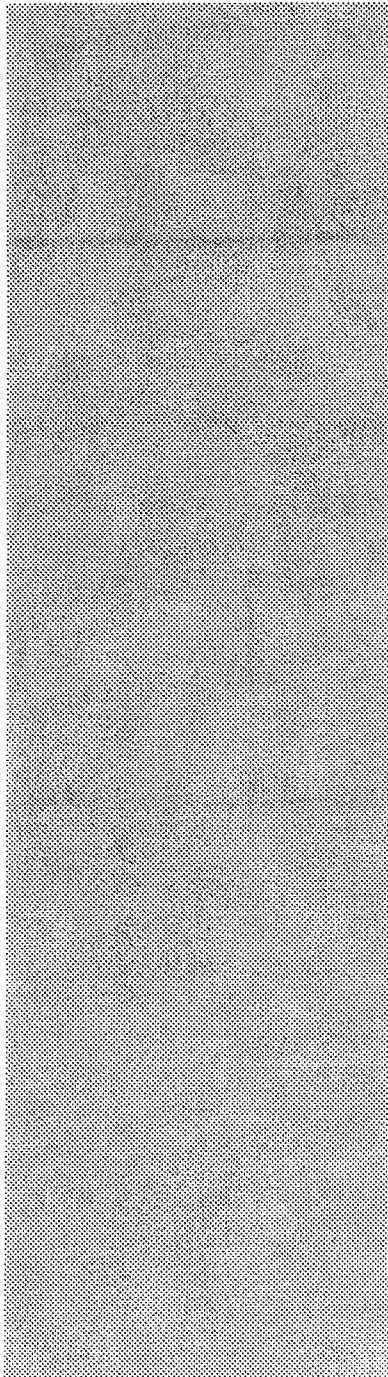


# CFHA Newsletter

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## **Minutes of the annual meeting of the Canadian Friends Historical Association held Saturday, September 18, 1999 at Pelham Evangelical Friends Church, Pelham, Ontario.**

### **Present:**

Christopher Densmore (chair), Sandra Fuller (secretary), Kathleen Hertzberg, Ruth Jeffery MacLean (treasurer & membership), Jane Zavitz-Bond, Don Alexander, Jim Anderson, Susan Bax, Matthew Chesnes, Rose Marie Cipryk, Anne Corkett, Ruth Haggerty, Harry Haggerty, Barbara Horvath, Joan Howatson, Cathy Jolliffe, Janice Kay, Robert Kitely, Dorothea Kitely, Bev Jackson, Jack Jackson, Ron Mattson (guest speaker), Murray McComb, Ed Moore, Mary Moore, Dick Preston, Betty Cutler-Preston, Richard Russell, Barbara Smith, Anya Spethman, Doris Stringer, Gerda Von Bitter, Cindy Walters, Al Webster, Carol Webster.

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship.

### **1. Opening Remarks**

C. Densmore welcomed those assembled for the annual meeting. This location was selected to recognize the establishment of Pelham Meeting of Friends in 1799.

### **2. Regrets**

Everett Bond, John Burtniak, Norman and Dorothy Jolly, Elizabeth Moger, Winifred Ouderkirk, Arnold Ranneris.

### **3. Testimonies**

Friends were asked to remember the lives of those who have died in the past year. David McFall who died in January 1999 was a faithful supporter of CFHA since its inception. His role as liaison for CFHA with other historical organizations was a valuable contribution to the work of this association.

### **4. Approval of minutes**

Minutes of the previous annual meeting (12 September 1998) were accepted with the following suggestions

made by K. Hertzberg: that in Item 2 the word "Memorials" should be changed to "Testimonies"; that in Item 7 the word "Friends" should be replaced by "Religious Society of Friends".

5. **Agenda Review**

There were no new items to be added to the agenda.

6. **Report of Chairperson**

C. Densmore mentioned that Friends had been living in the Niagara region for a number of years before a meeting was established in 1799, and that CFHA was marking the 200th anniversary in 1999. The afternoon's itinerary was planned in order to review some of the activities which Friends had been involved in, such as the underground rail-road, and some of the buildings and places where they had lived and worshiped. He reported that the year 1998-99 had been a successful year in terms of increased membership, good responses to attendance at annual meetings, and improvements in publications. The new format for the Journal is impressive and has been well received. As a vehicle for the exchange of information, the Newsletter is becoming better known. Some progress has been made on the Directory of Quaker Sites, one of two long-standing projects, the other being the Peace Museum.

7. **Treasurer's Report**

R. MacLean reported a bank balance of \$6,628.37 as of 31 August 1999. Total receipts were \$8,624.20, and total disbursements were \$8,813.35. CFHA holds \$5,000 invested in a Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC).

8. **Membership Report**

R. MacLean reported that the number of life memberships has increased from 4 to 6 members, general memberships have increased from 97 to 112 members, and institutional memberships have increased from 32 to 45.

K. Hertzberg suggested that the executive give more thought to increasing membership. The chair indicated that CFHA needs to know what makes a person pay money to join, and to register at an annual meeting.

9. **Canadian Yearly Meeting Archives Report**

CYM archivist, J. Zavitz-Bond, reported that archivist, Sandra Fuller, continues to work at producing finding aids for the Canadian Friends Service Committee (CFSC). Students from the University of Waterloo under the supervision of Heather MacDougall did research on Sharon Temple and Quakerism. Robynne Rogers Healey from University of Alberta returned to do more research on the subject of women's place in community, and will contribute an article to the CFHA Journal. Genealogists contact CYM Archives from far and wide, many via the CFHA web page. A number have contributed information and materials. CYM Archives has no paid staff, and requires a research fee for reference work. S. Fuller pointed out that there needs to be clarification on the point of research fees and donations as to whether moneys received should go to CYM or CFHA. The availability of information on the internet has produced a demand for more immediate reference service.

10. **CFHA Indexing Project**

Dan Nelson, student at Trent University, has worked at CYM Archives over the summer of 1999 continuing to index the records of meetings, particularly Pelham MM.

11. **CFHA Publications** - Journal, Newsletter, Occasional Publications, Website, brochure

Members are encouraged to contribute articles and information to both Journal and Newsletter. Queries should be emphasized in the Newsletter.

The fact that more libraries have joined CFHA might be because of improved edition of the Journal. Additional copies of the Journal have been printed in order to serve future requests.

Is there a membership form available on the CFHA website? Basic questions can be answered on the website. Specific questions need to be answered at Quaker Archives. Should CFHA provide more detailed information free on the website? Publications should be offered for sale. Purchase of books provides enough revenue for more research. Occasional Publications should be offered for sale so that if more information is required, the researcher might purchase the book. Journal articles might be listed on the website so that interested persons might purchase back copies of the publication. K. Hertzberg will make arrangements with Argenta Friends Press for printing the new brochure.

12. **Quaker Heritage Site Directory**

K. Hertzberg expressed enthusiasm for continued work toward completion of the Directory. It has been decided that the directory should be published in several parts, starting with sites in Ontario. C. Densmore has prepared a number of draft sheets of Quaker sites in Quinte Region and Niagara Region. Although there is interest in Quaker culture and domestic architecture, it might prove necessary to limit the sites to include meeting houses, schools, burial grounds. The executive has discussed with Sandra Fuller the possibility of her being paid to do some of the research work.

13. **CFHA Activities**

CFHA should make an effort to reach out to old families, and to other societies. Closer links might be established with the United Empire Loyalist Society. Members of some Quaker families were considered Loyalists, possibly because they may have become involved in fighting for the British. It was suggested that because of geographical concerns in Canada, there should be more emphasis on regional contacts with persons interested in Friends' history, both east and west.

Ideas for promoting CFHA included organizing joint meetings with other organizations, and having information about CFHA available at Sharon Temple.

14. **CFHA Annual Meeting 2000**

It was suggested that it might be appropriate to have the annual meeting in the millenium year at Ottawa to celebrate the fact that Quakerism has survived in Canada into the modern era.

In the year 2001, the annual meeting should be held at Yonge Street Meeting, Newmarket, in order to mark the 200th anniversary of the establishment of a Quaker community there by Timothy Rogers.

15. **Nominations**

K. Hertzberg gave the report of the Nominating Committee. The names of those who have agreed to serve as administrative officers and members of the executive committee in 1999-2000 are as follows: Honorary Chairperson - Peter Brock, Chairperson - Christopher Densmore, Past Chairperson - Kathleen Hertzberg, Vice Chairperson - Jane Zavitz-Bond, Secretary - Sandra Fuller, Treasurer & Membership Secretary - Ruth Jeffery MacLean, Executive Members - Allan MacGillivray, Dan Nelson, Albert Schrauwers, Ian Wood. Auditor - Norman Jolly. Publications - Albert Schrauwers (editor of Journal), Jane Zavitz-Bond.

Liaison - Although the names of a number of persons were mentioned, it was decided not to appoint a person to do liaison with Toronto for the present year. Because of amalgamation in Toronto, the Metro Area Heritage Group is undergoing a structural change. Members at large - Doris Calder, Elizabeth Moger, Arnold Ranneris, Winnifred Tanner.

Nominations  
Committee

The committee recognized the need for wider representation; it should be possible to add people from east and west who are willing to act as liaison with the Executive Committee. The executive is to correspond with these persons.

16. **Information Exchange**

R. Haggerty invited members of CFHA to participate in 200th anniversary celebrations, "A Heritage Honoured - A Future Embraced", to be held 22-24 October 1999 at Pelham. Murray McComb reported on the history of the McComb family.

Jim Adamson reported that Pickering Historical Society has worked to produce a computerized cemetery listing; he has donated a copy of the computer printout to Quaker Archives. It was suggested that it might be possible to work together to publish cemetery listings.

Winifred Ouderkirk wrote a letter stating that her mother had made a typed book of Rogers information which might belong in Quaker Archives.

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

## CANADIAN FRIENDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Afternoon session, Saturday, 18 September 1999

### Bus Tour:

After departure from the parking lot of Pelham Friends Church, the bus proceeded to Seaway Mall where we stopped for lunch at the food court. After lunch, the bus set off via the villages of Snyder and Stevensville to Ridgeway where we visited the Friends Cemetery. After strolling through the grounds of the Coloured Cemetery on Curtis Road, we continued on our journey to Niagara Falls, Ontario where we visited the British Methodist Episcopal (BME) Church. The curator provided us with a lively talk on the history of the site - the 1836 meeting place was moved here in 1856 when the BME Church was formed, and we viewed a documentary film on the underground railroad. After boarding the bus again, we paused briefly at the Welland Canal cairn, then passing through Fonthill we stopped in Fenwick beside the Model Railroad Museum which was formerly a Quaker Meeting House. On the way to our next stop, we viewed the Wetherald house on Foss Road. The last stop was a visit to the site of the first Pelham Meeting marked with an inscription in the cemetery.

Dinner: We enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner provided by the members of Pelham Friends Church. After dinner on the lower level of the building where we had had the CFHA annual meeting, we proceeded to the meeting room on the upper level to hear after dinner speakers.

Speakers: Under the title of "Quaker History on the Niagara Peninsula", we heard papers prepared by three speakers. Unfortunately, Richard MacMaster encountered transportation problems and was unable to attend the meeting, but his paper, "The Early Quaker Settlement of Pelham" was read to those assembled. Ron Mattson presented an interesting account of Benjamin Lundy, entitled "Benjamin, Baltimore, Buffalo, and Beyond". He also brought copies (for purchase) of a reprint of "The Diary of Benjamin Lundy" by Fred Landon, reprinted from The Ontario Historical Society's "Papers and Records", Vol.19. Christopher Densmore summed up the focus of our visit in a talk entitled, "The Importance of Pelham to Canadian Quaker History".

Members were invited to attend the service Sunday morning at 10am at Pelham Friends Church.