

Friendship Times

Friendship Friends Meeting

Calendar

Sun, June 2	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, June 9	10 am Group Singing 10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
Sun, June 16	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, June 23	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Tues, June 25	Deadline for June Newsletter
Wed, June 26	Deadline for Yearly Meeting Registration
Sun, June 30	9 am fifth Extended Meeting for worship. 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, July 7 - 28	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
July 10-14	NC Yearly Meeting at Wilmington NC

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

Month's Query

Query 6 Do we endeavor by example and precept to cultivate in our children a sense of openness and expectancy about life, and to aid them in their growth in spiritual understanding and moral discernment? Do we share with them the faith that guides the practice of Friends, while encouraging them to develop their religious insights as the Spirit of God may lead them?

Query 7 Do we endeavor to live in the life and power that takes away the occasion of all war, seeking to do our part in the work of reconciliation between individuals, groups, and nations? Do we faithfully maintain our testimony against nuclear and all other military preparations, the bearing of arms, and all participation in war?

From the Editor

The newsletter covers both June and July. My intention is to distribute the Eighth Month newsletter no later than the last Sunday of that month. Material should be submitted, preferably by email, no later than Tuesday, July 23.

Minutes

**Friendship Meeting Monthly Meeting for
Worship with attention to Business, Fifth
Month 12, 2013**

The meeting opened with a period of expectant waiting worship.

Friends **approved** that Neil Swenson serve as presiding clerk and Deborah Shaw as recording clerk for the day.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report for Fourth Month, 2013 was received with gratitude. The summary follows and the report is attached

Fund	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General	\$ 855	\$ 2,369	\$ 9,562
All Funds	\$ 1,405	\$ 4,869	\$ 16,337

Expenses of note during the month: Friends Journal advertisement (1 year) – \$66.00, costs for the newsletter and web site – \$154.00, sandwiches for Urban Ministry – \$175.15, child care – \$84.00, donation to North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative (second payment) – \$1500.00, donation to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses – \$100, electricity – \$102.92, gas – 110.97, telephone – \$72.00, and water and sewer – \$4.59. The Meeting received contributions to the emergency assistance fund of \$550.00 and gave out emergency assistance in the amount of \$2500. During the time period from First

Month to Third Month, our investments in Pax World increased in market value by \$3063.54.

For the year (four months) we are under the expected budget amount by roughly \$1300. The balance in the Emergency Assistance Fund is only \$150.00 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 in the gathering room at the Meetinghouse

Nominating Committee

The preliminary report of the Nominating Committee was handed out. Friends were requested to share any feedback with the committee by the fifth of Sixth Month, prior to our Sixth Month business meeting, when the committee will present its final report. The committee was reminded that the position of Treasurer needs to be filled by a member of the meeting.

Officers

Clerk: Sidney Lee Kitchens
Co-clerk: Neil Swenson
Treasurer: Stephen Holland
Assistant Treasurer: Ray Treadway
Recording Clerk: Hannah Logan Morris
Membership/Statistics Recorder: Claire Koster
Assistant Membership Recorder: we're suggesting that this position be filled by the Recording Clerk

Board of Directors

President: Sidney Lee Kitchens
 Vice President: Neil Swenson
 Treasurer: Stephen Holland
 Secretary: Hannah Logan Morris
 Directors: Jim Hood, Darlene Stanley, David Brown, Judith W. Harvey

Committees

Audit: George White, Dave MacInnes
 Care & Counsel: Ray Treadway, Judith W. Harvey, Raleigh Bailey, Lissa Carter, Bonnie Parsons; meeting clerk/ex officio
 Communications: Dave MacInnes - newsletter, Chris Nelson - web
 Finance: George White, Stephen Holland, Ray Treadway
 Handbook: Dave MacInnes, Claire Koster, Ted Benfey
 Hospitality: Claire Koster, Judy Reece, Darryl Waisner, Christy Hopkins, Jesse Garvin
 House & Grounds: Joan Tillotson, Richard Phillips, Carey Reece, Jim Hood, David Parsons
 Meetinghouse cleaning schedule coordinator: Anne Morris
 Supplies purchaser: Deborah Shaw
 Sandwich coordinator: Marilyn White
 Greeter coordinator: Judith W. Harvey
 Library: Carole Treadway, Anne Rouse
 Peace & Social Concerns: Sheri Grace, Marilyn White, Joan Tillotson, Judy Reece, Dennis Dressler
 Religious Education: Kembra Howdeshell, Anne Morris, Sheri Grace, Hanna Passmore Hobson
 Worship & Ministry: Darlene Stanley, Carole Treadway, Deborah Shaw; meeting clerk/ex officio
 Calendar Coordinator: Sidney Lee Kitchens/Neil Swenson

Meetinghouse Fundraising Committee: Kembra Howdeshell, David Brown, Jim Hood, Judith W. Harvey

Meetinghouse Planning Committee: Richard Phillips, Carey Reece, Mae Brown, Juliette Smith, Don Smith, Neil Swenson

Representatives:

Yearly Meeting Representative: Claire Koster, Deborah Shaw
 Piedmont Friends Fellowship: Joan Tillotson, Richard Phillips
 Quaker House: David Barron
 Friends Committee on National Legislation: Marilyn White
 Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee: Sidney Lee Kitchens

Care and Counsel

On behalf of Care and Counsel, committee clerk Claire Koster shared the following "Process for determining inactive members" which the committee would like to have included in the handbook.

Process for determining inactive members:

1. The Care and Counsel Committee will send to persons, who (a) are distant or who are local but whom we have not seen at Meeting for a year and (b) have not contributed over a period of a year, a letter of greetings once a year in December. The letter will ask the correspondent to let us know how she or he is doing, as a way of keeping in touch.
2. Contact with the Meeting will include coming to Meeting for Worship or communicating with the clerk, recorder, treasurer, or clerk of the Care and Counsel Committee. If contact is made, then the recorder should be informed. If we don't hear back for two successive years,

then the person should be sent a formal letter, asking specifically about the option of being classified as "inactive."

3. If we get a response agreeing to being changed to inactive membership or if we don't get any response in two months, then the person could be put on the inactive list.

Contributing to the Meeting is encouraged in the annual treasurer's letter, but some are simply not able to send money. It should not be necessary to contribute money in order to be considered as an active member. Having some sort of contact with the Meeting is the key issue.

Some flexibility on how we determine the status of inactive membership will be allowed.

Friends **approved** that the statement be added to the handbook.

Ministry and Worship

Ministry and Worship clerk Darlene Stanley shared the following modified recommendation for close of meeting practice:

After thoughts, Joys & Concerns – Proposal brought forward from last committee meeting. After breaking Meeting, the clerk would ask for after thoughts, joys and concerns if anyone wants to share. After an appropriate period of time, the clerk would then begin the process of introducing ourselves and making announcements.

Clarification was given that the steps of this practice will take place after the close of meeting, recognizing that even though the meeting has closed, the Spirit is still present and will guide us in upholding one another in the

community as they voice joys, concerns, and afterthoughts.

Friends **approved** the recommendation for a trial period of three months, beginning in Eighth Month. Ministry and Worship will assess how the change is going and report back to the meeting.

House and Grounds

Carey Reece reported that the committee will be repairing the ramp to the shed and working on the front deck at some point. The day that happens will also be a meeting workday and will be announced shortly.

A concern was raised that the two recently named and approved ad hoc meetinghouse committees had not yet met. In response to this concern the following Friends agreed to convene the following two committees: Kembra Howdeshell will convene the Meetinghouse Fundraising Committee. Carey Reece will convene the Meetinghouse Planning Committee.

A concern was raised about the Nominating Committee practice in the handbook which requires the Nominating Committee to name clerks of committee. The suggestion was made that the Nominating Committee would name conveners for each committee who would then gather the committee, and the committee itself would discern its own clerk. It was agreed that this issue should be revisited before the next nominating committee is named. The current Nominating Committee agreed to bring a proposal addressing this to the Sixth Month business meeting.

Friends **approved** the request from the Children's Business Meeting to hold a bake sale

Fifth Month 19, 2013 to raise funds for Pyu Pyu's education at Guilford Technical Community College.

Request for Membership

The meeting was delighted to receive a request from Lissa Carter to explore membership in Friendship Meeting. The request is forwarded to Care and Counsel Committee, which will bring names for a membership clearness committee to next month's business meeting for approval.

Friends were reminded that the 21st of Sixth Month is the strict deadline for Friends planning to register for and attend sessions of North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative).

The meeting closed with a time of worship.

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.

Nationalism, sovereignty, conventional patriotism, are all breeders of war. It is the Quaker's concern to counter all these in-breeders of war where he may -- to help his countrymen think non-nationally on international matters, to be inventive and patient in the search for alternative

procedures, and to suggest by deed and word an alternative way.

A conspicuous example has been the foreign service of Friends in recent years. Two major wars and minor ones have made the need for physical aid tragically abundant. The British Friends Service Council and the American Friends Service Committee, separately and together, have intervened in these situations not out of humanitarianism alone but to give expression to the positive alternative to war. Their service is not part of the war effort. In this it differs sharply from the political use of food, clothing, and technical assistance to "win friends and influence people." Its aim is to be friends rather than to win friends. It is especially concerned to cross the frontiers of hatred, suspicion, and rivalry. Its disinterestedness is to be seen when it labors on both sides of a civil war, a world war, or a cold war. Only persevering years of such experience can establish to an incredulous enemy nation, past or potential, the distinctive character of Quaker service. Here is a language other than force that can be understood by Jew and Catholic, by Arab or Hindu, by persecutor and persecuted, by fascist and communist. In such service it is particularly true that "the gift without the giver is bare."

Henry J. Cadbury: "Peace and War." in *The Quaker Approach to Contemporary Problems*, ed. John Kavanaugh, 1953.

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