

Friendship Times

Friendship Friends Meeting

Calendar

Sun, April 27	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sat, May 3	8:30 am Query Workshop
Sun, May 4	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, May 11	10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
Sun, May 18	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Tues, May 20	Deadline for June Newsletter
Sun, May 25	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
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Weekly Meeting for Worship 10:30 am each First Day. Child care is available for Worship and Business Meetings., There is a Midweek Meeting for Worship on Wednesday at 7:30 pm, in the Prayer Room, 7th floor Woolman Hall, Friends Homes

In this Issue

In this issue, besides the usual business meeting minutes you will find our monthly lesser known Quaker quotation, answer to this month's query, some changes to your directory, some familiar faces of our children, a birth announcement and a nice description of Pathways Center

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, May 20.

Month's Query

Query #5 *Do we regularly attend our meetings for business, and are they held in a spirit of love, understanding, and forbearance? Do we seek the right course of action in humble submission to the Authority of Truth and in the patient search for a sense of unity under Divine guidance?*

Minutes

Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

- Dave MacInnes was approved to record minutes in place of Hannah Logan Morris for today's meeting

Stephen Holland gave the treasurer's report. The summary is included and the full report attached. The report was accepted with gratitude.

Expenses of note in March were \$102 from Religious Education for childcare, and \$126 from Worship and Ministry for expenses for the Retreat (supplies and honoraria for the speakers). Expenses for the Meeting House totaled \$440. Four supporting contributions totaling \$3000 were paid in March: \$600 to American Friends Service Committee (AFSC); \$600 to Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL); \$600 to Friends World Committee; and \$1200 to Quaker House.

Income in March was \$910 to the General Fund and \$400 to the Emergency Assistance Fund.

Summary for March 2014

	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$910	\$3,734	\$8,902
All Operating Funds	\$1,310	\$3,734	\$19,013

- Joan Tillotson gave a report on Quaker House board meeting 3/1/14, also on the PFF Conference and the work of PFF.

Quaker House Board Meeting, 3/1/2014

As a representative of the Meeting I attended the March meeting held at New Garden Friends Meeting. The agenda included reports from the Clerk, Treasurer, House Directors, Telephone Counseling Program and fund raising. The directors, Steve and Lynn Newson and Joanna, director of Domestic Violence Support Program are doing an exceptional job. Each three months there are more telephone calls, individuals at workshops and more requests for workshops. A few of these are Quaker Initiative To End Torture, QUIT and North Carolina Stop Torture Now, NCSTN. The successful first Alternative to Violence Project workshop was held in Charlotte.

Piedmont Friends Fellowship Spring Retreat, 3/14-16

Over 85 children, youth and adults attended. The Friday evening program as a performance of *Go Granny D!* The presenters took us on a cross country trip with a 92 year old woman. Peace was her mission, thanks to lots of help from folks along the way. On Saturday, the program was on compassionate listening. The leader wove the lecture, questions and answers and couple participation easily and in an

inspiring way. There were youth programs and daycare for the children. The evening program was a tour of the cemetery with Max Carter. First Day brought the usual worship time followed by the biannual meeting. We attended worship with new Garden Friends Meeting. We thank the Meeting for wonderful food and accommodations.

PFF Representative Board held their quarterly meeting. There were committee reports. All is going well. The news about the concern to make PFF a yearly Meeting was given by Marian Beane, Clerk of the Yearly Meeting Formation Committee. The committee is looking toward March 2015 as the time for consideration of this issue by all meetings. The document to be sent out will include the history of PFF, proposed vision and core elements for a Faith and Practice. A copy of their report is available.

Sid Kitchens reported on meeting with the Peace and Social Concerns committee to try and discern how best to implement the recently approved Pathways outreach project.

- The Meeting approved that we should have Susan Carlyle and Howard Taylor and Grace Sullivan meet together with the committee for the next three months to decide how to fit the Pathways project into the meeting structure.

Susan Carlyle presented a poster she prepared telling about Pathways Center and encouraged friends to help either with the meal or in donating items to the Center. Further information on items needed may be found in the monthly and weekly newsletters.

Dave MacInnes gave the Audit committee report: The Committee met last month and went over the previous year's financial records. We find everything in good order and commend our past Treasurer for his diligence and effort.

George White, Dave MacInnes, committee Clerk

- We received a letter from Juliette Tompkins Smith requesting membership in the Meeting. The Meeting approved forwarding the letter to the Care and Counsel Committee.

The Meeting considered a report from last month's forum concerning revisions suggested by the yearly meeting Revisions Committee.

- The Meeting approved the work done in that forum session to be sent back to the Revisions Committee for their consideration.

It was felt we would need at least two more sessions to get through the first part of the current set of Faith and Practice revisions sent out by the Revisions Committee. Sid

Kitchens will send out a request to our membership via Doodle seeking possible times and dates to gather and continue this work.

Dave MacInnes was thanked for making a very nice wooden box that will be in entrance room area for contributions to the meeting.



There are a number of new members, sojourning, transferred or otherwise, who we would like to be formally welcome to the Meeting. It was decided to hold a party for new members Grace Taylor, Howard Taylor, Kim and Susan Carlyle, Susan Wilson, and Anne Rouse and ask the Care and Counsel Committee to organize the event.

Ray Treadway reported briefly on the recent Friends World Committee for Consultation events which transpired recently in our area. They were described as rich and rewarding for attendees of the events.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

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 where the love of God is verily perfected and in the true spirit of government watchfully attended to, a tenderness toward all creatures made subject to us will be experienced, and a care felt in us that we do not lessen that sweetness of life in the animal creation which the great Creator intends for them under our government.

John Woolman: *The Journal*, entry for 2nd day, 6th month, 1772

Announcement

Joseph's little sister Margot Josephine Logan Morris was born today at 4:27pm. She's beautiful, 6 lbs 5 ozs and 19 1/4 inches long. We are all healthy. Thank you for all your prayers and love and light.

Hannah and Anne

P.S. We do have a small registry at Babies R Us, mostly for very practical things. You can find us by searching for Hannah Morris in Greensboro NC. Please don't feel obligated to send any gifts!

The pictures show two of the Meeting's children enjoying their time at the Guilford chemistry lab where they worked at creating a chemical magic show.



May birthday

Herold, Sierra (Granddaughter of Anne Cassebaum) 5/3/98

Meeting Directory changes

New emails

Mark Schame mschama@live.com

David Brown davidbrown@gmx.com

Corrections

Apartment number for Francis Coyle is 3308

Meeting treasurer email

fmmtreasurersph@gmail.com

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

Query #5 *Do we regularly attend our meetings for business, and are they held in a spirit of love, understanding, and forbearance? Do we seek the right course of action in humble submission to the Authority of Truth and in the patient search for a sense of unity under Divine guidance?*

The business meeting is the place that our committees can bring concerns for consideration by the membership. We have a yearly schedule for committee reports and each session of the business meeting has an agenda. However, we attempt to be open to "new business" that may spontaneously occur and to have willingness to spend the time necessary to address issues as they may arise. We find it helpful that our Clerk sends out the meeting agendas ahead of time. Possibility for state of the society

We wish we had more members attending our meetings for business. While some members have job or family commitments which sometimes prevent them from coming, all should be able to attend some time during the year. We need to remind ourselves that a meeting for business is also a meeting for worship, not just a time to consider decisions.

Our business meetings are held in a spirit of patient listening. When unexpected issues arise we endeavor to be responsive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We hope that love and understanding is always there. Seeking the right course of action is our goal, although we are not always successful in finding it. When a decision is to be made all choices are considered and unity, through Divine guidance, is diligently sought.

The Pathways Center of Greensboro Urban Ministry and Friendship Friends Meeting

The Pathways Center began operation in 1981. Their current location at 3517 N. Church Street has been used since July 2002. Pathways provides temporary housing for 16 homeless families, mostly women and their children. Each family has a private living space. The lounge, TV room, computer room, laundry room, and meditation room are share by the families staying at the center.

Pathway's primary purpose is to provide a safe environment for families while they are searching for other housing. There is no fee to stay at Pathways. This allows residents to pay off back bills and to save money for deposits. Families come to Pathways due to a variety of reasons such as eviction from housing they

could not afford, living in overcrowded housing and domestic problems.

While at Pathways, each family participates in case management to establish a plan for moving out of the center. There is ongoing after school tutoring provided by Guilford College students as well.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

- gently used towels, washcloths, bedspreads, sheets, blankets and pillows.
- gently used dishes and glassware, pots and pans, cooking and eating utensils
- school supplies
- cleaning supplies
- mops and brooms
- diapers
- deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and shampoo
- Greensboro Transit Authority bus tickets
- monetary contributions

We will plan on preparing a simple meal to be served at 6 pm on Monday May 19th and Monday June 23rd and to provide some simple children's activities while we are there as well. We are also encouraged to share the meal with the families on our chosen meal date and to engage in conversation together.

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