

Friendship Times

Friendship Friends Meeting

Calendar

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
Sun, Dec 8	10 am Group Singing 10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
Sun, Dec 15	10:30 am Meeting for Worship, 4-6 pm Christmas Party - Meetinghouse
Sun, Dec 22	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Tues, Dec 24	7 pm, Christmas Eve, Friends Home Guilford living room
Thurs, Dec 26	Last day to send newsletter material to Editor
Sun, Dec 29	9 am Extended Meeting for worship. 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Tues, Dec 31	9 pm – 12 New Year's Eve gathering at the Meetinghouse
Sun, Jan 5	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
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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, 7 th floor Woolman Hall, Friends Homes Guilford. Brown bag lunch at the Meetinghouse is Wednesday at noon followed by a brief period of worship.	

In this Issue

In this issue, besides the usual business meeting minutes you will find our monthly lesser known Quaker quotation, and several announcements of the Meeting Christmas party, Christmas eve service and our New Year's Eve gathering.

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 Thursday, Dec 26.

Month's Query

Query 12 Do we welcome newcomers and non-members to our meetings? Are they encouraged to share in Meeting activities and to consider membership when they are in agreement with the principles and practices of Friends? Are our younger members appointed to committees and encouraged to share in other responsibilities of the Meeting? Do we visit one another frequently, remembering those who may be lonely? Does this visitation and caring extend beyond the members of our own Meeting?

Young Friends Twelfth Month Birthdays

Mia Jolly	12/14/04
Demitri Herold	12/15/04

Abbreviated Minutes

Friendship Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, 11th Month 9th 2013

Meeting began with a brief period of silent worship.

Dave MacInnes was approved as recorder for today.

Treasurer’s Report for Tenth Month, 2013

Fund	Income	Expense s	Ending Balance
General	\$ 835	\$ 2,202	\$ 9,314
All Funds	\$ 935	\$ 2,697	\$ 16,675

Expenses of note during the month were the following: newsletter – \$30.39 (two months), child care - \$72.00, supplies \$12.71; regular donation to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses – \$100; contribution to Friends General Conference – \$350.00; support of New Garden Friends School – \$600.00, contribution to Pendle Hill – \$500.00, contribution to Quaker Earthcare Witness – \$150, electricity – \$102.92, gas – \$14.19, phone – \$66.48, and water – \$19.68. The Social Concerns Committee authorized donations to the Friends Emergency Materials Assistance Program – \$150. Furthermore, we spent \$350 from the building fund for a survey of the property and \$145 from the property fund for completing the removal of the tree along New Garden Road. The Meeting received one contribution to the building fund of \$50 and a contribution to the emergency assistance fund of \$50. The Pax World Fund reported an

increase in the market value of \$3,566.82 for the third quarter of the year.

For the year (ten months) we have received about \$ 13,200 to the general fund in donations, which is about 55% of our total budget.

Annual Report of the Religious Education Committee November 10, 2013

Committee membership: Kembra Howdeshell (clerk), Sheri Grace, Hanna Hobson, and Anne Morris

The Religious Education Committee focused its efforts on First Day Activities for the children of the meeting in the past year. We were fortunate to have several nurturing and reliable Guilford College students working as childcare providers during First Day School. During First Day School, the childcare provider generally plays with the youngest children and assists with activities associated with the lesson. We usually offer childcare during meeting for business, although it is infrequently utilized. Cate Schurz and Isabel Elliot assisted the meeting as childcare providers in the Fall semester of 2012, and both graduated from Guilford College in May 2013. Juliette Smith and Elizabeth Croce assisted with childcare during the spring semester 2013.

In January, we identified several individuals in the meeting who were willing to serve as First Day School leaders on a given Sunday each month. Currently, we have four individuals who are volunteering as leaders each month: Sheri Grace, Hanna Hobson, Anne Morris and Kembra Howdeshell. This arrangement has helped to

curb the problem of one or two individuals taking on most or the responsibility for lessons. As always, we welcome the assistance of others in the meeting who would like to share a story or activity with the children.

In early 2013, Hanna Hobson initiated the Children's Meeting for Business during First Day School on the Second Sunday of the month. Hanna had the experience of participating in Children's Meeting for Business at Durham Friends Meeting when she was a child. One activity the children planned and coordinated was a bake sale to raise money for Pyu Pyu Aung to attend college this fall. The children were very excited to contribute the baked goods and, especially, to collect money during the sale. The bake sale raised a total of \$142.00.

The Religious Education Committee and the children have appreciated having more space in the First Day School room after the meeting library was moved into same room as the office. We thank Carole Treadway and the Building and Grounds committee for moving the furniture.

Finally, the Religious Education committee thanks Carol Treadway for facilitating the Deepening the Life of the Meeting First Day activity for all members/attenders of the meeting on the fourth Sunday of each month. The committee welcomes ideas of other spiritual enrichment activities for adults in our meeting.

CARE AND COUNSEL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT, 11th Month, 2013

Present members: Raleigh Bailey (interim clerk), Judith Harvey, Bonnie Parsons, and Ray Treadway

The Care and Counsel Committee continues to meet regularly and has had occasional joint meetings with the Ministry and Worship Committee. The two committees worked on responses to several Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight queries and a joint retreat was held early in 10th month.

Committee members identify members and attenders with special health concerns, challenges, or extended absenteeism, to assess if there are additional ways for Meeting to be supportive. Committee members appreciate assistance from other Meeting members with this outreach.

The committee assisted in completing and compiling the Meeting survey this year which led to a Meeting retreat.

The committee developed and implemented a process for following up with inactive members. The process involves sending out a friendly letter in 12th month to those persons who are distant or who are local but have not been coming to Meeting, and asking to let us know how he or she is doing. If we don't hear from someone we will follow up more formally asking if being designated as an inactive member might be appropriate. The process was approved at the Fifth Month Business Meeting. As a result of following this process, 27 members were moved to inactive status in eighth month.

The Care and Counsel Committee facilitated the formation of separate membership clearness committees for four persons who asked to become members during the year. The Monthly Meeting formally welcomed two persons to membership in Sixth Month and two others to membership in Eighth Month.

Joan Tillotson gave a report as our representative to **Quaker House**.

As a representative of Friendship Meeting, I have attended two Board Meetings; Aug. 7 and Oct. 19. The meetings were held in Chapel Hill Meeting and Charlotte Meeting. Our goals have been: support the work of Quaker House and its staff, review goals for our directors, review long range directions and move forward with fund raising.

Steve and Lynn Newsom are the new directors as of May 2012. An addition to the staff is the director of Quaker House Domestic Violence Support Program; Joanna primarily serves people at Fort Bragg. Two other people, Steve and Lenora, are directors of the Telephone Counseling program. Currently there are 14 call centers in the country, of which three are major. I feel that Quaker House is the most important of all. One third of all the calls go there. Fund raising will be carried out by staff and board members. Information on current needs is available on the table in the gathering room.

I want to list a few of the contacts Lynn and Steve have made in the last three months:

- two house concerts: "Music Helps spread Quaker Houses' Message of Peace"
- Fayetteville Umoja festival
- VA Hospital's Military and Community
- Stand Down for homeless vets
- Berea Friends Meeting in Cincinnati.
- Chapel Hill Meeting House
- attended NAACP meetings
- attended National Coming Out Day
- conducted two Alternatives to Violence Projects workshops
- Board meeting of the CARE Center Family Violence Program

- Coastal Carolina Neuropsychiatric Center in Fayetteville
- Numerous fund raising events, youth needs, etc.

Copies of the latest report from Steve and Lynn are also available.

Joan also gave a report on the activities of the **Piedmont Friends Fellowship** given below.

The Fall Retreat was held Nov. 2, 2013 at the new Davidson Meeting House. George and Marilyn White also attended. The morning speaker was Scott Homes, a lawyer/professor at Duke. He has been active helping with the folks who have been detained at the Monday Moral Majority gatherings. Lunch was followed by the PFF Board meeting.

Issues discussed:

- continued discussion of the role of PFF: its past, present and future
- Karen Garraputa, representative from New Garden Meeting, gave an extensive committee report. A teleconference call was made to five folks, three of them high school age. Information was collected and a request for procuring a coordinator position is under serious consideration. I am a member of this committee.
- Planning for the Spring Retreat: It will be held at New Garden Meeting on March 14-16. They discussed the topic for the retreat and who should be the speaker. John Huner, Clerk of PFF, suggested George Leaky, a well-known speaker on topics related to conflict resolution. John will follow up immediately. FMM will be contacted regarding details of this retreat.

A letter of transfer of membership for Howard L. Taylor and B. Grace Sullivan was received from Hanover Friends Meeting and shared with

those attending today. The Meeting approved the transfer of Howard and Grace. There was some discussion about how we should welcome our transfers and it was decided to ask Care and Counsel Committee to come up with suggestions.

Darlene Stanley from the Ministry and Worship committee read from our 6th month minutes the decision to end Meeting first with a handshake followed by a period for afterthoughts, cares and concerns before introductions and announcements are made. It has been three months since this new practice has been instituted. There was an extended discussion on when to break meeting with a handshake and if there should be a description on what is meant by afterthoughts, joys and concern.

Friends were comfortable of breaking meeting with a handshake and then moving into afterthoughts, joys and concerns. Worship and Ministry will help the clerks with the timing of the handshake and what to say before asking for afterthoughts, joys and concerns. Another issue raised is for the Worship and Ministry Committee to consider vocal ministry as a forum topic.

Volunteers were sought to organize Meeting Christmas party on December 15 and our

traditional New Year's Eve gathering. Claire Koster volunteered for Christmas party and would like someone from First Day School. The clerk will ask Mae Brown to help. The New Year Eve's gather does not need organizing and will proceed as in the past.

Announcements: on Tue Dec 24 at 7 pm, the Meeting will hold our Christmas Eve service in Friends Home Guilford living room

FRIENDSHIP MEETING'S CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 15, 4 TO 6 P.M.

THERE WILL BE REFRESHMENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The committee is still looking for folks to take part in the program, so please email Claire Koster at HJKOSTER@AOL.COM, or let Sid Kitchens know.

Come with some finger foods to share.

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 Society of Friends can make its greatest contribution to community by continuing to be a *religious* society -- I mean, by centering on the practice of corporate worship which opens itself for continuing revelation.

Parker J. Palmer: *A Place called Community*, PH Pamphlet #212, 1997, p 27

The local meeting thus needs to devise situations in which young members can find their place: the ideal Young Friends' group is not a *class*, but a team of workers. Older Friends, accustomed to waiting for the individual to offer his services under concern, may need to think with special tenderness of their younger members, and to make plans for their shapeless concern to find a form. A sense of concern may grow while the work is being done: and if it does not, the experience will not be lost: most education proceeds on the assumption that by doing one thing, we acquire the readiness to do another.

Howard Loukes: *Friends and Their Children*, 1969

The NC yearly meeting discipline revision committee is working on revising our book of *Faith and Practice*. They have sent us several questions and would like input from our meeting. Hopefully we can think about them and sometime within a couple of months can compose an answer to send back to them.

Questions:

How is this book (NCYMC Faith and Practice) now used in your meeting? When do Friends turn to the Discipline and in what ways does it meet their needs (or fail to meet their needs) when they do?

From our Worship and Ministry Committee

The annual Christmas Eve service will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday Dec. 24th in the living room at Friends Home Guilford. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the service.

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