

Friendship Times

September 2007

Calendar

- Tue, Aug 28 7:15 pm Candlelight Peace Vigil, Founders Terrace, Guilford College
- Wed, Aug 29 7:30 pm Report on Trip to Israel and Palestine, Founders Gallery, Guilford College
- Sun, Sep 2 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
- Thu, Sep 6 7:00 pm Quaker Book Club meets. Under discussion: *Original Wisdom: Stories of an Ancient Way of Knowing*, by Robert Wolff and Thom Hartmann
- Sun, Sep 9 10:00 am Group singing, Meeting House
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
A potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
- Sat, Sep 15 1:00 pm Meeting Retreat with Lloyd Lee Wilson
- Sun, Sep 16 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Sep 23 10:00 am Group singing, Meeting House
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Sep 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.
- Winston-Salem Worship Group.** Meeting for Worship, 9:30 a.m. First Day, at The Blessings, 823 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem.
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In this Issue

Minutes from Eighth Month's meeting for worship with a concern for business are in this issue. In addition, there is a minute from NCYMC opposing torture, a current issue for action, a description of the upcoming meeting retreat, an invitation to Game Night, announcements of upcoming events, and updates for the *Handbook*.

From the Editor:

My intention is to distribute the newsletter two weeks before Monthly Meeting, which would be September 30th for the October issue. If you have material for the newsletter, please submit it, preferably by email, ***no later*** than **Tuesday, September 25st**. Thanks to everyone in advance for your help. Cyril Harvey, cyrilhh@triad.rr.com

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Ninth Month's Query Manner of Living

Are we mindful of Friends testimonies against alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and other harmful drugs; and do we refrain from using them or dealing in them, realizing that abstinence is the clearest witness against overindulgence? Do we seek to avoid all kinds of gambling and places of diversion that tend to be demoralizing? Do we keep in mind how diverse and widespread are the temptations to grow richer at the expense of others? Are we faithful to our testimony against taking oaths?

Ninth Month Birthdays
of our Young Friends
Laurel Holland, 9/6/03

Minutes

FRIENDSHIP MONTHLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS GATHERED ON THE 12TH OF EIGHTH MONTH 2007

Meeting opened with a time of waiting worship.

Friends in attendance were: Mary Ellen Chijioke, Harry Nagel, Sidney Lee Kitchens, Deborah L. Shaw, Ted Benfey, Marilyn White, Darryl Waisner, Mel Zuck, Donald Smith, Kembra Howdeshell, Ray Treadway, Rebecca Valla, Darlene Stanley, David Brown, Mae Brown, Judy Reece, David Barron, Maureen Burns, George L. White, Carole Treadway.

Clerks Pro Tem

Mary Ellen Chijioke and Carole Treadway were approved as clerk and recording clerk, respectively, for the day in the absence of clerk David MacInnes, and recording clerk, Martha Lang.

Query 8: Do we observe simplicity and honesty in our manner of living? Are we careful to live within the bounds of our circumstances, punctual in keeping promises, prompt in the payment of debts, and just in all our dealings? Do we choose those activities which will strengthen our physical, mental, and spiritual life; and do we avoid those harmful to ourselves and others?

There is general agreement that corporately we observe simplicity, honesty, and responsibility in all our dealings. Individually we often find ourselves burdened by the struggle to do no harm while living in a society that does great harm. In particular there is concern for how to make right choices in the many media offerings, and especially in how to guide our children in their choices of entertainment..

As a meeting we do work hard to follow the guidance in this query.

Mary Ellen Chijioke will revise the query as seems best.

Ray Treadway presented the **Treasurer's Report** for Sixth and Seventh months which were accepted. The complete report is attached to the minutes; a summary follows:

<u>Sixth Month</u>	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund:	\$ 496.00	\$ 877.98	\$ 7,022.07
All Funds:	\$ 726.00	\$ 726.00	\$ 18,437.77

Expenses of note during the month: \$400 approved by the Social Concerns Committee with \$100 allocated to the Bolivian Quaker Education Fund, \$100 to the Center for Development in Central America, \$100 to the North Carolina African Services Coalition, and \$100 to Faith Action International. An amount of \$62.73 was needed to repair the mower. From our emergency assistance fund, the meeting responded to

a request for \$450 from a member for one-time assistance.

Income to the general fund for the six months of the budget year has been \$8,005 compared to a prorated amount of \$11,605 needed to meet the meeting's budget for the year.

<u>Seventh Month</u>	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund:	\$1,871.00	\$ 464.57	\$ 8,428.50
All Funds:	\$1,901.00	\$ 556.55	\$ 19,782.22

Expenses of note during the month: \$169.95 for hospitality expenses including monies spent for refreshments at yearly meeting in Wilmington, \$40 for postage for sending the newsletter, and \$100 to Quaker House of Fayetteville. The expenditure of \$91.98 from the contingency fund represents additional amounts spent for refreshments at a recent memorial service.

Income was up in Seventh month and included contributions to the building fund and contingency fund, as well as to the general fund. Designated contributions to our special funds (building, contingency, emergency assistance, and property) are always welcome.

Income to the general fund for the first seven months of the budget year has been \$9,876 compared to a prorated amount of \$13,539 needed to meet the meeting's budget for the year.

Pax World Signatories

The signatories for Pax World investments and Wachovia Bank checking account are now Ray Treadway, treasurer; George White, assistant treasurer; and David MacInnes, clerk.

Membership

Elizabeth Baltoro requested that her membership be transferred to Fresh Pond Monthly Meeting, Cambridge, Massachusetts. The transfer was approved.

Care and Counsel proposes the following persons to be named to a membership clearness committee for David Barron: Rebecca Valla, Zack Wortman, Craig Fox, and Maureen Burns. The meeting approved.

Travel Minute

David MacInnes returned his travel minute with an endorsement by the clerk of Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association.

Quaker House Report

Rebecca Valla presented a report of the work and concerns of the board of Quaker House.

The meeting responded positively to the suggestion that the youth of the meeting be encouraged and enabled to attend the protest to be held in Smithfield

on Tenth Month 27th.

The Finance Committee was asked to consider Quaker House's capital campaign as the budget is reviewed.

Yearly Meeting

Oral reports of yearly meeting sessions were offered. Special note was made of the large number of children in attendance and the rich and full program that was planned for them.

The service of Sidney Lee Kitchens and Deborah Shaw as clerk and recording clerk, and Ray Treadway as treasurer was noted with appreciation.

The yearly meeting approved a minute opposing torture and suggested that monthly meetings endorse the minute and publicize it. The meeting will consider our response when the text is received in Ninth month.

Monthly meetings were asked to suggest names of persons to be invited to attend a conference for emerging ministers sponsored by the FGC Traveling Ministries Program.

The clerk distributed the list of those who have been appointed in previous years to attend the yearly meeting Representative Body meetings for review and updating. The names of Edith Mackie and Helen Parker were suggested to be removed because these Friends are no longer able to attend. The names of Judy Reece, Mary Ellen Chijioke, and Darryl Waisner were suggested for addition. The names will be forwarded to the clerk of the yearly meeting Nominating Committee.

Friendship Meeting extended an invitation to Representative Body to gather here for the meeting in Fourth Month, 2008.

Worship and Ministry

Clerk Darryl Waisner reminded the meeting of the visit of Lloyd Lee Wilson to the meeting for a retreat on Ninth Month 15th and 16th.

Care and Counsel

Clerk George White reported that Hanna Passmore Hobson is attending the Friends World Committee Triennial in Ireland and will be asked to report to the meeting. Attention was called to the need of Gay and John Bowles for some assistance with food in view of their physical ailments. Marilyn White will coordinate the donation of meals and the provision of other needs. Visits and calls will be appreciated.

House and Grounds

Mae Brown reported that Rodney Owens is the new

clerk of the House and Grounds Committee. Bonnie Parsons has assumed the scheduling of the cleaning rotation. Mae Brown will provide cleaning supplies. Work days are scheduled for Ninth month 8th and Eleventh month 10th.

Schedule for Use of Meeting House

Priscilla Zuck is now in charge of the meeting calendar and should be contacted to enter onto the calendar any use of the meetinghouse not on the regular calendar.

Peace and Social Concerns

Mel Zuck expressed a concern for the ramifications of the No Child Left Behind Act with its provision that high school students' names and addresses be given to military recruiters unless parents opt out annually. Mel is gathering information to help in formulating a response.

Judy Reece informed the meeting that refugee families are coming and requested information and advice from those in the meeting who have been involved in refugee support in the past.

Ad Hoc Building Committee

Mary Ellen Chijioke reported that the Board of Trustees did not consider the issue of building a meetinghouse on campus at their meeting in Fifth month. The Feasibility Committee comprising representatives from Friendship Meeting, Guilford College, and New Garden Friends School has been meeting.

David MacInnes and Mary Ellen Chijioke were invited to meet with the Property Subcommittee of the Guilford College Board. They reported that some members of the committee are very supportive of building a meetinghouse on campus. The committee was asked that the meeting be told whether we can proceed by the end of the year. The committee suggested that letters of support from other Quaker institutions in the neighborhood to the committee would be helpful. These are New Garden Meeting, Friends Homes, and New Garden Friends School. David MacInnes will be asked to solicit the letters in conjunction with the Ad Hoc Committee.

David Brown informed the meeting that Wilson Sheldon, CEO of Friends Homes, needs to be updated as our plans proceed. Friends Homes will need to know as plans are made for the adjoining property. David Brown and Ray Treadway were asked to keep Wilson Sheldon apprised of our progress.

Appreciation from Tristan's Quest

Darlene Stanley expressed gratitude for the use of the meetinghouse by Tristan's Quest, the support group for parents of children with emotional and behavioral disabilities. The group now has a permanent home in Tristan's Quest's new facility.

Conclusion

There being no further matters to consider the meeting closed with a time of waiting worship, purposing to reconvene on Ninth Month 9th, 2007 if in accordance with divine will.

Mary Ellen Chijioke, Clerk for the day
Carole Treadway, Recording clerk for the day

Minute Opposing the Use of Torture

We, the North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative) of the Religious Society of Friends, condemn the use of torture, whether to further the objectives of war, to prevent terrorism, or for any other purpose. Torture by any means, whether direct or by proxy is immoral. Torture demeans the humanity of the tortured, the torturer, and those who have knowledge of it. It denies the sanctity of Life.

The United States government has sought to redefine torture to make its practice and the evidence gained thereby to be admissible in courts. The United States government has utilized extraordinary rendition; has compromised the integrity of United States constitution, due process, and habeas corpus; and has sought to compromise international agreements through its modification of the Geneva Convention.

We seek to bring about an end to torture by all governments and all people through our support of the work of the Quaker Initiative to End Torture (QUIT), and by direct appeal to our elected representatives. We ask the leaders in the executive, congressional, and judicial branches of our government to follow existing laws and treaties which ban torture and to work for stronger measures. We ask also that the secretive "extraordinary rendition" program of the Central Intelligence Agency be stopped. As stated by William Penn (1683), we remind our leaders that action by our government and individuals should be based on the proposition that "A good end cannot sanctify evil means; nor must we ever do evil that good may come of it."

We pray that the transforming power of the Divine will bring the redemption and release of the tortured, the torturer, and those who promulgate and defend policies of torture and the use of torture. We are all called to live into the Light and to reach out to that of God in all whom we meet.

Friends approved that this minute stand as a witness of North Carolina Yearly Meeting – Conservative and be distributed as a public statement.

Meeting Retreat

Lloyd Lee Wilson will lead a meeting retreat on September 15th and 16th at the meetinghouse. The retreat will begin at 1:00 pm. A potluck supper will conclude the afternoon. If it seems right, the retreat will continue into the evening. Friends will gather again on First day at 9:00 am with Lloyd Lee for worship and to reflect on the experience of the day before.

Lloyd Lee Wilson is traveling in gospel ministry to meetings in North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative with a minute from his meeting, Rich Square Monthly Meeting. He is the author of *Essays on the Vision of Gospel Order* which was originally published in 1993 and will soon be reprinted for the fourth time. He is also the author of *Wrestling with Our Faith Tradition* (1995). The title essay is also published in an issue of the Journal of North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative and Friends are recommended to read it. It is also available online at www.ncymc.org/journal/index/html.

Lloyd Lee's ministry, written and spoken, has been well received in meetings around the country and he has been an important part of a revitalization of the Spirit wherever he has been led.

Current Issue for Action

The **Peace and Social Concerns Committee** will often 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.

On Friday, August 10th, Lt Gen. Douglas Lute responded to a question about the draft by saying, "I think it makes sense to certainly consider it, and I can tell you, this has always been an option on the table."

While other members of the administration have denied that the draft is an option, with the increased pressure on meeting military recruitment goals and with ongoing discussions of an invasion of Iran, the possibility of a return of the draft remains. Therefore, the Center on Conscience & War recommends that although there is no immediate evidence that the draft is returning, now is a good time to make sure that our representatives in Congress hear that a draft is unacceptable.

Upcoming Events

Game Night!

Don Smith and Kembra Howdeshell will be hosting a game night at Friendship Friends Meetinghouse on August 31st at 7:00 pm. We will bring lots of games (cards, party games, strategic games, ... etc) and feel free to bring along your favorite, too. Everyone is welcome and bring a snack to share. Contact Don and Kembra at (336) 323-1537, if you have any questions regarding this event.

Events Announced by Friends Center

Quakerism 101

An informal six-week series on Quaker history, spirituality, testimonies, decision-making, diversity, and influence on Guilford College, will be offered on consecutive Mondays at 4:00 pm in the Hut, beginning August 27th. The series will be led by **Max Carter, Deborah Shaw** and **Frank Massey**. No cost; all are welcome.

Peace Vigil

A candlelight peace vigil will be held Tuesday, August 28th, on campus. Members of the Guilford College community will gather at 7:15 pm on Founders Terrace for preparation for a centered, effective vigil, including a time of quiet reflection. The group will then walk to front campus at 7:30 pm to join people from the wider community in demonstrating opposition to the war in Iraq and hopes for peace. Bring candles if you have them; candles are also available. Signs are welcome.

The vigil will be part of a national day of demonstrations organized by MoveOn.org. Local sponsors include Friends Center, Campus Ministry, GCRO, Peace & Conflict Studies and various faith and activist communities.

Report on Trip to Israel and Palestine

Participants in the summer work/study trip to Israel and Palestine will give their report to the community on Wednesday, August 29th, at 7:30 pm in Founders Gallery. Light Middle Eastern refreshments will be served along with the pictures, stories and analysis.

Our thoughts and prayers are with

John and Gay Bowles. Both John and Gay have had health difficulties that have limited their walking activities. The Bowles welcome telephone calls and arranged visits.

Quaker Book Group

The Quaker Book Group will meet at 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 6th at the Meetinghouse for a second discussion of *Original Wisdom: Stories of an Ancient Way of Knowing*, by Robert Wolff and Thom Hartmann. Readings for future discussions will be selected at this meeting. All are welcome.

A Note of Appreciation from Mae Brown

Since my brother John's death in April and my sisters Lorraine's death in July I have received many meaningful condolences from members of Friendship Meeting. It is really good to be a part of such a caring community. Thank you for the love I've felt from all of you.



The Mount, Quaker School, York, England

Handbook Changes

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

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