

Friendship Times

Friendship Friends Meeting

Calendar

Sun July 29	9 am extended Meeting begins 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun Aug 5	9 am all Committees should meet or be organized by now 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun Aug 12	10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
Sun Aug 19	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Tues Aug 21	Deadline for newsletter items
Sun Aug 26	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun Sept 2	9 am Worship and Ministry, and Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship

Weekly Meeting for Worship 10:30 am each First Day. Child care available for Worship and Business Meetings.

Ann Joy Cahill-Swenson and Jesse Garvin have birthdays this month

Weekly events

Tuesday, 12:00–4:30 PM: Quiet Tuesday at the Meetinghouse

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

Bible Study at 7 pm at the Meetinghouse every 2nd and 4th Thursday

Men's group meets at 7 pm at the Meetinghouse every 1st and 3rd Thursday

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, August 21.

Month's Query

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?

Minutes from Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

2018-065. Opening Minute. At the regular meeting for business of Friendship Friends Meeting, held on the afternoon of Sixth Month 20, 2018, at the meeting house. The meeting opened near the appointed hour with a period of waiting worship.

2018-066. Recording Clerk for the Day. Since Lloyd Lee Wilson is unable to be with us today, Friends approved that Hannah Morris serve as recording clerk for the day.

2018-067. Query Responses

Query # 6 *Do we endeavor by example and precept to cultivate in our children a sense of openness and expectancy about life, and to aid them in their growth in spiritual understanding and moral discernment? Do we share with them the faith that guides the practice of Friends, while encouraging them to develop their religious insights as the Spirit of God may lead them?*

The meeting community looks with pride on our children. We welcome children to Meeting for Worship and encourage their presence for any length of time, with the older ones staying to worship the entire time. We have many children who attend First Day School. On fifth Sundays, our young friends lead and close Meeting for Worship. Friends encourage our children to find their own way and develop their religious insights as the Spirit of God may lead them, which makes us mindful that

sometimes our young Friends may be fed by other faith communities.

Query 7 *Do we endeavor to live in the life and power that takes away the occasion of all war, seeking to do our part in the work of reconciliation between individuals, groups, and nations? Do we faithfully maintain our testimony against nuclear and all other military preparations, the bearing of arms, and all participation in war?*

Individual friends endeavor to live in the life and power that takes away the occasion of all war, and are supported by the meeting. As a meeting, we have supported and participated in actions by the Poor People's Campaign, which includes opposing militarization as one of its core principles. Part of our work of reconciliation is our participation with the Divan Center and the Islamic Center of the Triad, most recently the Iftar meals during Ramadan. Friends are reminded that our teens and young adults are constantly being recruited by programs such as the JROTC in schools. We actively support Quaker House and have three members on their board.

2018-068. Nominating Committee Report Susan Wilson presented the Nominating Committee Report. Friends approved the report with gratitude to the work of Susan Wilson, Maureen Burns, Darlene Stanley, and Judy Williams of the Nominating Committee. The report is attached:

Clerks – Committees – Representatives
Friendship Friends Monthly Meeting 8 th
month 2018 - 7th month 2019

Clerk: Lloyd Lee Wilson Co-Clerk: Deborah Shaw
 Recording Clerk: Hannah Logan-Morris
 Treasurer: Stephen Holland Assistant
 Treasurer: Ray Treadway Membership & Statistics Recorder: Claire Koster
 Assistant Membership & Statistics Recorder: Judy Reece
 Registered Agent, FFM Corporation: Ray Treadway

COMMITTEES Calendar Coordinator Susan Wilson
 Care & Counsel Dave MacInnes (convener), Gay Bowles, Maureen Burns, Rachel Knight, Janet Nagel, Betty Poynton, Judy Williams, Clerk of Meeting as led or invited
 Communications Dave MacInnes (convener), Chris Nelson, Judy Purvis Finance Stephen Holland (convener), Hannah Logan Morris, Lisa Ross, Ray Treadway, Clerk of Meeting as led or invited
 Handbook Bonnie Parsons (convener), Ted Benfey Hospitality Susan Wilson (convener), Maureen Burns, Christy Hopkins, Sid Kitchens, Brian Poynton, Judy Reece
 Greeters Coordinator: Judy Harvey

House & Grounds David Parsons (convener), Chris Biber-Peterson, Ash-Leigh Brown, Kim Carlyle, Jim Fernandes, Hanna Hobson, Jeffrey Hobson, Kerry Hobson, James Hood
 Cleaning List Scheduler: Seannie Cahill-Swenson, Anne Joy Cahill-Swenson Supplies Purchaser: Phayth Myer
 Internal Review Library Carole Treadway (convener), Lloyd Lee Wilson Meetinghouse Fundraising Kembra Howdeshell (convener), David Brown, Jim Fernandes, Cyril Harvey, James Hood, Mel Zuck
 Meetinghouse Planning Neil Swenson (convener), Mae Brown, Janet Nagel, Richard Phillips, Carey Reece, Don Smith, Ray Treadway
 Nominating Susan Wilson (convener), Maureen Burns, Darlene Stanley, Judy Williams Peace & Social Concerns Raleigh Bailey (convener), Anne Cassebaum, Francis

Coyle, Sheri Grace, Lisa Ross, Paul Sherman Religious Education Anne Morris (convener), Kembra Howdeshell, Hanna Hobson
 Worship & Ministry Judy Purvis (convener), Deborah Shaw, Darlene Stanley, Neil Swenson, Carole Treadway, Clerk of Meeting as led or invited
 OUTREACH and AD HOC COMMITTEES Ad Hoc Committee on Memorial Markers Mae Brown, Kembra Howdeshell, Dave MacInnes, Janet Nagel, Judy Purvis, Carol Treadway, Ray Treadway
 Pathways – Under the care of Peace and Social Concerns Committee REPRESENTATIVES NCYMc Nominating Committee: Carole Treadway
 NCYMc Records Committee: Claire Koster NCYMc Finance Committee: Stephen Holland
 NCYMc Annual Sessions: to be named in Monthly Meeting NCYMc Interim Body: to be named in Monthly Meeting
 Quaker House Board: Bonnie Parsons, Joan Tillotson, Paul Sherman FCNL: David Parsons PFF: Judy Williams

2018-069. Annual Meeting of Friendship Friends Meeting.

A quorum of the membership being present, the Friendship Friends Meeting corporation held its 2018 annual meeting. The following minutes were approved at this meeting.

1. Friendship Friends Meeting authorizes named officers (clerk, treasurer, and assistant treasurer) to undertake financial transactions for the Meeting. Specifically, Friendship Friends Meeting authorizes Lloyd Lee Wilson (clerk), Stephen Holland (treasurer) and Ray Treadway (assistant treasurer) to undertake financial transactions for the Meeting. Each alone can write checks, request withdrawals, and make deposits. This resolution can be used for dealing with Wells Fargo Bank, Wells

Fargo Brokerage, Pax World Inc, and Self-Help Credit Union.

2. Ray Treadway will continue to serve Friendship Friends Meeting as our Registered Agent for service of process and all other matters, and that our registered street address will remain 1103 New Garden Road, Greensboro, NC 27410.

3. The 2017 End-of-Year Financial Statement which was presented to all members during First Month 2018 will be attached to the minutes of this Annual Meeting of Friendship Friends Meeting. This report follows:

2018-070. Membership/Statistics Recorder Annual Report

FRIENDSHIP MONTHLY MEETING
Religious Society of Friends
North Carolina Yearly Meeting -
Conservative

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 2017-2018
YEAR TO SIXTH MONTH, 10th, 2018

There was very little change in our membership statistics during this past year.

In December 2017, Paul Sherman was accepted as a sojourner from Apple Seed Meeting in Sebastopol, California and in March of 2018, Darlene Stanley, previously a sojourner, became a regular member of our Meeting.

Our membership total is now 95 (including 7 sojourners), 4 of which are minors.

Over 100 directories have been electronically distributed and 18 copies have been printed at a cost of \$17.87.

Printed copies of the directory go to members who do not have computers, some specially designated Friends, to send to the Archives, and to have on hand for distribution to attenders.

Friends accepted this report.

2018-071. Appointment of Representatives to NCYM-C

Carole Treadway, Ray Treadway, Hanna Passmore Hobson, Judy Reece, Cary Reece, and Lloyd Lee Wilson will serve as representatives to the North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative) 2018 sessions.

2018-072. Appointment of members of Interim Body to NCYM-C

Lloyd Lee Wilson, Ray Treadway, Darlene Stanley, and Maureen Burns were nominated to serve as members of Interim Body to North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative). Friends approved.

2018-072. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report: Sixth Month Report for Fifth Month Income and Expenses in 2018

Income in May 2018 totaled \$2,936.59 with \$1,800.00 to the General Fund and \$1,136.59 to the New Building Fund.

Expenses in May 2018 totaled \$953.69. General Fund expenses totaled \$953.69 which included: Operating Expenses of \$697.00 primarily Peace & Social Concerns

and for supplies; no Supporting Contributions; and Meeting House Expenses of \$256.69 primarily for House & Grounds and utilities.

2018-073. Report from Care and Counsel. Dave MacInnes presented a report from Care and Counsel.

1. We considered a request regarding the creation of a welcoming space for parents with infants. Rachel Knight and Anne Morris have volunteered to work with Susan Wilson on this issue. The committee strongly supports this effort.

2. An important task of the committee next year (2018-2019) will be to clarify, along with the rest of the Meeting, what membership in the Meeting means. Three articles have been provided to the committee for our consideration as we begin to approach this task. We see the role of our committee as helping to determine the sense of the Meeting regarding what membership in Friendship Meeting means. We believe that increased clarity about this topic will be of critical importance for future Clearness Committees for Membership, and that it will benefit the Meeting in a future, which includes more space for worship, religious education and social gatherings.

The report was accepted.

2018-074. New Meetinghouse Fundraising Report.

Fundraising Committee Report for May 2018

Members: Jim Hood, Kembra Howdeshell (convener), David Brown, Mel Zuck, Cyril Harvey, and Jim Fernandes

1. Pledges and payments paid on pledges through June 3, 2018:

1. Payments made in YTD 2018
\$ 12,025.00
2. Pledges made (prior to MGC):
\$ 154,920.00
3. Payments paid on pledges:
\$ 118,920.00 (77%)
4. Outstanding pledges:
\$ 36,000.00 (23%)

Progress toward the \$150,000 Matching Gift Campaign (as of June 3, 2018):

1. Pledges made (MGC):
\$ 19,990.00
2. Total outstanding pledges (MGC)
\$ 3,025.00
3. Total donations YTD 2018
\$37,315.58
4. Total donations (with Yard Sale)
\$128,779.31 (86%)
5. Outstanding pledges + total donations
\$131,804.31 (88%)
6. Amount needed to reach MGC goal
\$ 18,195.69 (12%)

The Meetinghouse Fundraising Committee would like to apply to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting for a Charleston Fund grant. If awarded, the grant would be paid to us when construction is halfway completed. We would seek \$3,000 toward construction of the new meeting room. The Rouths, who are sponsoring the Matching Gift

Campaign, have agreed that the grant award would count toward the grant, as long as notice of the award is received before Tenth Month 20 of 2018. The PYM grant application requires a minute of approval from Friendship Friends Meeting and the Committee is in unity in recommending approval of this minute.

Action item: The Meetinghouse Fundraising Committee requests approval of the following minute to accompany the PYM grant application:

Friendship Friends Meeting approves submitting an application to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Charleston Fund for financial help toward constructing our new meeting room.

Update on Friend General Conference meeting house building fund grant submission: No word from FGC about the result of our application to them. This may mean that they are holding a decision until their 8th month Friends Meeting House Fund board meeting, when we hope they will have more money to disburse than they did last month.

Friends accepted the report, and approved the following minute:

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2018-075. Meetinghouse Planning Committee.

At last month's business meeting, Friends provided valuable feedback to our committee about the proposed floor plan

for our new welcome room and meeting room. The committee relayed this feedback to Archer Joyce, our architect, and Andrew Wells, our contractor from RPM Partners, and we met this past week to discuss it further. As a result, we are bringing a slightly revised floor plan back to the meeting today for approval. While this floor plan is still subject to change as we move through the process, it allows Andrew and Archer to take these preliminary drawings to the city to get initial feedback about possible code issues. It also gives the committee a direction to move on to next stages of the process. We are also bringing some initial site plan drawings related to parking for Friends to consider and give us feedback to guide us in our thinking.

The revised floor plan we are presenting today for approval is similar to the one we showed last month. The key features of this floor plan are:

- a primary entry into a welcome room
- a connected meeting room with double doors centered on the west, south and east walls
- a porch on the west and south sides
- a new bathroom in what is now the south part of the current sunroom with the north wall of the sunroom pushed out to maintain the same total amount of room

After listening to the feedback last month, we have made two small changes to what was presented last month:

The northeast corner of the welcome room will have a door at a diagonal to reduce noise from the kitchen and current fellowship room. Our committee also

clearly heard the meeting's concern about people entering directly into the new meeting room from outside. While this issue does not affect the floor plan at this stage of the process, we have discussed making it clear that the welcome room door is the primary entrance. We are also considering possibly keeping the west and south doors as exit only doors after worship, and through furniture layout and custom, directing fellowship into what is the current worship room so that the welcome room can serve as a quieter transitional space to the meeting room.

The question was asked last month what the route would be for Friends to get from the kitchen outside for a potluck or picnic. Because of this excellent question, we have added a door in the northwest corner of the welcome room that exits to a ramp to the grassy area on the north side of the new meeting room.

The elevation drawings provided give a sense of what this would look like from several angles. At this point, our committee would like to ask for approval from the meeting for this preliminary floor plan.

The next step after the floor plan is to make preliminary site plan decisions, particularly as related to parking, as these decisions will need to be reviewed by the city for possible issues and they also might affect future discussions about the floor plan. Therefore, we would like to bring two possibilities to the meeting today for feedback that we can bring back to Archer and Andrew for further discussion.

The two primary factors that we are trying to balance are providing easy drop-

off access to the welcome room and meeting room, especially for members and attenders who have limited mobility, and at the same time moving the bulk of the parking to the west of the new meeting room so that it does not impair the view of the meetinghouse from the Arcadia entrance. Obviously, these priorities are in tension so we are seeking feedback from the meeting to help us in our process.

One possibility provides a drop-off area relatively close to the southwest corner of the new meeting room, perhaps 20-30 feet. There would be a short walkway from this drop-off to the covered porch area. This would allow us to avoid putting a lot of asphalt right in front of our new meeting room, but it would require some movement to get to the welcome room door. A related question in this plan is whether we would like a covered walkway to extend from the porch to the drop-off area. Some members of the meeting have expressed interest in this possibility, but it would also create a not insignificant visual in front of our new meeting room.

The other possibility that we discussed at our last meeting was having a one-way loop road pass right in front of the new welcome room and meeting room for drop-off right in front of the door. This would reduce significantly the distance Friends would have to travel to the welcome room door but places a road in front of our new structures. Andrew also raised the concern in an email after our meeting that this drawing also would probably damage the large oak tree. If there is interest in this plan, we could investigate whether there are alterations to

the loop road idea that would prevent this possibility.

To summarize, our committee is coming today to ask to for feedback about:

- a drop-off area near the new meeting room versus a loop road right in front
- the possibility of a covered walkway to extend to wherever we decide the drop-off spot should be.

Friends approved the revised floor plan the committee presented.

2018-076. Report from Hospitality Committee.

Earlier this spring a Friend approached Hospitality Committee about the tap water we serve for drinking and for making hot beverages to serve at the rise of meeting and other meeting events. The concern is over the health safety of tap water with a particular concern for infants, children and pregnant mothers, but also for adults. Concerns over fluoride and chloramines and other chemicals in the water are shared by some but not all people. The evidence about fluoride is both obvious and still open to questioning.

At the moment, Friend Janet Nagel is providing reverse osmosis water for Hospitality to use. We are interested in how much we use a week, and it's coming to under 2 gallons. The expense and effort are negligible.

It would be simple for Hospitality to keep doing this, but we see that an opportunity for the meeting to educate itself about tap

water would be wasted. We propose to place web links in George for Friends to learn for themselves about tap water. In Eighth Month we plan to revisit the use of the drinking water we serve in the meeting and ask what Friends are comfortable doing.

2018-077. Gratitude for our Clerk. Friends wholeheartedly thanked Susan Carlyle for her years of service as clerk of the meeting.

2018-078. Closing Minute. No further business appearing, and with hearts and minds generally clear, Friends adjourned, intending to meet at the appointed time in Eighth Month, if consistent with Divine Will.

Clerks' Corner

A new newsletter feature where every month or so something will be submitted from our clerks for the benefit of our members' continuing education on Quaker history, thoughts and practices.

Prayer: Help us become quiet and listen for your guidance. Help us trust you and do your will. Help us give you every part of our lives and then lie still in your arms. Help us trust you to provide everything we need. Help us be grateful for middles, endings, and new beginnings. -unknown author

From Miriam and Chris Biber-Peterson

Tristan Verloo Biber-Peterson was born on June 12 and weighed 8 lbs 1 oz. Tristan is doing well and James is enjoying his new role as big brother.



Getting ready for our new building and upgrading our landscaping I decided to inventory all the trees on the Meetinghouse property. I was surprised to find 86 trees comprising 31 species with 14 species of significant size for their type. In addition, there were 3 ornamentals and two cottonwood/birch type trees I could not identify. The largest numbers are our walnuts, followed by magnolias and sweet gums. One further note - of the many meeting tree species I have turned bowls from dead wood of 8 of our species.

Dave MacInnes

Friendship Meeting tree inventory 7/27/2018

	Tree	Significant size
1	Apple, Crab	
2	Ash, white	Yes
3	Bayberry	
4	Cherry, Black	
5	Cherry, Japanese	
6	Crape myrtle	
7	Cryptomeria	
8	Dogwood	Yes
9	Gum, sweet	Yes
10	Holly, American	
11	Holly, ornamental	
12	Juniper	
13	Laurel, bay	
14	Locust, black	Yes
15	Magnolia, southern	Yes
16	Magnolia, Star	
17	Magnolia, sweet bay	
18	Maple, Japanese	
19	Maple, Red	
20	Maple, silver	Yes
21	Oak, northern red	Yes
22	Oak, southern red	Yes
23	Oak, willow	Yes
24	Pawpaw	
25	Pear, Bradford	
26	Pecan	Yes
27	Redbud	Yes
28	Redtip	
29	Spruce, blue	Yes
30	Walnut, black	Yes
31	Willow, weeping	Yes

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