

## Friendship Times

### Friendship Friends Meeting

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#### Calendar

Sun, Nov 27	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Dec 4	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Dec 11	10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
Sun, Dec 18	10:30 am Meeting for Worship 4-6 pm Christmas party
Tues, Dec 20	Last day to send newsletter material to Editor
Sun, Dec 25	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Jan 1	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.

#### Weekly events

Tuesdays 12-4 lunch and silent time

Midweek Meeting for Worship, on Wednesday at 7 pm, in the Prayer Room, 7<sup>th</sup> floor Woolman Hall, Friends Homes Guilford

Bible Study at 7 pm at the Meetinghouse every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday

Men's group meets at 6:30 pm at the Meetinghouse every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

#### From the Editor

My intention is to distribute the newsletter the last Sunday of the month. Material should be submitted, preferably by email, no later than Tuesday, Dec 20.

#### *Month's Query*

*Query 12*      Do we welcome newcomers and non-members to our meetings? Are they encouraged to share in Meeting activities and to consider membership when they are in agreement with the principles and practices of Friends? Are our younger members appointed to committees and encouraged to share in other responsibilities of the Meeting? Do we visit one another frequently, remembering those who may be lonely? Does this visitation and caring extend beyond the members of our own Meeting?

#### Young Friends Twelfth Month Birthdays

Mia Jolly	12/14/04
Rosemary Hebner	12/2/12
Demitri Herold	12/15/04

## Abbreviated Minutes

2016-45. Opening Minute. At the meeting for business of Friendship Friends Meeting held at the meeting house on the afternoon of **Eleventh Month 13, 2016**. The meeting began near the appointed hour with a period of waiting worship.

2016-46. Care and Counsel Report. Bonnie Parsons reported for Care and Counsel Committee. The report follows.

### **Care and Counsel Report**

**John Bowles** continues to receive care at Camden Place. Visitors are asked to sign the nursing book in his room when they visit.

Longtime member of Friendship Meeting, **Priscilla Zuck**, died peacefully at Friends Homes on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Condolences can be mailed to her husband, Mel Zuck, at 925 New Garden Road, # 716, Greensboro, NC 27410. His email is [melzuck@yahoo.com](mailto:melzuck@yahoo.com). No memorial service is planned. However, contributions to a collection of poems, reminiscences, anecdotes, favorite memories, or memorable interactions with Priscilla, would be very welcome. They can be submitted to: [memoryofphz@runbox.com](mailto:memoryofphz@runbox.com)."

A memorial service was held at Friends Homes at Guilford on October 28 2016 for member **Celia Brown** who died on October 5, 2016.

### **Action**

#### **Anne Cassebaum Clearness Committee for Membership**

"The membership committee has met with Anne Cassebaum and find her thoroughly ready to become a member of Friendship Friends. She has been an attendee since approximately 2003. She has served on peace and social concerns committee for the past several years. Anne feels at home in our Meeting community. Over the years her grandchildren have attended First day school and been an important part of our Meeting as well. The Meeting will benefit having her continue presence and gifts among us. We recommend her for membership."

On behalf of the committee;

Ted Benfey, Gay Bowles, Darlene Stanley, clerk

Care and Counsel requests meeting approval for membership.

#### **Joshua Brown Clearness Committee for Membership**

Joshua Brown has requested membership. Kim Carlyle Bonnie Parsons, Howard Taylor, and Judy Williams.

Care and Counsel requests meeting approval of this committee.

The meeting approved accepting Anne Cassebaum as a member of this meeting.

The meeting approved Kim Carlyle, Bonnie Parsons (convening), Howard Taylor, and Judy Williams as a committee of clearness for membership for Joshua Brown.

**2016-47. Care And Counsel Committee Annual Report - Eleventh Month, Thirteen, 2016**

Committee members: Bonnie Parsons (clerk), Gay Bowles, Maureen Burns, Betty Poynton, and Anne Rouse

**Responsibilities of Care and Counsel**

The Care and Counsel Committee meets regularly and does its best to be in contact with members and attenders of the Meeting who are experiencing health problems or who are facing other difficult issues. Care and Counsel visits members who are not able to attend meeting.

The committee, in collaboration with the Clerk, Greeters, and Worship and Ministry, tries to be a welcoming presence to visitors to our meeting and tries to touch base with absent members. In December 2015 a holiday letter was mailed to all of the members of Friendship Meeting with whom the meeting has not had contact for a long period of time. There were some responses but others did not respond. How to best handle inactive members is a concern Care and Counsel will discuss with the clerk of the Handbook Committee and others in the meeting. The responsibilities of membership is a topic this committee feels needs discussing with the wider membership.

Care and Counsel met with the Ministry and Worship Committee to review the work of the two committees and to respond to Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight queries. Our joint responses to the Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight queries were read at NCYM(C) in July.

Care and Counsel gladly fulfills its responsibilities. However, as this is a small committee, Care and Counsel asks others to serve on various committees throughout the year and calls upon the gifts of others to carry out all of its responsibilities. It is grateful for the help received from both members and attenders.

C&C members visit with members and attenders who are experiencing health or personal issues. C&C is especially grateful for the loving care offered by meeting members at Friends Homes to other resident meeting members.

**Ongoing work of the Committee**

Care and Counsel has overseen Clearness Committees for Membership, Marriage, and Transfer of Marriage to the Meeting. It has established support committees when requested. C&C tries to assist families as they make arrangements for memorial services.

**Marriages:**

Care and Counsel oversaw two marriages this year.

Judy Purvis & John Schoonover on March 5, 2016 at New Garden Meeting

Juliet Smith & Isaiah Unger on May 28, 2016 on the Guilford College Campus

The Committee has recently appointed a Clearness Committee to discuss the transfer for the Care of the Marriage of Hilary McCormick and Stephen Holland from Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting to Friendship Friends Meeting.

**Deaths:**

The following members died during 2016:

George White 1/14/16. Memorial 2/6/16  
Betty Austin 5/26/ 2016. Memorial 6/11/16  
Darryl Waisner 6/23/16  
Pat Loring 8/21/16. Memorial 9/25/16  
Celia Brown 10/5/16 Memorial October 28, 2016  
Priscilla Zuck 10/17/16

A memorial was held 2/6/16 in Winston Salem for Roberta Torbett who died 9/30/2015

**Births:**

Hannah Logan Morris and Anne Morris welcomed infant Eliza Joanne on 5/7/16.

**Membership:**

David Parsons became a sojourning member on 3/13/16.  
Judy Williams became a member on 4/9/16.

Anne Cassebaum's membership committee approved her request for membership. This recommendation will be brought to the November 2016 MM for approval.

One request for membership is pending at the time of this report.

A welcome event for the following members approved for membership in 2015 was held on 2/6/15: Lori and Imani Khamala, Jane Fernandes, Jim Fernandes, and Rachel Knight.

A welcome event for members approved in 2016 is scheduled for December 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Approval was granted on 1/10/16 to lay down the memberships of Bridget Owen, Marshall Owen, Moe Owen and Rodney Owen.

Two one-year follow-ups to membership took place this year: Juliet Smith and Judy Purvis.

**Departures:**

Lori and Imani Khamala moved to Durham in May 2016,  
Juliet Smith moved to Baltimore in June 2016,

**Forum:**

A forum on transgender issues held on 09/16/16 addressed a concern brought to Care in Counsel in April, 2016.

2016-48. Peace & Social Concerns Proposed Minute. Aleks Babić read a minute proposed for monthly meeting approval by the Peace & Social Concerns Committee.

### **Friendship Friends Monthly Meeting NCYM(C) Minute of Support for Standing Rock Sioux**

Friendship Friends Monthly Meeting, NCYM(C) supports the minutes recently passed by other Quaker Meetings.

Miami Friends Meeting:

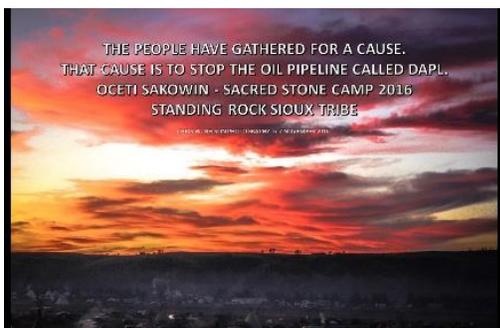
“The Dakota Access pipeline, which is being built by the Dallas-based company Energy Transfer Partners, endangers culturally significant land. This project also places the Missouri River in danger of pollution. We, Miami Friends Meeting, feel called to support the voices and actions of the Standing Rock Sioux and the more than 150 Tribal Nations at Sacred Stones Camp in North Dakota and others who have joined them in peaceful protest.”

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Indian Committee:

“We hereby minute our support for the Standing Rock Sioux in their struggle to assert their sovereign rights and their right to protect their land and sacred sites related to the Dakota Access Pipeline. Affirming our peace testimony, we support the Standing Sioux in their peaceful presence deterring the construction of the pipeline. Affirming our equality testimony, we support their demands to be treated justly by a fair, open and thorough project review process. Affirming our sacred commitment to caring for the environment, we support the Standing Rock Sioux in their efforts to protect their precious waters and sacred sites.”

Friendship Friends Meeting NCYM(C) also stands in solidarity with Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Miami Yearly Meeting, New York Yearly Meeting, Dallas Friends Meeting, Quaker Earthcare Witness, FCNL, EQAT, New York Yearly Meeting, Dallas Friends Meeting and others who oppose the pipeline project and the violence toward peaceful protestors by security forces.

\*Note: This minute, if approved, could be sent to Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), who will forward it to Creation Justice Ministries who will post the minute on their webpage. [Christian Communities Support Standing Rock Sioux Protection of Land and Water from Dakota Access Pipeline](http://www.creationjustice.org/standing-rock-sioux-protection-of-land-and-water-from-dakota-access-pipeline/).



THE PEOPLE HAVE GATHERED FOR A CAUSE.  
THAT CAUSE IS TO STOP THE OIL PIPELINE CALLED DAPL.  
OCETI SAKOWIN - SACRED STONE CAMP 2016  
STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE

**Standing Rock Sioux Reservation  
6-7 November 2016**

[https://youtu.be/h8wqd\\_4TIXE](https://youtu.be/h8wqd_4TIXE)



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Cannon Ball, North Dakota

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Reservation

6 November 2016

The body suggested several revisions to the proposed minute and returned it to Peace & Social Concerns to be seasoned further. Friends agreed that a called meeting for business could be held to consider a seasoned minute in a timely fashion.

#### 2016-49. **Treasurer's Report: Tenth Month 2016 Income and Expenses**

Income in October 2016 totaled \$27,880.72 with \$1,624.12 to the General Fund, \$25,837.02 to the New Building Fund, \$319.58 to the Contingency Fund, and \$100.00 to the Property Fund.

Expenses in October 2016 totaled \$5,093.63. The operating expenses totaled \$497.44 including \$236.00 for Worship and Ministry and \$147 for Religious Education plus other minor expenses. No supporting contributions were paid. Meeting House expenses totaled \$319.81 primarily for utilities. New Building Fund expenses totaled \$1,931.80. Contingency Fund expenses totaled \$69.58 for supporting our refugee family. Property Fund expenses totaled \$2,275.00 for tree removal. The Property Fund currently has a significant negative balance.

The meeting accepted this report.

2016-50. Draft Annual Budget. Ray Treadway presented the proposed draft annual budget for 2017 on behalf of the Finance Committee.

Friends accepted this proposal with gratitude for the work of the Finance Committee. The meeting will consider a final budget in Twelfth Month. Friends agreed not to publish the proposed budget in the meeting newsletter; the clerk will distribute it via a limited email list.

#### 2016-51. **Report from Friends General Conference**

With divine guidance, the staff and volunteers of Friends General Conference provide services and resources for individual Quakers, Quaker meetings, and people interested in Friends faith and practice. Its work can be summarized into three areas of endeavor:

- Help Friends deepen Quaker worship and practice
- Support welcoming and inclusive Quaker communities
- Support Quaker outreach

This fall, FGC launched the first three topics of their Spiritual Deepening program, a wide-ranging set of materials for children and adults: *Silence and Expectant Waiting*; *The Light, Seed, Christ Working in Us*; and *Friendly Practices*. I plan to take the short webinar to be able to access all the materials and hope that someone from Religious Education will join me because I think there are many useful materials that we can use.

Like most nonprofits, FGC continues to operate on a tight budget. I hope that we will continue to support them fully.

2016-52. FGC Request for Hospitality. Judy Purvis requested that the FGC Committee on Nurturing Ministries could meet here at Friendship for a weekend committee meeting on either one of two possible dates this spring; Friendship would provide overnight hospitality. Judy would be the Friendship liaison working with FGC for this event. Friends agreed to undertake this hospitality if New Garden Friends are willing to participate.

2016-53. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HANDBOOK COMMITTEE - 11TH MONTH, 2016

The Handbook Committee did not meet during the year, but communicated electronically. Miriam Biber-Peterson took on the task of updating the handbook.

The Finance Committee submitted a document covering the Meeting's policies for receiving and distributing money and authorizing expenditures, which you will find on page 19.

The section covering transfer of membership has been updated, as well as the description of "delegates" and "representatives" to North Carolina Yearly Meeting (C).

The procedure with regard to consideration of the Queries was corrected to conform with Meeting procedure.

The Meeting Calendar has been revamped.

Seventy electronic copies were sent, 22 copies were printed 17 to distribute and 5 to have on hand for distribution to attenders. The cost of printing was \$46.03. Our budget for the year is \$50.00.

2016-54. Meeting House Planning Committee. Neil Swenson reported for the Meeting House Planning Committee. The report follows.

The Meetinghouse Planning committee has been reviewing several schematics from the architects in preparation for bringing a proposal to the meeting for approval. In addition, several members of the committee met with city officials recently to show these updated schematics and get feedback on any potential issues. We anticipate meeting with the architects one more time with any final comments before bringing a recommendation to meeting for business in Twelfth Month. Once the meeting has approved a single schematic, the final phase of our contract with the architect will be for them to develop a master plan that includes a more detailed site plan, more detailed cost estimates and additional visuals.

2016-55. Pathways Project. Susan Carlyle reported on developments in the Pathways snacks project. Friends approved continuing our relationship with Pathways through this project, including a line item in next year's budget.

2016-56. Christmas Celebration. Friends agreed to hold a Christmas celebration on First Day, 12/18/2016, at the meeting house from 4-6 PM. Finger foods will be served, God willing. Bonnie Parsons, Susan Wilson, and Neil Swenson were appointed to help with planning for hospitality and welcoming our new members (David Parsons, Judy Williams, and Anne Cassebaum). They may coopt others to help with planning as way opens.

2016-57. Yard Sale. Kembra Howdeshell gave a preliminary report on the yard sale held on the meeting house grounds yesterday. It was a resounding success. Friends expressed deep thanks to Kembra, Maureen Burns, Elizabeth Judson-Rae and all the other Friends who contributed to the effort in many ways.

2016-58. Closing Minute. With hearts generally clear and no further business appearing, Friends adjourned the meeting, intending to gather again for business on the 13th of Eleventh Month 2016, if consistent with God's will.

The Meeting's response to Query 12 is taken from query session on first month:

*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 friends in the meeting do reverence that of God in all human beings and model that in their individual lives and in the meeting activities. Friendship Meeting has an active Peace and Social concerns committee which provides forums and announcements to our Meeting community of events happening in both social justice and racial discrimination areas. This committee keeps us informed of events and issues in our community and the world. In addition, various members/attenders through employment or active volunteer work have opportunities to faithfully work toward change. This work is a witness to the presence of God in all people. Among the things the meeting does are: donations to First Friends Meeting's food pantry; providing meals and hospitality at Pathways Shelter for families in crisis; staying aware of immigration issues both locally and in the world thru local AFSC staff; continuing to provide support for resettled refugees; providing help to a family at Christmas time with food and gifts.

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