

Friendship Times

March 2011

Calendar

- Sun, Feb 27 10:30 Meeting for Worship
1:00 pm Piedmont Friends Fellowship meeting to consider becoming a yearly meeting, at New Garden Friends Meetinghouse
- Fri, Feb 29 7:00 pm Game Night, Meetinghouse
- Sun, Mar 6 9:00 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel
Peace and Social Concerns meet
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Tue, Mar 8 11:30 am Four Marys, Gertrude and Virginia,
Greensboro Historical Museum
- Sun, Mar 13 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship. A potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
- Fri, Mar 18 Piedmont Friends Fellowship Annual Retreat,
Sun, Mar 20 Durham Friends Meeting & Carolina Friends School
- Sun, Mar 20 9:00 am Friendly Bible Study
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Tue, Mar 22 Last day to send newsletter material to Editor
- Fri, Mar 25 7:00 pm — 9:00 pm All Meeting Retreat
Sat, Mar 26 9:00 am — 3:30 pm, Meetinghouse
- Sun, Mar 27 9:00 am Deepening the Life of the Meeting
10:30 Meeting for Worship

Weekly 10:30 am each First Day, Meeting for Worship. Child care available for Worship and Business Meetings. 7:30 pm Fourth Day, Midweek Meeting 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 Friends Meeting. Meeting for Worship, 10:00 am First Day, 3151 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem NC 27106, at the intersection of Reynolda Road and Midkiff Road. Contact: Meg Zulick, 336-725-2377, or zulickm@gmail.com

Tenth Month Birthdays
of our Young Friends
Imani Khamala, 3/5/08

In this Issue

The Minutes from Second Month's meeting for worship with a concern for business are in this issue. In addition you will find announcements of a work/study trip to Israel and Palestine, a presentation on six North Carolina Quaker women educators, an AFSC open house and exhibit on Afghanistan, an All Meeting retreat, game night, a current issue for action and conservation notes from the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, 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; this will be March 27th for the April issue. Material for the April issue should be submitted, preferably by email, ***no later*** than **Tuesday, March 22nd**. Thanks to everyone in advance for your help.

Cyril Harvey, cyrilhh@triad.rr.com

GAME NIGHT

At the Meetinghouse

7:00 to 10:00 pm on Friday, February 29th

Bring your favorite game to share or just come willing to try something new. A selection of games will be available, but more are always welcome. Contact Don Smith or Kembra Howdeshell for further info.

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

FRIENDSHIP FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS GATHERED ON THE 13TH OF SECOND MONTH 2011

Friends gathered in waiting worship after a period of food and fellowship. Friends in attendance included: Christy Hopkins, Sue Hebner, David Bailey, John Bowles, Judith Harvey, Dave MacInnes, Bonnie Parsons, Don Smith, Kembra Howdeshell, Ray Treadway, Darryl Waisner, Patricia Loring, Mae Brown, David Brown, Claire Koster, Sid Kitchens (Clerk), and Benji Hebner (Recording clerk).

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	Balance
General Fund:	\$1,276.00	\$1,209.33	\$11,654.17
All Funds:	\$1,476.00	\$1,074.33	\$18,130.03

Expenses of note during the month: sandwiches for Urban Ministry – \$63.17, supplies and stamps – \$100.61, donation to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses – \$100, electricity – \$100.45, gas – \$219.10, telephone – \$68.30, water and sewer – \$14.70 and payment for property and liability insurance – \$543. The Meeting received a loan repayment to the emergency assistance fund of \$135, thus satisfying the obligation on the loan. We received designated contributions of \$150 to the contingency fund and \$50 to the property fund.

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 be equal to the annual budget of \$23,175.00. The net result was to move \$ 1,362.87 out of the general operating fund and to move \$875.00 into the general reserve and \$487.87 into the building reserve fund. Our investment in PAX World received no capital gains, but it did receive a dividend of \$466.76 and an increase in market value of \$3,869.63 over the three month period from October 1st to December 31st, 2010.

Contributions to the general fund and to our special funds, particularly the property fund whose balance is only \$283, would be appreciated. Checks can be made out to Friendship Friends Meeting and sent to POB 8652, Greensboro NC 27419.

The clerk read a letter from Kelsey McNicholas and the Guilford College No More Deaths Spring 2011 crew. The group plans to visit the Arizona/Sonora desert this March. They will be offering support in the form of food and water to immigrants crossing the desert. The trip is

rather expensive, and they request financial support. Friends feel a desire for a clearer picture of the project, and the imminence of the trip makes it difficult for our process to dole out official funding. Friends granted the Clerk permission to disseminate the letter to the members via email, and Friends will make whatever individual contributions they feel led to make. This matter is also being passed on to the Peace and Social Concerns committee for further consideration, both for the possibility of assistance immediately, and in consideration of long-term support.

Friends approved a request from Neil Swenson to have Friendship Monthly Meeting's website appear as a link on the "Gay Straight Advocates For Education" website (GSAFE). This will identify us on the website as a religious community that welcomes LGBTQ folks.

Friends approved a travel minute introduction for David Bailey.

Friends named David Bailey and Sue Hebner as our representatives to the PFF gathering scheduled for February 27th 2011.

Claire Koster reported from the Handbook Committee that, although the all clerks' retreat is listed in the *Handbook* as a gathering that Worship and Ministry is supposed to plan and arrange, the all clerks' retreat has historically been arranged by the clerk of Monthly Meeting. The text of the handbook shall be amended to reflect that.

The clerk read the Second Query:

Are we faithful in our attendance at meeting 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.

Friends united on the following response:

Our meeting tends to have few late arrivals, and the greeter helps to welcome them and help them to adjust to the silence. It is hard to evidence open submission to God, yet we can assert that we don't observe any messages that have been previously prepared being read or recited in worship. If one compares the numbers on our membership rolls with attendance at worship, then it seems clear that many of us are not faithful with weekly attendance. It is also observed that the quality of focus in worship has improved over the past years. To what are we faithful, and who are we asking? Is it our responsibility to keep the meeting's schedule, or to look to God for continual guidance?

Kembra Howdeshell agreed to edit our response.

The clerk read our revised response to the First Query. Friends united in the following response:

Our worship is based on silent waiting. Friends testify to a palpable sense of connection and oneness among those in attendance at our meetings for worship. Spoken prayer is not common in our meeting, but prayer requests are often heard and honored in the silence. We do support and encourage those led to vocal ministry. We have also established a convention of offering everyone an opportunity to share thoughts that didn't quite rise to vocal ministry as they introduce themselves and share announcements immediately after the rise of meeting; we find that this enriches our worship while still allowing us to share thoughts and experiences with each other. After our time of worship, there is strong spiritual, emotional, and social connection among Friends.

The practice of expectant waiting worship makes it easier to be open, mindful, and attentive to others in daily life. The ongoing commitments that each of us makes to live out our light in our daily lives contribute to the strength of our worship; it follows that our corporate worship serves to fuel the ministry that each of us undertakes in our individual lives.

The meeting closed with a moment of expectant waiting.

Sid Kitchens (clerk)
Benji Hebner (recording clerk)

News from Salem Friends Meeting

Lisa Gould of Salem Friends Meeting reports that they have had to move from their worship space because the building they have used in the past is now up for sale.

Lisa also reports with gratitude that the Winston-Salem Friends Meeting has kindly offered the Salem Meeting a new home in their Community House. The Community House is the house next door to the building that contains the Winston-Salem Friends' sanctuary.

The Salem Meeting will begin worshipping there on Sunday, February 27th, at 10:00 am. Please note the time change!

Their new address is 3151 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem NC 27106. This is at the corner of Reynolda Road and Midkiff Road.

Members and attenders of the two meetings look forward to getting to know one another better.

The North Carolina exhibition of the American Friends Service Committee's national travelling mural project

Windows and Mirrors

Reflections on the War in Afghanistan



Forty muralists from around the world (including a team of Greensboro, NC students) and dozens of Afghan school children have contributed their work to create this memorial to the human cost of the war in Afghanistan. The collection is a powerful testimony to the violence of war. It is also a story of resistance and the human spirit. We invite you to think of these works both as windows to war and a mirror to ourselves.

March 25th — April 18th, 2011
Guilford College Library Atrium
5800 West Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, NC

Opening Reception featuring food, music, and a brief presentation by one of the muralists.

Guilford College Library
March 25th, 2011, 7:00 pm

Muslims in America and Islamophobia a discussion featuring Nihad Awad, national director of the Council on American Islamic Relations, Washington, DC.

New Garden Friends Meeting
Thursday, March 31st, 7:00 pm

Co-sponsored by Muslim American Society Freedom Foundation & MAS Immigrant Justice Center

The Exhibit is Sponsored by American Friends Service Committee Area Office of the Carolinas and Guilford College Center for Principled Problem Solving

Also thanks to: Guilford College Art Gallery, New Garden Friends Meeting Peace & Social Concerns, NC Peace Action, Community United Church of Christ, Margaret Parker, Elaine & Hampton Hunter, as well as many others.

More information:

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EXTRAORDINARY FRIENDS

Four Marys, Gertrude and Virginia

**Greensboro Historical Museum
11:30 am, Tuesday, March 8th**

A Case Study of Six Quaker Women Educators

The Roles they played in the creation and development of Guilford College and the State Normal and Industrial School (UNCG) and in extending the intellectual and cultural life of the colleges into the larger community and state.

Mary E. Mendenhall – Faculty member, sustainer of cultural life on the Guilford campus and securer of financial support for the college. (presented by Carol Stoneburner)

Mary Woody – present with her husband in the creation of Guilford and several other Quaker colleges, supporters of the forerunner of Winston-Salem State, and NC leader of the WCTU and Woman's Suffrage. (presented by Linda Evans)

Mary Mendenhall Hobbs – daughter of the Head Master of New Garden Boarding School (during Civil War), teacher at the Boarding School, wife of Lewis Lyndon Hobbs, first President of Guilford College. She was a major supporter of women's education at Guilford College and throughout the state in support of the State Normal and Industrial School (now UNCG) and as a Woman's Suffrage advocate. (presented by John Stoneburner and Gwen Erickson).

Mary Petty – graduate of Wellesley College, professor of Chemistry at the State Normal and Industrial School (now UNCG). Served on an advisory board at Guilford College and secured financial resources for the college. (presented by Betty Carter)

Gertrude Mendenhall – attended and graduated from Wellesley College, taught Mathematics at Guilford College, Peace College and at the State Normal and Industrial School (now UNCG). Also on an advisory committee at Guilford College and held leadership roles in the Society of Friends. (presented by Betty Carter)

Virginia Ragsdale – attended and graduated from Salem Academy and Guilford College, attended the University of Gottingen in Germany, and earned from Bryn Mawr one of the first PhD's awarded to a woman from North Carolina. She taught at and became Head of Mathematics Department at the State Normal and Industrial School (now UNCG). (presented by Beverley Rogers)

Anne Morris presents her MFA Thesis Dance Concert

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March 18th and 19th at 8:00 pm
UNC-Greensboro Dance Theater
corner of Walker Avenue and Kenilworth Street

Tickets: \$12 Adult, \$9 Senior and Child, and \$6 for UNCG Students. It is recommended that you purchase your tickets in advance through the UNCG box office: 336-334-4TIX.

More information: www.uncg.edu/dce or Anne's blog about the process, <http://tracingmf.blogspot.com>

Our prayers have been with Marilyn White who has lost her brother, Donald Root. Marilyn and George flew to California twice in recent weeks to help with Donald and his family and then to attend Donald Root's Memorial Service. We send our love to Marilyn and George.

We welcome Jeffrey Caleb Hobson who was born on January 25th to Hannah and David Hobson. Jeffrey weighed 9 lbs 2 oz and is thriving. Big brother, Kerry, is very proud of his new brother and showed him off with enthusiasm to the newsletter assistant editor at Harris Teeter.

Friendship Meeting Website Updated

The Web Committee has been working on updating our website to better serve the Meeting. We've updated the links and pages and added a number of new features. There is now a page for directions to the Meetinghouse. We are working on a calendar page.

For now the monthly calendar can be found in each newsletter, which you get to by clicking on the "Friendship Times Newsletter" link.

The web committee consists of Chris Nelson, Ray Treadway and Dave MacInnes.

Summer Work/Study

Trip to Palestine and Israel

Max and Jane Carter will lead a Friends United Meeting-sponsored trip to Israel and the Palestinian territories June 17th - July 4th. The trip will focus on volunteer work at the Ramallah Friends Schools, travel to religious and historical sites, and study of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict with leaders in the peace communities in the region.

For applications and further information, contact Max Carter, Friends Center, Guilford College:

(336) 316-2445 or mcarter@guilford.edu

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.

FCNL requests that Friends contact our Congressional Representative regarding cuts in federal spending. New House leaders want to reduce federal spending only by cutting what's called "domestic non-security discretionary" spending — in other words, no cuts for the Pentagon.

Please urge your Representative to put Pentagon spending on the table when spending cuts are considered, as recommended by the bi-partisan National Commission on the Deficit. For more information, contact www.fcnl.org.

All Meeting Retreat

Spiritual Dimensions of the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Exploring Commitment, Responsibility and Spiritual Grounding

Friday, March 25th, 2011 7:00 pm — 9:00 pm
Saturday, March 26th, 2011 9:00 am — 3:30 pm

Suggested readings:

The Mind of Christ: Bill Taber on Meeting for Business, Michael Birkel, Pendle Hill Pamphlet 406

Beyond Consensus: Salvaging Sense of the Meeting, Barry Morley, Pendle Hill Pamphlet 307

Clerking and Quaker Process, Arthur Larrabee

Child care will be provided.

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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Ecological and Conservation Notes

THE EARTH CHARTER

A continuation from the January newsletter.

The Earth Charter Part I: Principles

ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY

- 5. Protect and restore the integrity of Earth's ecological systems, with special concern for biological diversity and the natural processes that sustain life.**
 - a. Adopt at all levels sustainable development plans and regulations that make environmental conservation and rehabilitation integral to all development initiatives.
 - b. Establish and safeguard viable nature and biosphere reserves, including wild lands and marine areas, to protect Earth's life support systems, maintain biodiversity, and preserve our natural heritage.
 - c. Promote the recovery of endangered species and ecosystems.
 - d. Control and eradicate non-native or genetically modified organisms harmful to native species and the environment, and prevent introduction of such harmful organisms.
 - e. Manage the use of renewable resources such as water, soil, forest products, and marine life in ways that do not exceed rates of regeneration and that protect the health of ecosystems.
 - f. Manage the extraction and use of non-renewable resources such as minerals and fossil fuels in ways that minimize depletion and cause no serious environmental damage.
- 6. Prevent harm as the best method of environmental protection and, when knowledge is limited, apply a precautionary approach.**
 - a. Take action to avoid the possibility of serious or irreversible environmental harm even when scientific knowledge is incomplete or inconclusive.
 - b. Place the burden of proof on those who argue that a proposed activity will not cause significant harm, and make the responsible parties liable for environmental harm.
 - c. Ensure that decision making addresses the cumulative, long-term, indirect, long distance, and global consequences of human activities.
 - d. Prevent pollution of any part of the environment and allow no build-up of radioactive, toxic, or other hazardous substances.
 - e. Avoid military activities damaging to the environment.

Submitted by Bonnie Parsons
Peace and Social Concerns Committee

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