

**Friendship Times**  
Friendship Friends Meeting

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**Calendar**

Sun, Aug 30      9 am Extended Meeting  
                          10:30 am Meeting for Worship  
 At the rise of meeting: Bake sale by the First Day School to help raise funds for a new meeting space (and expanded FDS space!)  
 The bake sale will be followed by a forum on potential designs for a new meeting space

Sun, Sept 6      9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, and Peace and Social Concerns committees  
                          10:30 am Meeting for Worship

Tues, Sept 8      1:15-4 pm Meetinghouse open for lunch worship every Tuesday

Fri, Sept 11      7 pm – Progressive Dinner for Guilford College students at the Meetinghouse – bring dessert

Sun, Sept 13      10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business

Sun, Sept 20      10:30 am Meeting for Worship

Tues, Sept 22      Last day to send newsletter material to Editor

Sun, Sept 27      9 am Deeping the Life of the Meeting  
                          10:30 am Meeting for Worship

Sun, Oct 4      10:30 am Meeting for Worship

Sun, Oct 11      12:30 pm Corporation Meeting

Weekly at 10:30 am each First Day, Meeting for Worship. Child care is available for Worship and Business Meetings. 7:30 pm Fourth Day, Midweek Meeting for Worship, in Prayer Room, 7<sup>th</sup> floor Woolman Hall, Friends Homes Guilford, occasionally followed by discussion at 8 pm.

**This Issue** followed by the minutes for Eighth Month’s meeting for business. You will also find our answer to the 8<sup>th</sup> query, other meeting announcements and baby news. There is also some material from your editor’s field trip to Canterbury Village.

**From the Editor**

My intention is to distribute the newsletter no later than the last Sunday of the month; this will be September 27. Material should be submitted, preferably by email, no later than Tuesday, Sept 22.

**Young Friends Ninth Month Birthdays**

Artan Hebner,	9/2/07
Laurel Holland	9/6/03
Kerry Liam Hobson	9/12/08

**Month’s Query**

Are we mindful of Friends testimonies against alcoholic beverages, tobacco and other harmful drugs; and do we refrain from using them or dealing in them, realize that abstinence is the clearest witness against overindulgence? Do we seek to avoid all kinds of gambling and places of diversion that tend to be demoralizing? Do we keep in mind how diverse and widespread are the temptations to grow richer at the expense of others? Are we faithful to our testimony against taking oaths?

## Minutes

### **8<sup>th</sup> Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

**August 9, 2015**

Meeting began with a short reading by Susan Carlyle followed by brief period of silent worship.

**Reading:** In his letter to the Galatians, Paul stated that there were nine qualities that would exist when, in fact, the Spirit was present. Galatians 5:22-23

These nine qualities are:

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control or Self discipline

#### **1. Quaker Continuing Education**

Susan Carlyle led us in five minutes of Quaker continuing education.

Today's query: What is our role as participants in our Meeting for Business in the Spirit of Worship?

come early, settle into worship, be slow to speak, wait to see if love is there, listen, "clerking from the floor" (each of us is responsible for the quality of business meeting), support the clerks, wait for clerk's recognition before speaking, attending is an essential part of being a member of the meeting, prepare inwardly all week, "release to the meeting" (be ready to let go what we walked in the room convinced of, be ready to find a new path), heart and minds aligned

### **Treasurer's Report: Eighth Month Report for Sixth Month Income and Expenses in 2015**

Income in June 2015 was \$800 to the General Fund and \$5,560 to the New Building Fund.

Expenses in June 2015 totaled \$4,299.69. The operating expenses totaled \$1,068.50 including \$198 for Communications (webpage); \$370 and \$400 from Conference/Travel and Scholarships supporting attendance at FGC for one individual and NCYM-C Yearly Meeting for two individuals, plus other minor expenses. No supporting contributions were paid in June. Meeting House expenses totaled \$3,231.19. In addition to regular utilities, this included \$717.58 from Equipment & Maintenance (primarily two Bain Oil Service calls) and \$2,316.28 from the New Building Corporate Contribution for: locksmith (\$109.27); insurance at 307 Woodlawn (\$846.75); insurance at 305 Woodlawn (\$504); dumpsters (\$811.12) and utilities.

### **Treasurer's Report: Eighth Month Report for Seventh Month Income and Expenses in 2015**

Income in July 2015 was \$751.98 to the General Fund and \$1,462.00 to the New Building Fund. Expenses in July 2015 totaled \$6,017.50. The operating expenses totaled \$125.63 primarily for minor expenses. All supporting contributions (\$5,450.00) were paid in July. The Meeting House expenses totaled \$441.87, which includes \$236.47 for utilities and other regular expenses at the meeting house and \$205.40 for the utilities and dumpster at the 307 Woodlawn property (from the New Building Corporate Contribution).

### **3. Friendship Meeting Donations to Outside Organizations**

In 2014, an ad hoc committee recommended, and Monthly Meeting approved, a process for determining contributions to outside organizations. This is part of the approved minute: "This process will take place each year with the proposals for external financial support directed to a Meeting-designated (ad hoc or standing) committee." Finance Committee will take on this responsibility.

We also approved that meeting members would give a report to Business Meeting during the fiscal year about what those organizations have been doing, in order to help us feel a closer connection to that organization. This has not happened.

In order to help facilitate this, the clerk will be in touch with meeting members who have proposed giving to a specific outside organization to give a report to Business Meeting on that organization's work during the year. These reports would become part of the clerk's monthly meeting for business agenda.

It was suggested that we revise this to review our outside donations every 3 years, with additional requests to go through Finance Committee.

This proposal was approved.

### **4. Use of the Meetinghouse on Tuesday Afternoons**

Susan Wilson has proposed a time on Tuesday afternoons for lunch and conversation, and afterward for contemplation and prayer in community (from 1:15-4:30). This would start September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Worship and Ministry will take on the care of

this time, and support Susan in being present or finding someone else to be present each week.

This proposal was approved.

### **5. Annual Report of the Handbook Committee**

The Handbook Committee does most of its work electronically. We met in person once during the past year.

The Committee List has been updated and the new Ad Hoc Committee (Ad Hoc Committee for the Disposition of Donated Properties) has been added. A copy of the Committee List has been posted on the kitchen bulletin board.

There were many changes/additions to the document this year, including but not limited to the following:

The description of the Care & Counsel Committee was revised.

Additional information was added to the sections on "Process for Membership", "Transferring Membership", "Sojourning Members" and the "Process for Marriage".

Additional information has been included on the "Procedure for Appointing Representatives to North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative)".

The name of the "Audit Committee" was changed to the "Internal Review Committee" and the description of the work of that committee was revised.

There were additional items to the listing of Representatives on page one, and minor additions/corrections to the section on Representatives and page 4, and to the calendar, pp 17-19.

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pp. 17-19.

Approximately 70 copies of the Handbook were distributed electronically, and 23 hard copies were printed and distributed to officers, clerks and other Friends by special request, and 5 copies to have on hand for distribution to attenders. The cost of printing was \$36.83. Our budget for the year is \$50.00.

## **6. Membership Request**

### **Request for Membership: Jane Fernandes and Jim Fernandes**

The following members of the meeting have been approved to serve on two clearness committees for Jane and Jim Fernandes' request for membership at Friendship Friends Meeting.

Jane Fernandes' clearness committee will consist of Maureen Burns, Susan Carlyle, Judy Harvey, and Carey Reece.

Jim Fernandes' clearness committee will consist of Raleigh Bailey, Darlene Stanley, and Ray Treadway.

The Care and Counsel member serving on each committee will set a time for its committee to meet and name a convener. Each committee will meet separately as needed and at least once together. Once unity on the request for membership has been reached, each committee will bring its recommendation forward to monthly meeting.

## **7. Marriage Request**

The clerk read a letter from Judy Purvis and John Schoonover requesting marriage under the care of the meeting.

Their letter was accepted and their request will go to Care and Counsel to set up a clearness committee for marriage. We are in unity that members of Chapel Hill Meeting be included in this committee.

## **8. Meetinghouse Planning Committee Report**

The committee is recommending the meeting hire the architects J. Hyatt Hammond Associates for \$7,500 to provide plans and budgets for several options so we can make a final decision on our way forward.

This request was approved.

The committee will hold a forum on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> to discern the sense of the meeting on designs, in order to communicate with the architects.

## **9. Ad Hoc Committee Report: 307 Woodlawn Estate and Property Sale**

We are pleased to report considerable progress in completing the sale of the two properties on Woodlawn that Celia Brown generously donated to the Meeting.

It appears that the requested repairs to the rental property (305) are nearly complete. The next step will be an appraisal of the property to approve the agreed-upon sales price. If all goes well, the sale should be complete by the end of August.

We are grateful to the many people who came out, often multiple times, to help clear out unwanted stuff from the 307 property. We have engaged the services of Carol Poling (from Thrill of the Hunt) to carry out an estate sale of the remaining house contents (furniture, books, house wares, etc). The sale will be held on August 15<sup>th</sup> (a Saturday) and 16<sup>th</sup> (all items half price). Members and attenders of Friendship Friends Meeting will be able to come

to the house on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, as a presale (i.e., first come, first serve). Carol has agreed to receive 35% of the profits from the sale; FFM receives 65%. She will dispose of any remaining house contents after the sale and clean the house so that we can then put it on the market.

If you have questions about either property, please contact Judy Purvis ([judypurvis921@gmail.com](mailto:judypurvis921@gmail.com), 919-618-4373).

## 10. Donations to NCYM(C)

### Report about North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative – 2015

#### Use of the Donation from Friendship Meeting

Friendship Meeting is a member of North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative (NCYM-C) and has a responsibility to contribute to the expenses of the yearly meeting.

In the 2014-15 fiscal year Friendship Meeting did not contribute and hence the expenses of the yearly meeting were borne by the other eight monthly meetings. These expenses included administrative operations (\$558.73), printing of the directory and the 2014 minutes (\$1200.59), travel by the representatives to the Section meeting of FWCC in Mexico (\$2000), travel by other representatives to official meetings (\$2500), a scholarship to a Bolivian Student (\$600), and donations to 17 Quaker organizations (\$4750). For the 2014-15 fiscal year, the income to the general fund from eight meetings, individuals, and a transfer of \$600 from the Special Projects fund totaled \$12,349.36 while the expenses totaled \$11,609.32. Separately, the income from fees and donations for the 2014 annual sessions at Guilford College (barely) covered the costs for the facilities, meals, youth program, assistance

to children, and costs of the speakers, so it was not necessary to draw money from the general fund to cover costs of the annual sessions.

The 2015-2016 budget was approved at the 2015 annual sessions, recently concluded. Friendship Meeting agreed to pledge \$1700, down from \$3000 in 2013-14. The same expense line items and the same amounts as in the 2014-15 budget were approved with three exceptions: a) the contributions to organizations were mostly increased by \$50, b) one organization was deleted, and c) the general travel budget was reduced since there was a large restricted fund for it, and no significant expectation of demand for the money. The same Bolivian student will be supported from the special project fund. As noted in the report of the Finance Committee, the philosophy of contributions to organizations, and more specifically last year's decision to reduce financial support to organizations, was discussed. Some understood that the reduction would be a one-year matter, and that funding would be returned to earlier levels. It was felt that it was important to show our corporate support of Quaker organizations, which carry out the work that we would do if we had the resources. Others understood that there was a policy shift or clarification that we shouldn't be a "pass through" organization and therefore should contribute token amounts regardless of our financial ability. The 2015-16 budget shows projected income of \$13,183 and expenses of 12,004, for a surplus of \$1179.

NCYM-C will support the following organizations at the \$300 level: American Friends Service Committee, Friends Committee on Indian Affairs, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Quaker Earthcare Witness,

Quaker House of Fayetteville (\$1000), Right Sharing of World's Resources, Friends Center at Guilford College, Friends Historical Collection at Guilford College, Pendle Hill, Guilford College, Carolina Friends School, New Garden Friends School, Wilmington Friends School, Virginia Beach Friends School, School of the Spirit, and the Bolivian Quaker Education Fund (\$600 for a scholarship).

The meeting ended with a period of silent worship.

### Meeting response to Query 8

*Query 8: Do we observe simplicity and honesty in our manner of living? Are we careful to live within the bounds of our circumstances, punctual in keeping promises, prompt in the payment of debts, and just in all our dealings? Do we choose those activities which will strengthen our physical, mental, and spiritual life; and do we avoid those harmful to ourselves and others?*

As far as is known, individual Friends and Friends families are clear under the various heads of this query. Being just in all our dealings includes being welcoming and invitational to newcomers and strangers, and being able to share our activities as a faith community with them. We believe the larger worship space we are planning to build will allow us to more fully share our activities and to welcome newcomers. We continue to be sensitive to the balance between living within the bounds of our financial circumstances and addressing the real need for a larger worship space to accommodate the increasing number of people who share our worship and other activities. Discerning the right level of financial support we should offer to the many outside organizations whose missions we support is also a challenge. We do not want to outrun our Guide by spending beyond our means, but also

don't want to lag behind through timidity or undue anxiety over finances.

**New Baby:** Miriam and Chris Biber-Peterson announce the birth of James Morgan on 8/13/15. James weighed in at 5 lbs, 1 oz. They are happy to be home and settling in; both baby and Miriam are doing great. Some friends will be setting up a meal train soon; details will appear in George Fox when available.

Note that although we have cancelled the baby shower, we will arrange a future welcoming party.

### New dates for our visit to Pathways

FFM will be providing dinner at 6 pm at the Pathways Center of the Greensboro Urban Ministry on both September 14th and October 12th. These dates, both Mondays, were chosen because they are the days immediately following our Meeting's pot luck. So, perhaps some Friends can think about preparing twice as much for the pot luck and designating one half for use at the Pathways dinner the following evening. This can provide an opportunity for Friends to participate in this outreach project of our meeting even if they cannot come on Monday.

**Pathways** is a Center that has 16 efficiency apartments that are used to give temporary homes to families in transition. Often the transition is necessary to get away from an abusive situation or a situation of overcrowded living with family. It gives people an opportunity to live rent free for two or three months in order to find more suitable housing and save up the funds necessary to pay deposits and rent on their own.

**September 17–20 Contemplative  
Retreat**

School of the Spirit is sponsoring a Contemplative Retreat at Avila Retreat Center in Durham NC on September 17–20. The retreat will be led by Carole Treadway and Patty Levering. More details at <http://schoolofthespirit.org/programs/silent-retreats-2/avila-nc-2015/> or talk to Judy Purvis, Susan Wilson, Betty Poynton, or Anne Rouse for additional information. Contemplative retreats are a wonderful opportunity to stop for a few days and center in quiet.

**Friendship Meeting snippets from the past**

This is a new feature on the history of the Meeting. The impetus for this was a folder given to me to go through to see what should be kept. Looking over the many items I realized that most in the Meeting do not know much about our history. This might also start some discussion about the way we handle things and how we did it in the past. If anyone has historical items or knows of something I should research for this column please let me know.

To the Editor of the *Daily News*:

Friendship Meeting is concerned and worried about the recent cross burning at the home of Henry Atkins, Episcopal chaplain at UNC-G. We are also concerned about other incidents affecting Henry Atkins which may be related. We think that these acts appear designed to harass citizens who wish to freely speak their minds and consciences about public issues. These issues involve not only race relations but international relations, particularly problems in Central America.

Friendship Meeting is saddened by these attempts to stifle Henry Atkins's right to speak his conscience. We want to urge all persons to use their right to speak their views and express their beliefs.

Friendship Meeting wants to disapprove publicly of the symbolic and vicious behavior of cross burning. We urge those who disagree with Henry Atkins and others to speak their minds publicly instead of hiding in anonymous darkness.

We also urge other individual citizens and concerned groups to express publicly their disapproval of this kind of unconscionable behavior. We are concerned that silence in this case may be seen as consent

*Alfred Henderson, Clerk Friendship Monthly Meeting, Society of Friends.* Letter published 12/8/1983

More baby news

Kathe Rodriguez gave birth to Eric Resendiz Morales on June 24, 2015. Eric arrived at 5:01 PM, weighing 6 lb., 9 oz. Both mother and baby are doing well



A visit to the Shaker Village at Canterbury NH

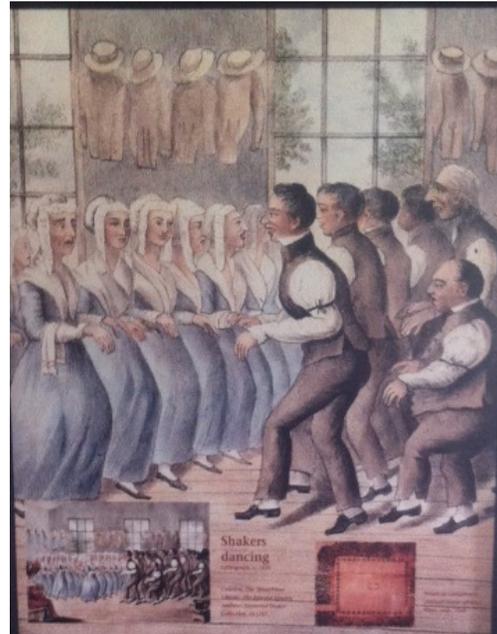
My wife Barbara and I spent some time visiting the historical Shaker Village at Canterbury, New Hampshire this summer. We were struck by the many parallels between Shakers and Quakers and were able to discuss them with our tour guide. Below are some pictures which illustrate these parallels.



**Shaker Meetinghouse** – simple architecture with two entry doors, one for men and one for women, just like early Quaker meetinghouses



Note the simple chairs and benches, no altar or focal point, men on one side and women on the other, similar to our meetinghouses. The acoustics were superb; everyone’s voice could be heard.



Dancing at a Shaker service – from a poster on the wall of the Meetinghouse

Other parallels were the emphasis on the practical, useful work, simplicity and the individual’s connection to God. We would recommend you visit the village if you are in the area. Lots of buildings and well done exhibits.

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