

# Friendship Times

## Friendship Friends Meeting

### Calendar

Sun, Dec30	9 am Extended Meeting for worship. 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Mon, Dec 31	9 p.m. New Year's gathering and worship to welcome the New Year. -- Meetinghouse
Sun, Jan 6	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sat, Jan 12	8. a.m. -- 12 noon -- Query workshop, Meetinghouse -- All members and attenders are encouraged to participate.
Sun, Jan 13	10 am Group Singing 10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
Sun, Jan 20	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Jan 27	9 a.m. Deepening the Life of the Meeting. 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Feb 3	10:30 am Meeting for Worship

Weekly Meeting for Worship 10:30 am each First Day,. Child care available for Worship and Business Meetings., Midweek Meetings for Worship are held 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

### In this Issue

In this issue, besides the usual business meeting minutes you will find our monthly lesser known Quaker quotation, some pictures of the Meeting Christmas party, a letter from a distant member and requests from our Peace and Social Concerns committee .

### 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, Jan 25.

### Month's Query

Query #1      *Do we faithfully uphold our testimony for worship which is based on silent waiting, and for a free and unprogrammed ministry that may be shared by all? Is there a living silence in which we feel drawn together by the Light of Christ, the power of God in our midst; and is this inspiration carried over into our daily lives? Do we come to meeting with hearts and minds open and ready to worship in silence or in vocal ministry or prayer as the Holy Spirit leads us? Does our Meeting encourage those who may have a gift in the spoken ministry?*

## Minutes

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

Meeting began with a brief period of silent worship.

1. Treasurer's Report summary for Eleventh Month, 2012

Reported on Twelfth Month 9, 2012

Fund	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General	\$ 1,368	\$1,103	\$ 6,767
All Funds	\$ 1,368	\$1,103	\$ 15,293

Expenses of note during the month were the following: child care-- \$36.00, newsletter expenses – \$72.64, regular donation to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses – \$100; contribution to Urban Ministry of Greensboro – \$600.00, electricity – \$100.00; gas – \$79.33; phone – \$69.57, and water and sewer – \$19.16.

In order to meet our budget of \$22,185 for the fiscal year 2012, the Meeting will need contributions of approximately \$9000 in Twelfth Month. Checks can be left in the contribution basket in the Meetinghouse or sent to POB 8652, Greensboro NC 27419.

We approve that we accept the report gratefully.

2. Annual Report on Worship & Ministry Committee December 2012

Worship and Ministry sponsored the annual Christmas Eve service, Twelfth Month 2011 at

Friends Home Guilford. The program, out of the gathered Meeting, included readings and singing. This event is appreciated by Friends Homes residents as well as Meeting members and continues to be well attended.

In Second Month the All Meeting Retreat was held. Members of the Meeting joined QLSP students for a collaborative pot luck with opportunities for meeting members and students to get to know each other. Christina Repoley, a QLSP graduate, shared about her spiritual journey and leadings to work with others in creating Quaker Voluntary Service, of which she is executive director. The retreat also included exploring the following queries: "What draws us to Meeting, Why do we come to Meeting?" The retreat was well attended and Friends enjoyed being together and getting better acquainted.

Our committee continues to offer "Quakerism 101" forums. Topics covered this past spring included a *History and Introduction to Quakerism*, presented by Max Carter; *Quaker worship* presented by Bob Gosney; *Interior Life of Friends*, presented by Carole Treadway and *The role of Yearly Meeting* by Ray Treadway. These forums continue to be of value and interest to meeting members and attenders.

In Ninth Month, Care and Counsel and Worship and Ministry held a joint retreat entitled "Members one Of Another". Our retreat was well attended with a productive planning time for this coming committee year. Members had the opportunity to worship together, as well as get to know each other better.

As the Meeting has approved a change in our process of answering Queries; our committee has scheduled two workshop days for this to occur, First Month 12<sup>th</sup>; and Fourth Month 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

The current members of the committee are; Carole Treadway, Darryl Waisner, Deborah Shaw, Neil Swenson, and Darlene Stanley, Clerk.

“It is our hope that in our Meetings the will of God shall prevail rather than the desires of men. “(London Yearly Meeting, 1960)

### 3. Query Workshop update

- The first workshop to discuss the first six or seven queries will be January 12, 2013, from 8am-12pm. Members and attenders are being asked to help formulate initial responses that will be workshopped on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

### 4. New Year’s Eve

- We will have our usual New Year’s Eve gathering on December 31<sup>st</sup> from 9pm until just after midnight.

### 5. All-Meeting Retreat

- February 23, 2013 (rain date for March 9, 2013)

### 6. Workday Report

- The last Meetinghouse workday was a huge success and we thank everyone who came out to help.

### 7. Rosemary Moon Hebner

- We celebrate the birth of Rosemary Moon Hebner, born to Suebear and Benji Hebner on Sunday, December 2,

2012, and we welcome her into the Meeting community.

The meeting ended with a brief period of silent worship.

### Directory Updates

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News from our member Amanda Szabo:

Things are pretty good in Colorado! My program is really great, challenging, but supportive, fun, and full of really smart cool people. Its finals time now, so things are certainly busy! And I just had a procedure to remove a couple small areas of precancer yesterday. The surgery went fine, I'm walking and not too sore, I just hope it's all gone--dealing with the possibilities of what could happen have been an added stress. The meeting in Boulder is nice, not yet feeling like home (like Friendship), but definitely gives me some quakerness. I split worship time between there and a United Church of Christ congregation.

I would love to hear from Friendship! I miss ya'll.



This year's Christmas Giving tree – for two adults and two children.

**ACTION BOX:** Friends Committee on National Legislation is asking Friends to send the following message to their congressional representatives: **Please cut the Pentagon budget by at least \$1 trillion over the next 10 years, and protect spending on Human Needs programs.**

Also from the Peace and Social Concerns committee

FCNL is asking Meetings to comment on items in the Policy Statement in preparation for revising them next year. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee is going to spend the meeting time at the January meeting (first Sunday, 9:15 a.m.) reviewing and considering 12 queries sent to us by the FCNL staff to prepare comments to return from our meeting. Anyone interested in participating in this process is welcome to join the committee at that time.



Lots of children this year at the Christmas party

## 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.*

In the Quaker waiting silence, there is a freedom and an absence of externally guided order which is both baffling and deceptive to one on first acquaintance with it. Only slowly do the inner forms of discipline make themselves known. ... One thing, however, is clear. This type of free worship can only be creative in a company of people who are intimately aware of and intimately gathered round the living Listener who knows all yet cares, who shares and whose expectation never wavers in its constancy. ... The dilemma which anyone seeking to explain Quaker worship faces is that only when this inner ordering has dropped into the background as we are swept up into the presence of the Listener himself ... can the real significance of the preparation become apparent.

Douglas V. Steere: *On Listening to Another*. (Swarthmore lecture, 1955, pp. 31, 33-6)

Pictures from the Meeting Christmas party



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