

## 2013-2014 Friends 1828 Meeting House Restoration Appeal

Dear Friends,

We have been awarded \$5,350 from PYM to help restore, secure and improve access to our 1828 meetinghouse. Knowing that there are further building issues pending, we have established a fundraising goal of \$7,500.

We have been using this building monthly for Worship in the warm weather, and occasionally for Friends weddings and memorial services.

The passing years have taken a heavy toll on this 1828 building.

- The exterior wood is rotting in some places.
- The door, shutters and flashing need repairs.
- The building is not secure from potential vandalism. It needs a lock, security lighting and an access gate to prevent trespassing behind the secluded building.

This year we removed a threatening tree from in front of the building. The work was paid for with the sale of the tree's firewood, our Spring 2013 Tomato Plant Sale proceeds and the Robert's Fund.

These repairs will prepare the building so that we can repaint it this coming summer using our own labor, as we recently did with our newer building.

In addition to the aforementioned needed repairs, we also plan to:

- Build a ramp off the rear porch of the new meetinghouse, lay a concrete walkway to connect the two buildings and install exterior lighting.
- Install additional interior electrical wiring for future ceiling fans and a heater so that the building can be used in comfort throughout the year.

We realize that \$7,500 is a significant amount of money to raise from a small meeting such as ours. We do not need it all at once. We would like to know is how much our members and attenders can afford to donate to determine how we should proceed.

If you have questions or concerns, please call Bernard Grabener at 609 567 0016.

Our 1828 meetinghouse is part of Quaker history that has stood for over 185 years. It is worth saving, for our current members and attenders and for future generations of Friends. Please consider supporting this worthy cause.

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### 2013-2014 Friends 1828 Meeting House Restoration Appeal Pledge Form

I/We donate/pledge: \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the 1828 Meetinghouse Restoration.

Name:

Address:

E-mail:

Mail to: Jamie Cromartie, 221 S Vienna Ave, EGG HARBOR CITY NJ 08215

Checks should be made out to Atlantic City Area Friends Meeting with "Meetinghouse fund" in the notation line.