

Friendship Times

Friendship Friends Meeting

Calendar

Sun, Oct 26	9 am Deeping the Life of the Meeting 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Nov. 2	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Nov 9	10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
Mon, Nov 10	We serve meal at Pathways
Sun, Nov 16	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sat, Nov 22	2-4 pm Meeting work day
Sun, Nov 23	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Tues, Nov 25	Last day to send newsletter material to Editor
Sun, Nov 30	9 am – extended Meeting for Worship (5 th First Day) 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 at 7 pm on Wednesday, in the Prayer Room, 7th floor Woolman Hall, Friends Homes Guilford

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 pictures from a Meeting sponsored dinner at Pathways, news about a new organization and finally, some thoughts and observations from your editor about the life of Clarence Parker.

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 25.

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?*

Our Children's Birthdays

Holland, Claire	11/3/04
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Minutes of the Corporation

HELD ON 10TH MONTH, 12TH, 2014

The following board officers and directors were present: Neil Swenson, Stephen Holland, Judith W. Harvey, David Brown, Hannah Logan Morris

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

FRIENDSHIP INCORPORATED OFFICERS	FRIENDS	MEETING
President.....	Sidney Lee Kitchens	
Vice President.....	Neil Swenson	
Treasurer.....	Stephen Holland	
Secretary.....	Hannah Logan Morris	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

David Brown
Judith W. Harvey
James Hood
Darlene Stanley

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 2015 as way opens.

Hannah Logan Morris, Secretary

10th Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business October 12, 2014

Meeting began with a brief period of silent worship.

1. Treasurer’s Report

Operating expenses of note in September were minimal (\$87.19). Four supporting contributions were paid: \$400 to Friends Disaster Service, \$350 to Friends General Conference, \$600 to New Garden Friends School, and \$600 to Urban Ministry. Meeting House expenses totaled \$162.17.

Income in September was \$972.80 to the General Fund and \$390 to the New Building Fund.

Summary for September 2014

	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$972.80	\$2,199	\$9,151
New Building Fund	\$390	0	\$3,500
All Operating Funds	\$1,362	\$2,199	\$20,113

2. Care and Counsel Report

- Juliet Smith’s request for membership was approved. A welcome committee consisting of Sheri Grace, Anne Rouse, and Kembra Howdeshell was approved.

CARE & COUNSEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Item 1

The Care and Counsel Committee received the following report from the clearness committee that met with Juliet Smith for membership:

On First Day 9/21/14, a clearness committee consisting of Jim Hood, Raleigh Bailey, Kembra Howdeshell, and Lissa Carter met with Juliet Smith to discuss her interest in membership in Friendship Friends Meeting. After a period of silence we had a delightful discussion with Juliet about her motivations, hopes, dreams, and origins in Quakerism. All present felt very clear that Juliet is fully prepared for membership and will be a wonderful asset to our community. We saw no need to meet again, and we submit Juliet's request for membership for approval with clear hearts!

We approved sending this report recommending Juliet for membership to Monthly Meeting when it meets on October 12.

Item 2

Over the past ten months, members of the Care and Counsel Committee have contacted members of Friendship Meeting who are distant or who have not been involved in the meeting for some time, following the procedure set out in the Handbook for identifying possible *inactive* members. As a result of the lack of response we have designated Susan Phillips, Daniel Rhodes, and David Barron as inactive members and are forwarding this information to the Monthly Meeting.

Item 3

Because the combined meeting of Worship and Ministry and Care and Counsel Committees, originally scheduled for October 4, was postponed, the issue of whether or not to combine the two committees was not discussed further. We will reexamine the issue in November.

Report from P&SC Forum on FCNL-AFSC Shared Security Document September 21, 2014

The forum began with scanning the document to familiarize those present. The document content is used by FCNL for framing lobbying activity with national legislators. FCNL has requested that groups review the document contents and send back comments from the reviews.

The forum objectives were to educate those present by reviewing the content in the context of current foreign policy needs, and also to send back the groups discussion. FCNL will have an annual meeting next month to prepare legislative priorities for the new 114th US Congress that will convene in January 2015.

Discussion of the Shared Security document resulted in these concerns:

- More effort is needed for improving global public health. This should be done without involving the US military. The Ebola crisis is an example of this need. Infectious diseases do not respect national borders or gated communities.
- Trade policies should be revised to stop marginalizing the bottom 20 or so countries that stay in poverty. Most professionals working in trade policy lack basic economic skills and often create trade agreements that result in

negative economic conditions through ignorance. It is not wise for one billion people to live for long periods of time in poverty. Even NGOs with the best intentions help to keep these countries in sustained poverty.

Discussion of the FCNL Legislative Priorities resulted in these concerns:

- Requested that FCNL consider supporting the Citizen's Climate Lobby proposal to eliminate all energy subsidies, charge a fee on all energy usage, and distribute all fees to households to offset some of the increased energy costs resulting from the eliminated subsidies. This would enable the market economy to raise the cost of fossil fuels and distribute the control of energy. Climate Change may be a game changer.
- Decrease aid to Israel each year until the UN General Assembly agrees that the Israeli Occupation has ended. Reducing financial aid to Israel may be the only way to stop the occupation.

The Shared Security document is comprehensive and well written. The forum had a positive educational and collaborative result. My intention is to forward a version of this to FCNL – hopefully before their annual meeting next month.

Howard Taylor – Forum Facilitator

Minute on Unaccompanied Children

- Sheri Grace presented the Peace and Social Concerns Committees' proposed minute concerning the unaccompanied Central American children.
- After much reflection and discussion, the minute was revised. The revised wording follows.
- The minute was approved.

- Peace and Social Concerns will forward the minute to area newspapers.

Unaccompanied Children Minute 10-12-2014

In recognition of our belief that there is that of God in everyone, Friendship Friends Meeting (Quakers) of Greensboro would like each unaccompanied child who has fled from Central America to feel welcome in the communities and schools of our state. To that end, we expect the existing US Immigration laws to be followed and enforced. According to US law, these children who have surrendered themselves to the Border Patrol can reside with their sponsors and receive educational services as they wait for their immigration hearings. We also recognize that many of these children meet UN criteria for legal asylum.

We are grateful that many people have responded to this crisis by helping these children get a chance at living their lives in safety, and receive an education. We support the efforts of our own members who are working with these unaccompanied children through organizations such as American Friends Service Committee, the Center for the New North Carolinians, the North Carolina Religious Coalition for Justice for Immigrants, Guilford County's Newcomers School, and other area public schools. We urge our fellow North Carolinians to join us in working for humane and just treatment of these unaccompanied immigrant children.

Religious Education Committee Annual Report for 2013-2014

RE Committee Members: Sheri Grace, Hanna Hobson, Kembra Howdeshell (clerk), Anne Morris, Juliet Smith

The Friendship Friends Meeting Religious Education Committee is responsible for coordinating First Day Activities for the children during Meeting for Worship and facilitating spiritual enrichment activities for adult members and attenders. In the 2013-2014 year, the main focus of the committee was to ensure that there was childcare and First Day School Activities scheduled for each Sunday.

We have been very fortunate to have childcare provided by Juliet Smith and Ash-Leigh Brown. Juliet has worked with the children for nearly 4 years and Ash-Leigh Brown, granddaughter of Mae and David Brown, began working as childcare provider for the meeting in June 2014. First Day School Activities have primarily been led by the four members of the RE Committee, who each cover one First Day per month. The committee wishes to express its appreciation to parents who have volunteered to lead activities to cover First Days when the activity leader was ill or to provide RE Committee members a chance to participate in meeting for worship.

The RE Committee had a Cookie-Decoration and Planning Session with the children and their families in December 2013. We discussed themes and activities the children would be interested in exploring during First Day School. One of the topics included getting to know famous Quakers in the past and the present, including people in our meeting. The children expressed interest in doing art projects with the older children helping the younger children.

Following the meeting, the children shared their decorated sugar cookies with the meeting at the Friendship Friends Meeting Christmas Party.

The children have continued holding their meeting for business on the second First Day of the month. They have discussed having a bake sale to benefit Heifer International as well as ideas to decorate their space in the meetinghouse. Some of their ideas included painting the walls and bookshelves, and creating a cloth-covered bulletin board to display artwork. They also suggested organizing the storage closet in the children's room. Of the items they have discussed, we were able to organize the closet and bring up some art supplies and toys that were stored in the basement of the meetinghouse.

There are a handful of spiritual enrichment activities currently offered at the meeting, which function independently of the RE Committee. Carol Treadway continues to lead the Deepening the Life of the Meeting group on the 4th First Day of each month. Judy Purvis started a book club to discuss Barbara Brown Taylor's book entitled *An Altar in the World*. Howard Taylor began a men's group, which meets twice monthly. The RE Committee is grateful for the initiative and willingness of these individuals, and we are willing to support other meeting members or attenders who may have ideas for activities or forums.

Worship and Ministry Reports

- Neil Swenson read a report that Midweek Meeting has changed the meeting time to 7pm.

Report on Forum on Piedmont Friends Fellowship/Yearly Meeting

The Worship and Ministry Committee organized a forum to help us discern what our relationship to Piedmont Friends Fellowship should be. To this end, we invited Marian Beane and Lloyd Lee Wilson to join us on September 28th at the rise of meeting.

Marian spoke first and laid out the evolution of Piedmont Friends Fellowship, focusing on the fact that there are members of PFF that are not members of a yearly meeting and therefore do not have a voice in national Friends organizations such as AFSC and FCNL.

Lloyd Lee outlined the history of North Carolina Yearly meeting Conservative and remarked on Friendship Meeting's role in it. It is hoped that these presentation will help Friends in making a decision.

There was not much discussion of the issues involved except concern about the finances of Piedmont Friends Yearling Meeting, which will undoubtedly increase over time.

The forum was followed by a bag lunch and good fellowship.

6. Passing of a Friend

- We note the passing of Clarence Parker on October 9th.

The meeting ended with a period of silent worship.

Peace and Social Concerns ACTION BOX

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

Canned meat and fish

New address

Naomi Galbreath
107 S. Lindell Rd.
Greensboro, NC 27403
Tel: 509-4527
gnaomiruth@gmail.com

This last month the Meeting sponsored a dinner for the folks at Pathways. Pictures were taken by Susan Carlyle





News from Grace Sullivan about **Mustard Seed Community Health** - Empowering Our Community with Good Health

Mustard Seed Community Health will open in late 2014. At present our board and planning committee is coordinating logistics, finalizing community partnerships, and taking care of all the other details that will make our clinic a valuable resource to the underserved in Greensboro, NC.

The clinic is an integral part of the Cottage Grove Initiative, a community revitalization effort, currently working to improve the neighborhood in East Greensboro bordered by

S. English Street, Holts Chapel Road, Banner Avenue and East Lee Street.

All of the staff are committed to ensuring every Mustard Seed Community Health patient receives the best quality care for health concerns from routine preventative care to urgent care for acute illnesses and continuity care for chronic diseases. The clinic will be staffed by a combination of full-time medical personnel and volunteer medical staff who offer both routine nursing and special medical care.

Partnerships include to date:

- * Guilford Community Care Network for specialty care
- * Guilford County Department of Public Health for lower cost pharmaceuticals
- * North Carolina A&T State and UNCG Social Work Program Initiative
- * UNCG RN to BSN program
- * The UNCG Interior Architecture program
- * Partnership for Community Care for Orange Card eligibility signup, case management and nutrition management

The clinic will rely heavily on the continued and future support from local communities, businesses, foundations, private donors and volunteers. Most importantly we need individuals to spread our message to the community. Contributions from faith communities and grants from the US government will also build capacity.

Please visit our web site for complete information at www.MustardSeedClinic.org

I am pleased to announce that I have accepted a VISTA assignment to the project for this year. After training at Emory University in Atlanta in

early November, I will be a full time person at Mustard Seed Clinic. It is my hope our meeting will find ways to support the growth of this important community project.

B. Grace Sullivan, Ph.D., PPCNP-BC
Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Medical Anthropologist

Thoughts on the passing of Clarence Parker, a chemist, a Friend and a special friend

Clarence Parker passed on October 9. I first met Clarence when he and Helen came to Greensboro from Philadelphia many years ago. Clarence retired from Rohm Haas where he worked as a research chemist. When he got here he naturally came by Guilford's chemistry department where we promptly put him to work repairing instruments and giving us the benefit of his vast industrial chemistry experience. He also was a special friend to our students and helped the department serve them better through his occasional donation of money and equipment. After Clarence and Helen transferred their membership to Friendship he took over the Friendship Times and made it what it is today. I would go over to his apartment every month to help him publish the newsletter which at that time was entirely paper and mailed out. When he could no longer be editor, I took it over but still used his computer and paper and mailing labels to put the paper out. Cyril Harvey took it over when I left for a year's sabbatical and I took over again from Cyril. I have many fond memories of Clarence and his special smile and appreciate the many things he did for others.

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.

WEALTH DESIRED for its own sake obstructs the increase of virtue, and large possessions in the hands of selfish men have a bad tendency, for by their means too small a number of people are employed in things useful; and therefore they, or some of them, are necessitated to labour too hard, while others would want business to earn their bread were not employments invented which, having no real use, serve only to please the vain mind...

Thus oppression in the extreme appears terrible, but oppression in more refined appearances remains to be oppression, and where the smallest degree of it is cherished it grows stronger and more extensive: that labour for a perfect redemption from this spirit of oppression is the great business of the whole family of Christ Jesus in this world.

John Woolman: "A Plea for the Poor,"
1763-4.

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