

# Friendship Times

## Friendship Friends Meeting

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### Calendar

Sun, Sept 30	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Oct 7	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns meet
	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Oct 14	10 am Group Singing
	10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
Sun, Oct 21	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Tues, Oct 23	Last day to send newsletter material to Editor
Sun, Oct 28	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Nov 4	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, There are two opportunities for Midweek Meeting for Worship, Tuesday 7 pm in the second floor lounge of the 5000 building at Friends Homes West and on Wednesday, in the Prayer Room, 7<sup>th</sup> floor Woolman Hall, Friends Homes Guilford, occasionally followed by discussion at 8 pm

### In this Issue

The minutes for Ninth Month's meeting for worship with a concern for business are in this issue. You will also find news from the library committee, some announcements and some lesser known Quaker quotations to reflect upon.

### From the Editor

My intention is to distribute the newsletter no later than the last Sunday of the month. Material should be submitted, preferably by email, no later than Tuesday, Sept 23.

### Month's Query

Query #10: *Do we endeavor to live in harmony with nature? Are we careful in our stewardship of the world's irreplaceable resources?*

### Young Friends Tenth Month Birthdays

Green, Finn (Son of Holly Green)

10/16/08

## Minutes

9<sup>th</sup> Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, ninth month, 9, 2012

Meeting began with a brief period of silent worship.

### 1. Treasurer’s Report

- Ray Treadway presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month of August.
- The summary follows and the report is attached.
- We approve that we accept the report gratefully.

### Treasurer’s Report for Eighth Month, 2012

Fund	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General	\$ 1,325.00	\$1,030.74	\$ 9,376.81
All Funds	\$ 1,475.00	\$1,030.74	\$ 16,652.67

Expenses of note during the month include a yearly subscription to Pendle Hill pamphlets for the library – \$25.00; newsletter printing and postage – \$17.78, our regular donation to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses –\$100; contribution to Pendle Hill Conference Center – \$500, contribution to Quaker Earthcare Witness – \$150, electricity – \$70.00, gas – \$10.00, telephone – \$69.26, and water and sewer – \$14.57. The Meeting received three contributions to the emergency assistance fund for a total of \$150. For the year (eight months) we have received \$9,635 to the general fund in donations, while we should have received approximately \$14,800 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 left in the contribution basket in the gathering room or sent to POB 8652, Greensboro NC 27419.

### 2. Report on the 2012 annual sessions of North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative

The 2012 yearly meeting sessions were held, July 12-15, at Guilford College in the Community Center. The theme was **Radical Hospitality: Cherishing the Old, Attending the New**. The books and the displays for Quaker organizations were housed conveniently across the corridor from the meeting space, and attenders were lodged nearby in the South Apartments. These accommodations were spacious and well suited to the purposes of the yearly meeting.

Attendance was down in comparison to previous years with approximately 50 persons from NCYM(C) and approximately 20 ‘new’ visitors. Five other visitors were persons who have been coming to the yearly meeting for 15 years or more. There have been a number of visitors over the years from Friends in other yearly meetings and monthly meetings who are interested in attending a conservative Friends yearly meeting. There were only two children in attendance this year and it is hoped this is merely a cyclical happenstance. It is noted there are generally a larger number of children when the meeting is held in Wilmington close to the beach.

The Thursday night program featured a panel presentation of our yearly meeting delegates to the Friends World Committee for Consultation World Conference in Kenya in April. These friends - Emily Stewart, Rachel Miller, and Kristen Olson Kennedy - were joined by World Conference delegates

Ashley Wilcox (Northwest Yearly Meeting) and David Eley (Ohio Yearly Meeting). They told of the many opportunities to get to know Friends from other traditions and also of challenges in understanding. They were enthusiastic in their presentation and told of an interest among many of the other delegates in Conservative Friends.

On Friday night a play written as a final paper project by School of the Spirit participant Charlotte Basham (from Fairbanks Alaska) was presented. The play's plot revolved around a young woman's call to ministry, how she came to that calling, the clearness committee struggle/process as well as a sequence where the audience viewed her daydreams of being visited and counseled by historic Quaker Ministers Samuel Bownas 1676 - 1753, Elizabeth Hudson 1722 - 1783, and Jane Fenn Hoskins 1694 - 1764. Saturday night many enthusiastically participated in an intergenerational exercise led by Emily Stewart of Durham meeting.

Hearing the Query responses and the monthly meeting State of the Union reports apprised attenders of the triumphs and tribulations of our sister meetings.

The Bible study, led by Deborah Shaw, was interactive and allowed all participants the opportunity to engage in discussion on the selected scripture verses, which demonstrated spiritual hospitality and welcoming. A young adult Friend from Bolivia engaged us in the work of the Bolivia Quaker Education Fund, and the yearly meeting agreed to contribute to a scholarship for one of the Quaker students at a Bolivian Friends School.

Submitted by Ray Treadway and Sid Kitchens

### 3. Meeting House Renovations Funding Committee

- Cary Reece, on behalf of the committee, asked the Meeting to consider moving the library to the current office space to make room for the children and First Day School. The current office will be a joint library-office space.
- After discussion, the Meeting approved this proposal.

### 4. Library Committee Annual Report

- Sidney Lee Kitchens read the Library Committee's report.
- The report follows.
- The report was approved.

### Friendship Meeting Library Annual Report

The 2011-2012 library committee, Judy Harvey, Anne Morris, and I, met once in the fall of 2011 and discussed ideas for improving the library, especially the children's books. (Gay Bowles was also on the committee but was unable to attend.) Judy Harvey and I, who comprise the committee for 2012-2013, have talked informally and will have work to do as plans for moving the library to what is now the office progress. During the year, the books were rearranged to make it easier to find the various subject categories, and the children's books were moved to a more prominent and easier to reach location. Eleven books were added during the year. A list is posted in the library and will be in the October Friendship Times. News from the library was published in the Friendship Times four times during the year.

Submitted by Carole Treadway

## 5. FWCC Report

- Ray Treadway shared that FWCC will be presenting local programs, called "Let the Living Waters Flow," around the Americas following the 2012 World Conference of Friends.
- Ray Treadway is willing to serve as our representative to the planning committee.
- Friendship Friends may be asked to help with hospitality for visiting Friends.
- The local conference could be scheduled for as early as November.
- Friendship Friends would like to participate (along with First Friends Meeting and perhaps others) in the local conference.

## 6. All Clerks Retreat

- A clerks workshop is planned for October 28<sup>th</sup> from 2-4. This workshop is for current clerks of committees, and anyone who is considering being a clerk in the future.
- The workshop was approved.
- It was proposed that the name be changed in the Handbook from "All Clerks Retreat" to "Clerking Workshop."
- This proposal was approved.

## 7. Meeting of the Corporation

- The Meeting of the Corporation will be held at the beginning of Business Meeting on Tenth Month 14<sup>th</sup>. Last year's officers and this year's officers are asked to attend.

Gratitude was expressed for the recording clerk serving as recording clerk.

**New Library Books, 2011-2012**

Benfey, Christopher. *Red Brick, Black Mountain, White Clay: Reflections on Art, Family, Survival*. (Biography) BI Ben

Bieber L. Nancy. *Decision Making and Spiritual Discernment: The Sacred Art of Finding Your Way*. (Spiritual Life) SL Bie

Boulding Kenneth. *There Is a Spirit: The Nayler Sonnets*. (Spiritual Life) SL Bou

*Discernment: Living under Divine Guidance*. Issue #6 of *The Journal of North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative)*. (Quaker Faith and Practice) QFP Dis

*The Experience of War: Residents of Friends Homes Tell Their Stories*. Vol. 3. *From Tolstoy's War and Peace (Early 1800s) To Our Own Time*. (Biography) BI Exp

Finn, Charles G. *John Yungblut: Passing the Mystical Torch*. Pendle Hill Pamphlet #417. (Pendle Hill Pamphlets)

Jay, Allen. *The Autobiography of Allan Jay (1841-1910)*. (Biography). BI Jay

Palmer, Parker J. *A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward an Undivided Life*. (Spiritual Life) SL Pal

Schenck, Patricia A. *Living Our Testimony on Equality: One White Friend's Experience*. Pendle Hill Pamphlet 415.

Shetter, William A. *Some Thoughts on Becoming Eighty-Five*. Pendle Hill Pamphlet #418.

*The Spiritual Care Committee*. (Publication of the School of the Spirit Ministry). Quaker Faith and Practice. QFP Spi

### 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.*

The Creator of the earth is the owner of it. He gave us being there on, and our nature requires nourishment which is the produce of it. As he is kind and merciful, we as his creatures, while we live answerable to the design of our creation, we are so far entitled to a convenient subsistence that no man may justly deprive us of it. By the agreements and contracts of our fathers and predecessors, and by doing and proceedings of our own, some claim a much greater share of this world than others; and whilst those possessions are faithfully improved to the good of the whole, it consists with equity. But he who with a view to self-exaltation causeth some with their domestic animals to labour immoderately, and with the moneys arising to him therefrom employs others in the luxuries of life, acts contrary to the gracious design of him who is the owner of the earth; nor can any possessions, either acquired or derived from ancestors, justify such conduct.

John Woolman. "A Plea for the Poor," 1763-4

It is painful in the extreme to think of the possibility that things we have been taught to do for ourselves, for our loved ones, and for society as a whole are part of the problem. Thomas Berry (Catholic priest and scholar) cautions against thinking that our environmental problems are caused by evil people. While there will always be evil ... our predicament comes as a result of a great many good people who have doing a very good job of what they have been expected to do.

Ed Darby, Keith Helmuth and Margaret Mansfield, 2004

### From the Recorder

New address for David Barron: 3008G  
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Address for new attender

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Greensboro, NC 27410  
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A thank you note from Maria Darlington  
Board Member of Quaker House.

Dear Members,

Thank you for your support of Quaker House with your generous donation.

It helps us support the service men and women and their families who are rethinking their roles in the military. We also educate the public about the immorality of torture and the use of drones.

Your support is very important again. Thank you.

### Announcement

Save the Date: Piedmont Friends Fellowship Fall Program Saturday, October 27 at New Garden. Former Guilford College president Bill Rogers will present about Quakers and politics and his work with Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL). More information is to come. Three volunteers from Friendship are needed to help prepare and serve lunch for this event. Please contact Karen Garraputa of New Garden Meeting at your earliest convenience to help out. 286-3850 or

Love and Light,  
Suebear Hebner

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