

Friendship Times

Friendship Friends Meeting

Calendar

Sun, Feb 3	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Feb 10	10 am Group Singing 10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
Sun, Feb 17	10:30 am Meeting for Worship Forum on the Quaker Leaders Scholars Program after meeting for worship
Tues, Feb 19	Deadline for March newsletter
Sat, Feb 23	8:30 am All Meeting Retreat, Meetinghouse
Sun, Feb 24	9 a.m. Deepening the Life of the Meeting. 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Mar 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, 7th 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, an announcement of our annual All Meeting Retreat, a Directory update, the forums scheduled for the next few months and a request from FGC's Long Range Planning Committee with an invitation to us to join them viewing a video and enjoy dinner with them.

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, Feb 19.

Month's Query

Query 2. Are we faithful in our attendance at meetings for worship and are we careful not to disturb the spirit of the meeting by our late arrival? Is our behavior therein that of open submission to God in silent communion?

Minutes

The meeting began with a moment of expectant waiting: 1st month 2013

Friends approved that Sid Kitchens fill in as recording clerk and Darryl Waisner to act as presiding Clerk for the day.

The 12th month treasurer's report was given by Ray Treadway and accepted with gratitude. A summary follows and the full report is attached.

Treasurer's Report for Twelfth Month, 2012.
Reported on First Month 13, 2013

Fund	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General	\$ 9,925	\$2,186	\$ 14,506
All Funds	\$ 10,025	\$2,186	\$ 23,132

Expenses of note during the month were the following: flowers and stamps for the use of the Care and Counsel Committee – \$82.96, newsletter and postage – \$51.40, travel for two persons to the annual meeting of the Friends Committee on National Legislation – \$200, sandwiches for Urban Ministry – \$184.98 (several months), book for the children's program – \$20.00, supplies and miscellaneous – \$121.29, regular donation to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses – \$100; contribution to Friends Home – \$150.00, contribution to People of Faith Against the Death Penalty – \$150.00, contribution to the Friends Disaster Service – \$400, electricity (end of year) – \$252.30, gas – \$106.75; phone – \$70.00, and water and sewer – \$19.16. The Social Concerns Committee authorized a

contribution of \$250.00 to the immigration rights organization, El Cambio.

The Meeting received two contributions to the emergency assistance fund for \$100.00.

For the entire year (2012), the total income to the general fund was \$22,829 which exceeded the budget for the year by \$644. The total expenses for the general fund were \$19,415.18 because several of the line-items were underspent. The Meeting is grateful for the contributions of many members and attenders, so that we were able to have a balanced budget for the year.

Ray Treadway reported for the Finance committee in presenting the proposed budget for 2013. The meeting approved the budget with gratitude for the Finance committee's work on this budget.

Report of the Finance Committee – Friendship Monthly Meeting - First Month 2013

The Finance Committee met by e-mail to consider the financial report of income and spending in 2012 and to prepare a proposed budget for 2013 for consideration at our business meeting in First Month, 2013. The fiscal condition of Friendship Meeting continues to be relatively healthy. Income to the general fund in 2012 was \$ 22,829, exceeding the 2012 budget by \$644. In addition, our actual expenditures were only \$19,415.18 since the expenses were under budget in a number of categories. It is important to note, however, that our contributions to some of special funds were low and need to be increased in 2013.

In preparing the 2013 budget we contacted committee clerks and others to tell us of expected expenses for 2013. We were informed that some line-items which were under spent in 2012 will nevertheless need additional funds in 2013. We observed that income in 2012 exceeded expenses by approximately \$3400, so that we will have some extra funds to work with. We agreed on the importance of the Friendship community supporting its children to attend New Garden Friends School (or other Quaker schools). This has been our policy for many years. We agreed to budget \$2000 to provide scholarships to New Garden Friends School for children connected to the Meeting, as requested. Since all of the organizations that we support need more money to carry out their important work, the new budget will maintain the amounts which we gave them last year. The budgeted amounts for the various line-items for the meeting house (utilities, maintenance, and insurance) are based on careful estimations or actual amounts.

This budget is cautiously optimistic that donations in 2013 will be slightly higher than those of 2012. We trust that there will a number of persons who have not given in the past but will be able to donate modest amounts in 2013. Overall, we propose a modest increase in the 2013 budget from 2012, from \$22,185 to \$23,535.

Friendship Meeting continues to need the contributions of everyone to allow us to undertake these many activities. We are grateful for the generosity of the Meeting's supporters.

Darryl Waisner gave the annual report for the Hospitality Committee. The report was accepted for inclusion in the minutes. Friends expressed appreciation for the work of the committee

Some comments followed a suggestion of the Hospitality report regarding the importance of a higher level of involvement of the meeting in the annual progressive student dinner that would improve the social interaction between the students and the meetings. It was suggested that the clerk do an introductory talk when students arrive so that students could become more familiar with the history of the meeting. Students would also be asked to introduce themselves and indicate what meeting or faith community they are from. Friends also suggested the clerk contact Max Carter to explain to him the meetings desire to have a small program and some interaction with the students.

The report on the Query Workshop of 1st month 12, 2013 was given by Darlene Stanley and was accepted for inclusion in the minutes.

Darryl Waisner reminded us this year is the 45th year since the formation of the meeting and suggested the meeting may want to plan and organize some sort of celebration. Friends approved this idea and Carole Treadway, Judy Harvey and Darryl Waisner volunteered to help form a planning committee and seek other members/attenders to participate in this committee.

Ray Treadway reminded us of the ongoing work of WM and CC to create a survey to seek input from members and attenders regarding the work and programs of the meeting that is almost ready to be distributed. The survey is

anticipated to be completely ready for distribution within the next two months and folks will be contacted individually to participate by members of the CC or WM.

Meeting closed with a few moments of gathered worship hoping to meet again in 2nd month 10th day if consistent with Divine will.

2013 All Meeting Retreat

Discerning our Future Space: what is our vision for a renovated or new Meetinghouse?

Feb 23, at the Meetinghouse

Alternative date March 9

Friendship Meeting members and attenders are invited to join the Friends General Conference (FGC) Long Range Planning Committee for a viewing of a DVD on diversity "Color Blind" and stay for the discussion that will follow at 3:15pm on Saturday afternoon February 9th. Friends are also invited to stay after the DVD for supper and fellowship. Supper will be provided and begin around 5:30pm. If you plan to join us for supper please bring something to share.

Directory update

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Scheduled Forums

Feb.17th Guilford's Quaker Leadership Studies

Program - Presenter: Evelyn Jaden

March 17th The Biblical basis of Quaker

Testimonies -Presenter: Jim Rouse

April 21 forum topic: Quaker Quest

Presenter: Deborah Seuss, Pastor, First Friends Meeting

This month saw a bit of snow but it was mostly melted in a couple of days.



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.

Yea, though there be not a word spoken, yet is the true spiritual worship performed, and the body of Christ edified; yea, it may, and hath often fallen out among us, that divers meetings have passed without one word; and yet our souls have been greatly refreshed and edified, and our hearts wonderfully overcome with the secret sense of God's power and Spirit, which without words, hath been ministered from one vessel to another.

Robert Barclay: *Apology*, prop II, sect 6, 1908 Phila. ed., p.336.

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