

Friendship Times

Friendship Friends Meeting

Calendar

Sun, Mar 3	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sat, Mar 9	8:00 am All Meeting Retreat, Meetinghouse
Sun, Mar 10	10 am Group Singing 10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
March 15 – 17	PFF annual retreat
Sun, Mar 17	10:30 am Meeting for Worship Forum: The Biblical basis of Quaker Testimonies - Presenter: Jim Rouse
Sun, Mar 24	9 a.m. Deepening the Life of the Meeting. 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Tues, Mar 26	Deadline for March newsletter
Sun, Mar 31	9 am Extended Meeting for Worship 10:30 am Meeting for Worship

Weekly Meeting for Worship 10:30 am each First Day. Child care is 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

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 rescheduled annual All Meeting Retreat, the Hospitality Committee annual report (left out of last month's minutes, the forums scheduled for the next few months and

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, Mar 26.

Month's Query

Query #3 Do we follow the teachings of Jesus and seek the inspiration of His Holy Spirit in our daily lives? Are love and unity maintained among us? Do we cultivate a forgiving spirit, and do we avoid and discourage needless and destructive criticism of others? When differences arise, do we endeavor promptly to resolve them in a spirit of love, honesty, and humility?

Minutes

Monthly Meeting with attention to business

2nd month 10th day, 2013

The Meeting gathered in expectant waiting

The Meeting approved Dave MacInnes as recording clerk for the day.

Ray Treadway presented the Treasurer’s report. There was a brief discussion of the extra amount of electricity needed which was felt to reflect increased use by the meetinghouse of different groups. Those present were glad that the meetinghouse was being used by more groups. The report was accepted with gratitude and is attached to these minutes. A summary follows below.

Treasurer’s Report for First Month, 2013.
Reported on Second Month 10, 2013

Fund	Income	Expense s	Ending Balance
General	\$ 2,365	\$ 1,101	\$ 13,030
All Funds	\$ 2,365	\$ 1,101	\$ 21,806

Expenses of note during the month include sending the newsletter – \$10.68, supplies and stamps – \$92.59, electricity – \$102.88, gas – \$101.55, telephone – \$71.57, water and sewer – \$19.16 and payment for property and liability insurance – \$502.00. From the Social Concerns line-item the meeting made an emergency payment to Duke Energy for \$101.48 to help an unemployed household in a response to a request from Catholic Family Services.

Adjustments were made to fund balances

at the beginning of the fiscal year, following the Meeting's policy that the beginning balance for the year in the general operating fund will be one-half of the annual budget and the beginning balance in the operating reserve will be equal to the annual budget of \$23,535. Funds are adjusted so that the beginning balance of the emergency assistance fund is at least \$2000 and of the contingency fund is at least \$3000. The net result was to move \$2737 out of the general operating fund, to move \$150 into the emergency assistance fund, and to move \$1350 into the general reserve. Our investment in PAX World received no capital gains, but it did receive a dividend of \$382 and an increase in market value of \$373 over the three-month period from October 1 to December 31, 2012.

Contributions to the general fund and to our special funds, particularly the property fund whose balance is only \$1383, would be appreciated. Checks can be made out to Friendship Friends Meeting and sent to POB 8652, Greensboro NC 27419 or left in the contribution basket in the Gathering room.

The Clerk reported that Piedmont Friends Fellowship is still working on becoming a yearly meeting. He wants to know if we should make a meeting wide announcement to see if anyone in the meeting is interested in participating in this process.

The Care and Counsel requests Ray Treadway, convener, Sid Kitchens and Raleigh Bailey be appointed to a clearness

committee for membership for Walton

The Care and Counsel Committee asked for help to support one of our members who needs extra care. Darlene Stanley, Ray Treadway, Carole Treadway, Dave MacInnes and Kembra Howdeshell volunteered.

The naming committee gave a report and this year's Nominating Committee was approved to be Darlene Stanley, Deborah Shaw and Jim Hood.

The all meeting retreat on Discerning our Future Space: what is our vision for a renovated or new Meetinghouse is now

<p>March Birthday</p>

<p>Imani Khamala 3/5/08</p>

Directory update

The address for Breanyn MacInnes until Sept 1, 2013 will be
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Friendship Meeting has received the following from the AFSC Immigrant Rights Program as a result of a recent contribution from the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

Denny. The request was approved.

scheduled for March 9th, Seventh Day, from 8 am to 3 pm at the Meetinghouse. Soup will be provided for Lunch and members are asked to bring side dishes or a dessert. Continental breakfast is available at 8. Childcare will be provided.

Brian Sebastian wrote a letter requesting he be removed from Meeting membership. Those present approved his request and the Clerk will so write him.

Meeting closed with a few moments of gathered worship hoping to meet again in 3rd month 10th day if consistent with Divine will.

Feb. 6, 2013

Dear Friendship Friends:

Thank you so much for your generous contribution of \$200 to support the work of our immigration rights program. This is indeed an important time to support this work! Right now, we are part of an initiative for tuition equality for undocumented students in North Carolina, and we are gearing up- for major work towards a federal policy reform. The support of Friendship Meeting for this work and all of our work towards a more peaceful and just world is greatly appreciated – not just by AFSC as a whole but by me in particular, as a Meeting attender.

*Thanks again, Peace and Light --
 signed Lori Khamala (also signed by Ann Lemon)*

Hospitality Committee Report - 9th Twelfth Month 2012

To accomplish the hospitality committee's purpose of providing a warm, welcoming atmosphere that promotes fellowship at the Meetinghouse, each member of the committee has specific responsibilities. These duties are fulfilled efficiently to the betterment of the Meeting.

On a rotating schedule, members set up refreshments and clean up every First Day following meeting for worship. The committee also sets up potluck lunches that precede Meeting for Business. It is responsible for locking the Meetinghouse.

The committee monitors the use of our building by outside groups. Guidelines for the use of the kitchen are posted over the kitchen sink.

Gay Bowles continues to arrange greeters for each First Day. She gives a reminder call to those who have volunteered. The greeters welcome all who enter the Meetinghouse and remain for a few minutes after Meeting for Worship has started to direct latecomers to the Meeting Room.

Hospitality also coordinates set ups for other events that are scheduled at the Meetinghouse. In the past year, this included a Meeting picnic, the dessert portion of the annual Progressive Dinner to welcome new Guilford College students, breakfast for a Quaker House board meeting, refreshments to augment punch and cookies at a memorial service for Helen Parker at Friends Homes, and the upcoming Christmas party.

Claire Koster purchases supplies for weekly refreshments.

Anne Morris is the House and Grounds liaison, coordinating the cleaning of the Meetinghouse and buying cleaning supplies.

A concern the committee wishes the Meeting as a whole to consider is about the Progressive Dinner. Originally the Guilford College students stayed to visit awhile with our members, to sing, and to learn about our worship. In the past few years, the students have enjoyed our desserts and then returned to campus. If we are to continue this welcome, we would like the Meeting to arrange the new students' time with us so that the visiting and the sharing about Friendship Meeting happen.

Judy Reece, Clerk

FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGE TO ATTEND the Piedmont Friends Fellowship (PFF) Annual Meeting taking place the weekend of March 15-17. Frank Massey will be leading the adult program on the topic of recognizing and supporting spiritual gifts in ourselves and each other. There will be a children's program, a bookstore presentations from Quaker organizations in the late afternoon. The program can be accessed on the PFF website at <http://rtpnet.org/friends/PFF.htm>.

2013 All Meeting Retreat

Discerning our future space: what is our vision for a renovated or new Meetinghouse?

March 9, at the Meetinghouse

8 am continental breakfast

8:30 am gather for Meeting for worship

12 noon lunch – soup and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert

The retreat will conclude at or around 3 pm as the spirit leads.

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 “lone Quaker” is an oxymoron. We are a Religious Society, a gathered people, who in community help each other listen, learn, and follow divine guidance. Our meetings provide encouragement and support. They supply warnings and admonitions when we need them. And, because we are all human, our meetings also provide the laboratory in which we inevitably hurt each other and can also heal, forgive, and learn to live together within God’s enfolding love.

Martha Paxton Grundy, 2001

The way that Jesus lived among men shows us the way that God lives among men and the way in which we are to live with one another. It was a way of fellowship. And fellowship, as Jesus understood it, was not mastery, but a living comradeship which respected the freedom of others and safeguarded instead of crushing out the growth of their personalities. In His intercourse with his disciples, and with others, we always find him respecting personality: He never forced men’s wills or violated their moral freedom.

William Charles Braithwaite, 1921

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