

Friendship Times

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October 2011

Calendar

- Sat, Oct 1 Noon Potluck meal with Marilyn & George White at the Levering Orchard — Apple Trek
- Sun, Oct 2 9:00 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel
Peace and Social Concerns meet
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sat, Oct 8 3:30 pm Welcoming picnic for Don Smith at the Meetinghouse
- Sun, Oct 9 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship. A potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business and the Annual Meeting of the Corporation
2:00 pm Memorial Service for Ernest Miller, Living Room Friends Homes Guilford
- Sat, Oct 15 Game night, 7 pm at the Meetinghouse
- Sun, Oct 16 9:00 am Friendly Bible Study
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Religious
- Sat, Oct 22 Representative Body Meeting in Greenville
- Sun, Oct 23 9:00 am Deepening the Life of the Meeting
10:30 Meeting for Worship
- Tue, Oct 25 Last day to send newsletter material to Editor
- Sat, Oct 29 Workday at the Meeting, 9 am
- Sun, Oct 30 9:00 am Extended Meeting for Worship
10:30 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.

Tenth Month's Query Manner of Living

Do we endeavor to live in harmony with nature? Are we careful in our stewardship of the world's irreplaceable resources?

In this Issue

The Minutes from Ninth Month's meeting for worship with a concern for business are in this issue. In addition you will find committee reports, a memorial meeting for Ernest Miller, announcements of Work-Day, Game Night, this year's Apple Trek, and a series of items or announcements as well as an update for the *Handbook Directory* and *Handbook*.

From the Editor

My intention is to distribute the newsletter no later than the last Sunday of the month; this will be October 31st for the November issue. Material for the November issue should be submitted, preferably by email, ***no later*** than **Tuesday, October 25th**. Thanks to everyone in advance for your help.

Dave MacInnes, davmacinnes@gmail.com

Welcoming Picnic for Don Smith

Saturday, October 8, 2011, 3:30 pm at the meetinghouse. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

See you there.

GAME NIGHT

At the Meetinghouse

7:00 to 10:00 pm on Saturday, October 15th

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.

Minutes

9/11/2011

Friendship Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Friends gathered for meeting after a period of food and fellowship. The revised response to the Eighth query was read and approved.

Our meeting is careful to live within the bounds of our circumstances and punctual with payment of our bills. We note that at times some members do not follow through on commitments.

Our meeting does engage in activities that are strengthening mentally, physically and spiritually. We acknowledge that our larger society does not seem to live within realistic bounds of global circumstances. We are mindful that it is important, both corporately and individually, to live our lives based on our beliefs in honesty and simplicity. This query addresses issues that are raised more specifically in the 9th Query, such as the issue of indulgence in alcohol or other demoralizing substances.

Ray Treadway presented the treasurer's report. The complete report is attached; a summary follows: Treasurer's Report for Eighth Month, 2011.

Fund	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General	\$ 853.00	\$1,295.31	\$ 9,376.81
All Funds	\$ 953.00	\$1,595.31	\$ 16,652.67

Expenses of note during the month included a yearly subscription to Pendle Hill pamphlets for the library – \$25.00; newsletter printing and postage – \$79.29, an additional contribution to the AFSC Immigration Rights program (not reported in June) – \$50.00, our regular donation to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses –\$100; contribution to NC Friends Historical Society – \$50.00, contribution to Pendle Hill Conference Center – \$500, contribution to Quaker Earthcare Witness – \$150, electricity – \$100.78, gas – \$10.00, and telephone – \$71.79. In addition, we paid an additional \$437.82 for the construction of the deck, with \$137.82 coming from the general fund and the remainder from the property fund. The Meeting received two contributions to the property fund for a total of \$100.

The total cost for rebuilding the deck, over four months, was \$1638.07, of which \$800 came from the property fund and the remainder from the maintenance line-item of the general fund. The Meeting

has only \$683 in the property fund and needs additional earmarked contributions.

For the year (eight months) we have received \$11,105 to the general fund in donations, while we should have received approximately \$15,500 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.

Carole Treadway presented the annual report from the library committee, as follows and approved:

While the 2009-2010 library committee did not meet, Carole Treadway, clerk, added fifteen new titles to the collection and removed several that are no longer useful for our library. The 2011-2012 committee met in 8th month for orientation and to survey the work to be done in the coming year. Several books have been donated to the library which have not been looked at yet to see which are appropriate to be added to the collection. That is one of the tasks for the new year. A list of the titles added in 2009-2010 is posted in the library.

Claire Koster presented the annual report from the handbook committee. That report was approved as follows:

9TH MONTH 11TH, 2011. FRIENDSHIP FRIENDS MEETING

For most of the past year, this committee consisted of only two people (David MacInnes and Claire Koster) so no official committee meetings were held. When necessary there was email communication or short exchanges before or after meeting for worship.

Then, near the end of the year, Ted Benfey offered to assist this committee by proof-reading the handbook and we gladly co-opted Ted until such time as the nominating committee brought forth his name for approval.

The Handbook Committee is no longer responsible for the meeting directory which is now the purview of the Membership Recorders who keep it updated and who distribute an updated directory in 6th month.

There were not many big changes in the handbook this year.

55 copies were sent out electronically.

Twenty-seven hard copies were printed and distributed to officers, clerks and Friends who do not have email. Seven extras were printed for later distribution to attenders

The cost of printing 27 hard copies was

\$67.74. Our budget for the year is \$100.00. Total expenses for the Handbook Committee came to \$70.30.

We urge all members and attenders to consult the handbook from time to time for committee guidelines and answers to items which might arise in meeting for business, as well as much general information covering Friends in the wider world.

David MacInnes, Claire Koster, Ted Benfey

Our Tenth Month meeting for worship with attention to business will be preceded by a meeting of Friendship Friends Meeting Inc. Officers and directors are reminded to attend.

The clerk read the Ninth Query: *Are we mindful of Friends testimonies against alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and other harmful drugs; and do we refrain from using them or dealing in them, realizing that abstinence is the clearest witness against overindulgence? Do we seek to avoid all kinds of gambling and places of diversion that tend to be demoralizing? Do we keep in mind how diverse and widespread are the temptations to grow richer at the expense of others? Are we faithful to our testimony against taking oaths?*

Comments toward the close of meeting suggested a number of possible changes to the way we corporately consider our query responses.

The meeting closed with a few moments of silent waiting.

Submitted by Sid Kitchens, clerk and Benji Hebner, recording clerk

In the September newsletter, part of the last two paragraphs of the report of North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative and part of the following paragraph from the minutes were omitted. The correct text is as follows:

Conclusion of report:

We rejoiced in the presence of more than a dozen children who enjoyed a rich and varied program that included opportunities to be with and interact with older Friends. Many of us remember that only a few years ago we had no children and no program for them. Now that there is a program and there is financial support for children under eighteen from the yearly meeting to attend there are fewer barriers to keep them away.

Wilmington Friends Meeting is small in numbers but great and great-hearted in hospitality and efficient planning. There are many details involved in making arrangements for yearly meeting to be held on the large

and sprawling UNCW campus, but all went smoothly and we are very grateful to them and to the Divine Spirit that guides them.

Continuation of the September 2011 minutes

A concern was voiced that yearly meeting's official connections to Friends schools seem to be at a low point (NCYM© received a report from Virginia Beach Friends School, but not from New Garden Friends or Carolina Friends). The clerk has agreed to pass on this concern to the clerk of Yearly Meeting and see if there is a clear way forward.

Report from the Library Committee on New Books received, 2010-2011

Dandelion, Ben Pink. *Confident Quakerism*. Pendle Hill Pamphlet #410, 2010 **PHP 410**

DeSpain, Pleasant. *Eleven Nature Tales: A Multicultural Journey*. Little Rock: August House Publishers, 1996. Gift of Sue Hebner. (Fiction) *FI Des*

Drayton, Brian. *James Nayler Speaking*. **Pendle Hill Pamphlet #413**, 2011

Durham Friends Reader. Vol. 1. Durham Friends Meeting, 2010 **QFP Dur**

Gikow, Louise. *For Every Child, A Better World, by Kermit the Frog*, in Cooperation with the United Nations, as Told to Louise Gikow and Ellen Weiss, 1993 Gift of Carole Treadway.

Gwyn, Douglas. *Conversation with Christ: Quaker Meditations on the Gospel of John*. Quaker Press of Friends General Conference, 2011 **QFP Gwy**

Harper, Lu. *Plow Up the Fallow Ground: A Meditation in the Company of Early Friends*. **Pendle Hill Pamphlet, 411**, 2011

Kelly, Thomas. *The Eternal Promise*. NY: Harper & Row, 1966. **SL Kel**

Lampen, John. *Answering the Violence: Encounters with Perpetrators*, **Pendle Hill Pamphlet, 412**, 2011

MacDonald, Margaret Read. *Earthcare: World Folktales to Talk about*. Linnet Books, 1999. Gift of Sue Hebner. **FI Mac**

Matzigkeit, Philip. *Sawhira: An African Friendship*. By Carolyn Marsden and Philip Matzigkeit. Candlewick Press, 2009. **FI Mat**

Neelon, David. *James Nayler: Revolutionary to Prophet*. Leadings Press, 2009. **BI Nay Ne**

Pfeil, Clifford. *Benjamin: the Meetinghouse Mouse*. By Benjamin, as told to Clifford Pfeil; illus. by John D. Gummere. (1997) 2 copies **QFP Ben**

Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association *A Guide to our Faith and Practice*, 1990. **QFP Sou**

Wilson, Lloyd Lee. "Who Do You Say I Am?" **Pendale Hill Pamphlet #409** 2011

Wink, Walter. *Jesus and nonviolence: A Third Way*. 2003 **PSJ Win**

Prayers and Thoughts

Our thoughts have been with David Brown in recent weeks. David recently had throat surgery and is recovering at home in his Friends Homes apartment. We continue to hold John and Gay Bowles in our prayers as John continues to recover from back surgery. John still is at Camden Place for physical therapy. Gay welcomes calls and encourages friends to visit John particularly in afternoons after therapy sessions.

Memorial Service for Ernest Miller

Ernest Miller died August 28th at Friends Homes Guilford two weeks after his 102nd birthday. Ernest joined Friendship Meeting from the Charlotte Friends Meeting after moving to Friends Homes more than twenty years ago. He was a faithful member of our Peace and Social Concerns Committee and much loved by those who knew him.

Sandy Miller, Ernest's daughter, and Ernest's family have arranged a memorial service for Sunday, October 9, at 2:00 pm in the living room of Friends Homes. While the memorial gathering is not under the care of Friendship, members and attenders at Friendship are invited to attend. Sandy, a flutist of note, has arranged special music in memory of her father. All are encouraged to come and reflect on Ernest's long life.

Announcements and such

House and Grounds Committee is asking if anyone has a spare vacuum cleaner to donate to the Meeting. If so please contact Bonnie Parsons.

From the Membership Recorder:

new email address for Sherri Grace:

sgrace2pups@gmail.com

If anyone has the current address or working email for Holly Green (Meeting member) please let Claire Koster know.

Corrections to the Handbook

On page 17, the address for the Friends World Committee for Consultation is given correctly for the Section of the Americas. but the web address given is that for the World Organization. It would be more accurate to have both listings:

Friends World Committee for Consultation -- Section of the Americas. 1506 Race St., Philadelphia, PA 19102 at www.fwccamericas.org

Friends World Committee for Consultation -- World Office 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2AX, United Kingdom www.fwccworld.org

On page 18 under Quaker Periodicals for Friends World News, the web address is for the e-newsletter of the Section of the Americas, not the World News.

Instead you could access the electronic newsletters of the FWCC Section of Americas at www.fwccamericas.org/news/

Action Box from Peace & Social Concerns

FCNL's suggestions for What You Can Do to Help Prevent War

- 1 -- Write to your members of Congress and urge them to support the Complex Crises Fund, Civilian Response Corps, and U.N. funding.
- 2 -- Sign up for FCNL's Prevent War email updates to stay informed and take action. (Go to www.fcnl.org/ppdc or email bridget@fcnl.org.) (For each dollar of federal income tax we paid in 2010, the government spent about: 39 cents for Pentagon spending for current and past wars -- 2 cents for Diplomacy, Development and War Prevention)

Apple Trek

The annual Apple Trek to the Levering Orchard will take place on Saturday, October 1. Friends are invited to join George and Marilyn White at the orchard around noon with a dish to share for lunch -- beverages and utensils, etc. will be provided. Apples can be purchased at the pack house and you can enjoy the view of the mountains as well as fellowship with other Friends or take a hike. Directions will be available at the Meeting House. For questions, call the Whites at 315-7689.

News from Colin and Breanyn MacInnes

There were two weddings in the MacInnes family this month.

Colin MacInnes and Susan Swithenbank were married in Newport Rhode Island September 4. They are living in Groton CT. Colin will be taking graduate classes in Physical Oceanography at the Marine Campus of the University of Rhode Island and Susan is teaching Marine Engineering at the Coast Guard Academy.

Breanyn MacInnes and Kyle West were married on September 10 in Seattle Washington. They will be moving to Japan where Bre has received an award for post doctoral study at the University of Sapporo on the island of Hokkaido, Japan.

EMAP is alive!

When American Friends Service Committee laid down their Emergency Material Assistance Program, a new non-profit corporation was formed: Friends Emergency Material Assistance Program (FEMAP). We are still housed in the Allen Jay House 606 East Springfield Road High Point NC 27263 (336) 885-6921

Starting October 5, 2011, volunteers will have the house open every Wednesday from 9 to 2.

Items for hygiene, infant, farm worker, and educational kits are still needed. Children's clothing kits are available to sew. Knitted items, blankets, and afghans are being accepted. Collections of postage stamps, eyeglasses, soup labels and box tops for Education continue. Volunteers are needed. Financial donations are welcome.

Other contact information:

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Reclaiming the Prince of Peace Conference

October 22, 2011 -- 9 a.m. -- 4 p.m.

Guilford College United Methodist Church,
1205 Fleming Road

Sponsored by the Peace Gathering subcommittee of the NCYM Peace Committee & NCYM - C representatives. Keynote speaker is Bill J. Leonard, Professor of Church History and Professor of Religion at Wake Forest Divinity School. Event includes lunch, workshops and worship. Brochures available at Meeting House or call Marilyn White, 315-7689

Ecological Notes October 2011

Submitted by Bonnie Parsons

Scented Laundry Products Emit Hazardous Chemicals Through Dryer Vents

ScienceDaily (Aug. 24, 2011) — Findings, published online this week in the journal *Air Quality, Atmosphere and Health*, show that air vented from machines using the top-selling scented liquid laundry detergent and scented dryer sheet contains hazardous chemicals, including two that are classified as carcinogens.

"This is an interesting source of pollution because emissions from dryer vents are essentially unregulated and unmonitored," said lead author Anne Steinemann, a UW professor of civil and environmental engineering and of public affairs. "If they're coming out of a smokestack or tail pipe, they're regulated, but if they're coming out of a dryer vent, they're not."

The research builds on earlier work that looked at what chemicals are released by laundry products, air fresheners, cleaners, lotions and other fragranced consumer products. Manufacturers are not required to disclose the ingredients used in fragrances, or in laundry products. The project's website also includes letters from the public reporting health effects from scented consumer products. Steinemann says that people's reports of adverse reactions to fragranced air coming from laundry vents motivated her to conduct this study.

Analysis of the captured gases found more than 25 volatile organic compounds, including seven hazardous air pollutants, coming out of the vents. Of those, two chemicals -- acetaldehyde and benzene -- are classified by the Environmental Protection Agency as carcinogens, for which the agency has established no safe exposure level.

"These products can affect not only personal health, but also public and environmental health. The chemicals can go into the air, down the drain and into water bodies," Steinemann said.

The researchers estimate that in the Seattle area, where the study was conducted, acetaldehyde emissions from this brand of laundry detergent would be equivalent to 3 percent of the total acetaldehyde emissions coming from automobiles. Emissions from the top five brands, they estimate, would constitute about 6 percent of automobiles' acetaldehyde emissions.

"We focus a lot of attention on how to reduce emissions of pollutants from automobiles," Steinemann said. "And here's one source of pollutants that could be reduced." Steinemann recommends using laundry products without any fragrance or scent.

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