

Friendship Times

June and July 2010

Calendar

- Sun, Jun 6 9:00 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel
Peace and Social Concerns meet
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Jun 13 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship. A potluck meal
follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
- Sun, Jun 20 9:00 am Friendly Bible Study
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Jun 27 9:00 am Deepening the Life of the Meeting
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Jul 4 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Jul 11 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Wed, Jul 14 Yearly Meeting Sessions, NCYM-C
Sun, Jul 18 Guilford College
- Sun, Jul 25 9:00 am Deepening the Life of the Meeting
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Tue, Jul 27 Last day to send newsletter material to Editor

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

Sixth & Seventh Month Birthdays

of our Young Friends

Daniel Washburn, 6/9/95

Eliot Bailey, 6/23/07

Samuel Quinn Keiser, 6/26/06

Yoari Morales, 7/22/08

Sean Swenson, 7/24/05

Jesse Garvin, 7/29/94

In this Issue

Synopses of the Minutes from Fourth and Fifth Months' meetings for worship with a concern for business are in this issue. In addition you will find several announcements, including one for Yearly Meeting, a current issue for action, and updates for the *Handbook Directory*.

From the Editor

My intention is to distribute the newsletter no later than the last Sunday of the month; this will be July 31st for the August issue. Material for the newsletter should be submitted, preferably by email, ***no later*** than **Tuesday, July 27th**.

Please note the newsletter will not be published during July

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 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?

Seventh Month's Query

Peace Testimony

Do we endeavor to live in the life and power that takes away the occasion of all war, seeking to do our part in the work of reconciliation between individuals, groups, and nations? Do we faithfully maintain our testimony against nuclear and all other military preparations, the bearing of arms, and all participation in war?

Minutes — Synopsis

FRIENDSHIP FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS GATHERED ON THE 18TH OF FOURTH MONTH 2010

Friends gathered in waiting worship after a time of food and fellowship.

The fourth query was read:

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

Friends united in the following response:

The meeting as a whole does regard time, talents, and resources as given in trust. Often, when a need has been expressed, someone has stepped forward with the necessary contribution, be it for the meeting, the wider body of Friends, or the wider community. Some Friends expressed regret that, because of the situation in the world's economy, some of us cannot be as fiscally generous as in the past. Our committees are all staffed and each does a pretty good job with its charge. Committee service can be seen as fulfilling one's relationship with the meeting. It is nice to have contributions to the meeting recognized in their fullness. One of our strengths is allowing our members to give liberally in whatever form they can. Members deeply appreciate each of these gifts.

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

<u>Third Month</u>	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund:	\$1,602.00	\$2,583.20	\$8,578.31
All Funds:	\$1,752.00	\$2,533.20	\$19,820.33

Expenses of note during the month: child care for two months – \$175, sandwiches for Urban Ministry – \$45.08, newsletter and postage for three months – \$104.63, donation to American Friends Service Committee – \$500, donation to Friends Committee on National Legislation – \$500, donation to Friends World Committee – \$500, donation to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses – \$100, electricity – \$67.79, gas – \$190.44, telephone – \$62.93, water and sewer — \$14.25, and heating and cooling contract and other repair – \$236.35. The Meeting received a loan repayment to the emergency assistance fund of \$50. There was a contribution to the building fund of \$50 and a contribution to the property fund of \$100.

Mel Zuck presented the audit committee's report, and they found the books in good order. The report was accepted, and we thank the committee for their diligence and scrutiny.

Claire Koster presented the report from Care and Council. John Bowles, Carol Treadway, and Darryl Waisner were appointed to Amanda Szabo's clearness committee for membership. These names were approved.

The membership recorders request a separate category of membership, entailing a separate listing in the *Handbook Directory*, called "Lost / Inactive Friends." Their request was approved. Care and Council is encouraged to revisit this matter in the future.

Friends approved the creation of a Meetinghouse Renovations Funding Committee. The Nominating Committee will consider names therefore.

Benji Hebner, Recording Clerk
David MacInnes, Clerk

FRIENDSHIP FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS GATHERED ON THE 9TH OF FIFTH MONTH 2010

Friends gathered in waiting worship after a time of food and fellowship.

The fifth query was read:

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?

Hanna Logan Morris agreed to edit our response.

Friends united in the following response: One friend expressed a need for greater patience when dealing with addressing issues in the open-ended format of business meeting; a balance must be struck between openness and efficiency. We seek unity under divine guidance; this is distinct from consensus. In a complex business society, it can be hard to set aside the priorities thereof in order to discern where we are led rather than voicing arguments and weighing logical evidence. It is a challenge to harmonize the motives of the individual, the community, and the divine. We have a core group of regular attenders, and our meeting is held in a spirit of love, understanding, and forbearance. We note that the numbers in business meeting have diminished somewhat over the past half-year or so. Perhaps a meeting for listening is in order so as to gain a greater understanding of Friends' feelings and needs regarding the business meeting. Seeking consensus instead of unity under the divine can function to preserve unhealthy or even exploitive traditions, as this practice may have helped preserve institutional racism among

Friends. Our traditions must be treated not as rules, but as a set of insights into how a gathered meeting may be open to divine authority. A personal answer to this query necessarily overlaps with the collective. The presence of the divine is not hindered by smaller numbers in attendance.

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

<u>Fourth Month</u>	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund:	\$624.34	\$3,052.92	\$6,149.73
All Funds:	\$674.34	\$3,002.92	\$17,491.75

Expenses of note during the month: *Friends Journal* advertisement (1 year) – \$66, support for David Barron to attend the Friends General Conference Gathering – \$200, sandwiches for Urban Ministry – \$43.80, donation to North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative (second payment) – \$1,500, donation to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses – \$100, electricity – \$67.79, gas – \$41.61, telephone – \$64.59, water and sewer — \$119 (for two months while the old water heater was leaking). The Meeting spent \$760 to purchase and replace the water heater. The Meeting received a loan repayment to the emergency assistance fund of \$50 and a contribution to the building fund of \$50. During the time period from First Month to Third Month, our investments in Pax World increased in market value by \$1,561.71.

We spent over \$1,000 just to maintain the meeting house this month but received less than \$625 in contributions to the Meeting. This does not bode well for the future. For the year (four months) we are under the budgeted income amount by roughly \$3,000. 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 presented the House and Grounds Committee's annual report, which had been previously prepared by Jim Hood. The report was accepted.

This year the House and Grounds Committee has continued to organize the ongoing tasks of keeping the exterior and interior of the meeting house in good shape. We have held workdays primarily to rake leaves and gumballs, trim bushes, pull ivy, spread mulch, and do some much needed interior cleaning of the carpets. Bonnie Parsons continues to organize the weekly volunteer cleaning of the meeting house rooms. Volunteers have mowed the lawn regularly through the spring/summer/fall growing season. The addition of Scott Pierce Coleman to the committee as liaison to the Guilford College Quaker Leadership Scholars Program has been very helpful in terms of getting additional, young volunteers to assist with

regular workdays.

We have been fortunate not to have encountered much in the way of higher cost maintenance issues this year. The long-serving hot water heater did wear out this past month and, thanks to the timely and good work of Dave MacInnes and Jim Hood, that item has been replaced with a new unit, one that should provide years of good service.

After much discussion and wide consultation, the committee was able to replace the well-worn meeting house sign at the roadside. Patricia Loring was instrumental in organizing the bid and design process for procuring this new item and Dave MacInnes and others helped to install it during a fall work day.

The timing for some longer-term, larger projects the House and Ground Committee has discussed hinges on choices the meeting will make regarding the remodeling of our building in order to expand our worship space. These projects include when to replace the deck and ramp at the front and when to rework the small brick patio at the rear door. Such projects might be easier to undertake while the meeting house is being renovated in order to minimize disruption. As we reported last year, the furnace will need to be replaced quite soon and it would be most convenient to do that during a remodeling of the entire building.

Rodney Owen asked to be relieved of his duties as clerk of the House and Grounds Committee earlier this year while he takes some time to reconsider his commitments. We are deeply grateful for the excellent leadership he has provided, and we will miss both that and his expertise regarding building maintenance issues. The committee has struggled a bit without a clerk, but we have managed to continue to perform the necessary tasks of keeping the meeting house in good working order. Because we are a small group, we continue to rely heavily on other volunteers, especially for weekly cleaning and mowing and on work days when the outdoor tasks are so substantial. We are deeply grateful to members and attenders, as well as QLSP students, for their assistance, without which we would be forced to employ outside help.

Judy Reece presented the Peace and Social Concerns committee's annual report, which had been previously prepared by Sherrie Grace. The report was accepted.

Hannah Logan Morris presented the draft of the Nominating Committee's report, and Friends expressed their gratitude for the committee's hard work. That report was discussed and shall be presented again for approval in sixth month.

The clerk received a request from Salem Friends Meeting, which has been under our care, to be released. That request was approved.

The clerk read the draft of the State of the Society Report for 2009-2010. Editorial comments and amendments were heard, and will be welcome during the coming weeks. This report shall be revisited for approval in sixth month.

Benji Hebner ,Recording Clerk
David MacInnes, Clerk

Needed - Knitting Supplies for Refugees

New Garden Friends Meeting is collecting knitting yarn and needles for use in teaching new immigrants. The items they create are sold in the Baobob Tree, a crafts coop in the Glenwood neighborhood that sells handmade crafts. Liz Conrad is both owner of the Baobob Tree and teacher of the classes. A box for your gifts is next to our Meeting's piano. Ted Benfey (854-2136) will take what you bring to New Garden Friends Meeting.

YEARLY MEETING NCYM-C

Sessions at Guilford College

Seventh Month 14th through 18th, 2010

The theme of the yearly meeting 2010 is "Spirituality and the Arts." The planned primary events related to this theme are three evening meetings – a Fifth Day evening panel discussion on "Friends and the Arts," a Sixth Day evening with several Friends offering "Reflections on Spirituality and the Arts in their Lives," and a Seventh Day evening "Arts Fair: Sharing the Arts that Nurture Our Spirituality." Each afternoon there will be "tea/meeting for conversation" to explore the topic further, and to have time to speak more with each other than just in passing.

Fifth Day and Sixth Day evenings will feature some members and attenders of our monthly meetings exploring aspects of the theme. Members and attenders are welcome to volunteer (or name others who should be involved) as participants with the panel or in speaking about spirituality and arts in their lives. Everyone is invited to volunteer as a "presenter" for the Arts Fair on Seventh Day evening. To volunteer for the program, contact: Bob Gosney at reg@gate811.net, or at (252) 587-2571.

Bible Study is after breakfast each morning with Mark Wutka leading us on the theme of "Being Valiant for the Truth upon the Earth."

Fifth Day Evening (07-15-10) – "Friends and the Arts" panel and discussion

This evening includes a moderated panel discussion on the arts from the perspectives of the history and traditions of the Religious Society of Friends – our corporate witness on the arts. The discussion continues with comments and questions from the audience.

Sixth Day Evening (07-16-10) – "Reflections by Friends on Spirituality and the Arts in their Lives"

This evening gives us the opportunity to hear three or four Friends speak on the arts and spirituality in their lives. The speaker will be someone who has experienced a significant interpenetration of art and spirituality, whether as an artist who finds her/his art spirituality significant, or a "non-artist" who has found one or more of the arts integral to his/her spiritual life. The audience will be involved with listening, comments and questions.

Seventh Day Evening (07-17-10) – "Arts Fair: Sharing the Arts that Nurture our Spirituality"

This evening is a "blooming, buzzing" intergenerational celebration of the arts in our lives. "Presenters" will have a "booth" in the fair, and share their art involvement with Friends who stroll by. Sharing may take the form of demonstrations, exhibits, performances, writings, etc. A large number of Friends are encouraged to share in a very informal and "hands on" manner the vitality of art in spirituality. There will also be some "hands-on" activities for all ages.

More information (detailed schedule and registration form) is available:
North Carolina Yearly Meeting — Conservative website: <http://www.ncymc.org/>

Announcements

Meeting Picnic

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Friendship Meeting Picnic at the Meetinghouse on Saturday, June 19th. The event will begin at 4:00 pm with dinner served around 5:00 pm. Intergenerational activities are planned, including a scavenger hunt. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. The Meeting will provide drinks and grill items (hot dogs, burgers and vegetarian equivalents). We hope to see you there! The picnic is sponsored by the Religious Education and the Hospitality Committees.

Child Care During Summer

We welcome back Faith Josephs, who is our childcare provider for the summer months. Childcare will also be provided during business meeting for the remainder of the year.

Upcoming Quaker Activities

"The Sword of Peace" and "Pathway to Freedom" are perennial favorites at the Outdoor Theatre in Snowcamp, along with three special productions for children. Performances begin June 24th and run through August 28th. The website for Snow Camp Outdoor Theatre is: www.snowcampdrama.com

"Accepting Gifts of the Spirit" is the overall theme of the 2010 Friends General Conference at Bowling Green, Ohio July 4th through 10th. Advance programs are available at: www.FGCgathering.org

Friends world Committee, Section of the Americas is promoting the 2012 World Conference in Nairobi, Kenya. News of this conference and other FWCC activities are available at: www.fwccamericas.org

Blogs by Meeting Members

David Barron, 2004 Guilford Graduate writes:

I have met many of you on my travels and am inviting you to join the discussion at my new blog at: <http://terriblenitration.blogspot.com/>.

"Geek Musings" is a collection of short story ideas, thoughts about numbers, fiction, science fiction, meta-fiction. Thank you for your time!

You can also follow me on Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/pages/Geek-Musings/111004062269496>.

Zack Wortman also maintains a blog at: ZackWortman@wordpress.com

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.

The High Point Material Aids Program of the AFSC sends new infant clothes, children's clothes, and hygiene kits to the Tutwiler (MS) Clinic. With a medical staff of twelve in charge of distribution, physician samples and unused products in your medicine cabinet are also used to help their patients keep costs down. Please bring any of the following to a box on the meetinghouse piano:

ACE inhibitors, ARB's, CB's Betablockers, Lasix
Singulair
Plavix, Aggrenox
Inhalers (Combivent, Pulmicort, Spiriva, Advair)
Anti-lipids (Zocor, Lipitor)
Antibiotics
Oral anti-diabetics
NSAIDs

Also, generic over-the-counter medicines such as: Prilosec, Pepcid, etc.

Advil, Aleve, etc.

Claritin

Calcium supplements, Iron supplements

All types of sugar-free cough & cold remedies

Hydrocorticone, antifungal and antibiotic creams

Handbook Changes

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