

Friendship Times

Friendship Friends Meeting

Calendar

Sun, Sept 29	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Oct 6	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns meet
	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Oct 13	10 am Group Singing
	10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows followed by meeting of the Friendship Friends Meeting Corporation, followed by Monthly Meeting for Business
Sun, Oct 20	9 am Deeping the Spiritual Life of the Meeting
	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Tues, Oct 22	Last day to send newsletter material to Editor
Sat Oct. 26	Representative Body of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative at Davidson Friends Meeting
Sun, Oct 27	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Nov 3	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns meet
	10:30 am Meeting for Worship

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

In this Issue

The minutes for Ninth Month's meeting for worship with a concern for business are in this issue. You will also find news from the library committee, and several reports from various committees and individuals.

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, October 22.

Month's Query

Query #10: *Do we endeavor to live in harmony with nature? Are we careful in our stewardship of the world's irreplaceable resources?*

Young Friends Tenth Month Birthdays

Aiden Getties (son of Lissa Carter)
10/2/2004

Minutes

9th Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

September 8, 2013

Meeting began with a brief period of silent worship.

1. Treasurer’s Report, Eighth Month, 2013

Fund	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General	\$ 522	\$ 764	\$ 10,903
All Funds	\$ 847	\$1,534	\$ 16,653

Expenses of note during the month include a yearly subscription to Pendle Hill pamphlets for the library – \$30.00; newsletter printing and postage – \$16.54, our regular donation to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses –\$100, electricity – \$102.92, gas – \$10.00, telephone – \$66.48, and water and sewer – \$14.77. We paid \$670.00 to take down and dispose of the wind-blown tree in the front yard, with \$300 coming from the general fund (maintenance) and \$370 coming from the property fund. The \$400 received in the previous month for a special project was disbursed in this month. We received two contributions to the emergency assistance fund for a total of \$200, while \$125 was received for the property fund.

For the year (eight months) we have received \$10,930 to the general fund in donations, while we should have received approximately \$15,690 to maintain our budget. At the end of the month, the property fund balance was a negative \$150.00 and specially designated contributions are needed.

2. Announcement from Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee is concerned about not frivolously spending money that could be put toward the building fund. Therefore, we will trim down our after-meeting offerings to crackers, peanut butter, cream cheese, cheese, and hummus. Drinks will continue as they are.

Any other members and attenders may add to this by bringing other offerings of treats and fruit as they feel moved. We would welcome all additions.

3. Reports from Yearly Meeting

- A report from Judy Reece (see later in this issue of Friendship Times) was read about the NCYM-C Youth Program.
- Ray Treadway gave a report from NCYM-C Yearly Meeting. A summary follows.

The theme was Maintaining Unity with the Bond of Peace. There were many well-attended programs and special interest groups. Sheri Grace led an interest group on migrant workers in North Carolina. Yearly Meeting was attended by about 100 people, 25 of whom were children. Several issues arose in Business Meeting that are of interest to Friendship meeting:

- The Yearly Meeting was asked to write a letter expressing concern about the recent state legislative actions that limit access to health care, education, and other social welfare programs. Monthly Meetings were encouraged to write similar letters.
- A process to revise the NCYM-C Faith and Practice discipline is now in place. Deborah Shaw is serving on the Discipline Revision Committee.

- The Yearly Meeting pays for all children to attend Yearly Meeting in full, which put a financial strain on the budget. Yearly Meeting will be looking at how to continue with this opportunity in the future.
- Nancy Craft from Virginia Beach will be the new clerk. Margie Dingman from Durham will be the assistant clerk. Gwen Gosney Erickson is the recording clerk.
- Ministry and Oversight discussed how named elders and ministers operate in the Yearly Meeting.
- NCYM-C has been approached by individuals who would like to be members of NCYM-C without being members of monthly meetings. Ministry and Oversight is looking into how to deal with these requests.

4. Report from Care and Counsel

Darlene Stanley, Neil Swenson and Judith Harvey met with Lissa Carter on August 24, 2013. Her clear understanding of her Quaker heritage and upbringing, her own spiritual journey that seeks to follow Friends' openness to the light in all, and her concern for the spiritual well-being of her children touched us at a deep level. Lissa feels a strong sense of support for her sons and herself at Friendship Meeting as well as from New Garden Friends School and her family. This community of support is instrumental in her desire to belong to Friendship Meeting. Lissa feels her sons will be grounded in Quaker spiritual practices and testimonies as she participates in Friendship. She looks forward to contributing to Friendship. Lissa is beginning a master's degree program in art therapy at Appalachian this fall. As she undertakes this work, the support of her community is a blessing in her life. We joyfully recommend Lissa Carter for membership in Friendship Meeting.

Report to Care and Counsel from the clearness committee for membership for Mike Scott.

Jim Hood, Hannah Morris and Carole Treadway met with Mike Scott on 8-16 to consider his membership in Friendship Friends Meeting. It is clear to us that Mike's journey has brought him to the Religious Society of Friends and to Friendship Meeting. He is nurtured by meeting for worship and seeks to live according to the faith and practice of Friends. He values his growing relationship with those who are a part of our meeting life. He expressed a desire to learn more about Friends and to become more active in the meeting in ways consistent with his gifts and leading.

- Friends approved that Lissa Carter and Mike Scott be accepted for membership.
- Darlene Stanley, Ray Treadway, Carole Treadway, and Kembra Howdeshell were approved to be part of the welcoming committee for Lissa Carter and Mike Scott.

5. Library Committee Annual Report

2012-2013

The most significant event to report for the year is the move of the library from the room it has occupied since 1987 to the room that has served as office in order to make more room for children's programs. It has turned out to be a very positive change for both the children and the library. The smaller office space is still quite adequate for the library needs, except for storage space, and has proven to be a welcoming and comfortable place to browse and read. The room also serves as a meeting place for committees and it still houses the telephone, file cabinet, mailboxes, and office supplies.

Twenty-five books and pamphlets were added to the collection, and several titles that were no longer needed were removed. With the exception of the *Pendle Hill Pamphlets*, for which the library has a subscription, almost all of the books added were donations. Thus a very small portion of the library budget was used. Occasional notices about titles of particular interest were published in the *Friendship Times*.

Books added to Friendship Library, 2012-2013

- Benfey, Christopher. *Red Brick, Black Mountain, White Clay: Reflections on Art, Family, Survival*. New York: Penguin Press, 2012
Biography BI/Ben
- Boulding, Kenneth. *There Is a Spirit: The Nayler Sonnets*. New York: Fellowship Publications, 1945 **Spiritual Life** SL/Bou
- Boulton, David. *Godless for God's Sake: Nontheism in Contemporary Quakerism*. Dent, Cumbria, UK: Dales Historical Monographs, 2006. **Quaker Faith & Practice** QFP/Bou
- Brooks, Geraldine. *Caleb's Crossing: A Novel*. New York: Viking, 2012. **Fiction** FI/Bro
- Chase, Steve. *Letters to a Fellow Seeker: A Short Introduction to the Quaker Way*. Philadelphia: Quaker Press of Friends General Conference, 2012. **Quaker Faith & Practice**. QFP/Cha
- Chilton, Bruce. *Rabbi Jesus: An Intimate Biography*. New York, Doubleday, 2000.
Christianity CHR/Chi
- Crompton, Margaret. *Nurturing Children's Spiritual Well-Being*. **Pendle Hill Pamphlet 419**, 2012
- DeGrote-Sorensen, Barbara. *'Tis a Gift to Be Simple: Embracing the Freedom of Living with Less*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 1992. **Spiritual Life** SL/De

Durham, Geoffrey. *The Spirit of the Quakers*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2010

Quaker Faith and Practice QFP/Dur

The Experience of War: Residents of Friends Homes Tell Their Stories. Volume 3. *From Tolstoy' War and Peace (early 1800s) to Our Own Time*. Theodor Benfey, ed. Greensboro: Friends Homes at Guilford, 2012. **Biography** BI/Exp

Finn, Charles C. *John Yungblut: Passing the Mystical Torch*. **Pendle Hill Pamphlet #417**, 2012

Gates, Thomas. *Reclaiming th Transcendent: God in Process*. **Pendle Hill Pamphlet # 422**, 2013

Haines, Pamela. *Waging Peace: Discipline and Practice*. **Pendle Hill Pamphlet #420**, 2012

Hart, David. *The Psychology of a Fairy Tale*. **Pendle Hill Pamphlet #210**, 1977

Hinshaw, Seth B. and Mary Edith. *Quaker Women of North Carolina*. North Carolina Yearly Meeting, **Biography** BI/Hin

Hinson, E. Glenn. *A Miracle of Grace: An Autobiography*. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2012. **Biography** BI/Hins

Irish, Donald P. *Awareness of Death, Preparation for Living*. Philadelphia: Religious Education Committee, 1976 **Spiritual Life** SL/Iri

Palmer, Parker J. *A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey toward an Undivided Life*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2004 **Spiritual Life** SL/Pal

Pryce, Elaine. *Grief, Forgiveness, & Redemption as a Way of Transformation*. **Pendle Hill Pamphlet, #416**. 2012

The Quaker Tapestry and the North American Quaker Tapestry: The First North American Tour. The Quaker Tapestry (Also, The Quaker Tapestry Guide in Colour, 1981-1992)

Quakers on the Move: A Storybook of Quaker History from 1652 to Today. Philadelphia: Religious Education Committee of FGC, 1996. **Young Friends/Quaker History** YF/QH/Qua

Rembert, Ron B. *Queries as Prayers.* **Pendle Hill Pamphlet #423**, 2013

Schenck, Patricia. *Living our Testimony on Equality: One White Friend's Experience.* **Pendle Hill Pamphlet #415**, 2012.

Shetter, William. *Some Thoughts on Becoming Eighty-five.* **Pendle Hill Pamphlet # 418**, 2012

Stone, Hank. *The Gift.* Rochester, NY: Rush-Henrietta Central School District, Network Publishing Center, 1999. **Young Friends/Fiction** YF/FI/Sto

6. Request for Building Use

- Sidney Lee Kitchens requested that a 12 Step Bible Study group use the meetinghouse on 4th Fridays from 7-8:30pm. The group has offered to make a small donation to the meeting.
- Although the meeting was supportive of the idea, there was concern expressed about how this might affect Guilford College's Quaker Leadership Scholars Program meetings. We will look into how this might affect their meeting schedule, and table this request until next month.

7. Letter from Amanda Szabo

- Amanda Szabo sent a letter requesting a clearness committee for marriage. Her request will be considered by Care and Counsel.

8. Yearly Meeting Discipline Revision Committee

- Yearly Meeting would like a liaison between each monthly meeting and the Discipline Revision Committee.
- Sidney Lee Kitchens was approved to be Friendship Meeting's liaison.

9. Welcome for New Members

- There will be a welcome picnic for new members Walt Denny, Stephen Holland, Lissa Carter and Mike Scott on Sunday, September 22 at 4pm at the meetinghouse.

The meeting ended with a period of silent worship.

Report on NCYM-C Youth Program, 2013 by Judy Reece (condensed for reason of space – editor)

My granddaughter and I went to yearly meeting together this year. As an attender at Deep River Friends Meeting in High Point, the other yearly meeting, this would be a new experience for Hannah Jane, and I would be the only person she would know. Because of this, I spoke with the two adult leaders of the youth program, Goldie Walton of Wilmington Meeting and Andrew Wright of Durham Meeting, ahead of time, offering to help with the kids' program one part of each day.

When all were gathered, there were about 24 kids from ages 4 to 17. They worked as one group all week and had a fabulous time. That first afternoon we walked down the beach at Fort Fisher to find the 17-year home of a hermit. Though he died in the 70's, we found his WWII concrete bunker. It was a hot walk and brought up many questions about how a man could be so disenchanted with society to live there!

On Sixth Day, the morning beach trip was a wash-out due to rain, lots of it. So the children stayed inside Cameron Hall. The afternoon boat ride on Cape Fear River was also cancelled. Alternate plans were made to a Serpentarium, where I joined them. Lots of snakes, big and small!

Seventh Day was the service learning morning for the youth group. I went with them to the NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher. Their challenge to clean a dock was changed because all the rain made the area too mucky. So we were sent onto the beach with reusable bags and gloves to collect small pieces of trash that the turtles and birds might eat. Finding many little items does not fill up a bag!

After lunch, we went to the intergenerational Bible Study led by Lloyd Lee Wilson. He had a Bible story acted out by kids and adults which was followed by a discussion. Following that Hannah Jane and Ian went to the youth program where they were finalizing plans for their play presentation that night.

Alternatives to Violence Project was the main event for everyone on Seventh Day night. The leader, Rubye Braye, was excellent with young and old alike as she worked us through activities. The children definitely felt they were equals.

On First Day, the children came in near the end of meeting for worship. The leaders sent them in 2, 3, or 4 at a time which worked wonderfully. Their epistle was read as well as others and the closing minutes. And then it was time for Hannah Jane and I to say good bye.

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Some minor changes - John Bowles is now in room 202 Section Southern Rose in Camden Place. Gay Bowles has moved to apartment E-103 in the same apartment complex where she and John lived before, at 1921 New Garden Road.

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