been given for a parent to inform the institution or agency that any or all of the information designated should not be released without the parent's prior consent."
- [4] Student Records (JOA-RA), last revised October 20, 2000
<<http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/departments/policy/pdf/joara.pdf>><http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/departments/policy/pdf/joara.pdf>
- School Visitors (COA-RA), last revised June 20, 2000
<<http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/departments/policy/pdf/coara.pdf>><http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/departments/policy/pdf/coara.pdf>
- Student Privacy Notice
<<http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/info/studentprivacy/index.shtm>><http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/info/studentprivacy/index.shtm>
- [5] Joint letter from Rod Paige, Secretary of Education and Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense, dated October 9, 2002
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