

Friendship Times

Friendship Friends Meeting

Calendar

- Fri, Jan 31 1 pm Memorial Service for Dorothy Nielsen, Friends Homes Guilford Living Room, reception afterward
- Sun, Feb 2 9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Feb 9 10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
- Fri, Feb 14 All Meeting Retreat
Sat, Feb 15
- Sun, Feb 16 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Forum on the Quaker Leaders Scholars Program after meeting for worship
- Tues, Feb 19 Deadline for March newsletter
- Sat, Feb 22 2 pm Memorial Service for David Bowles, Meetinghouse
- Sun, Feb 23 9 am Deepening the Life of the Meeting.
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Weekly Meeting for Worship 10:30 am each First Day,. Child care available for Worship and Business Meetings., Midweek Meetings for Worship are held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, in the Prayer Room, 7th floor Woolman Hall, Friends Homes Guilford

In this Issue

In this issue, besides the usual business meeting minutes you will find an announcement about the upcoming All Meeting Retreat, our monthly lesser known Quaker quotation, times for Dorothy Nielsen's memorial service, a Directory update, a request from the Peace and Social Concerns as well as the Meeting's response to the first query.

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, Feb 18.

Month's Query

Query 2. Are we faithful in our attendance at meetings for worship and are we careful not to disturb the spirit of the meeting by our late arrival? Is our behavior therein that of open submission to God in silent communion?

Summary of Minutes

1st Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business first month 12, 2014

Meeting began with a brief period of silent worship.

1. Treasurer's Report for Twelfth Month, 2013.

Reported by Ray Treadway on First Month 12, 2013

Fund	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General	\$ 7,425	\$ 1,812	\$ 14,555
All Funds	\$ 7,625	\$ 1,812	\$ 22,707

Expenses of note during the month were the following: newsletter and postage – \$106.66, one book for the library – \$16.57, child care – \$90.00, supplies and miscellaneous – \$186.72, regular donation to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses – \$100; contribution to Friends Home – \$150.00, contribution to People of Faith Against the Death Penalty – \$150.00, contribution to the Friends Disaster Service – \$400, electricity (end of year) – \$0.00, gas – \$107.75; phone – \$66.59, and water and sewer – \$34.61 (two months). The Social Concerns Committee authorized a contribution of \$165.00 to Urban Ministry of Greensboro. The meeting spent \$170.99 (Social Concerns and Worship and Ministry) to buy Christmas gifts for the family we were supporting.

Below summarizes the income and expenses for the entire 2013 fiscal year.

	Beginning balance	2013 Budget	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$11,767.50	\$23,535.00	\$21,560.16	\$18,772.91	\$14,554.75
All Funds	\$20,543.36		\$26,685.16	\$24,431.71	\$22,796.81

The Meeting received two contributions to the emergency assistance fund for \$100.00 and one contribution of \$100.00 to the building fund.

This past year, we had additional contributions to some of the special funds, particularly the emergency assistance fund (\$3025), to cover unexpected circumstances for several of our members and attenders.

The Meeting is grateful for the contributions of many members and attenders, so that income exceeded expenses in 2013.

2. 2014 Budget Report

- The Finance Committee has not completed the budget for 2014. They request the authority to pay bills for January. They will bring a proposed 2014 budget at Meeting for Business in February.
- The request was approved.

3. Meetinghouse Planning Committee Report

- Neil Swenson gave an update on the Meetinghouse Planning Committee's conversation with Friends Homes about the adjacent properties on Arcadia Dr.

- The Meetinghouse Planning Committee finds it best to continue with the original plan, and will work with the Meetinghouse Renovations Funding Committee to explore funding for an expansion of our current meeting space on our current property.
- Any additional questions should be directed to members of the Meetinghouse Planning Committee.

4. Annual Report from Hospitality Committee

Hospitality's purpose continues to be to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere that promotes fellowship at the Meetinghouse. The committee works to accomplish that with each member of the committee fulfilling specific responsibilities. These duties are fulfilled efficiently to the betterment of the Meeting.

On a rotating schedule, members set up refreshments and clean up every First Day following Meeting for Worship. They take the trash and recycling bins out to the curb. The committee also sets up potluck lunches that precede Meeting for Business. It is responsible for locking the Meetinghouse.

The committee monitors the use of our building by outside groups. Guidelines for the use of the kitchen are posted over the kitchen sink.

Judy Harvey is arranging greeters for each First Day. She gives a reminder call to those who have volunteered. The greeters welcome all who enter the Meetinghouse and remain for a few minutes after Meeting for Worship has started to direct latecomers to the Meeting Room.

Hospitality also coordinates set ups for other events that are scheduled at the Meetinghouse. In the past year, this included a Meeting picnic, the dessert portion of the annual Progressive Dinner to welcome new Guilford College students, and the Christmas party. When other

special occasions arise requiring refreshments, this committee is available to provide them.

The committee was very pleased this September with the planning of the Progressive Dinner. Upon arrival, the Guilford students were greeted and entertained in the Meeting Room. This gave them an opportunity to learn about our Meeting and meet some of our folks. Following this time, the bountiful supply of desserts provided by our Meeting members was enjoyed by the students.

Claire Koster purchases supplies for weekly refreshments. Anne Morris is the House and Grounds liaison, coordinating the cleaning of the Meetinghouse. Deborah Shaw buys the cleaning supplies.

One concern of the Hospitality Committee is the dwindling number of committee members. We each take one First Day, taking turns with the months with five. Kembra Howdeshell helps with clean-up on the second First Day. We could use extra help on every First Day and when members are ill or out of town.

5. Worship with John and Gay Bowles

- Many members and attenders gathered last Tuesday to worship with John and Gay Bowles at Camden Place. We will continue to hold them and Nan and Sandy and their family in the Light after the loss of their son and brother David.

6. Friendship Friends New Year's Eve Vigil Report

- The New Year's Eve vigil was small and intimate this year and enjoyed by those who attended.

7. Memorial Service for Dorothy Nielsen

- Dorothy Nielsen died January 9 at 9am. She was 98 years old.
- There is a memorial tentatively being planned for February 1.

8. Upcoming meeting gatherings and events

- Query Workshop 1st month 18th from 8:30 to noon (breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:15)
- Forum on Vocal Ministry, January 19th, sponsored by Worship & Ministry, presented by Carole Treadway and Deborah Shaw. The forum is expected to last 45 minutes to an hour. Friends are welcome to bring a bag lunch.
- The All-Meeting Retreat is scheduled for February 14 and 15.
- A memorial service for David Bowles is being planned for February 22nd at 2pm at the meetinghouse.

Directory update

Susan Carlyle's new email address
ursacarlyle@gmail.com

Answer to First Month query taken from the query workshop on First month 18, 2014

Meeting for worship continues to be the foundation of the spiritual and communal life of Friendship Meeting. We find the silence to be dynamic and nurturing, and we are often blessed by vocal ministry that inspires messages from other members and attenders. The Worship & Ministry committee reflected on our practice of breaking meeting this year, and revised our process by transitioning quietly from worship to a time of joys and concerns at the appointed hour. This change has allowed us to preserve the wholeness of the time of worship, while at the same time providing a period of time for personal sharings still grounded in the silence. As part of this transition, we also discontinued the practice of afterthoughts because of a concern that this might be in tension with vocal ministry. We have also scheduled a forum to deepen our understanding in the Meeting of the discernment process in vocal ministry.

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.

I believe that Meeting for Worship has brought the same awareness to all who have seen and understood the message that everyone is equal in the sight of God, that everybody has the capacity to be a vessel of God's word. There is nothing that age, experience and status can do to pre-judge where and how the Light will appear. This awareness -- the religious equality of each and every one -- is central to Friends. Early Friends understood this and at the same time they fully accepted the inseparable unity of life, and spoke against the setting apart of the secular and the sacred. It was thus inevitable that religious equality would be translated into the equality of everyday social behaviour. Friends' testimony to plain speech and plain dress was both a testimony of religious equality and a testimony of the unacceptability of all other forms of inequality.

Ursula M. Franklin: "Perspectives on Friends' Testimonies in Today's World," 1979

The Spiritual Path to a new Meetinghouse

All Meeting Retreat at the Meetinghouse

Friday Feb 14 gather from 7:30- 9pm

Sat Feb 15 8:30 am - 3pm

8:30 am bagels and coffee (provided)

The retreat will begin at 9am Saturday Feb 15.

Soup and bread lunch along with beverages will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring a dessert or salad.

Child care will be provided, parents letting Worship and Ministry members Neal Swenson, or Darlene Stanley, or Ann Rouse know if you plan to attend would be helpful.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Peace and Social Concerns ACTION BOX

Please bring in the following food item to go to First Friends Food Pantry during the month of February

Canned soup

Memorial Service for **Dorothy Nielsen**

Friday January 31, 2014

1:00 - 1:45 or 2 p.m. (as way opens), Memorial Service in the manner of Friends, Friends Homes Guilford, Living Room

2:00 - 3:15 Reception at Friends Homes Guilford

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Interment New Garden Friends Cemetery

Remember the big snow of 2010, just before Christmas? It looked something like this.



Now all we have is a dusting of snow and lots of cold weather.

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