

Friendship Times

Friendship Friends Meeting

Calendar

Sun, April 27	9 am Deeping the life of the Meeting 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, May 3	9 am Worship and Ministry and, Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Fri, May 8	10:30 Care and Counsel meets 7 pm Game night
Sat, May 9	10-12 Query workshop
Sun, May 10	10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
Thurs, May 14	6 pm dinner at Pathways
Sun, May 17	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, May 24	9 am Deeping the life of the Meeting 10:30 am Meeting for Worship 5:30 pm Szabo/Huff wedding
Tues, May 26	Deadline for June Newsletter
Sun, May 31	9 am extended worship on the fifth First day of the month 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, June 7	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship

Weekly Meeting for Worship 10:30 am each First Day. Child care is available for Worship and Business Meetings., 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 answer to this month's query, some changes to your directory, announcements, and some familiar faces at Juliette and Isaiah's baby shower

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 26.

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

4th Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

April 12, 2015

Meeting began with a brief period of silent worship.

1. Treasurer's Report Fourth Month Report for Third Month Income and Expenses in 2015

Income in March 2015 was \$2427 to the General Fund and \$695 to the New Building Fund.

Expenses in March totaled \$504.84. The operating expenses totaled \$154.84 including \$135 for childcare expenses plus other minor expenses. No supporting contributions were paid in March. Meeting House expenses totaled \$350 primarily for utilities.

	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$2,427	\$504	\$15,256
New Building Fund	\$695	\$0.00	\$7,935
All Operating Funds	\$3,122	\$504	\$31,256

The Treasurer received correspondence in March from the Helen Binford Circle of New Garden Friends Meeting, Homer Sink, Sterling and Barbara Whitener, and Elissa Fuchs.

2. Letter from Northampton Friends Meeting

The clerk received a letter from Northampton Friends Meeting in Northampton, Massachusetts, accepting Martha Lang's transfer of membership.

3. Visit from Ireland

A group of young adults from Ireland hosted by First Friends Meeting will be visiting the area in August and is interested in visiting a conservative Friends meeting. Deborah Shaw, Sidney Lee Kitchens, Susan Wilson, and Lloyd Lee Wilson will plan a weekday event for Friendship Friends to meet with these young adults.

4. Greeters

There is a concern that we might need a second greeter to help with the large number of people attending Meeting for Worship. Care and Counsel will consider this concern and how best to help.

The meeting ended with a period of silent worship.

May birthday

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

Meeting Directory additions

Miriam & Chris Biber- Peterson

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Cell Chris: [310 321 8742](tel:3103218742)

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May 9, 10 am – 12 Query Workshop at the Meetinghouse. We will be considering queries 8-12. Please consider contacting Sid if you are willing to write a draft to answer one of the queries. You may even ask for a specific query to answer.

Each month our responses to the query of the month will appear in the newsletter. The responses were created at several Meeting workshops.

4. Do we assume our rightful share in the expenses of our Meeting? Do we regard our time, our talents, and our possessions as given us in trust, and do we use them freely for the needs of others?

An annual letter from the Meeting's treasurer gently reminds us of our responsibility to financially support the meeting, and there is a sense that most are giving as they are able. Our plan to build a new meeting room has challenged and encouraged us to examine our discretionary spending.

Friends consider their time, talents and possessions as given them in trust responding generously and cheerfully to requests for assistance of various kinds in the meeting community and beyond.

From Susan Carlyle: Our next opportunity for being a Friendly presence while providing a meal at the **Pathways Center** is **Thursday May 14th at 6 PM**. This will be our last opportunity until fall. If you can provide a casserole dish, please let Susan know. Wall Street Deli will provide the salad and Susan will make the sandwiches.

If you want to help in any way at all, please contact Susan Carlyle at [336-907-8578](tel:3369078578) or at ursacarlye@gmail.com.

May 24th (Sunday), 5:30 PM: Szabo/Huff wedding under the care of Friendship Meeting. Amanda is a member of the Meeting and attended when she was a student at Guilford and afterward when she worked for Americore in Greensboro. The wedding will take place at the Blandwood Carriage House (400 W. McGee). Please RSVP Amanda (amandalszabo@gmail.com) or use one of the RSVP cards on the meetinghouse table if you will be able to attend.

Donation item of the month for First Friends Food Bank: peanut butter; please no boxed items such as pasta, because they attract bugs and other nasties).

Also consider placing items in the AFSC box, such as toothpaste, towels, and other toilet items, especially those for men. See Joan Tillotson for suggested items.

Note from Judy Reece

Pyu Pyu Han is going to transfer to Guilford College in the fall! This Burmese young lady came to the United States with her parents and younger sister Win Mim seven and a half years ago. Members of Friendship Meeting along with members from First Friends and New Garden served on this family's care team at their arrival. At that point they knew no English, and the girls had never been to school. Pyu Pyu spent seventh grade at the Newcomers School, eighth at Mendenhall Middle School, and graduated with honors from Page High school. She will have an associate degree in science at the end of the summer from GTCC. She has declared biology as a major with an accounting minor. Guilford College has put together a very generous financial package that includes work study. She has had an interview to be a Bonner Scholar.

If you haven't guessed, she is a hard working girl. I am very proud of her!

At present she and her mother TuZa are studying for their US citizenship test as they await a testing date. This means the mother has managed to save enough money out of her low wages to pay for this.



Enjoy the view of the wonderful dogwood tree in our backyard. It gets prettier every year.

Pictures from Juliet and Isaiah's baby shower hosted by the Meeting at Ragsdale House, home of Jane and Jim Fernandes, taken by Bonnie Parsons



The expectant couple





Thanks for hosting the shower Jane

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