

Friendship Times

Friendship Friends Meeting

Calendar

Sun, Oct 27	9 am Deeping the Life of the Meeting 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Nov. 3	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Nov 10	10 am Group Singing 10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
Sun, Nov 17	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Tues, Nov 19	Last day to send newsletter material to Editor
Sun, Nov 24	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Dec 1	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship

Weekly Meeting for Worship at 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. Brown bag lunch at the Meetinghouse is Wednesday at noon followed by a brief period of worship

In this Issue

Two sets of minutes can be found in this issue, one for the Corporation Meeting and one for Tenth Month's Meeting for Worship with a concern for business. You will also find an announcement from PFF and a lesser known Quaker quotations to reflect upon and finally, some thoughts and observations from your editor.

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, Nov 29.

Month's Query

Query #11 *Do we reverence that of God in every human being with concern for the needs of each individual? Are we seeking to rectify existing social injustice and racial discrimination in our local communities and in the world at large?*

Meeting Birthdays:

Holland, Claire

11/3/04

Yvar Gettties (son of Lissa Carter 11/23/08)

Minutes of the Corporation

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION OF FRIENDSHIP FRIENDS MEETING, HELD ON 10TH MONTH, 13TH, 2013

The following Board Officers and directors were present:

Sid Kitchens
Ray Treadway
Hannah Logan Morris
David Brown
Judith W. Harvey
James Hood

Other members present were: Neil Swenson, Ted Benfey, Dave MacInnes, Carole Treadway, Deborah Shaw, Claire Koster, Don Smith, Kembra Howdeshell, Carey Reece, Judy Reece, Bonnie Parsons, Kim Carlisle, Darlene Stanley, Mae Brown, David Brown, George White, Marilyn White, Pat Loring and Joan Tillotson

The Meeting approves, with no dissent, the following officers and directors of the Corporation who are:

Sidney Lee Kitchens, President
Neil Swenson, Vice President
Stephen Holland, Treasurer
Hannah Logan Morris, Secretary

Directors: Jim Hood, Darlene Stanley, David Brown, Judith W. Harvey

Friendship Friends Meeting authorizes Stephen Holland, Ray Treadway, or Sidney Lee Kitchens to undertake financial transactions for the Meeting. Each alone can write checks on

and make deposits to our checking account and also can make investments to and request withdrawals from our PAX World account.

The Meeting was reminded that the Corporation is a body recognized by the State of North Carolina to respond to legal matters as needed.

There being no further old or new business, the meeting adjourned, to meet again the 2nd first day in 10th month 2014 as way opens.

Hannah Logan Morris, Secretary

10th Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

October 13, 2013

Present: Sidney Lee Kitchens (clerk), Neil Swenson, Judith Harvey, Ted Benfey, Dave MacInnes, Ray Treadway, Carole Treadway, Deborah Shaw, Claire Koster, Don Smith, Kembra Howdeshell, Carey Reece, Judy Reece, Bonnie Parsons, Jim Hood, Kim Carlyle, Darlene Stanley, Mae Brown, David Brown, George White, Marilyn White, Pat Loring, Joan Tillotson and Hannah Logan Morris (recording)

Meeting began with a brief period of silent worship.

1. Letter Granting Sojourner Status

- We received a letter from Third Haven Friends Meeting in Easton, Maryland, granting Anne Rouse sojourner status at Friendship Friends.
- We accepted Anne Rouse as a

sojourning member.

2. Report from Nominating Committee

- Darlene Stanley read a report from the Nominating Committee. The report follows.
- In addition to the report, Darryl Waisner requested to no longer serve on the Hospitality Committee.
- Stephen Holland will take over as Treasurer on January 1, 2014. Ray Treadway will continue to serve as Treasurer through the end of the fiscal year, and then serve as Assistant Treasurer on January 1, 2014.
- The additions and changes were approved.

Nominating Committee Report

Nominating Committee recommends the following people be added to the following committees:

- Stephen Holland, Treasurer
- Ray Treadway, Assistant Treasurer
- Anne Rouse, Worship and Ministry
- Lissa Carter, Care and Counsel
- Mike Scott, House & Grounds

3. Treasurer’s Report

Ray Treadway presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month of September

Treasurer’s Report for Ninth Month, 2013.

Fund	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General	\$ 1,445	\$1,666	\$ 10,681
All Funds	\$ 2,695	\$1,666	\$ 18,437

Expenses of note during the month: ear-marked donation from the Peace and Social Concerns Committee to the American Friends Service Committee’s NC Immigration Program – \$250; donations to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses –\$100; Friends Center at Guilford College – \$600.00, Friends Historical Collection – \$300, Guilford College – \$150, and NC Friends Historical Society – \$50; electricity – \$102.92; gas – \$10.00; telephone – \$66.48, and water/sewer – \$14.93. The Meeting received contributions to the property fund for \$400.00, to the emergency assistance fund for \$550.00, and to the building fund for \$300.00.

For the year (nine months) we have received \$12,375 to the general fund in donations, which is about 55% of our total budget, with three months left in the budget year. 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 contributions basket on the table in the gathering room.

4. Report from Care and Counsel

- A report from Care and Counsel was read naming a marriage clearness committee for Amanda Szabo and David Huff.
- The committee was approved

Report from the Care and Counsel Committee

To Friendship Friends Meeting for Business on October 13, 2013

The Care and Counsel Committee has received a request to form a marriage clearness committee for Amanda Szabo and David Huff,

for their proposed marriage in 2015. The Care and Counsel Committee recommends the following persons to serve:

David MacInnes, convener, Hannah Logan Morris, Anne Morris, Stephen Holland, and Hillary McCormick.

Each of these persons has agreed to serve on this committee.

6. Update from Meetinghouse Planning Committee

- Carey Reece presented a recommendation from the Meetinghouse Planning Committee.
- The concept the committee has presented is to build a separate building on the existing property, behind the current meetinghouse. This new building would be a new meeting room, about 1000 square feet, connected to the current building. As a second phase, the current building could be renovated according to our other needs, such as First Day School and social gatherings. Cosmetic changes could be made to the front of the existing building to match the style and aesthetics of the new meeting room. We would also approach Friends Homes about purchasing or leasing part or all of the adjacent properties on Arcadia Drive to help improve accessibility to the meetinghouse property.
- Any questions and ideas can be directed to Neil Swenson for the committee to take up.
- We approved that the committee will explore this concept, with great appreciation for their work so far.

7. Letter from Midweek Meeting

Midweek Meeting Report to Friendship Meeting

Dear Friends, 9/2013

Given that you announce Friendship Midweek Meetings at the conclusion of each First Day Meeting for Worship, we have thought it was only right that we should send you an occasional report giving you details of our gatherings.

We meet 7.30 - 8 pm each Wednesday evening in the Prayer Room on the seventh floor of Woolman Hall, directly opposite the apartment of Priscilla and Mel .Zuck. The Zucks have taken major responsibility in maintaining this Meeting and have attended our gatherings almost every Wednesday they are in town.

The Midweek Meeting has mainly served members of Friendship Meeting currently residing at Friends Homes, but has also been welcomed by some members of New Garden Friends Meeting, First Friends, and Goldsboro Meeting (Florence Scott). Attendance has tended to vary from six to eleven.

More recently Guilford students Faith Krech, Kenny Ball, and Don Snyder attended and were warmly welcomed by us. Faith had been in Israel/Palestine in one of Max Carter's groups. And each summer Sid Kitchens has joined us with his mother-in-law for several Meetings. We have lost Florence Scott who died very recently, and two faithful attenders, Ruth Bailey, now in Whittier, and Nancy Kimmons who has moved to Fry Hall assisted living.

At times our Clerk Sid Kitchens and former Clerk Dave MacInnes have joined us and occasionally it has been useful for committees or members of support groups to meet at the conclusion of Meeting. Yet at times we have felt out of touch with our parent Meeting. We would welcome more attendance by members of Friendship Meeting.

Signed, Priscilla and Mel Zuck, Ted Benfey

- The clerk will write a letter to Midweek Meeting in response.

8. Wednesday Bag Lunches

- Friends will resume meeting on Wednesdays at noon in the meetinghouse for bag lunch and worship sharing.

9. Worship with John Bowles

- Worship and Ministry is helping to arrange worship with John Bowles at Camden Place, about once a month on Tuesday evenings. If Friends are interested in participating, please contact Darlene Stanley.

The meeting ended with a period of silent worship.

Piedmont Friends Fellowship
FALL RETREAT

**Re-Envisioning Our System of Justice
Through Matthew 18**

Presenter: Scott Holmes - Quaker lawyer from Durham

Date: November 2nd, 2013

Location: Davidson Friends Meeting, 625 South Street, Davidson, NC

Time: 9am - Noon

Lunch provided

Sid Kitchen and Deborah Shaw's current email address is sidneyleek@hotmail.com

Your editor has recently come across several interesting Biblical passages which relate to Friends' interest in service to the world (this month's query). They are:

Psalms 79 v.11

Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die;

Psalms 103, v.6

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

If you speak in Meeting will you be heard?

Friends are encouraged to read the article "The Friend is Not Heard" by Louis Cox in this October's issue of *Friends Journal*. We have a number of those attending Meeting who no longer hear well. If I may point out, there are more ways to speaking than loudly or softly, although many of us do speak too softly. As a teacher of large groups I have learned about the value of facing your audience, speaking with projection, speaking clearly and slowly and so on. I am not sure where the practice of standing to speak came from but it is very helpful in speaking to large groups. I never lecture sitting down, you just can't project your voice. A few caveats I use in teaching my students how to talk to an audience: stand up, face your audience, lift up your head, open your mouth wide and speak as if you were talking to the back of the room, not the person in front of you.

Dave MacInnes

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 up 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 social testimony of the Society of Friends did not arise out of any doctrinaire theory of human rights or of the nature of a just society. As the living experience of the inward light of Christ became a reality to the first followers of George Fox, a force moulding character and making all things new, they found that ... the many forms of social injustice witnessed around them "struck at their life" and could no longer be tolerated.

It was from this central experience that they sought a new order of human relationships in the humdrum tasks of earning a living and in their contacts with their workpeople and customers. ... In their own business relationships they sought to maintain a simple and steadfast integrity, determining to make or sell only things of good quality. The apprentice in the shop, the serving girl in the home, the labourer at the plough, each was a human personality, lit with a spark of the divine light, and, therefore, demanding respect. ... The earliest social testimony was eminently practical, setting a new standard to be followed by Friends in all their business activities -- a standard of quality in the goods handled, a standard of fairness and consideration in their dealings with all men.

Industry and the Social Order Conference 1958: Preparatory Document 2,
Friends and the Industrial and Social Order.

Our newest members, Lissa Carter, Walt Denny, Mike Scot and Stephen Holland at the Meeting welcome party.



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