

Friendship Times

Friendship Friends Meeting

Calendar

Sat, May 4	8:30 am Query Workshop
Sun, May 5	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sat, May 11	4 – 7 pm Herbal High Tea on Meeting Lawn
Sun, May 12	10 am Group Singing 10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
Sun, May 19	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Tues, May 21	Deadline for June Newsletter
Sun, May 26	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, June 2	10:30 am Meeting for Worship

Weekly Meeting for Worship 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

9 am fifth First Day (when there is one),
Extended Meeting for worship.

In this Issue

In this issue, besides the usual business meeting minutes you will find our monthly lesser known Quaker quotation, some changes to your directory and an announcement about an Herbal High Tea coming to the Meetinghouse lawn.

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, May 21.

Month's Query

Query #5 *Do we regularly attend our meetings for business, and are they held in a spirit of love, understanding, and forbearance? Do we seek the right course of action in humble submission to the Authority of Truth and in the patient search for a sense of unity under Divine guidance?*

Minutes

Meeting for worship with attention to business

Fourth month, 14, 2013

The Meeting gathered in expectant waiting. Dave MacInnes was approved to be recording clerk for the day.

Jim Hood reported that he spoke with Wilson Sheldon chief executive officer of Friends Homes Inc. about the possibility of gaining a right of way for the Meetinghouse from Arcadia Drive. They were not interested in providing a right of way but Wilson indicated that they would be very interested in selling both lots to Friendship. Jim will to speak with Wilson about the costs for each single lot.

Ray Treadway gave our monthly treasurer's report. The report was accepted with gratitude and is attached. A summary follows.

Treasurer's Report for Third Month, 2013, reported on Fourth Month 14, 2013

Fund	Income	Expenses	Ending
General	\$ 2,510	\$2,861	\$ 10,877
All Funds	\$ 2,610	\$2,861	\$ 19,803

Expenses of note during the month:
newsletter – \$29.88, child care – \$72.00,

sandwiches for Urban Ministry – \$79.57, supplies – \$122.08, donation to American Friends Service Committee – \$600, donation to Friends Committee on National Legislation – \$600, donation to Friends World Committee – \$600, donation to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses – \$100, electricity – \$102.92, gas – \$114.74, telephone – \$72.00, water and sewer -- \$30.50, and heating and cooling contract – \$250.00. Adjustments were made for expenses from the Social Concerns budget of \$35.57 for supplies and \$50.00 for a contribution to the No More Deaths campaign. There was a contribution to the emergency assistance fund for \$50 and to the property fund for \$50.

Contributions to the Meeting for the first three months (\$5,650) can be compared to the amount needed (\$5,900) to maintain the Meeting's budget. The property fund has a balance of only \$1433 and additional funds are needed. 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 BASKET ON A TABLE IN THE GATHERING ROOM.

- Our Peace and Social Concerns Committee asked that the meeting adopt a minute of opposition to proposed changes to death penalty laws that would be on our website

and that potentially could be sent to our state legislators and as a letter to the editor. They will bring it to the entire Meeting at a called meeting for business on fourth month, 21.

- Ray Treadway noted that Friendship has two events this week which brought to us the general secretaries of two Quaker organizations. This gives us a chance to get know what is going on in the wider Quaker world

On 4/11 Shawn Cretin, the general secretary of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), came to the Meetinghouse to help us consider Immigration rights. In addition to Shawn, there were several panelists addressing the issue of immigration rights.

4/13 we met with Esther Mombo from Kenya. A Quaker educator, Ester gave a talk on letting the living waters flow, the theme of the most recent Friends World Committee Conference meeting. Esther was accompanied by Robin Moore, executive secretary of FWCC.

Claire Koster presented a proposal to invite New Garden Friends School folks to join us at a to be announced date for a first day for worship (and potluck). As a result of her proposal, Friends discussed the need to strengthen our connection with NGFS. The following are willing to meet and talk about ways to accomplish this: Claire Koster, Judy

Harvey, Neil Swenson, Judy Reece and Joan Tillotson.

The Nominating Committee proposed the following names to serve on the Meetinghouse planning committee and the Meetinghouse fund raising committee

Planning Committee

Richard Phillips, Juliette Smith, Neal Swenson, Mae Brown, Don Smith and Carey Reece

Meetinghouse Fundraising Committee

Kembra Howdeshell, Jim Hood, David Brown and Judy Harvey

Friends approved the Nominating Committees suggested names.

Darryl Waisner has decided to step down from Worship and Ministry committee after server for seven years as a member of this committee and recently as clerk of the committee. We are grateful for and appreciate his faithful years of service.

Meeting closed with a few moments of gathered worship hoping to meet again in 5th month 12th day if consistent with Divine will.

Dave MacInnes, Recording Clerk for the day

Sid Kitchens, Clerk of the Meeting

Herbal High Tea

May 11th, 4pm - 7pm

Join us in the sunlight and fragrant flowers of the Friendship Meeting lawn for a high tea complete with lavender scones, strawberries and basil cream, calendula-mascarpone-stuffed dates, cucumber-cress sandwiches, and rosepetal tea. Fascinators, top hats, elbow-length gloves, and impractical footwear highly encouraged. There will be live music as well as a photo booth complete with fetching props.

Admission \$10. All proceeds benefit the Joy Circle's creation of an edible/medicinal/tea garden in this very space, for the use and pleasure of all.

Please call [310 254 8417](tel:3102548417) to RSVP so we can arrange plenty of food and tea for all!

Meeting Directory changes

POYNTON, Brian & Betty (676-6194) 6100 W. Friendly Ave., # 2311, Greensboro, NC 27410; poyntonbrianp311@gmail.com (Brian) and ejp4@fastmail.fm (Betty)

New phone number for Sid Kitchens

919 616 9697 This would be the number to use if you need Sid in his capacity as Meeting House Scheduler or as Clerk of the Meeting.

Deborah Shaw will be continuing to use 336-273-2199

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.

...Organization is a good servant but a bad master; the living fellowship within the Church must remain free to mould organization into fresh forms demanded by its own growth and the changing needs of the time. Where there is not this freedom the Church has its life cramped by ill-assorted clothes, and its service for the world becomes dwarfed or paralysed.

William Charles Braithwaite, 1905

The Church is not simply, in the Quaker conception, a fellowship of disciples at work for the Kingdom of God; it is such a fellowship *plus* Jesus Christ Himself, in whose spirit, the spirit which unites them one to another and to Him, they become together "one flock, one Shepherd".

William Charles Braithwaite, 1912

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