

Friendship Times

August 2010

Calendar

- Sun, Aug 1 9:00 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel
Peace and Social Concerns meet
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Aug 8 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship. A potluck meal
follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
- Tue, Aug 10 Last day to send newsletter material to Editor
- Sun, Aug 15 9:00 am Friendly Bible Study
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Aug 22 9:00 am Deepening the Life of the Meeting
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Aug 29 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

The second volume of *The Experience of War: Residents of Friends Homes Tell Their Stories* has been published and a copy will shortly be in the Meeting library. The sub-title of this volume is "From the Civil War to the War in Korea." Again there are fourteen contributors, three of them members of our Meeting — Judy Harvey, who tells of the years her father was a military historian in Italy; Priscilla Zuck who contributed the Civil War piece because her grandfather met her future grandmother's brother on the other side of the battlefield and, rather than shooting, they walked off the battlefield together; and Mel Zuck who wrote of CPS service in Duke Hospital's mental illness ward (in stark contrast to conditions in public hospitals at the time — see Jim Mattocks' story). Ted Benfey again is the editor.

In this Issue

A Synopsis of the Minutes from Sixth Month's meeting for worship with a concern for business is in this issue. The minutes include the all important Nominating Committee Report. In addition there are some announcements, an Issue for Action, news from the Chijiokes, and updates for the *Handbook Directory*.

From the Editor

While the newsletter is usually distributed just before the last Sunday of the month, Judy and I have plans to be out of town for a month, beginning August 18th. I plan to issue an abbreviated newsletter by August 15th, the last Sunday prior to our departure. Material for this newsletter should be submitted, preferably by email, ***no later*** than **Tuesday, August 10th**. Since this only two days after Monthly Meeting, I do not plan for this newsletter to include minutes or reports from Monthly Meeting. I expect it will include only the calendar, Ninth Month's query, and a few announcements. As such I anticipate that it will get only local, rather than national, distribution

Thanks to everyone in advance for your help.
Cyril Harvey, cyrilhh@triad.rr.com

Eighth Month Birthdays of our Young Friends

Anne Joy Swenson, 8/2/03
Micah Pierce Coleman, 8/21/01

Eighth Month's Query Manner of Living

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?

Minutes — Synopsis

FRIENDSHIP FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS GATHERED ON THE 13TH OF SIXTH MONTH 2010

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

The sixth query was read:

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?

Friends united in the following response:

As parents we do what we can and hope for the best.

Do we communicate the importance of openness to our children? We don't have to force things. Learning comes through us.

This past year we have tried to provide more exposure for our older children to our Judeo-Christian heritage and Quaker faith and practice. Our children see good examples in the members of the meeting.

We try to balance what is real necessity in dealing with our children. Quakers often stand beside the children rather than act confrontational in dealing with difficult behavior. It's important not to add to societal pressures but strive to help them enhance their natural development.

One parent felt that there has been a real change in their children's ability feel comfortable settling into silence. Our kids enjoy coming and the parents appreciate what is being done for their children.

One member felt good about the way the children join us for the first part of meeting and then come back into meeting at the end.

Pat Loring agreed to review our answers to Query #6.

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

<u>Fifth Month</u>	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund:	\$1,075.00	\$1,137.95	\$6,086.78
All Funds:	\$1,100.00	\$1,187.95	\$17,503.80

Expenses of note during the month: supplies for the Care and Counsel Committee — \$19.40; sandwiches for Urban Ministry — \$35.61; child care — \$45; donations by the Social Concerns Committee to Friends Committee on National Legislation — \$100, Faith Action International — \$100, Interactive Resource Center — \$250, Center for Development in Latin America — \$100, Prison Visitation and Support — \$100, and a special donation to Quaker House —

\$100; our regular donation to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses — \$100; electricity — \$67.79; gas — \$40.95; and telephone — \$64.70. The Meeting received a loan repayment to the emergency assistance fund of \$50 and a contribution to the property fund of \$25.

For the year (five months) we have received \$5,646.34 to the general fund in donations, while we need to have received over \$9,000 to maintain our budget. 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 Meeting needs to estimate what our meeting can contribute to NCYM(C) before Yearly Meeting time. The Finance committee felt we are able to contribute \$3,000. The meeting approved contributing \$3,000 to NCYM(C) for next fiscal year.

Care and Counsel Committee

The Membership Clearness Committee for Amanda Szabo recommends that she be accepted into membership in the meeting. The meeting approved accepting Amanda Szabo into membership, and the membership recorder will be advised. Gay and John Bowles, Carol Treadway and David MacInnes will plan a welcoming event.

Report From the Membership Recorder

Claire Koster, Recorder, submitted the **Report on Membership Statistics** for 2009-2010, to June 13th, 2010.

There was not much action with regard to membership this year:

November, 2009: David Barnhill and Phyllis Schuit were released from membership upon their request.

December, 2009: Rebecca Sullivan became a regular member, changing from being a sojourning member and Benjamin Hebner III's transfer from Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting was approved.

On June 13, Amanda Szabo was welcomed into membership.

Of the 114 members on our membership list, (which includes 6 sojourners), 50 do not have a membership form on file, and 55 do not have a "Final Affairs" form on file. Attempts made to improve this situation have not been successful.

A new category of membership was approved by the Meeting, "Lost/Inactive Members," starting with those members for whom we have no means of contact. There are currently three names in this category.

The Nominating Committee reported on nominees for officers, clerks, representatives and committees for 2010 – 2011. The meeting approved the nominating committee's report.

Nominating Committee Report 2010 – 2011
Friendship Friends Meeting
Greensboro North Carolina
June 13th, 2010

Please find below the list of officers and committee members for Friendship Friends meeting for the year 2010 – 2011. Our work was conducted initially with a written/email surveys followed by personal contacts with meeting members, either by phone or face to face.

We have been able to fill most of the positions but still have a few areas that need on-going work. These include:

We have not identified a representative to Quaker House. One meeting member would be willing to consider sharing this responsibility if another person could be found. We will ask the Peace and Social Concerns committee to help us find a representative to Quaker House.

A new committee has been formed – the meetinghouse renovations funding committee. We have found someone willing to convene this committee but we still have not found anyone willing to act as clerk. We feel that this committee is still in its formative stages and we will continue to look for members who feel called to do this work.

We want to thank meeting members for their willingness to give of their time and talents to support Friendship Friends meeting.

Respectfully submitted: David Bailey, Neil Swenson, Hannah Logan Morris

Officers

Clerk — Sidney Lee Kitchens
Co-Clerk — Neil Swenson
Treasurer — Ray Treadway
Assistant Treasurer — George White
Recording Clerk — Benji Hebner
Membership/Statistics Recorder — Claire Koster
Assistant Membership Recorder — Gwen Erickson

Board of Directors

President — Sidney Lee Kitchens
Vice President — Neil Swenson
Treasurer — Ray Treadway
Secretary — Benji Hebner
Directors — David Brown
 John Bowles
 Jim Hood
 Betty Austin

Finance Committee

Members — Ray Treadway
 Stephen Holland
 David Brown
 Jim Hood
 George White

Audit Committee

Clerk — David MacInnes
Members — Jim Hood
 Mel Zuck
 Ted Benfee

Library Committee

Clerk — Carole Treadway
Members — Judy Harvey
 Dorothy Nielsen
 Gay Bowles

Care and Counsel Committee

Clerk — Claire Koster
Members — Judy Harvey
 Gay Bowles
 David Bailey (2010 only)
 Hannah Logan Morris
 Raleigh Bailey
 Rebecca Sullivan

Hospitality Committee

Clerk — Christy Hopkins
Members — Darryl Waisner
 Claire Koster
 Richard Phillips
 Judy Reece
 Kembra Howdeshell
 Casey Thomas
Sandwiches — Gay Bowles
Greeting Coordinator — Gay Bowles

House and Grounds Committee

Co-Clerks — Carey Reece and Daniel Hood
Members — Jim Hood
 Dave MacInnes
 Amanda Szabo
 Tom Ehlers
 David Parsons
Cleaning Schedule — Bonnie Parsons
Supplies Purchaser — Bonnie Parsons

Piedmont Friends Fellowship Representative

Suebear Hebner

Meetinghouse Renovations Funding Committee*Convener* — George White*Members* — Mel Zuck

David Brown

Christy Hopkins

Ray Treadway

Quaker House Representative(s)**Worship and Ministry Committee***Clerk* — Darryl Waisner*Members* — Neil Swenson

Deborah Shaw

Pat Loring

Carole Treadway

Suebear Hebner

Darlene Stanley

Peace and Social Concerns Committee*Clerk* — Sheri Grace*Members* — Bonnie Parsons

Don Smith

Marilyn White

Mel Zuck

John Bowles

Judy Reece

Ernest Miller

Religious Education Committee*Clerk* — Kembra Howdeshell*Members* — Anne Morris

John Bowles

Benji Hebner

Pat Loring

Hannah Passmore Hobson

Web Committee*Clerk* — Chris Nelson*Members* — Ray Treadway

Dave MacInnes

NCYM-C Yearly Meeting*Nominating Committee* — Ray Treadway**FCNL Representative**

Marilyn White

Newsletter Calendar Coordinator

Cyril Harvey

Pricilla Zuck

Handbook Committee

Claire Koster

Dave MacInnes

State of the Society**Report to the Yearly Meeting 2009-2010**

Our weekly meetings for worship continue to be at the heart of the life of the Meeting. Often starting before the appointed hour we are joined by our children for the first and last few minutes. We continue to find the practice of afterthoughts at the rise of Meeting valuable. Name tags are once again being worn by many, including our children. Our month is full with many Meeting activities ranging from committee meetings one First Day, to meeting for worship with attention to business another First Day, to Bible Study, adult education on deepening the life of the Meeting and an occasional forum on other First Days. We have extended worship on the fifth First Day when such occurs. Some months also we host Friday game night for all ages. Our various committees have worked well together to support the life of the Meeting. Worship and Ministry and Care and Counsel Committees met for their annual retreat on 9th month and are meeting jointly on the months with 5 first days. Other committees are also very active.

Our physical building and grounds continue to age. This is a good thing for our bushes and trees but not so nice for the building. Our Long Range Planning Committee worked hard this year and the Meeting is in unity on what renovations need to be done. The committee takes a well earned rest while a new renovation finance committee takes up the work. We are still enjoying our large sweet gum tree which gives us gumballs to rake up on workdays. The yard sports a brand new larger sign by the road so it is easier to find us.

We still host a number of events during the year. Our annual Meeting Retreat was carefully planned for second month to address being a spiritual community after the manner of Friends. With the help of Deborah Shaw, Loren Pierce Coleman, Patricia Loring and Neil Swenson we were able to learn how to nurture the life of the spirit in the Meeting and in ourselves. We welcomed a large number of Quakers from Guilford College for a progressive dinner where we were the dessert stop. Attendance at Meeting for Worship continues to be adequate. Besides our members and attenders we welcome students, their parents and many Friends who are just passing through the area. The Meetinghouse is used by others quite a lot. The local Quaker students have their monthly potluck on Fridays; several committees from places such as AFSC and others spend a day or more with us and a local parent support group for gay and lesbians meets on Tuesday nights. We again hosted the Christmas Eve worship at Friends Homes Guilford and there was a small group welcoming in the New Year at the Meetinghouse. We are fortunate to have two members who have more than two centuries of life between them.

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Claire Koster, Recorder
Benji Hebner, Recording Clerk

Sidney Kitchens Co-Clerk/Reading Clerk
George White, Assistant Treasurer
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