

Friendship Times

March 2010

Calendar

- Thu, Mar 4 7:30 pm Thomas Hamm, lecture on "Quakers and Slavery," New Garden Friends Meeting
- Sun, Mar 7 9:00 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel
Peace and Social Concerns meet
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Fri, Mar 12 Piedmont Friends Fellowship Annual Retreat
Sun, Mar 14 Camp New Hope, NC
- Sun, Mar 14 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship. A potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
- Sun, Mar 21 9:00 am Friendly Bible Study
10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
3:00 pm FCNL 60th Anniversary Party
New Garden Friends Meeting, Fellowship Room
- Tue, Mar 23 Last day to send newsletter material to Editor
- Sun, Mar 28 9:00 am Deepening the Life of the Meeting
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.
- Salem Worship Group.** Meeting for Worship, 9:30 a.m. First Day, at The Blessings, 823 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem. Contact: Meg Zulick. 725-2377

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In this Issue

A synopsis of the Minutes from Second Month's meeting for worship with a concern for business is in this issue. In addition you will find announcements a lecture and a birthday celebration, a current issue for action, requests for feedback from FCNL and AFSC, the agenda for the upcoming Piedmont Friends Fellowship Annual Retreat, and an update for the *Handbook Directory*.

From the Editor

My intention is to distribute the newsletter no later than the last Sunday of the month, which will be March 28th for the April issue. Material for the newsletter should be submitted, preferably by email, ***no later*** than **Tuesday, March 23rd**. Thanks to everyone in advance for your help.

Cyril Harvey, cyrilhh@triad.rr.com

Zach Wortman is in Thailand,

learning how to teach English as a second language.

His Blog address: www.zackwortman.wordpress.com

Second Month Birthdays

of our Young Friends

Imani Khamala, 3/5/08

Third Month's Query

Love and Unity

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?

Minutes — Synopsis

FRIENDSHIP FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS GATHERED ON THE 14TH OF SECOND MONTH 2010

The second query was read:

Are we faithful in our attendance at meetings for worship and are we careful not to disturb the spirit of the meeting by our late arrival? Is our behavior therein that of open submission to God in silent communion?

The following response will be edited by Judith Harvey:

The most important part of worship for some is the silence. That single element sets our manner of worship apart from most others. Often we can absorb the disturbance of late arrivals, and this is important to Friends who find themselves arriving late on occasion. Meeting usually starts before the appointed hour, and there are few disturbances, not only because early arriving Friends are tolerant of late-comers, but also because late arrivals are considerate and careful to enter meeting quietly. This meeting has a tendency to respond directly to messages within other messages. Friends' conventions/traditions caution against this, for it can lead to discourse instead of open communion; however, this seldom occurs in our meeting. Many of the messages have the quality of speaking to issues carried by many people in attendance. Though this speaks strongly of our unity in the spirit, this query challenges us to be mindful of the difference between responses that are born of our egos and those that come from the living spirit among us. Several Friends have spoken to the capacity of our meeting to speak directly to each of us in our need, and not exclusively through verbal ministry, but also in the immediate sense of the divine moving in the silence. We feel a balance between striving for gospel order and allowing for the mutable requirements of the spirit.

Ray Treadway presented the **Treasurer's Report** for First Month, which was accepted with gratitude. The complete report is attached; a summary follows.

<u>First Month</u>	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund:	\$680.00	\$1,497.95	\$10,332.05
All Funds:	\$680.00	\$1,437.95	\$ 21,224.07

Expenses of note during the month: sandwiches for Urban Ministry — \$38.60, supplies and stamps — \$51.15, child care and religious education supplies — \$255.89, donation to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses — \$100.00, electricity — \$67.76, gas — \$278.56, telephone — \$62.99, and payment for property and liability insurance — \$643.00. The Meeting received one loan repayment to the emergency assistance fund of \$60.00.

Adjustments were made to fund balances at the beginning of the fiscal year, following the Meeting's policy that the beginning balance for the year in the general operating fund will be one-half of the annual budget and the beginning balance in the operating reserve will equal to the annual budget of \$22,300.00. The net result was to move \$ 1,937.04 out of the general operating fund and \$515.00 out of the general reserve, and to move \$2,452.04 into the building reserve fund. Our investment in PAX World received no capital gains, but it did receive a dividend of \$360.73 and an increase in market value of \$1,239.60 over the three month period from October 1st to December 31st, 2009.

Contributions to the Meeting in January were significantly below what is needed. Contributions to the general fund and to our special funds would be appreciated. Checks can be made out to Friendship Friends Meeting and sent to POB 8652, Greensboro NC 27419.

The clerk read over the schedule of the upcoming all meeting retreat on February 19th - 20th. Friends are reminded to do their readings in advance, which are available at the meeting house or electronically from the clerk, and there will be childcare provided.

Claire Koster presented a report on behalf of Care and Council. They are reviewing the experience of the Dinner Circles, and they have a continuing concern for the Aung family. They will report on both of these matters in March.

The meeting considered the report from the Long Range Planning Committee. That report follows:

At this time, there are four options from which the Long Range Planning Committee is recommending the monthly meeting choose. The options are listed below:

First floor renovation

- * purpose is to enlarge the meeting and social room spaces
- * includes more substantial fire code updates as well as the renovation
- * would not allow for any changes in the use of the basement
- * would take 3 to 4 months to complete
- * cost is around \$130,00 to \$150,000

First floor and basement renovations in two phases

- * 1st phase would be the first floor renovation plus preparation for renovation of the basement – estimated cost is \$160,000 to \$170,000
- * 2nd phase would be the basement renovation – estimated cost is \$85,000 to \$90,000

* renovation of the basement includes the stairs, changes to the bathrooms on the first floor to make them wheelchair accessible, addition of a bathroom in the basement and remodeling to create a nicer space for kids

Renovation of both floors at the same time

- * likely to be some savings in the efficiency of doing both phases at the same time
- * estimated cost is \$240,000 to \$250,000

No renovation

Fee Proposal from the architects

Fees include all meetings with us, travel, and additional meetings with the Planning Department, presentations, models and drawings.

Design Phase I: \$8,000 total design fee

- * A \$4,000 deposit will be required prior to commencement of this phase and will be credited at the end of the phase.

Design Phase II: \$5,000 total design fee

Design Phase III: \$3,000 total design fee
The report was accepted with gratitude.

Friends have reached unity that both levels of the meeting house need to be renovated in light of the need for additional meeting space, fellowship space, and childcare space. The next step is to form a committee that will identify funding sources outside the meeting, initiate the fund-raising drive within the meeting, and recommend the best options for renovation as way opens. We plan to appoint that committee at Business Meeting in Third Month.

The clerk read the revision of our response to Query 1, and it was approved.

Peace and Social concerns committee is considering the five priorities that they will send from this meeting to FCNL. They have scheduled a forum following meeting on February 21st.

David Bailey was named to clerk the nominating committee. Further members will be presented next month.

Announcements

**“Quakers and Slavery:
The Cousins in Conflict”**

a lecture by

**Thomas Hamm, Professor of History,
Archivist at Earlham College, and
author of *Quakers in America***

**New Garden Friends Meeting
Thursday, March 4th, at 7:30 pm**

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Big 60th Birthday Party

**Friends Committee
on National Legislation**

New Garden Friends Meeting
Sunday, March 21st, 3:00 to 4:30 pm

Joe Volk will be present and will be honored
for his 20 years of leadership

Discussion of achievements
Challenges for the year ahead

Refreshments and Music
Please Come!

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.

Congress will be deciding shortly whether or not to take action on comprehensive immigration reform and our representatives need to hear from us concerning such legislation. FCNL recommends H. R. 4321, which is Illinois Representative Luis Gutierrez's immigration reform legislation now before the House. It would promote family unity, bring undocumented immigrants out of the shadows, and uphold the human and civil rights of immigrants. We need to encourage our representative to be a cosponsor of this bill in the next few weeks in order to impress upon congressional leaders the importance of making immigration reform a priority this year. For more information, go to www.fcnl.org.

Also, a reminder to remember the boxes for collecting clothes (going to the Newcomers School for immigrant families) and food (going to the food pantry at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church -- interesting Jeri Rowe column about this in the February 14th issue of the News and Record.) The boxes are on the floor next to the piano.

**Our thoughts and prayers are with
Carole Treadway, Ernest Miller, Dorothy Nielsen,
Darryl Waisner and Judy Harvey**

Carole Treadway and Ernest Miller have both had surgery. Carole had her anticipated hip replacement and is at home recovering. A schedule of meals has been organized for Carole and Ray by Care and Counsel.

Ernest Miller had very needed and immediate surgery for an aneurism in an abdominal artery. While recovering at Cone Hospital, Ernest is listening to his customary tapes of music and books.

Dorothy Nielsen's husband, Charlie, recently broke his hip, requiring surgery. He is now recovering at Maryfield Nursing Center. Both Ernest and Charlie hope to be back at Friends Homes Guilford soon.

Darryl Waisner's father recently lost one his brothers and our prayers are with Darryl and his family at this time of loss.

On a minor note but one of aggravation to the assistant editor, Judy Harvey, had an emergency root canal which will require a new crown and unwanted time spent at the dentist's office.



Teaching Cross used by the Spanish to tell the crucifixion story to illiterate indigenous people, using symbols. Antigua, Guatemala, 16th -17th century

**From Peace and Social Concerns Committee
regarding FCNL legislative priorities**

Every two years the Friends Committee on National Legislation consults Quaker groups around the country to help discern priorities for its lobbying and public education work during the next Congress. We are inviting Friends in our Meeting to participate in this process now for the 112th Congress (2011 - 2012). There is an extensive FCNL Policy Statement (available at www.fcnl.org) from which the Policy Committee chooses priority issues guided by the responses from these Quaker groups and a realistic assessment of FCNL's staff and volunteer resources. The issues in the Policy Statement are arranged under four general headings:

- I. We seek a world free of war and the threat of war.
- II. We seek a society of equity and justice for all.
- III. We seek a community where every person's potential may be fulfilled.
- IV. We seek an Earth restored.

Copies of the current Legislative Priorities, for background use, will be available at the Meeting House, and Friends are invited to join in groups to help discern this Meeting's five recommended priorities. There will be three opportunities:

1. At the rise of Meeting for Worship on Sunday, February 28th.
2. At the rise of Meeting for Worship (7:30 pm), Friends Homes 7th Floor Woolman Hall, on Wednesday, March 3rd.
3. During the meeting of Peace and Social Concerns, 9:00 am, Sunday, March 7th.

The resulting recommendations will be presented at Meeting for Business on April 11th for corporate approval and submitted to FCNL immediately thereafter. Friends who are unable to attend any of these meetings but who would like to participate in the process may share up to five suggestions with any member of Peace and Social Concerns or may make individual responses directly to FCNL at the web address above by April 10th.

Questions: contact Marilyn White, 315-7689.

Uncovering Our Wholeness: Learning to Share Faith Journeys

Piedmont Friends Fellowship Annual Retreat, March 12th - 14th, 2010, Camp New Hope

About the Retreat: **Location** – Camp New Hope near Chapel Hill (see website below for directions).

Theme – Building on the fall 2009 retreat, we'll be exploring ways that we can understand and share our faith with others.

There will be program activities for adults, youth, and younger children as well as opportunities for intergenerational activities. Child care will be available during program times.

Resource Friends include:

Kristin Olson-Kennedy (Davidson Meeting) who will lead the sessions on Uncovering our Wholeness

Karen Stewart (Durham Meeting) who will be leading the sessions for teens

There will be a book table from Friends General Conference

Schedule (subject to change)

Friday

- 5:00 Registration
- 6:00 Potluck - **Bring a dish to share**
- 7:00 Parent/Teen meeting
- 7:30 Welcome/Intergenerational Activity
- 8:30 Singing - **Bring Song-books**

**Registration forms
available from
Dave MacInnes
by email**

Saturday

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:30 All Parents Meeting
- 9:00 Adult and Children's Program
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Adult and Children's Program
- 3:00 Free time for walking, conversing, informal games, quiet time
- 4:30 Meeting for Worship (Outdoors)
- 5:30 Dinner
- 7:30 Folk Dancing & other indoor/outdoor activity

Sunday

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 9:00 Meeting for Worship
- 10:15 PFF Annual Meeting for Business
- 11:30 Lunch
- 12:15 Clean-up, followed by PFF representative meeting

PFF website:

www.rtpnet.org/friends/PFF.htm

Camp New Hope Camp:

<http://www.newhopeccc.org/>

**Alexis Moore, media relations director
of the American Friends Service Committee,**

reports that the AFSC is interested in communicating with Friends meetings around the nation. She hopes for our meeting's response to the following questions:

What would you be interested in hearing about – updates on our programs, our statements on issues, emails, newsletters?

How often would you like to hear from us?

How would you like to hear from us?

Handbook Changes

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

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