

Friendship Times

June and July 2006

Calendar

- Sun, Jun 4 9:00 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, and House and Grounds meet.
9:15 am Peace and Social Concerns meets.
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Jun 11 9:00 am Bible Study with Sid Kitchens
10:00 am Group singing, Meeting House
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
A potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
- Sun, Jun 18 10:00 am Group singing, Meeting House
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Jun 25 9:00 am Bible Study with Sid Kitchens
10:00 am Group singing, Meeting House
10:30 am Meeting for Worship, followed by a Forum, details to be announced
- Sun, Jul 2 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Jul 9 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
No Monthly Meeting in July
- Jul 12-16 NCYM-C sessions, Chowan College
- Sun, Jul 16 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
No Forum in July
- Sun, Jul 23 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Jul 30 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Weekly 10:30 am each First Day, Meeting for Worship.
Child care available for Worship and Business Mtgs.
7:30 pm Fourth Day, Midweek Mtg. for Worship, in Prayer Room, 7th floor Woolman Hall, Friends Homes, occasionally followed by discussion at 8 pm.
9:00 am fifth First Day (when there is one), Extended Meeting for Worship
9:30 a.m. First Day: The **Winston-Salem Worship Group** at The Blessings, 823 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem. Contact: Arlene Gillespie, 896-9112

In this Issue

Minutes from Fifth Month's meeting for worship with a concern for business are in this issue. The minutes include an annual report and a list of nominations for the coming year. In addition, there are news items, announcements about upcoming events, the monthly Issues for Action. And some updates for the *Handbook*.

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From the Editor:

There will no July issue of *Friendship Times*.

I would like for the August newsletter to be available for distribution no later than July 30th, two weeks before Monthly Meeting. If you have material for the newsletter, please try to submit it, preferably by email, no later than **Tuesday, July 25th**. Thanks to everyone in advance for your help.

Cyril Harvey, cyrilhh@triad.rr.com

Sixth Month's Query Growth of our Children

Do we endeavor by our example and precept to cultivate in our children a sense of openness and expectancy about life, and to aid them in their growth in spiritual understanding and moral discernment? Do we share with them the faith that guides the practice of Friends, while encouraging them to develop their religious insights as the Spirit of God may lead them?

Minutes

FRIENDSHIP MONTHLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS GATHERED ON THE 14TH OF FIFTH MONTH 2006

Meeting opened at 12:50 pm after a time of waiting worship.

Friends in an attendance included Betty Austin, DeWitt Barnett, Ted Benfey, Gay Bowles, John Bowles, David Brown, Mae Brown, Maureen Burns, Sidney Lee Kitchens, Claire Koster, Bonnie Parsons, Richard Phillips, Susan Phillips, Carey Reece, Judy Reece, Deborah Shaw, Mel Zuck, Priscilla Zuck, Mary Ellen Chijioke (clerk)

In the absence of Carole Treadway, recording clerk, Claire Koster is approved as being the recording clerk-for-the-day.

Query #5: Do we regularly attend our meetings for business, and are they held in a spirit of love, understanding, and forbearance? Do we seek the right course of action in humble submission to the Authority of Truth and in the patient search for a sense of unity under Divine Guidance?

Friends unite in the following response:

Attendance at meetings for business (comparatively speaking), is quite good and the business of the meeting is conducted in forbearance and love. Friends do seek unity under Divine Guidance. It is expressed that more clerks of committees need to be encouraged to attend so they can be kept abreast of what is happening in the meeting. Being a voluntary organization, people cannot be compelled to come. We could use the phone tree to alert members when critical issues are likely to arise in a particular meeting.

Mary Ellen Chijioke will review and revise the response (if necessary) to Query #4.

Deborah Shaw will do the same for Query #5.

Ray Treadway presented the **Treasurer's Report** for Fourth Month, 2006; a summary follows:

General Fund:

Income: \$ 1,553.00 Expenses: \$ 2,628.38

Property Fund:

Income: \$ 0.00 Expenses: \$ 0.00

Contingency Fund:

Income: \$ 0.00 Expenses: \$ 0.00

Expenses of note include \$500.00 for travel/conference (School of the Spirit), \$1,500 to North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative,

\$100 to Quaker House, and \$152 for plants and landscaping.

The balance at the end of the month in the general operating fund was \$9,599.10.

For the first four months of our fiscal year, the total income received is \$6,457, compared to the budgeted amount for the year of \$22,060. We have spent almost \$9,000 so far this year from the general fund.

Submitted by Ray Treadway

The report was accepted with gratitude. The full report is appended to the archived minutes.

Membership

A Certificate of Transfer was received for Nancy Bowles, from Des Moines Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends, Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative). She currently attends the Beaufort, North Carolina Worship Group. Friends approve this transfer. Maureen Burns, Sidney Lee Kitchens and Gay Bowles will organize a welcoming the next time Nan will be in Greensboro.

Friends approved of the Clerk sending a letter to Durham Monthly Meeting, indicating that we would welcome a Certificate of Transfer for Janet and Harry Nagel.

State of Society Report

A draft of the State of Society report, prepared by Carole Treadway was distributed for reading by Friends. This will be discussed for approval at the next business meeting.

Friends should send comments to the Clerk, preferably by the end of the month. Appreciation is expressed to Carole Treadway for undertaking this task.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following list of suggested nominations.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 5th Month 2006

OFFICERS

Clerk, Mary Ellen Chijioke

Co-Clerk, David Bailey

Treasurer, Ray Treadway

Assistant Treasurer, George White

Recording Clerk, Carole Treadway

Membership/Statistics Recorder, Claire Koster

Assistant Membership Recorder, Melvin Zuck

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FRIENDSHIP FRIENDS MEETING
INCORPORATED**

Mary Ellen Chijioke, President
David Bailey, Vice-President
Ray Treadway, Treasurer
Carole E. Treadway, Secretary

Betty Austin, Director
DeWitt Barnett, Director
David Brown, Director
Arlene Gillespie, Director
David MacInnes, Director
Priscilla Zuck, Director

REPRESENTATIVES

Mae Brown, Nominating Committee of North Carolina Yearly Meeting-Conservative (NCYM-C)

David Bailey, Craig Fox, and Louise Harris, Piedmont Friends Fellowship (PFF) and Friends General Conference (FGC)

Rebecca Valla and Meg Zulick, Quaker House Board, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Marilyn White, Meeting's contact with Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mel Zuck, Convener; Dorothy Nielsen, Carey Reece

CARE & COUNSEL COMMITTEE

Priscilla Zuck, Clerk; David Bailey, Gay Bowles, Maureen Burns, Al Carwile, Rebecca Valla, George White; Ex-officio, Mary Ellen Chijioke

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ray Treadway, Clerk; Betty Austin, Ted Benfey, David Brown

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Claire Koster, Clerk; DeWitt Barnett, Al Carwile, Gabriel Fraire, David MacInnes, Carey Reece

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Judith W. Harvey, Clerk; Gay Bowles, Craig Fox, Sue Hebner, Kembra Howdeshell, Claire Koster, Darryl Waisner

Sandwiches: David Bailey, Gay Bowles

Greeters Coordinator: Judith W. Harvey

HOUSE AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Mae Brown, Co-Clerk, Carey Reece, Co-Clerk; Caroline Elliot, Craig Fox, Karen Fraire, Richard Heithfield, Rodney Owen, Richard Phillips

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Gay Bowles, Clerk; Judy Heithfield, Judy Reece, Carole Treadway

PEACE & SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Neil Swenson, Clerk; Mark Chijioke, Ernest Miller, Judy Reece, Don Smith, Marilyn White, Mel Zuck

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Janet Nagel, Clerk; John Bowles, Sue Hebner, Stephen Holland, Moe Owen, Rodney Owen

WORSHIP & MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Ted Benfey, Clerk; Sandy Bowles, Darlene Stanley, Ray & Carole Treadway, Darryl Waisner, Ex officio, Mary Ellen Chijioke

CALENDAR COORDINATOR

David Bailey

WEB COMMITTEE

David MacInnes, Chris Nelson

NEWSLETTER

Cyril Harvey, Editor

Members are to review the proposed appointments for approval at our next business meeting on 6th month, 11th, 2006.

Worship and Ministry Committee

Ted Benfey, clerk of Worship and Ministry Committee reported a lack of response to Worship and Ministry's request for members to visit the Winston-Salem Worship Group. Friends are encouraged to sign up and visit. Winston-Salem Friends are also encouraged to ensure representation at our monthly meeting for business and at yearly meeting.

The Committee also urged us all to read Chuck Fager's essay *Survival & Resistance*, which is in the May *Friends Journal*. This will be the subject of forum discussion in late August.

Handbook Committee

The Handbook Committee recommended approval of the following item to be inserted in the next Handbook as an addition to the calendar in the month of July:

The Clerk of the Meeting and the Friendship Meeting Representative to the Yearly Meeting Records Committee will go over all the meeting files to determine what should be sent to the archives and what should be kept in the meetinghouse/discarded.

Friends approve.

The Peace & Social Concerns Committee submitted the following annual report:

**PEACE & SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT, April 9th 2006**

Our year on the Peace and Social Concerns Committee was a balance of acting on particular concerns of members of our committee about ongoing issues, and responding to the unfolding needs in our community and in the larger world.

For example, several of the Forums we hosted in the last year were in response to important topics raised up by members of our committee. Interest in learning more about the changing face of immigrants in our area led to a presentation last June by Raleigh Bailey about how global trends in immigration affect us locally here in the Triad. Also a speaker from the National Farm Worker Ministry will share at our April Forum later this month about the rapid changes in the migrant and farm worker community in North Carolina, and the challenges and opportunities this creates. On a different topic, concern about the ongoing genocide in Darfur, and famine in Niger and other African countries, led us to invite Dr. Victor Archibong from Greensboro College to educate ourselves further about the global forces that are shaping these problems in Africa, as well as what we in the United States might do to encourage positive change.

Individual concerns from members of our committee also guided our disbursements. For instance, this past spring we donated \$100 each to both Ramallah Friends School and Ramallah Friends Meeting in response to interest raised in our discussions.

On the other hand, as always we were mindful of seeking out ways to use our limited resources to respond to crises in a timely manner. For example, after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, a member of our committee, Judy Reece, received training to be on a Care Team for a family relocated here from New Orleans. In October, she and Carey presented at our October Forum about the structure of the Care Teams and their experiences helping a family settle here in Greensboro.

Similarly, the desire to contribute to recovery efforts here and abroad shaped our remaining disbursements in the last fiscal year. For instance, we donated \$100 to the American Friends Service Committee tsunami relief pro-

gram this past spring. In the fall, we were mindful that many local organizations were facing decreasing contributions because of the outpouring of support for hurricane relief earlier in the year. Therefore, we chose to concentrate locally, donating \$100 to FaithAction, \$100 to Friends Disaster Service, \$100 to the African Services Coalition and \$100 to Greensboro Urban Ministry. In addition, we shared the addresses of other worthy local organizations with the Meeting and encouraged Friends to consider them during their holiday charitable giving.

Another theme of the work of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee this past year was attempting to increase our outreach both within the Meeting and with other organizations. For example, we began a regular feature in the Meeting newsletter that seeks to educate members about a timely issue and provide information about possible steps for concerned Friends to take action. We have also organized collections on behalf of the AFSC Eastern Material Aid Program office in High Point by putting out boxes to gather old stamps and eyeglasses, and more recently, items for farm worker health kits. Finally members of our committee have continued to collaborate with members of New Garden Friends Meeting to organize the North Carolina Repository for Conscientious Objectors. This group has successfully launched a website with information for young people seeking to begin a conscientious objector file, and just recently received its first file all the way from Wilmington! The work of the NCRCO also led to contacts with other concerned people throughout the state, which resulted in a meeting in Chapel Hill to discuss issues such as the draft, Junior ROTC and military recruiting under the No Child Left Behind Act.

We thank the Meeting for its support over the past year, and in particular for the increase in our budget. We look forward to continuing many of these initiatives in the year ahead, while also knowing that we will be called to respond to other needs as they arise.

Neil Swenson, Clerk of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee

The Meeting accepts the report, and Friends are reminded about the endeavor to complete farm worker health kits.

Carey Reece reported for the House and Grounds Committee that ten Friends came to the work day yesterday and accomplished much beautification

around the building. Volunteers are needed to sign up for lawn mowing (training is available).

Richard Phillips on behalf of the House and Grounds Committee presented an urgent matter concerning the excess of impermeable surface on our property. The Meeting is faced with a short deadline for deciding how we want to bring ourselves into compliance with city codes.

Richard Phillips will prepare a summary of the facts for distribution to all members.

After a lengthy and productive threshing session on this matter, Friends approve the appointment of a committee consisting of Richard Phillips, Carey Reece, David Brown, Mary Ellen Chijioke, and George White to study the issue further and develop the most plausible options, with attention to the views presented by Friends today, and bring forward a recommendation or suggested options as quickly as possible.

The Meeting approves this committee employing an engineer and/or an attorney as it deems needed.

The Meeting then adjourned at 3:35 pm after a brief period of silence to meet again on 6th month 11th, if consistent with Divine Will.

Mary Ellen Chijioke, clerk
 Claire Koster, recording clerk-for-the-day

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with:

Edith Mackie who had surgery Wednesday, May 17th, at Moses Cone Hospital. Edith is recovering and she is expected to return to Whittier Wing at Friends Homes/Guilford soon.

Marilyn White who continues to regain mobility from her second knee replacement surgery and is doing very well.

George White who is suffering with a painful case of shingles

Al Burns who has not been able to be at Meeting regularly in recent weeks. We miss him and send him good wishes!

Current Issues for Action

Each month, the **Peace and Social Concerns Committee** will highlight an issue of current importance that we would like to bring to the attention of the Meeting. Our hope is that Friends can use this information to educate themselves and take action where they feel led.

Friends Committee on National Legislation is concerned that the pre-war rhetoric and reports about Iraq are now being applied to Iran. For example, there are reports that the Pentagon has started work on detailed planning for air strikes against Iran's known nuclear-related sites. As FCNL points out, the United States is in no position to invade Iran given our troop commitments in Afghanistan and Iraq, but a bombing campaign would be just as destructive -- especially if nuclear targets were bombed, spreading radioactive dust over populated areas.

FCNL asks that concerned Friends contact their senators and representatives, calling on them to speak out against any administrative effort to justify military action against Iran, and vote against any measure that could be construed as an authorization to use military force. Reviving negotiations with Iran, with full and direct U.S. participation, holds the best hope for overcoming differences and meeting the needs of both Iran and the world.

Sixth & Seventh Month Birthdays
 of our Young Friends

Daniel James Washburn – 6/9/1995
 Sean Swenson – 7/24/2005
 Jesse Garvin – 7/29/1994

News Item:

A Reminder

Friends nominated for service on various Meeting committees, as reported on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter, are expected to begin their service on August 1st.

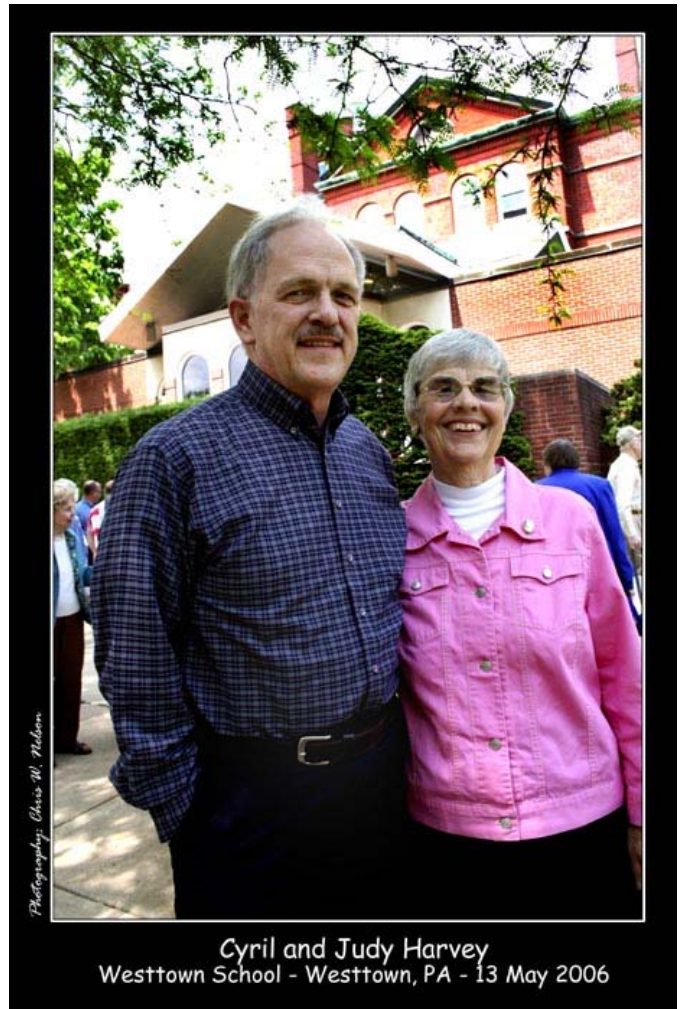
Request from the Handbook Committee

Page 21 of the *Handbook* lists detailed information about more than a dozen Quaker periodicals. In an effort to keep this information as current as possible, the Handbook Committee encourages any and all to forward corrections and suggested additions to Claire Koster (766-9769), clerk of the committee.

Friendship Meeting Faces Urgent Problem

The City of Greensboro has recently informed the Meeting that we not in compliance with rules concerning the amount of impermeable surfaces on our lot. This matter was discussed during the recent monthly meeting. Friends who were not in attendance are urged to read through the final paragraphs of the minutes to learn more about this issue and steps being taken by the meeting in response.

In brief, the deadline is short, and the potential cost is great. While there is nothing more to report on this matter at the time *Friendship Times* is "going to press," the special committee appointed at monthly meeting has been meeting and will be reporting soon on their deliberations — the facts of the matter, our alternatives, and their recommendations.



Chris Nelson was visiting Westtown Friends School on Westtown's Alumni Day, May 13th, and ran into Judy and Cyril Harvey who were attending their 1951 55th class reunion. Mel and Beth Keiser also were at Westtown, attending Mel's 1956 50th year reunion.

Look for more of Chris's lovely photos in future issues of the *Friendship Times*.

Note: Cyril and Judy first met at Westtown in 1948, just as Cyril's parents did in 1917!

Upcoming Events

The **Peace and Social Concerns Committee** will host a **Forum** after the rise of Meeting on June 25th. The details have yet to be worked out.

An Invitation

Please join the members of the American Friends Service Committee, Southeast Regional Executive Committee and AFSC—SERO Staff for an informal gathering:

Saturday, June 3, 2006 at 7:00 PM
In the Living Room of
Friends Homes at Guilford

The always captivating Max Carter will speak, followed by a question and answer period offering an opportunity to learn about the current and future programs of AFSC-SERO

NC Yearly Meeting — Conservative 309th Sessions

Please mark your calendars for North Carolina Yearly Meeting sessions to be held Seventh Month, 12th - 16th at Chowan College, Murfreesboro, NC. The earlier you register, the easier for planners. This is particularly true if you are planning to bring children with you. The registration form is available at the yearly meeting website:

http://ncymc.org/ym2006/YM_Registration_2006.pdf

Torture

A Quaker Conference

June 2 - 4, 2006

Guilford College

Presented by
The Quaker Initiative to End Torture
John Calvi, Convener

Seed Funding from FQCC-Peace Issues Working Group

Endorsed by (partial list):
South Central Yearly Meeting,
Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative)
Baltimore Yearly Meeting,
Canadian Yearly Meeting
Frederick MD Monthly Meeting,
Medford NJ Monthly Meeting
Birmingham AL Monthly Meeting

Information: www.quit-torture-now.org
QUIT % P.O. Box 301, Putney, VT 05346

Handbook Changes

Please call Claire Koster (766-9769), clerk of the Handbook Committee, if you have questions about the *Handbook*. If you have any corrections, additions, or deletions for the *Handbook*, give them to Claire, or better still, email them to the editor, cyrilhh@triad.rr.com.

Please make the following changes in your copy of the Friendship Meeting *Handbook*:

New Member:

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Ray Treadway, Treasurer
Claire Koster, Recorder
Carole Treadway, Recording Clerk
Cyril Harvey, Newsletter

David Bailey Co-Clerk/Reading Clerk
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