

Friendship Times

June—July 2012

Calendar

- Sun, May 27 9:00 am Deepening the Life of the Meeting
10:30 Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Jun 3 9:00 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel
Peace and Social Concerns meet
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- At the rise of meeting there will be a called meeting of the corporation of Friendship Monthly Meeting
- "Refugees in the Middle East," a forum presented by Raleigh Bailey following a simple lunch provided by Peace and Social Concerns after meeting for worship
- Sun, Jun 10 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship. Monthly Meeting for Business will follow a potluck lunch
- Sun, Jun 17 9:00 am Friendly Bible Study
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Jun 24 9:00 am Deepening the Life of the Meeting
10:30 Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Jul 1 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Jul 8 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship.
- Wed, Jul 11 North Carolina Yearly Meeting—Conservative
to Sun, Jul 15 Guilford College, Greensboro, NC
- Sun, Jul 15 This week's Meeting for Worship will be held over at Guilford College, joining attenders of the Yearly Meeting, details will be given later.
- Sun, Jul 22 10:30 Meeting for Worship
- Tues, July 24 Last day to submit material for August Newsletter
- Sun, Jul 29 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,

In this Issue

The Minutes from Fifth Month's meeting for worship with a concern for business are in this issue as well as the report from our Nominating Committee. In addition you will find information on the upcoming sessions of North Carolina Yearly Meeting—Conservative, a quote from a Quaker writer to think about, several notes on deceased friends, and updates 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 July 29 for the August issue. Material for the August issue should be submitted, preferably by email, ***no later*** than **Tuesday, July 24th**. Thanks to everyone in advance for your help.

Dave MacInnes, davmacinnes@gmail.com

Sixth Month's Query

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?

Seventh Month's Query

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 13TH OF FIFTH MONTH 2012

Friends gathered after a time of food and fellowship.

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

Treasurer's Report for Fourth Month, 2012

Fund	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General	\$ 1,178	\$ 2,365	\$ 6,651
All Funds	\$ 1,228	\$ 2,365	\$ 14,427

Expenses of note during the month: Friends Journal advertisement (1 year) – \$66.00, support for two attenders to register for the Friends General Conference Gathering – \$200.00, costs for the newsletter – \$47/26, sandwiches for Urban Ministry – \$50.40, child care – \$36.00, donation to North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative (second payment) – \$1500.00, donation to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses –\$100, electricity – \$78.97, telephone – \$68.86, and repair of the mower – \$123.88 The Meeting received contributions to the emergency assistance fund of \$50.00. During the time period from First Month to Third Month, our investments in Pax World increased in market value by \$4892.80.

For the year (four months) we are under the expected budget amount by roughly \$2500. 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 basket in the gathering room at the Meetinghouse.

Ray Treadway brought it to the meeting's attention that we are no longer selecting our directors according to the rules laid out in our by-laws. We need to amend our by-laws to reflect our practice. In light of this, we will hold a called meeting of the corporation of Friendship Monthly Meeting on June 03, 2012.

Darryl Waisner presented the nominating committee report draft. This slate will be considered and revised as necessary during the coming month and presented for approval in June. Friends with questions or suggestions for revision are encouraged to contact a member of the Nominating Committee (Darryl Waisner, Darlene Stanley, or Daniel Rhodes) preferably by email.

The Clerk serendipitously read the Seventh Query: *Do we endeavor to live in that life and power which takes away the occasion for all war, seeking to do our part...*

Christy Hopkins agreed to edit our response.

Friends responded in part as follows: For many years, paying war tax has been a concern for Friends. One sad thing about not having a draft in place is that most people aren't forced to confront the reality of war, and they aren't pressed to take a side. Friends are uneasy with the presence of the ROTC program in school. Our level of complicity in war simply by living in this country and getting by is discouraging and intimidating. War and military service is fetishized in this country, and it is difficult to know how to respond to this. We are grateful for our privilege of living in a community of trust and love. We keep ourselves educated on matters of peace and reconciliation. The matter of teaching children about the realities of war while also helping them adjust socially to our society is a difficult balance. We are conscious of the fact that Mothers' Day was begun in protest to all war, which takes away fathers, husbands, and sons from all mothers. At this point, conscientious objection to war is a family tradition for many of us, and our meeting has found ways of supporting youth and families with these concerns. The lamb's war?

The clerk read our revised response to the Fourth Query, which was approved.

Work of the Meeting: *Do we assume our rightful share in the expenses of our Meeting? Do we regard our time, our talents, and our possessions as given us in trust, and do we use them freely for the needs of others?*

A high percentage of active members and attenders contribute to the financial needs of the meeting and we have been able to meet our budget. Perhaps others will contribute when the meeting has higher priority for them. Some who may not be able to give financially do contribute to the meeting in other ways. Both members and attenders give of their time and talents to the improvement and well-being of our community and beyond in more ways than we can count.

Meeting closed with a moment of silent waiting.

Nominating Committee Report Draft

May 13, 2012

Here is an initial list of officers and committee members for 2012-2013. A survey was sent asking for the interest regarding service and areas of interest in which there is a desire to serve. The nominations come after personal contact between a member of the Nominating Committee and the MM member and/or attender (telephone, email, or face-to-face). The committee would like to thank everyone for their understanding and openness to be nominated to serve.

Respectfully, Daniel Rhodes, Darlene Stanley, Darryl Waisner

Nominating Committee Recommendations for 2012 - 2013

Officers

Clerk: Sidney Lee Kitchens

Co-Clerk: Darryl Waisner

Treasurer: Ray Treadway

Assistant Treasurer: Stephen Holland

Recording Clerk: Hannah Logan-Morris

Membership/Statistics Recorder: Claire

Koster

Assistant Membership Recorder: Gay Bowles

Board of Directors

President: Sidney Lee Kitchens:

Vice-President: Darryl Waisner

Treasurer: Ray Treadway

Secretary: Hannah Logan-Morris

Directors: David Brown, John Bowles, Jim Hood, Judy Harvey

NCYMC Records Committee: Claire Koster

Representatives

Nominating Committee of NCYM-C: Ray Treadway

Yearly Meeting Representative: Ray Treadway, Claire Koster

Piedmont Friends Fellowship: Sue Hebner

Quaker House Board: David Barron

Friends Committee on National Legislation: Marilyn White

Committees

Audit: Dave MacInnes (Convener), Jim Hood, George White

Care & Counsel: Claire Koster (Clerk), Raleigh Bailey, Judy Harvey, Hannah Logan-Morris, Ray Treadway

Communications: Dave MacInnes (Co-Clerk, Newsletter), Chris Nelson (Co-Clerk, Web), Ray Treadway, Stephen Holland, Daniel Rhodes

Finance: Ray Treadway (Clerk), Jim Hood, Stephen Holland, George White

Handbook: Clair Koster (Clerk), Ted Benfey, Dave MacInnes

Hospitality: Christy Hopkins (Co-Clerk), Clair Koster (Co-Clerk), Gay Bowles, Judy Reece, Darryl Waisner, Sue Hebner

Sandwich Coordinator: Marilyn White

Greeter Coordinator: Gay Bowles

House and Grounds: Carey Reece (Co-Clerk), Jim Hood (Co-Clerk), Neil Swenson

Meeting House Cleaning Schedule Coordinator: Anne Morris

Supplies Purchaser: Anne Morris

Library: Carole Treadway (Clerk), Judy Harvey

Meeting Renovation Funding: Suggest this committee stands down for one year (2012 – 2013): Jim Hood, Carey Reece

Nominating: Darryl Waisner (Clerk), Darlene Stanley, Daniel Rhodes

Peace and Social Concerns: Sheri Grace (Clerk), Judy Reece, Marilyn White, Mel Zuck, Dennis Dressler, Daniel Rhodes

Religious Education: Hannah Passmore-Hobson (Clerk), Anne Morris, John Bowles,

Worship and Ministry: Darlene Stanley (Clerk), Carol Treadway, Deborah Shaw, Darryl Waisner, Neil Swenson

Calendar Coordinator: Sidney Lee Kitchens

There was a pot luck picnic to welcome Daniel Rhodes into Meeting membership on Sunday May 20 at the Meetinghouse. A pleasant time was had by all as we enjoyed getting to know Daniel better.



**North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative) will be held this year at
Guilford College July 11-15, 2012**

Registration form can be accessed at the Yearly Meeting website
<http://www.ncymc.org/ym2012/YM%20registration%202012%20FINALrev.pdf>

Radical Hospitality: Cherishing the Old, Attending the New

Evening Programs and Afternoon Interest Group

4th Day (7/11) evening Meeting of the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight

5th Day (7/12) evening report from FWCC World Conference in Kenya from our yearly meeting delegates to the Conference

6th Day (7/13) evening *The Call*, a play by Charlotte Basham about a young woman seeking clearness from her meeting about following her leading. Yearly meeting members and attenders will perform the play, directed by the author.

7th Day (7/14) 4-5 pm *Everything Is Connected* interest group workshop “Spiritual Relationship with Earth ~ Sense of Unity Decision Making ~ What Do Friends Have to Offer?” facilitated by eric maya joy

7th Day (7/14) evening Intergenerational event planned and facilitated by Emily Stewart.

Morning Bible Study, 7/12-15:

Deborah Shaw has agreed to lead the Bible study each morning on the theme of hospitality and welcoming.

Displays:

All monthly meetings in the yearly meeting have been invited to prepare displays about themselves. Also, display space is available upon request for Friends’ organizations and schools.

Interest group time:

Time in the afternoon is available for interest groups as leadings or interests arise. We also value the use of that time for fellowship.

Children and youth:

Plans for children and teens will be posted later.

In Memoriam

Dear Friends

Svea Sauer is duly recorded as a member of the Society of Friends dating back to membership in Austin, Texas Friends Meeting and then participated in Friendship Friends Meeting, Greensboro, NC.

Svea’s support and interest with the work of the national and regional AFSC is remembered with appreciation as a staff member working with both local and national AFSC programs in Texas and West Virginia. Svea also worked for the Texas Association for the Blind. She was always involved in working with social agencies throughout her home state of Maryland, Texas and also Philadelphia.

Svea attended Friendship Friends Meeting when she moved to Friends Homes in North Carolina for her final years of a highly involved life.

Svea died April 21, 2012.

Written by Priscilla Zuck

Your editor heard from Bonnie Parsons that Gene Semmler passed away. The following note is from Bonnie.

Gene was a wonderful woman, a long time Guilford County Schools teacher, very active in New Garden Meeting and part of the old guard that lived once upon a time on Nathan Hunt Road. She and her husband both served as surrogate grandparents to our kids. She will be very much missed.

Sixth & Seventh Months

Birthdays of our Young Friends

- 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

LESSER KNOWN QUOTATIONS

Each month you will see a lesser known quotation or two from early and more recent Friends that remind us of the Quaker message as it came to Friends in the seventeenth century and as it's lasted to today. Selected by our member Patricia Loring, they are to stir your own reflection, meditation and discussion of what we are about at this time in our history.

Quakerism...revived a doctrine, central in the experience of the early Christian church. This was the belief that the Spirit would be poured out upon the congregation ready to receive it. This Spirit, or “that of God in every man,” or Christ within, or the Seed of the Kingdom, or the Truth, or the Inward Light, or the Witness of God in all Consciences -- to use some of the many names which the Quakers applied to the Divine Presence in the midst of the worshipping group -- unites all the members into a single organic whole, the body of Christ. The individual experience of inward oneness with an invisible Reality is also an experience of the mystical union of individuals with one another.

Howard H. Brinton. *The Society of Friends.*(Pendle Hill Pamphlet , # 48) 1949, pp.3,4

Handbook Changes

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

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