

# Friendship Times

April 2008

## Calendar

- Fri, Apr 4 Time to Break the Silence: Southern Churches and War, A Peace Conference, New Garden Meeting  
Sat, Apr 5
- Sun, Apr 6 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, Apr 13 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse  
10:30 am Meeting for Worship, A potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
- Sat, Apr 19 7:00 pm Game Night at the Meetinghouse  
Last day to send newsletter materials to Editor
- Sun, Apr 20 10:30 am Meeting for Worship  
4:00 pm Quaker Book Group, at Meetinghouse
- Fri, Apr 25 through Sun, Apr 27, Piedmont Friends Fellowship Annual retreat, at New Hope Camp, Chapel Hill
- Sat Apr 26 Representative Body meets at Meetinghouse  
11:00 am Meeting for Worship; Noon Lunch;  
1:00 pm Meeting for Business
- Sun, Apr 27 10:30 am 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.  
Contact: Louise Harris/John Cardarelli. 750-0631

## Quaker Book Group

The Quaker book club will meet Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in the meetinghouse, and will discuss chapters 4, 5 & 6 of *The Holy Way* by Paula Huston. For further information: Judy Heitfield, 643-0257.

## In this Issue

Minutes from Third Month's meeting for worship with a concern for business are in this issue. In addition, there are announcements of upcoming events, including the next game night, the next book club discussion, a peace conference and the annual retreat of the Piedmont Friends Fellowship, an issue for action, a message from Christy Hopkins, and updates for the *Handbook*.

### From the Editor:

Judy and I are leaving town on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and will need to distribute the May issue of the newsletter before we leave. Because of our busy schedule just prior to departure, we must have materials for the newsletter **earlier than usual**. Items for the newsletter need to be submitted, preferably by email, **no later** than Saturday, **April 19<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks to everyone in advance for your help. Cyril Harvey, [cyrilhh@triad.rr.com](mailto:cyrilhh@triad.rr.com)

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If you would prefer to change your current mode of delivery, please let me know: Cyril Harvey, 925 New Garden Road, #2110, Greensboro, NC 27410, (336) 299-8269, or [cyrilhh@triad.rr.com](mailto:cyrilhh@triad.rr.com)

## Fourth Month's Query

### Work of the Meeting

*Do we assume our rightful share of the expenses of our Meeting? Do we regard our time, our talents, and our possessions as given us in trust, and do we use them freely for the needs of others?*

## Minutes

### FRIENDSHIP MONTHLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS GATHERED ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> OF THIRD MONTH 2008

Meeting began with silent worship. In attendance were Mel Zuck, Priscilla Zuck, Ted Benfey, Harry Nagel, Janet Nagel, Mae Brown, David Brown, John Bowles, Marilyn White, George White, Don Smith, Kembra Howdeshell, Judith Harvey, Bonnie Parsons, Mary Ellen Chijioke, Maureen Burns, Claire Koster, Darryl Waisner, David MacInnes, Carole Treadway, Matt McGuire

The Clerk read Query 3 from *Faith and Practice*:

*Do we follow the teachings of Jesus and seek the inspiration of his Holy Spirit in our daily lives? Are love and unity maintained among us? Do we cultivate a forgiving spirit, and do we avoid and discourage needless and destructive criticism of others? When differences arise, do we endeavor promptly to resolve them in a spirit of love, honesty, and humility?*

Friends responded as follows:

It was suggested that the word “resolve” is misleading since it implies differences are eliminated. Rather we seek to listen to each other in the spirit of love, seeking a deeper unity where differences are recognized and respected. We are improving in our ability to listen and find ways to stay in dialog. That is the true meaning of finding the “sense of the meeting.” In response to the observation that the first sentence is difficult to answer as a corporate body, it was suggested that the second sentence flows from the first. Following the teachings of Jesus implies that we will live in love and unity. We know of no festering disagreements and conflicts at this time.

Friends approved. Janet Nagel will prepare a draft of an answer to the query based on the minute.

Carole Treadway served as recording clerk in the absence of Martha Lang, our recording clerk..

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

<u>Second Month</u>	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund:	\$3,000.00	\$2,881.34	\$ 9,730.98
All Funds:	\$3,385.00	\$5,802.61	\$ 19,390.05

Expenses of note during the month are: books for the library – \$38.43, sandwich materials for the

Urban Ministry (two months) – \$56.87, child care (two months) – \$90.00, donation to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses – \$100.00, contribution to North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative (first of two payments) – \$1750.00, and Piedmont Friends Fellowship – \$350.00. The cost for heating the meetinghouse for the previous month was \$269.23. The meeting expended \$2,921.27 for emergency assistance to a member of the meeting for house repairs and received \$350.00 in contributions to that same fund.

Currently the Meeting has overspent the emergency assistance fund by a total \$580.00. While the money given for this project, over the amount taken in as special contributions, is intended to be a loan, additional special contributions to the emergency fund would be very much appreciated.

Friends accepted the report with gratitude.

#### **Nominating Committee**

Mary Ellen Chijioke, Craig Fox, and Lisa Waldman were proposed for service on the Nominating Committee. These were approved. Mary Ellen will clerk.

#### **Worship and Ministry Committee Report**

Darryl Waisner presented a report from Worship and Ministry as follows:

The committee is still working with School of the Spirit alumnae, setting up support groups for them and looking for ways to facilitate their gifts.

Reports of the meeting retreat were positive.

In honor of Greensboro’s bicentennial celebration, local faith communities are asked to participate in pulpit and pew exchanges in pairs. It was suggested that we participate in the “pew exchange” by sending some Friends to attend a worship service of our partner faith community and that members of that church, synagogue, or mosque be invited to attend one of our meetings for worship. The dates are Fifth Month 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>. It was approved that David MacInnes contact the coordinator with our proposal and to ask if there would be an opportunity to exchange greetings with our partner.

An invitation from Friends General Conference to send a worship and ministry clerk as representative from Piedmont Friends Fellowship to a Ministry and Nurture conference in Fourth

Month at Powell House in Old Chatham, New York was forwarded to Friendship Meeting. The committee agreed to send Darryl Waisner, clerk of Worship and Ministry. Darryl has asked for a travel minute which was approved.

Friends accepted the report with gratitude.

### **Requests for transfer of membership**

Arlene Gillespie wrote requesting the transfer of her membership to the Charlottesville Monthly Meeting, which was approved.

Marsha Heck requested the transfer of her membership to the St Louis, Missouri Monthly Meeting, which was approved.

Cynthia Harvey requested the transfer of her membership to Wellesley Monthly Meeting, Massachusetts, which was approved.

### **Ad Hoc Building Committee Report**

The committee reported its recent discussions and actions as follows:

The committee would like to suggest our name be changed to the Facilities Planning Committee.

Ray reported from a workshop at Durham Friends where they talked about their experience with 12 years of discernment in building their new meetinghouse. Durham Friends Meeting has so many members now that they are looking to finish their basement and this workshop was the beginning of the process. One thing that made their process successful was to hold many threshing sessions at different times and places so that all in the meeting had a voice and were informed. They also met with an architect early in the process who helped them move forward in their planning.

A number of goals were discussed:

Have a number of threshing sessions to talk about people's ideas of what we need in our meetinghouse, our space needs and to brainstorm ideas for fund raising. Groups identified as needing their own focused threshing session were Friends Homes residents and families in the Meeting.

Find the name of suitable architects so that we can bring them in early in the process.

Organize the notes from the All Meeting Retreat brainstorming session for common themes. The common themes those present could see were:

Use of space  
Outside the building  
Access  
Children and youth  
Property expansion and if not, what?  
Fund raising

We also discussed the need for more parking and for sidewalks both in front of the Meetinghouse and across the street at Guilford College so that we could effectively use the College parking lot or Arcadia Road on First day.

George talked about his experiences in the building of the Charlotte Meetinghouse and told us we were looking at having to spend \$400,000 for land and \$450-500,000 for building, a sobering thought and one that underscored the need to start thinking about fund raising right now.

The committee decided on the following action items:

Dave MacInnes: will set up several threshing sessions where at least one of this committee can attend.

Ray Treadway: will call Friends Homes to set up a meeting between Wilson Sheldon, Ray and Dave to discuss the Meeting's intentions to stay at our present ideal location and to see if there are some common planning and actions we can do with Friends Homes.

Mary Ellen: will check up on the three identified sources of funds for building/renovating a meetinghouse, namely Rich Square, FGC and the Charleston fund.

David will talk with the owner of the two properties to the north to let her know where we are in our planning and that we are still interested in possibly buying the lots.

Rodney ended our meeting by reminding us that we need to spend more time in silence. Silence will help our unheard voices be heard and to find the answers that we know are there for us.

Friends responded to the committee's request that its name be changed to the Facilities Planning Committee. There was a concern expressed to change the status of the committee from "ad hoc" to a standing committee. Friends approved changing the name to Facilities Planning Ad Hoc Committee. Friends agreed that the committee should prepare a formal proposal concerning the committee's work and status and report in Fourth month.

Following the report, Friends expressed concern that all of our meeting community, including Guilford students, Friends Homes residents, and families with children or individuals working with children be represented in our discernment and that ongoing threshing sessions be held at different times and places to assure that everyone will have an opportunity to participate.

Friends desire that any future facilities be built with environmental concerns in mind.

The committee to plan a welcome for Rebecca Sullivan is planning a pancake breakfast at 9:00 am on First Day, Third Month, 30<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting closed with worship, purposing to reconvene on Fourth Month 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Carole Treadway, recording clerk for the day

David MacInnes, clerk

### Current Issue 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. There are two issues this month.

Continuing with their five month letter-writing campaign to persuade Congress to work for peace, the Friends Committee on National Legislation urges us to ask Congress to fully fund U.S. diplomacy. As of January, 2008 the State Department has 1,000 unfilled diplomatic positions around the world. Please write your representatives and senators to increase funding for diplomacy in the State Department funding bill to help prevent new conflicts from breaking out.

### Game Night!

All are invited to the Friendship Friends Meeting Game Night at the meetinghouse on Saturday evening, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 10:00 pm.

**Bring your favorite game to share or just enjoy the selection of board games and card games provided.**

Friends of Friends, family, and guests are welcome. Contact Don Smith and Kembra Howdeshell should you have questions about this event (323-1537).

## ***TIME TO BREAK THE SILENCE: SOUTHERN CHURCHES AND WAR***

**April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**New Garden Friends Meeting  
801 New Garden Road, Greensboro, NC**

New Garden Friends Meeting, in cooperation with Friendship Friends, Quaker House in Fayetteville, NC and other Friends Meetings, is hosting a Peace Conference.

This conference is being held on the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's powerful speech, "**Beyond Vietnam- A Time to Break the Silence**"

With workshops, panels, and a concluding concert by John McCutcheon, the conference will examine how the spirit of war has corrupted the gospel of Christ, and consider how the church can seek repentance and return to being true followers of the Prince of Peace.

On Friday evening Logie Meachum and the Gospel Choir of Persimmon Grove AME Church will present special Gospel music. Logie Meachum and Linda Whisnant will continue with dramatic readings from Martin Luther King Jr.'s powerful speech, "**Beyond Vietnam- A Time to Break the Silence**," and Charles Marsh's new book, *Wayward Christian Soldiers*, which challenges the promotion of war and militarism by too many churches, especially in the south. A panel of ministers will respond, followed by open discussion.

On Saturday workshops will be offered throughout the day based on the theme, **Time to Break the Silence: Southern Churches and War**. Morning coffee time and lunch will provide opportunities for conversations. You are also invited to unprogrammed worship prior to the workshops.

The conference will end with John McCutcheon in concert Saturday evening.

Event Sponsors Include: First Friends Meeting, Deep River Friends Meeting, Spring Friends Meeting, Winston Salem Friends Meeting, Rockingham Preparative Friends Meeting, Charlotte Friends Meeting and Friendship Friends Meeting.

*For more Information:* call 336-292-5487  
or email [newgardoff@aol.com](mailto:newgardoff@aol.com)

Fourth Month Birthdays  
of our Young Friends

**Michael Heitfield**, 4/12/92

**Möe Owen**, 4/12/92

***Building Community: Among Friends  
Piedmont Friends Fellowship Annual Retreat  
April 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008***

***About the Retreat:***

This year the location for the retreat will be New Hope Camp in Chapel Hill (see website link below for directions). The weekend will provide opportunity for both group and individual reflection on the challenges and opportunities for building relationships among friends, our meetings and the larger community. There will be program activities on the theme for adults, youth, and younger children as well as opportunities for intergenerational activities. Child care will be available during program times.

***Resource Friends include:***

**Thomas Kagan**, who will lead the Friday evening intergenerational activity and the Saturday morning large group/small group program around Building Community Among Friends Meetings. Thomas is a convinced friend who has served as clerk for Raleigh Friends Meeting for several years and currently is serving on Raleigh's Ministry & Counsel.

**Shelia Bumgarner**, who will lead the afternoon workshop sharing of our personal experiences with building community within our own meetings. This session will give Friends an opportunity to investigate, discuss, and learn more about what friends have done within their own meetings and regions to promote community. Sheila is a member of Charlotte Friends Meeting. She has served on Ministry & Counsel, Fellowship, and Library Committees, as well as Clerked the Forum, and Peace & Social Concerns Committee.

***Bring with you:***

- \* Copies of *Rise Up Singing* hymnals, or other song books.
- \* Your **own bed linens, towels** and a **cloth napkin**.
- \* An open heart and mind.

Everyone is requested to bring a **snack** (chips, fruit, cookies) that can be shared by all. There will be a **sign-up sheet** for retreat "chores." Please sign up when you arrive. We need everyone's help.

***PFF website:***

[www.rtpnet.org/friends/PFF.htm](http://www.rtpnet.org/friends/PFF.htm)

***New Hope Camp website:***

<http://www.NEWHOPECCC.ORG>

***Full Weekend – per adult\****

Food and Lodging: \$45.00 (2 nights)  
\$35.00 (1 night)

Registration: \$6.00 (*fee waived, if before April 16<sup>th</sup>*)

***Daily Rate:*** Each adult meal, \$5.00

***Make checks payable to:***

Piedmont Friends Fellowship

***\*(no charge for those under 18)***

***Financial Assistance to attend:***

PFF will match your meeting's assistance.

*Please send in your reservations soon  
early-bird deadline is April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008*

## A Message from Christy Hopkins

The Guilford College Choir is going on our first ever International Tour to Ireland in May, 2009.

As a fundraising event, we are having a Spaghetti Sauce Cook-Off and Dinner with Entertainment.

This will be Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> in New Garden Meeting's Fellowship Room. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm. The cost to eat is \$10.00, \$5.00 for students. Join us for an all you can eat spaghetti dinner. To receive an entry form, Friends can contact me at:

[chopkins@guilford.edu](mailto:chopkins@guilford.edu)

## 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).

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