NCFF Annual Meeting

7 September 2024

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Friends gathered at Quaker Lake for the 2024 Annual Meeting and were welcomed by Kathy Adams.

Clerk Richard Wilcox offered a prayer and then reflections on scripture (Acts 15). He noted that the church has historically been central to community, but it is now in decline. An exception is some of the non-denominational churches, in which there is a claim that if the Bible is followed there will be no conflicts. But Friends believe in community that involves group decision-making, and benefits and problems arise from this practice. He asked us to consider whether group discernment was preferable.

Worship groups met and focused on decisions and outcomes in their particular Meetings.

Frank Levering’s play, “The Distance Between Us,” regarding a mother and daughter in conflict during the Civil War was presented. Friends found it very moving to listen to the letters they wrote to each other back and forth. Differences strained their relationship for many years, but in the end they were reconciled.

Friends enjoyed lunch together, as well as music provided by Bill Gordh, Rudy Gordh and Josh Brown.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Seel, Recording Clerk