

# Friendship Times

October 2007

## Calendar

- Sun, Oct 7 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, Oct 11 7:00 pm Quaker Book Club meets. Under discussion: *Death of Religion and the Rebirth of Spirit*, by Chilton-Pearce
- Sun, Oct 14 10:00 am Group singing, Meeting House  
10:30 am Meeting for Worship  
A potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
- Sun, Oct 21 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Oct 28 10:00 am Group singing, Meeting House  
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Friends Center, 25th Anniversary Celebration  
4:00 pm Panel, Dana Auditorium Choir Room  
5:30 pm Meet and Greet, Dana Lawn  
6:00 pm Dinner and Program, Dana Lawn
- 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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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 and reports from Ninth Month's meeting for worship with a concern for business are in this issue. In addition, there is a notice of the next meeting of the Quaker book club, a list of events celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Friends Center and 15 years of the Quaker Leadership Scholars Program at Guilford College, two current issues for action, and updates for the *Handbook*.

### From the Editor:

My intention is to distribute the newsletter two weeks before Monthly Meeting, which will be October 28<sup>th</sup> for the November issue. Material for the newsletter, should be submitted, preferably by email, ***no later*** than **Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Thanks to everyone in advance for your help. Cyril Harvey, [cyrilhh@triad.rr.com](mailto:cyrilhh@triad.rr.com)

## Quaker Book Group

The Quaker Book Group will meet at 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Meetinghouse for discussion of *Death of Religion and the Rebirth of Spirit*, by Chilton-Pearce.

Tenth Month Birthdays  
of our Young Friends  
Zach Wortman, 10/1/90

## Tenth Month's Query Manner of Living

*Do we endeavor to live in harmony with nature?  
Are we careful in our stewardship of the world's irreplaceable resources?*

# Minutes

FRIENDSHIP MONTHLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS GATHERED ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> OF NINTH MONTH 2007

Meeting opened with a time of waiting worship.

Out of the silence Co-Clerk David Bailey read Queries 8 and 9. The meeting shared their responses out of the silence.

*Query 9: 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?*

**Minute:** Friends discussed at some length Query 9. Friends spoke passionately and with great tenderness about issues of addiction, moderation, abstinence and human suffering. They also spoke to questions of how these issues keep us from hearing the voice of God and lead to our struggles to balance comfort with spiritual advancement. Given the length of the discussion, the Recording Clerk will submit the process minutes to Deborah Shaw and Sidney Kitchens so that they can condense these down to one response. Their response will be returned to Worship and Ministry for their consideration.

Ray Treadway presented the **Treasurer's Report** for Eighth month which was accepted. The complete report is attached to the minutes; a summary follows:

Eighth Month	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund:	\$ 700.00	\$1,125.37	\$ 8,003.13
All Funds:	\$ 730.00	\$1,250.37	\$ 19,261.85

Expenses of note during the month: \$60 for the purchase of NCYM-C *Faith and Practice* for distribution, \$500 to support Pendle Hill Conference Center, \$150 to Quaker Earthcare Witness, and \$100 to Quaker House of Fayetteville. The expenditure of \$150 from the emergency assistance fund represents a short-term loan to a member of the Meeting.

Income was minimal in Eighth month and included contributions to the building fund and emergency assistance 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 eight months of the budget year is almost **\$5,000** un-

der the amount needed to maintain our general-fund budget. We may need to defer some of our budgeted payments until our income increases.

### Report from Yearly Meeting

Claire Koster gave a thorough report of her personal observations from this year's North Carolina Yearly Meeting sessions in Wilmington. This report was accepted with thanks and is included with these minutes.

### NCYM-C YEARLY MEETING REPORT & PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS UNCW-Wilmington July 11-14, 2007

The campus at UNCW-Wilmington turned out to be larger than the ones we have been to for Yearly Meeting, and many of us were very happy to be able to travel by golf carts from the dorm to the building where we had our meetings (0.8 mile). Riding also gave us the possibility to look closely at the very lovely gardens filled with native flora. As well, it gave another opportunity to have (albeit brief) exchanges with those Friends who had volunteered to be drivers.

Besides the almost 100 Friends present, it was a joy to have 14 youngsters with us this year between the ages of 4 months and 16 years which graphically showed what some meetings had reported, namely that they were seeing an increase in attendance. Wilmington Friends did a fabulous job of arranging programs broad enough in scope to ensure participation and enjoyment by all. Unfortunately, the only time we adults did something together with the children was during a period of singing. Perhaps next time there can be another all-inclusive activity.

As usual, the bulk of our business meeting's time was taken up with the reading of responses to the Queries by the monthly meetings. It seemed to me that this year, more answers were of the "yes we do" or "no we do not" variety, which brought back some bad memories for me personally. Also, I had a problem with a statement made by one of our meetings that "participation is more important than membership." However, speaking with other Friends of my concerns resulted in their laboring with me on this and helping me work through at least some of my unease.

The two presentations I attended which made an impression on me, were, one given by an A.F.S.C. representative who gave a spirited presentation reminiscent of a revival meeting which was guaranteed to keep us all awake. The second was given by Chuck Fager with regard to Quaker House dur-

ing which Chuck described our culture as being permeated by the "Spirit of War" and therefore Quaker House is involved in "Spiritual Warfare." I found these words hard to swallow and not in keeping with our Peace Testimony.

The theme this year was "The Ties that Bind" which was expanded upon from time to time to broaden the meaning, since it appeared that a number of Friends were uneasy with this title. Ties of love were expressed as being more comfortable than the ties that bind, and a message was given about bridges connecting us which also helped me personally.

The highlight of this yearly meeting for me was the panel of Young Adult Friends who answered some tough questions pertaining to their exposure to Quakerism growing up and the influence received at home. They were bright, articulate and forthright, and this has motivated me to get in touch with my children for their comments on this subject.

My biggest challenge came when Frank Massey gave the keynote address. His many constant references to Jesus Christ during part of his speech left me unable to keep up with translating what he was saying into a language that I could relate to. Because I have found Friends at Yearly Meeting to be extremely caring and accepting, I was able to say this to Frank Massey. We met together over breakfast on Sunday, learned about each other's religious journeys, and had a wonderful exchange of views on our beliefs.

Since this description of Yearly Meeting is from a very limited personal perspective, I hope that other Friends who were present will report on areas I did not cover as well as giving their own perspective of what occurred.

For your information:

The next two representative meetings will be:

10/28/07 at Durham Meeting  
4/26/08 at Friendship Meeting

Future Yearly Meetings:

2008 at Guilford  
2009 at Chowan  
2010 at UNCW-Wilmington

In Peace,

Claire Koster

### **Worship and Ministry**

Reported by Daryl Waisner. The recent work of the committee has been working out the details for the retreat with Lloyd Lee Wilson on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. The committee is also in the process of changing the policy of volunteers reviewing NCYM queries. Finally the committee seeks Monthly Meeting's approval for a travel minute for Deborah

Shaw.

**Minute:** Travel minute request was made by Deborah Shaw and approved by Monthly Meeting.

### **Care and Counsel**

A report was delivered by Care and Counsel on Clearness Committee meeting for membership for David Barron.

**Minute:** David Barron was approved for membership in Friendship Friends Meeting.

A welcoming committee was set that includes Sidney Lee Kitchens, David Bailey, Judy Harvey and Dave MacInnes. David Bailey will call the first meeting.

### **Handbook Committee**

Claire Koster reported on the updated handbook and the decision to print the directory and handbook as separate documents, in order to facilitate easier updates of the directory. The meeting thanked the committee for their continued meticulousness and good work and accepted Claire Koster's report with gratitude.

Claire Koster also spoke with us about the continued concern of what we should do with members who are no longer active and unreachable. This concern was sent back to Care and Counsel for further seasoning and action. The treasurer would prefer that some action be taken before first month.

### **Social Concerns**

Lisa Waldman reported two items of business. First, the committee has decided to donate \$100 to the Peace With Every Step March on October 21<sup>st</sup>. The committee also seeks Meeting sponsorship

**Minute:** Friends approved Friendship Friends Meeting serving as a sponsor for the Peace with Every Step March.

Second, Members of Peace and Social Concerns are interested in cosponsoring a refugee family with New Garden Friends meeting. The committee seeks volunteers from the meeting. Those interested should see Neil Swensen or Lisa Waldman. The committee was encouraged to investigate further the financial and other implications of the meeting becoming a cosponsor. The clerk will ask somebody from the committee to write an article for the monthly newsletter.

### **Report from Ad Hoc Property Committee**

Mary Ellen Chijoke updated business meeting on the possible locations Guilford College has offered the meeting on campus, should we choose to return and build a new meeting house. The location of the meadows near New Garden Friends School is no longer on the table at this time, but may become available at an unspecified later date. The two locations currently offered were a location amidst the practice fields and another location on George White road. Guilford College has requested that Friendship Friends decide if they are still interested in locating to Guilford's

Campus. Friends discussed their concerns, and arrived at the following minute.

**Minute:** Friends are committed to continuing to talk with the college regarding moving back on campus and investigating the workability of the George White property. There is still great interest in the meadows and Friends are deeply disappointed that this possibility has been taken off the table. Mary Ellen and David MacInnes will write a memo to the Guilford Administration responding to their specific points in greater detail.

Notes from the meeting of the Ad hoc Property Committee, held Ninth Month 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Present: Mary Ellen Chijioke, Kembra Howdeshell, David MacInnes, George White, Richard Phillips, David Brown, and Ray Treadway.

Mary Ellen Chijioke began the meeting by reporting on a memo, written Seventh Month 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007, which she wrote as the clerk of the *Ad Hoc Committee to Consider the Feasibility of Friendship Friends Meeting Building a Meetinghouse on Campus* (Friendship Meeting, Guilford College, Friends Center, and New Garden Friends School) to the Property Subcommittee of the Building and Grounds of the Board of Trustees of Guilford College. In this memo she gave a detailed background of the various issues addressed by this committee over the past nine months. She also shared with us a summary of the meeting of the *Ad Hoc Committee to Consider the Feasibility of Friendship Friends Meeting Building a Meetinghouse on Campus* held on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. The College is considering other uses for the previously proposed “meadows” location and this location is not an option at this time. Two locations were suggested as possibilities: one near the current playing fields and one located on George White Road near Friendly Avenue.

Friendship Meeting was asked to respond to at least three issues by Ninth Month 10<sup>th</sup> in order for a review by College officials for possible presentation at the meeting of the Board of Trustees in Tenth Month. We were asked to clarify under what conditions the College would be able to use the meetinghouse facilities. We need to have various Quaker constituencies in the area send official letters of endorsement of the presence of Friendship’s meetinghouse on the campus. We were also asked to consider whether we would agree to any consideration whatsoever of either of the two newly proposed locations.

The committee discussed at some length the two locations. The location near the practice soccer fields did not seem particularly attractive since there would be activity there on First Day mornings, the possible parking places would be some distance from

the location, and the size of the proposed area would barely be adequate. If we were to build on the “front-campus” location, the College would take down one or two small houses. The committee wanted to explore the specifics of the second location more fully.

David MacInnes agreed to contact nearby Quaker groups and ask them to write letters of support. The list would include, but not be limited to, New Garden Friends Meeting, New Garden Friends School, Friends Homes Inc., and possibly Friends Center. We also need to have a clear understanding of our arrangements with Guilford College concerning a nominal rent, a long-term or perpetual lease, our complete control over the use of the facilities, and an understanding about payment for the building by Guilford College if the two parties should agree on our moving off of campus at some later date.

We also considered other options in case our deliberations with Guilford College did not work out with mutual satisfaction. One option would be to buy the two properties north of 1103 New Garden Road. It has not been determined that action this would necessarily solve our problem of an excessively-impervious surface. It would also be very costly.

We continue to affirm that any new building would be as “green” as possible, and that we needed to begin to find good resources for planning. We felt that sizeable donations from outside sources would more likely if we do locate on the Guilford College campus and if we build in an environmentally-sensitive manner. Richard Phillips will contact some possible sources of grants and loans.

We continue to be interested in the offer of Friends Homes Inc. to buy our current property should we decide to move to a new location. Ray Treadway will write a letter to Wilson Sheldon to update him on the progress on making a decision and indicating that we are still interested in working with Friends Homes.

We are aware that some members of the Meeting are reluctant to have our Meetinghouse on the Guilford College property, in that there is the feeling that we need to own the property on which our Meetinghouse is built and that we need to be careful that Guilford College does not have an undue influence on our Meeting. At the same time in our threshing session at our most recent meeting retreat, we acknowledged that a consensus of those present wanted us to remain in close proximity to

Guilford College, New Garden Friends School, and Friends Homes, so that we can maintain our relationship and service to these constituencies. We need to continue the dialog among ourselves and with others, so that we may come to a clearer discernment of how we are led.

Business was adjourned with Friends purposing to meet on 14<sup>th</sup> day, Tenth Month

David MacInnes, Clerk  
Martha Lang, Recording Clerk

### Current Issues for Action

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

1) The Peace and Social Concerns Committee has agreed to participate in a Care Team with New Garden Friends Meeting for refugees new to the Greensboro area Under the auspices of the Refugee Resettlement Program of Lutheran Family Services, we will help sponsor individuals or a family as they move here and begin to get settled.

While we are still waiting for details about our sponsorship, we are getting organized now and asking for people who might be interested in volunteering their time for the Care Team. Any level of commitment would be appreciated, whether it is ongoing, periodic or just occasional. During the planning process we hope to match volunteers with the responsibilities that best match their interests and schedules.

If you would be interested in participating on the refugee Care Team, please contact Neil Swenson at 834-0890 or [nswenson@aol.com](mailto:nswenson@aol.com).

2) The Social Concerns Committee at New Garden Friends Meeting has also asked us to announce the autumn workday for the Warmer, Safer, Dryer Project, which will be Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 3:00.

This project, which is done in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity and the Greensboro Housing Coalition, helps neighbors in need keep and/or maintain their homes. People of all skill levels are invited to attend, and Habitat provides the equipment and great technical support. Volunteers can also come for any amount of time if they are unable to commit to the entire day.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Warmer, Safer, Dryer Project workday, please contact Neil Swenson at 834-0890 or [nswenson@aol.com](mailto:nswenson@aol.com).

## Friends Center Celebration

In connection with Homecoming Weekend at Guilford College, Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, Friends Center is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Friends Center is a collaborative endeavor of Guilford College and the Religious Society of Friends to strengthen Friends and their institutions. The Quaker Leadership Scholars Program (QLSP) is in its 15<sup>th</sup> year of providing a program enabling committed Quaker students to prepare for significant service to the Religious Society of Friends.

**Judith Weller Harvey** was the founding director of Friends Center. **Max Carter** is the current director. **Deborah Shaw** is assistant director.

### QLSP Panel Discussions - October 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

Thursday: *Which Way Did You Go*

The Hut, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Friday: *Traditional Ministries - Answering the Call*

Boren Lounge, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Saturday: *Sharing Stories*

Founders Gallery, 9:30 - 11:30 am

### Friends Center Celebration - Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

*What Future for Friends* - Panel of Alumni

Dana Auditorium Choir Room, 4:00 pm

Meet and Greet, Dana Lawn, 5:30 pm

Dinner and Program: feathering William Rogers

Dana Lawn, 6:00 pm, \$25 per person

Pre-register, pay by check to Friends Center

### Our thoughts and prayers are with

Cyril and Judith Harvey; Cyril's oldest sister has suffered a serious stroke and is now in hospice care at her home in New Jersey.

## 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](mailto:cyrilhh@triad.rr.com).

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

### Committee on Worship & Ministry

#### Add to list of members:

Deborah Shaw

#### New Email Address:

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