

Friendship Times

June—July 2011

Calendar

- Sun, Jun 19 9:00 am Friendly Bible Study
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Jun 26 9:00 am Deepening the Life of the Meeting
10:30 Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Jul 3 9:00 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel
Peace and Social Concerns meet
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Jul 10 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship. A potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
- Wed, Jul 13 North Carolina Yearly Meeting—Conservative
to Sun, Jul 17 UNC-Wilmington, Wilmington, NC
- Sun, Jul 17 9:00 am Friendly Bible Study
10:30 Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Jul 24 10:30 Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Jul 31 9:00 am Extended Meeting for Worship
10:30 am 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

Sixth & Seventh Months

Birthdays of our Young Friends

Daniel James Washburn, 6/9/95
Elliot 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

The Minutes from Fifth Month's meeting for worship with a concern for business are in this issue. In addition you will find information on the upcoming sessions of North Carolina Yearly Meeting – Conservative, the search for a new Director of Quaker House, meetings of the Southeastern World Affairs Institute, a survey being conducted by New Garden Friends School, an issue for action as well as ecological and conservation notes from the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, and updates for the *Handbook Directory*.

From the Editor

**Please note, after six years as your editor
this is my final issue of
*Friendship Times***

Dave MacInnes, my predecessor as editor, will take on these duties with the August issue. Material for future issues, therefore, should be sent to Dave rather than to me.

As I turn over this responsibility I wish to remind everyone that this is your newsletter, and that the word "editor" is not a synonym for "author."

Thanks to everyone for all the help you have given me while producing this newsletter since the summer of 2005. I feel sure you will now extend your help to Dave, and through him, to the entire community.
Cyril Harvey

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

FRIENDSHIP FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS GATHERED ON THE 8TH OF FIFTH MONTH 2011

Friends gathered in waiting worship after a period of food and fellowship. Friends in attendance included: Kembra Howdeshell and Don Smith, David and Mae Brown, Ray and Carole Treadway, George and Marilyn White, Claire Koster, Judy Harvey, Cary and Judy Reece, John and Gay Bowles, Darryl Waisner, Bonnie Parsons, Raleigh Bailey, Amanda Szabo, Sidney Lee Kitchens (clerk).

Carole Treadway was approved as the interim recording clerk.

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	Balance
General Fund:	\$2,020.00	\$2,367.53	\$9,102.24
All Funds:	\$2,010.00	\$2,367.53	\$16,128.10

Expenses of note during the month: *Friends Journal* advertisement (1 year) – \$66, support for a member to attend the Friends General Conference Gathering – \$100, support for a member to attend the Annual Meeting of Friends World Committee – \$100, costs for the newsletter (4 months) – \$168.97, sandwiches for Urban Ministry – \$17.21, child care (2 months) – \$110, donation to North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative (second payment) – \$1,500, donation to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses – \$100, electricity – \$100.80, gas – \$72.35, telephone – \$68.44, water and sewer – \$14.25. The Meeting received contributions to the building fund of \$100, the contingency fund of \$50, and the property fund of \$50. During the time period from First Month to Third Month, our investments in Pax World increased in market value by \$2,951.67.

For the year (four months) we are under the expected budget amount by roughly \$2,000. 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.

Care and Counsel and Worship and Ministry

The meeting approved and accepted with gratitude the following report submitted by Claire Koster & Darryl Waisner, and read by Claire Koster:

Following a concern raised as to how well Friend-

ship Meeting welcomes attenders and provides follow up when requested, at a combined meeting of Worship & Ministry and Care & Counsel, the clerks of these two committees were charged with bringing forth suggestions as to how we can better do this.

Darryl Waisner and Claire Koster worked on this matter and presented their findings to our most recent combined meeting. The suggestions were approved and will be implemented as follows:

1) With regard to the "Guest Book" it was felt that one line does not afford sufficient space for even a complete address, let alone other contact information. C&C will see to dividing each page into two line segments, the first line being marked for name and e-mail, the second line for the full address.

2) A "Visitor Card" has been formulated, which David MacInnes has printed up. This card consists of two parts, the top part to be filled out by the attender, and the detachable bottom part giving information on contacting Friendship Meeting via website, telephone etc.

Friends approved the proposed revision of the guest book and of making a visitor's card available.

Claire Koster presented a request from Pat Loring for assistance in moving to a new apartment in the last week of June. Care and Counsel is seeking someone to coordinate assistance.

House and Grounds Committee

Carey Reece presented a report from House and Grounds as follows: The committee requested approval of replacing the deck at the rear of the Meetinghouse at a cost of approximately \$800 for materials and the committee would provide and organize the labor. The meeting approved the proposal.

Membership

Claire Koster, membership recorder, presented a statistical study of the number of members who are available to fill our offices and committees, the number of spaces that need to be filled and the number or members and attenders who are actually filling them. A proposal to hold this report over until the beginning of the next nominating cycle was approved.

Nominating Committee

Darryl Waisner presented a draft report from the Nominating Committee for consideration prior to being submitted for approval at the business meeting in Sixth month. The report, prepared by Marilyn White, Neil Swenson, and Darryl Waisner, includes

proposals for reorganization of four committees and strengthening a third:

Attached is an initial list of officers and committee members for 2011-2012. While we did send out a survey asking for the individual interest regarding service and areas of interest in which there is a desire to serve, most of the positions were filled after personal contact between a member of the Nominating Committee and the MM member and/or attendee (telephone, email, or face-to-face). We were intimidated at first by the number of positions needing to be filled as well as by the number of people who felt that they could no longer serve for their own reasons. We would like to thank everyone for their understanding and openness in serving where they are lead and where there is a great need.

There are questions and concerns listed at the end; the Nominating committee asks the MM for input on how to adequately move forward in fulfilling the task/s mandated for this committee.

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/Statistics Recorder –

Board of Directors

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

Representatives

Yearly Meeting – Claire Koster, Carole Treadway
Nominating Committee of NCYM/C – Ray Treadway
Piedmont Friends Fellowship – Sue Hebner
Quaker House – David Barron
FCNL – Marilyn White

Committees

Audit – Dave MacInnes, Jim Hood, Ted Benfey
Care & Counsel – Claire Koster – clerk, Judy Harvey, Hannah Logan Morris, Raleigh Bailey
Finance – Ray Treadway – clerk, Stephen Holland, Jim Hood, George White, David Brown
Handbook – Claire Koster – clerk, Ted Benfey, Dave

MacInnes

Hospitality – Christy Hopkins – clerk, Claire Koster, Darryl Waisner, Gay Bowles, Judy Reece, Sue Hebner, Kembra Howdeshell
Sandwiches Coordinator – Gay Bowles
Greeting Coordinator – Gay Bowles
House and Grounds – Carey Reece – co-clerk, David Parsons, Jim Hood, Amanda Szabo,
Cleaning Schedule Coordinator – Bonnie Parsons/
 Anne Morris
Supplies Coordinator – Bonnie Parsons/Anne Morris
 Library – Carole Treadway – clerk, Judy Harvey, Gay Bowles, Anne Morris
Peace and Social Concerns – Sheri Grace - clerk, John Bowles, Ernest Miller, Marilyn White, Bonnie Parsons, Mel Zuck, Judy Reece
Religious Education – Kembra Howdeshell – clerk, Anne Morris, John Bowles, Benji Hebner
Web/Newsletter – Dave MacInnes – co-clerk, Chris Nelson – co-clerk, Ray Treadway, Stephen Holland, Don Smith
Worship & Ministry – Darryl Waisner – clerk, Carole Treadway, Deborah Shaw, Neil Swenson
Calendar Coordinator – Priscilla Zuck

Concerns and questions for discussion and guidance from the meeting:

1) It is the recommendation of the Nominating Committee that we combine the Newsletter and Web committees into one committee, perhaps renamed to better describe its outreach function. One reason for this merger is that there is a significant overlap between the functions of the two committees and bringing them together would hopefully increase communication between the different forms of print outreach of the meeting. While Dave MacInnes would primarily oversee the newsletter and Chris Nelson the website, it is hoped that this larger committee could better support the development of both.

2) We are concerned about the small number of persons to serve on Care & Counsel and Worship & Ministry and whether they can adequately meet the pastoral and spiritual needs of the meeting. One suggestion that was brought forward by the clerks of these two committees was whether it is time to remerge these committees. This would provide a larger committee to share tasks and responsibilities than two much smaller ones.

3) Nominating Committee is asking the meeting

for guidance about the Meetinghouse Renovation Funding Committee.

Response to Fourth Query

The response to the Fourth Query, prepared by Ray Treadway and revised by the Worship and Ministry Committee, was accepted.

While less than half of our members contribute financially to the meeting, we are aware that some of these do not have sufficient funds to do so. Relatively few of our members attend business meeting, but we realize that many who are absent are not able to attend physically. On the other hand, as a meeting community, we can answer easily and positively. Our contributions to the Meeting nearly meet our budget each year. We always pay our bills, support local and Quaker organizations, and keep the meetinghouse in relatively good repair. We do have difficulty in supporting some of our special funds. Members of the Nominating Committee are grateful for the willingness of Meeting members and active attenders to respond to appointments to committees, although it is hard to fill a few positions. We have responded to community needs as we joyfully prepare sandwiches for a homeless shelter once a month, contribute goods and money to organizations which help refugees and to the Newcomers School, and assist persons and families in need.

Response to Fifth Query

Amanda Szabo offered to edit our responses gathered from the face of the meeting to the Fifth Query:

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?

Responses gathered:

Our meeting as a whole does not attend meeting for business regularly.

Some members attend meeting for business regularly but our work would be enhanced by larger attendance. Our meetings for business are better attended than those of many other meetings.

The provision of child care at our retreat indicates that such provision for every meeting function would enable more people of a wider range of ages to attend them. Those who attend meeting for business regularly are trustworthy in their discernment. We had a retreat in which we consid-

ered meeting for business with a concern for business, which was well attended. We gained a deeper understanding of the spiritual basis of meeting for business and its processes. It was noted that some members find our scheduled time for holding meeting for business makes it difficult for them to attend. The work of organizations of all kinds depends on a core of participants. We could/should be considering changes we might make that would widen participation. Eight of our members attended Yearly Meeting Representative Body in Fourth Month.

Meeting concluded with a time of silence, purposing to reconvene on the 12th day of Sixth Month 2011.

Sid Kitchens (clerk)

Carole Treadway (recording clerk for the day)

Announcements

Position Open

Quaker House Director

Quaker House, since 1969 an active peace witness in Fayetteville, NC, near Fort Bragg, seeks a Director to begin summer/fall 2012. Qualifications: Alignment with Quakerism and its peace testimony; proven leadership, fundraising, writing, management skills; comfortable in a military-oriented environment. Appropriate salary and benefits, including housing/utilities in recently-renovated historic house for Director and small family. For more information:

<http://www.quakerhouse.org>

Inquiries to: betsybrinson@yahoo.com

Closing date August 1, 2011.

2011 Southeastern World Affairs Institute

YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly
Black Mountain, NC
July 29th — 31st

The theme this year is "Going Green Around the Globe." The conference is sponsored by the American Freedom Association, whose purpose is education for world peace through law, and has been working for over fifty years. More information is available at the meeting house, or go to:

www.americanfreedomassociation.org
or call: Marilyn White, (336) 315-7689

314th Gathering

North Carolina Yearly Meeting

Conservative

UNC—Wilmington – Seventh Month 13th - 17th, 2011
Wilmington, NC

Living the Faith: Becoming the Beloved Community

Bible Study, 8:00-8:45 am, Fifth Day through First Day, led by Andrew Wright

Fifth Day evening program, 7:00 pm, *Living the Faith: A Panel Presentation*, Karen Stewart, Ray Treadway, and Janis and Charlie Ansell

Sixth Day evening program, 7:00 pm, Evelyn Jadin

Seventh Day evening program, 7:00 pm, InterPlay, led by Peter Buck and Joy Anna Hodges

Bible study will be led by Andrew Wright of Durham Friends Meeting, currently a student in the Access program of Earlham School of Religion. He has a leading to teach Bible, and we have an opportunity to benefit from his insights. He will speak to us on the theme of the Yearly Meeting sessions, drawing from New Testament scriptures.

Evening programs will begin on Thursday with a panel presentation on Living the Faith. Panel members are Karen Stewart of Durham Friends, Ray Treadway of Friendship Meeting, and Charlie and Janis Ansell of West Grove. The panel members will talk about their faith, their involvement with Quakers, and how that has impacted the choices in their lives. The panel presentation is intended to encourage sharing from others at Yearly Meeting.

On Friday night we will have Evelyn Jadin, currently a student at Earlham School of Religion, formerly a QLSP student at Guilford. She was on the editorial board (with our own Rachel Miller) that produced the collection of writings by young Quakers called *Spirit Rising*. Her piece in that book tells the story of the spiritual significance to her of a visit to West Grove that she made as a Guilford student.

On Saturday night we will have an intergenerational experience, something suited for all ages and physical abilities, called InterPlay. InterPlay is a creative, active way to unlock the wisdom of the body and build community. Our leaders will be Peter Buck and Joy Anna Hodges of Asheville, who use InterPlay to help connect us with the wisdom of our faith. It is very unthreatening, easy, and fun.

The Planning Committee has arranged two other activities that will happen during the day. Lloyd Lee and Susan Wilson will lead intergenerational Bible study on 6th day and 7th day afternoons. An opportunity for contemplative prayer will be offered by Susan Wilson in the late afternoons of 6th day and 7th day. For details see the schedule when it is available.

The committee hopes these programs will enrich our business meetings, teach us, challenge us, and deepen us as a beloved community.

Patty Levering, convener
Program Planning Committee

Fourth day, 7/13/2011	4:00 – 5:00 pm	Worship under the care of Ministry and Oversight at CIS Building
	5:30 – 6:30 pm	Supper (if you arrive late dinner is available until 7:00 pm) at Wagoner Hall
	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Yearly meeting of Ministry and Oversight at CIS Building
	9:00 pm	Gathering with Snacks at Cornerstone Hall
Fifth day, 7/14/2011	7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast at Wagoner Hall
	8:00 – 8:45 am	Bible Study with Andrew Wright of Durham meeting at CIS Building
	9:00 – 12:00 noon	Business meeting at CIS Building
	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch at Wagoner Hall
	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Business meeting at CIS Building
	3:15 – 5:00 pm	Interest groups
	5:30 – 6:30 pm	Supper at Wagoner Hall
	6:30 – 7:00 pm	Intergenerational Singing
	7:00 – 8:45 pm	Panel of NC Yearly Meeting Friends tell their stories of Living the Faith at CIS Building
	9:00 pm	Gathering with Snacks at Cornerstone Hall
Sixth day, 7/15/2011	7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast at Wagoner Hall
	8:00 – 8:45 am	The Bible with Andrew Wright at CIS Building
	9:00 – 11:00 am	Business meeting at CIS Building
	11:00 – 12 noon	Meeting for worship at CIS Building
	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch at Wagoner Hall
	1:10 – 2:10 pm	Intergenerational Bible Study with Lloyd Lee and Susan Wilson
	2:20 – 4:20 pm	Meeting for business at CIS Building
	4:30 – 5:20 pm	Interest groups and Contemplative Practice at CIS building
	5:30 – 6:30 pm	Supper at Wagoner Hall
	6:30 – 7:00 pm	Intergenerational Singing at CIS Building
	7:00 – 8:45 pm	KEYNOTE – Evelyn Jadin, Young Adult Friend, at CIS Building
	9:00 pm	Gathering with Snacks at Cornerstone Hall
Seventh day, 7/16/2011	7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast at Wagoner Hall
	8:00 – 8:45 am	The Bible with Andrew Wright at CIS Building
	9:00 – 12 noon	Business meeting at CIS Building
	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch at Wagoner Hall
	1:10 – 2:10 pm	Intergenerational Bible Study with Lloyd Lee and Susan Wilson
	2:20 – 4:20 pm	Meeting for business at CIS Building
	4:30 – 5:20 pm	Interest groups and Contemplative Practice at CIS building
	5:30 – 6:30 pm	Supper at Wagoner Hall
	7:00 – 8:45 pm	InterPlay led by Peter Buck and Joy Anna Hodges at CIS Building
	9:00 pm	Gathering with Snacks at Cornerstone Hall
First day, 7/17/2011	7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast at Wagoner Hall
	8:00 – 8:45 am	Bible study with Andrew Wright at CIS Building
	10:30 am	Worship at CIS Building; Reading of the Summary of Exercises & closing minute at CIS Building
	12:00 noon	Lunch at Wagoner Hall

**Condensed
Yearly Meeting
Schedule**

Community News

Our thoughts are with **Ernest Miller** who recently was in the hospital. He is back in his Friends Homes apartment listening to music and talking books. He is upbeat about his approaching 102nd birthday in August!

Our thoughts and CONGRATULATIONS are with **David and Mae Brown** who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this June. Bravo!

Our member **Patricia Loring** has asked for assistance with regard to moving to another apartment the last week in June. The Committee of Care & Counsel has been charged with coordinating these efforts.

Pat's first need is a supply of empty cartons in which to pack her belongings. She has many books so some

small/sturdy cartons will be important to obtain. The suggestion was made that we store these for her in the basement of the meetinghouse since Pat does not have room for these in her present apartment.

Volunteers are needed to:

- a. provide boxes
- b. be available when requested to help pack
- c. assist with the move
- d. act as coordinator for the above

Four Friends have so far volunteered to help with the move, being able to bring a hand truck and a truck: Raleigh Bailey, Judy and Carey Reece and Sid Kitchens.

Please contact Claire Koster if you have any questions or suggestions.

Ecological and Conservation Notes

THE EARTH CHARTER

A continuation from the May newsletter.

The Earth Charter Principles

III: SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

11. Affirm gender equality and equity as prerequisites to sustainable development and ensure universal access to education, health care, and economic opportunity.

- a. Secure the human rights of women and girls and end all violence against them.
- b. Promote the active participation of women in all aspects of economic, political, civil, social, and cultural life as full and equal partners, decision makers, leaders, and beneficiaries.
- c. Strengthen families and ensure the safety and loving nurture of all family members.

12. Uphold the right of all, without discrimination, to a natural and social environment supportive of human dignity, bodily health, and spiritual well-being, with special attention to the rights of indigenous peoples and minorities.

- a. Eliminate discrimination in all its forms, such as that based on race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, language, and national, ethnic or social origin.
- b. Affirm the right of indigenous peoples to their spirituality, knowledge, lands and resources and to their related practice of sustainable livelihoods.
- c. Honor and support the young people of our communities, enabling them to fulfill their essential role in creating sustainable societies.
- d. Protect and restore outstanding places of cultural and spiritual significance.

Submitted by Bonnie Parsons

Peace and Social Concerns Committee

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.

People of Faith Against the Death Penalty is urging us to ask the Governor and members of the NC General Assembly to repeal the death penalty and use the funds for new programs to support murder victims' families and crime prevention. Cards are available at the meeting house for this purpose or contact your representatives as you wish. To find out who your representative and senator are, Google the NC General Assembly and go to Who Represents Me. The mailing address is NC General Assembly, Legislative Building, 16 W. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 2760

New Garden Friends School

is gathering opinions about independent education from the local community. This information will be used to help establish long-range goals for our school. We are seeking the voices of a large variety of people and particularly seek feedback from several local meetings including Friendship and hope you will each kindly take 10-15 minutes to complete the survey by clicking on the link below.

We appreciate your participation.

<http://www.corporateresearch.org/ssweb10/ngcommunity.htm>

Jane Carter (for the strategic planning committee)

Handbook Changes

Call Claire Koster (766-9769), clerk of the Handbook Committee, with questions, corrections, additions, or deletions related to the *Directory*.

New Address Information for Recent Graduates:

Daniel Hood
(336) 430-9754
dwthood@gmail.com

Rebecca Sullivan
6200 Wayne Avenue, A404
Philadelphia, PA 19144 (temporary)

New telephone number:

Gwendolyn Erickson
(336) 501-8871

New Attender:

Esta Broderick
5613 Hornaday Road
Greensboro, NC 27409
(336) 509-6188
estabroderick@gmail.com

FRIENDSHIP FRIENDS MEETING (336) 854-5155

Friendship Friends Meeting
Box 8652
Greensboro, NC 29419
Phone: (336) 854-5155

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Ray Treadway, Treasurer
Claire Koster, Recorder
Benji Hebner, Recording Clerk

Neil Swenson Co-Clerk/Reading Clerk
George White, Assistant Treasurer
Gwen Erickson, Assistant Membership Recorder
Cyril Harvey, Newsletter

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Address Correction Requested

FIRST CLASS MAIL