

## 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Our committee met eight times between September and June with our May meeting held during the Catoctin Family Camp Weekend. For those members who live at a distance we utilize a conference call option.

Camp Property Management Committee (CPMC), together with Camping Program Committee (CPC), held a total of six successful Family Camp Weekends at Catoctin Quaker Camp, Opequon Quaker Camp and Shiloh Quaker Camp over the course of 12 months. These weekends encouraged new and returning camp families to enjoy the camps while providing service work at the camps. A program manager was engaged for each weekend to model a summer camp counselor and provide a taste of camp in the form of activities, songs and camp chores. A kitchen manager is provided a suggested menu from which they do the shopping and lead meal preparation with assistance from willing volunteers. Each spring and fall a personal email is sent to the Quaker schools listed in the BYM Yearbook inviting their community members to the FCW's. This outreach has been successful in bringing new families to camp. Families are warmly greeted by our two caretakers, Jake at Shiloh, and Jesse at Catoctin, and their assistance with the service work accomplished during the FCW's is invaluable. The types of service projects completed would be too numerous to list here, but non-native invasive plant removal and reforestation projects are ongoing at each of the camps.

The CPMC supported and assisted the Camp Property Manager in managing the Catoctin bathhouse project, replacing the kitchen floor at Opequon, and getting the properties ready for the 2017 camp season. The committee is grateful to our many volunteers who come to camp to assist with special projects such as the Opequon kitchen floor. Maintenance was completed on the gravel road at Shiloh thanks to a willing volunteer from Charlottesville Friends Meeting. Committee members also serve as liaisons to other BYM committees and ad-hoc committees.

CPMC members also assisted with the development of the camp property annual budget and camp property priorities, creating a strategic plan for capital improvements. The committee also discussed camp property rental opportunities and ideas for possible future implementation.

CPMC reviewed its description in the Manual of Procedure and suggested a few changes to reflect the current CPMC procedures.

The committee is indebted to David Hunter's compassion, leadership and intricate knowledge of each of the camps. Stewardship is a term we often hear in our Quaker gatherings and we strive to be good caretakers of not only the buildings and their contents, but also of the land itself, and the people who create community with us at camp. Come join us!