

Friendship Times

Friendship Friends Meeting

Calendar

Sun, Oct 28	9 am Deeping the Life of the Meeting 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Nov. 4	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship 1:30 pm Memorial Service for Charles Neilson, Friends Homes Living Room
Sun, Nov 11	10 am Group Singing 10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
Sun, Nov 18	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Tues, Nov 20	Last day to send newsletter material to Editor
Sun, Nov 25	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Dec 2	10:30 am Meeting for Worship

Weekly Meeting for Worship at 10:30 am each First Day. Child care available for Worship and Business Meetings. 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, 7th floor Woolman Hall, Friends Homes Guilford, occasionally followed by discussion at 8 pm

In this Issue

Two sets of minutes can be found in this issue, one for the Corporation Meeting and one for Tenth Month's Meeting for Worship with a concern for business. You will also find an action box from Peace and Social Concerns and a lesser known Quaker quotations to reflect upon and finally, a small poem about a very small beast.

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, Nov 20.

Month's Query

Query #11 *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 of the Corporation

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION OF FRIENDSHIP FRIENDS MEETING, HELD ON 10TH MONTH, 14TH, 2012

The following Board Officers and directors were present:

- Vice president - Neil Swenson
Treasurer – Ray Treadway
Secretary – Benjamin Hebner III
Director – John Bowles and David Brown

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

- Sidney Lee Kitchens, President
Darryl Waisner, Vice President
Ray Treadway, Treasurer
Hannah Logan Morris, Secretary

The Corporation authorizes Sidney Lee Kitchens, President; Ray Treadway, Treasurer; and Stephen Holland, Assistant Treasurer, as signatories on checking and investments.

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

On 6th month, 3rd, 2012 a change to the By-Laws was approved by the Meeting members;

Article II, section 3

Choice of Directors: New directors shall be nominated by the Monthly Meeting Nominating Committee and approved by consensus of all members of Friendship Friends Meeting who are present at the annual meeting of the corporation or who are present at a special meeting for that purpose. Any directorship to be filled by reason of any increase in the authorized number of directors shall be filled only by consensus of all members of the

Friendship Friends Meeting who are present at the annual meeting of the corporation or who are present at a special meeting for that purpose.

There being no further old or new business, the meeting adjourned, to meet again the 2nd first day in October 2013 as way opens.

Benjamin Hebner III, Secretary.

Friendship Friends Meeting for worship with attention to business 10th month 14th day

Friends approved that Darryl Waisner be clerk for today’s meeting for business and that Dave MacInnes would serve as recording clerk for the day.

The treasurer’s report which was accepted with appreciation. He will be sending out a year by year comparison of income to bring to people’s attention the need to donate. The complete report is attached; a summary follows:

Treasurer’s Report for Ninth Month, 2012, reported on Tenth Month 13, 2012

Table with 4 columns: Fund, Income, Expenses, Ending. Rows include General and All Funds.

Expenses of note during the month: repair and tuning the piano – \$260, 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 – \$78.98; gas – \$10.00; maintenance (fire safety equipment) – \$171.62, and telephone – \$69.26, and water/sewer – \$14.57. The Meeting received one contribution to the property fund for \$50.00 and one contribution to the emergency assistance fund for \$50.00.

For the year (nine months) we have received \$10,146 in the general fund in donations, which is about 45% of our total budget, with three months left in the budget year. 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.

The Meeting House Renovations Funding Committee gave an update.

The Committee asks we talk about our future direction, give prayerful consideration of our future facilities direction of the Meeting, talk with each other and be ready to come to a threshing session at a future date.

Friends accepted the report with gratitude. The report follows.

Over the last 2-3 years the committee has worked on developing a plan for renovation to our meeting house. There have been many committee meetings, meetings with experts, and meetings with local officials. We have gone so far as to present renovation plans to the meeting and they have been met with approval. As we have tried to move forward we have been dealt setbacks. The biggest problem has occurred with any renovation to the basement area. To do anything major in this area will open

a host of zoning questions which will likely intrude on our plans not to mention the structural changes which will be made to the main floor. This task has been frustrating to say the least.

Recently we have pondered over the question of will any type of renovation provide us with a meeting house that meets and fits our need, and still be within a budget in line with the benefits. We also are not totally clear on the true wishes of our membership. As a result, we feel we must offer options for members to digest. After a reasonable time to ponder we recommend the meeting hold a gathering for the purpose of determining our right direction. With clearness on the needs for a meeting house and its members we can move forward toward a goal. The options we bring to you are as follows:

1. Make no structural changes to the meeting house. Remove and replace the deck, porch, ramp, and steps at the front entrance at a cost of approximately \$1800 for materials. Members will complete construction. Maintain our existing building and grounds as in the past.
2. Select the plan from Southern Evergreen which would entail moving walls, kitchen, and library, along with other added cost due to moving space. Approximate cost at the date it was presented was \$150,000-\$175,000. This does not include updating our heating and air conditioning system which is near the end of its expected life.
3. Build a new Meeting House which would be located further from the highway. Estimated cost to build a simple yet practical building would be \$400,000-\$500,000. The

existing meeting house would be retained until completion of the new building.

It is our hope that the meeting will ponder these thoughts and at some time in the near future come together on what is the right direction for us to take in terms of our building and grounds future. We feel the committee needs to be laid down until our right direction is determined.

A number of questions were raised and the corresponding responses were:

- Information gathered by the committee will be put in a file in the office
- Further questions about this topic should come to House and Grounds committee
- There a mechanism to move forward. The Clerk of the meeting has been asked to schedule a threshing session on this topic within the next five months. At this time the Committee is not planning on meeting again.
- The Committee asks we talk about our future direction, give prayerful consideration of the future facilities direction of the Meeting, talk with each other and be ready to come to a threshing session at a future date.

The clerks of Care and Counsel and Ministry and Worship submitted the following report on Care and Counsel/Ministry and Worship joint retreat. The report was accepted with gratitude.

REPORT TO MEETING FOR BUSINESS ON THE RETREAT OF THE COMMITTEES WORSHIP & MINISTRY AND CARE & COUNCIL HELD 9TH MONTH 22ND, 2012

The topic was - *Members One of Another - a new committee year together - Taking a Step Forward.*

We spent time in large group discussions and small group discernment.

We looked over all the things Friendship Meeting does to enhance the worship experience and the life of the community and what is done to be welcoming to visitors. We also discussed ways to be more welcoming to visitors.

Our two committees will be contacting members and attenders individually with a survey to elicit suggestions on how to strengthen the life and growth of Friendship Meeting.

We would like to recommend to Friendship Meeting that the Communications Committee be entrusted with setting up a section of our website for members to log in where personal information that is/will be included on the website would be protected. The committee will also ensure that a version of the newsletter that is absent of personal data will be posted on our website. As well, we recommend setting up a special clerk's email address - clerk@friendshipfriendsmeeting so that personal email addresses are not used and posted on the website and thus would not have to change with each clerk change.

The meeting closed after a few moments of worship to meet again on eleventh month, 11, 2012, as the way opens.

Submitted by Darryl Waisner, Clerk pro tem and Dave MacInnes, Recording Clerk pro tem.

Addition to the Meeting Directory

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Poem submitted by Judy Reece

I Think Mice are Rather Nice

I think mice are rather nice.
Their tails are long, their faces small.
They haven't any chins at all.
Their ears are pink, their teeth are
white,
They run about the house all night.
They nibble things they shouldn't touch
And no one seems to like them much.
But I think mice are nice.

Author unknown

Action Box from Peace and Social Concerns

Congress will soon be making decisions about curbing the federal deficit and debt. The Friends Committee on National Legislation is asking Friends to influence our representatives by urging them to support a balanced approach to reining in the debt, one that requires the Pentagon to cut at least \$1 trillion from its budget over the next 10 years. The Pentagon has grown exponentially in the last decade and can sustain cuts of \$1 trillion over the next decade. Please contact your congressional representatives and ask them to cut the Pentagon's budget significantly in the coming years. This will prevent undesirable cuts to important domestic programs such as health care, education and social services.

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.

Our gracious Creator cares and provides for all his creatures. His tender mercies are over all his works; and so far as his love influences our minds, so far we become interested in his workmanship and feel a desire to take hold of every opportunity to lessen the distresses of the afflicted and increase the happiness of the creation. Here we have a prospect of one common interest from which our own is inseparable — that to turn all the treasures we possess into the channel of universal love becomes the business of our lives.

John Woolman: *A Plea for the Poor.*
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