

Friendship Times

<http://www.friendshipmeeting.org>

November 2011

Calendar

- Sat, Nov 5 PFF Fall Retreat at New Garden Meeting
- Sun, Nov 6 9:00 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel
Peace and Social Concerns meet
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sat, Nov 12 Game night at the Meetinghouse, 7-10 pm
- Sun, Nov 13 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship. A potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
- Sun, Nov 20 9:00 am Friendly Bible Study
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Tue, Nov 22 Last day to send newsletter material to Editor
- Sun, Nov 27 9:00 am Deepening the Life of the Meeting
10:30 Meeting for Worship
- Sat, Dec 3 9 am Meeting Workday

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.

In this Issue

The Minutes from Tenth Month's meeting for worship with a concern for business are in this issue. In addition you will find minutes of the annual meeting of the Corporation, some address changes, notes from Peace and Social Concerns Committee and a new monthly Quiz.

From the Editor

My intention is to distribute the newsletter no later than the last Sunday of the month; this will be November 27th for the December issue. Material for the December issue should be submitted, preferably by email, ***no later*** than **Tuesday, November 22rd**. Thanks to everyone in advance for your help.

Dave MacInnes, davmacinnes@gmail.com

I've received a request from several sources to publish a monthly quiz on our Meeting Handbook. So get out your handbooks and answer the following questions (answers will be posted next month)

**Which committee has the most members?
Which committee has the fewest members?**

Eleventh Month Birthdays
of our Young Friends

Claire Holland, 3-Nov-2004

Robert Bailey, 12-Nov-2007

Eleventh Month's Query
Social Justice and Equality

Do we reverence that of God in every human being with concern for the needs of each individual? Are we seeking to rectify existing social injustice and racial discrimination in our local communities and in the world at large?

Minutes

Friendship Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, Tenth Month, 9, 2011

A meeting of the Corporation of Friendship Friends Meeting was convened.

The following officers and directors were present:

- President..... Sidney Lee Kitchens
- Vice Pres. Neil Swenson
- TreasurerRay Treadway
- Secretary.....Benjamin Hebner III
- DirectorDavid Brown

The Meeting approves, with no dissent, the following officers of the Corporation who are:

- Sidney Lee Kitchens, President
- Neil Swenson, Vice-President
- Ray Treadway, Treasurer
- Benjamin Hebner III, Secretary
- Betty Austin, Director
- John Bowles, Director
- David Brown, Director
- James Hood, Director

The Meeting was reminded that the Corporation is a body recognized by the State of North Carolina to respond to legal matters as needed.

The corporation authorizes Sidney Lee Kitchens, President; Ray Treadway, Treasurer; and George L. White, assistant Treasurer as signatories on checking and investments.

There being no further old or new business, the Meeting adjourned, to meet again the 2nd First Day in 10th month 2012 as way opens.

Benjamin Hebner III, Secretary

Tenth Month Meeting for Worship with an attention to Business

The clerk read our response from the Ninth query, which was approved with no amendments. *Query 9: 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?*

There are times when the needs of a minority group must be acknowledged by the larger community, as with food allergies and dietary restrictions. Friends

who must abstain from alcohol and other harmful drugs as a matter of personal necessity are happy to be able to depend on this Meeting as a safe space.

This query covers a wide variety of seemingly disparate, specific topics, and it is hard to address them all together. Some Friends have particular problems with the part about not taking oaths. Some question the continuing relevance of this prohibition, though it remains a useful lens through which to make a statement about our truth testimony.

Are we aware of the extent to which our media environment can be demoralizing and even addictive? Conventional wisdom can make certain activities, such as investing, seem normal, but these financial transactions can be a form of addiction, and it is hard to know who is harmed by one's investments.

If we want to address the addiction in the lives of others, we also need to be aware of the larger contexts of people's lives that may create the conditions for addiction.

Ray Treadway presented the treasurer's report, which was accepted with gratitude. The complete report is attached; a summary follows:

Treasurer's Report for Ninth Month, 2011.

Fund	Income	Expenses	Ending Bal-
General	\$ 875.00	\$1,767.45	\$ 8,484.45
All Funds	\$ 1,025.00	\$1,767.45	\$ 15,719.13

Expenses of note during the month: printing and mailing the handbook – \$70.30, newsletter and postage – \$24.81; sandwiches for Urban Ministry (six months) – \$227.41; supplies and miscellaneous – \$62.01, our regular donation to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses –\$100; Friends Center at Guilford College – \$600.00, Friends Historical Collection – \$300, Guilford College – \$150, electricity – \$100.86; gas – \$10.00; maintenance – \$45.79, and telephone – \$62.05, and water/sewer – \$14.25. The Meeting received two contributions to the property fund for \$150.00.

For the year (nine months) we have received \$11,980 to the general fund in donations, which is about 52% of our total 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 or left in the contributions basket on the table in the gathering room.

Neil Swenson reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee that Priscilla Zuck has stepped aside as calendar coordinator, and Sid Kitchens was nominated to take over this position until the next nominating cycle.

Friends approved.

Cary Reece reported on behalf of House and Grounds that this committee is investigating alternatives to our current telephone service.

Judy Reece on behalf of the welcoming committee for Don Smith (Gay Bowles, Mae Brown, and Judy Reece) reported that the welcoming party for Don Smith on Tenth Month the Eighth was enjoyed by all, and experimentally demonstrated the structural integrity of the new deck.

The meeting closed with a few moments of silent worship.



Don's welcoming Party



pictures by Dave MacInnes

Dorothy Nielsen is recovering satisfactorily from a fractured hip, suffered in a fall September 28 at Friends Home. She is staying at Camden Place Health and Rehabilitation (852-9700), which is located at 1 Marthe Court, off of Koger Drive. She is in room 604. She expects that her recovery will take

at least one month.

John Bowles also continues his rehabilitation at Camden Place. He hopes to return home as way opens.

Piedmont Friends Fellowship Fall Retreat Quaker Leadership within the Monthly Meeting with Bruce Birchard from the FGC Traveling Ministries Program

November 5th 2011
New Garden Friends Meeting

Lunch *and childcare* will be provided Cost will be \$10 per person collected that day
9-9:30 Registration
9:30-12:30 Session I
12:30-1:30 Lunch
1:30-3 Session II
1:30-4 PFF Representative Body Meeting

Please let us know ahead of time how many people will be there so we can make proper food and childcare arrangements.

For registration info contact Suebear Hebner suebear_gc@yahoo.com (336) 202-6537

from Peace and Social Concerns

Dinner and Some Movies!

Friday, December 9, 2011 -- 6:00 p.m.

Friendship Friends Meeting House

Pot Luck supper

Join Friends from across Greensboro for an engaging, educational and fun evening.

Share a potluck meal. View several short films produced by immigrants and refugees, learn more about AFSC's work with immigrants, and share your ideas for how to make our community more welcoming. The films are a powerful and inspiring way to hear immigrant stories in their own voices.

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FOOD DRIVE

Peace and Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring an on-going food drive to join with New Garden Meeting in collecting items to go to Faith Action International House to be distributed to immigrants in Greensboro. Items particularly requested include dried black

and pinto beans, long grain white rice, couscous, sweet potatoes, okra, flour and corn tortillas, chicken stock or broth, evaporated milk, corn meal, onions, olive oil. They can be left in the designated box at the meeting house.

Help reduce the stress on the environment by reducing personal and business Junk Mail

From <http://globalstewards.org/junkmail.htm>

Reducing Personal Junk Mail

Contact the [Direct Marketing Association](#) to be removed from many companies' mass marketing mailing lists for up to five years.

[Catalog Choice](#) provides information on common mailings (along with a free service to help you opt-out of mailings).

Contact [Val-Pak Coupons](#) directly to ask to be removed from their mailing list.

To stop delivery of yellow pages, enter your zip code at [Catalog Choice](#) to see contact information for all local yellow pages. Also, you can now opt out online from receiving your local [AT&T Yellow Pages](#).

Every loose-leaf bundle of business or supermarket fliers must be delivered along with an address postcard which provides contact information for opting out. If the bulk mail comes through Valassis, you can also [opt-out online](#).

To stop receiving unsolicited credit card and other credit related offers, opt out permanently at www.optoutprescreen.com. Learn more via the [Federal Trade Commission](#).

Your credit card company probably sells your name the most often. Call and ask them to stop. Also make the same request of your bank and any other companies from which you purchase products or services on a regular basis (for example, companies who sell you magazines, phone service, and gas & electric services).

Create a place to store all unwanted mail. Once a month, call the local or toll-free numbers on the mailings and ask to be removed from their mailing lists (toll-free area codes are 800, 888, 877, or 866). This is the most effective way to get off mailing lists. If there isn't a local or toll-free number but there is a postage-paid return envelope, tear off the mailing label and enclose it in the envelope along with a request to be removed from their mailing list. Mark envelope "ATTN: Customer Service". Another option: write "refused" or "refused: return to sender" across the address, cross out the bar code, and drop in any mailbox. If it is 'First Class' mail, it will be returned to the sender. If it is 'Presorted Standard' (third class) mail, there is an 80% chance that you will be taken off the senders mailing list. Product warranty

cards are often used to collect information on your habits and income, for the sole purpose of targeting direct mail. They are not required in most situations - avoid sending them.

Avoid filling out "Contest" cards – these are almost always fishing expeditions for names.

Whenever you donate money or order a product or service, write in large letters: "Please do not sell my name or address". Most organizations will properly mark your name in their computer.

Submitted by Bonnie Parsons: Peace and Social Concerns Committee

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We fit well on our new deck.



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Address Correction Requested

FIRST CLASS MAIL