

Friendship Times

Friendship Friends Meeting

Calendar

Sun, May 26	9 AM: Deepening the Spiritual Life of the Meeting 10:30 am Meeting for Worship 12:00 PM: Peace and Social Concerns Forum with Max Carter
Tue, May 28	7 PM review the latest from the NCYM (C) Discipline Revision committee at the meetinghouse.
Sun, June 2	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship 12 noon Peace and Social Concerns Committee meets
Sun, June 9	10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
Sun, June 16	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, June 23	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, June 30	9 am Extended period of worship 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, July 7	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
July 11-15	NC Yearly Meeting at Wilmington
Sun, July 14	10:30 am Meeting for Worship at Guilford College
Sun, July 21	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Tues July 23	Newsletter deadline
Sun, July 28	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Aug 4	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship 12 noon Peace and Social Concerns Committee meets

June and July Queries

Query #2. Are we faithful in our attendance at meetings for worship and are we careful not to disturb the spirit of the meeting with our late arrival? Is our behavior therein that of open submission to God in silent communion?

Query #3. Do we follow the teachings of Jesus and seek the inspiration of His Holy Spirit in our daily lives? Are love and unity maintained among us? Do we cultivate a forgiving spirit, and do we avoid and discourage needless and destructive criticism of others? When differences arise, do we endeavor promptly to resolve them in a spirit of love, honesty, and humility?

Weekly Meeting for Worship 10:30 am each First Day. Business Meeting is the second First Day of the month. Childcare available for all Meeting events.

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 on 5/31, 6/28, and 7/26

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

From the Editor

The newsletter covers both June and July. My intention is to distribute the Eighth Month newsletter no later than the last Sunday of July. Material should be submitted, preferably by email, no later than Tuesday, July 24.

5th Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Minutes

At this time the minutes for our regular business meeting have not been posted online so you will have to wait until the end of July to read them. (the editor)

Here are the minutes for a called Meeting for Business in early 5th month.

2019-046. Opening Minute At a called meeting for business of Friendship Friends Meeting, held on the afternoon of Fifth Month 5, 2019 at the meetinghouse. The meeting opened near the appointed hour with a period of waiting worship.

Meetinghouse Planning Committee Report - Fifth Month 5, 2019

At last month's meeting for business the meeting approved a slightly revised floor plan that opened up the welcome room with more windows and light. Afterwards, Andrew Wells, our contractor at RPM Partners, and Archer Joyce, our architect, said they needed one more decision before they could send our plans to all the engineers for initial feedback and estimates as part of the Design, or Construction

JUNE

Morales, Eric Resendiz 6/24/15

JULY

Morales, Yoari (Son of Kathe Rodriguez) 7/22/08

Marlin, Brianna 7/22/10

Swenson, Seanie 7/24/05

Documents, phase. Because our committee wanted to avoid waiting two additional weeks for the rescheduled meeting for business in Fifth Month, we asked for this called meeting. Our thanks for everyone who is able to stay and discuss this decision.

The final decision we need before entering the next contract with RPM Partners for the Design phase is about lighting since the electrical engineer needs this information in order to make his/her plans. Therefore, we are bringing a recommendation today for approval for a basic lighting plan for all of the new construction since we recognize that this is an important decision for the feel of our new spaces.

At a recent meeting with our architect Archer, our committee spent a long time discussing the lighting in the new meeting room. We have heard a preference for indirect lighting in the meeting room from members of the meeting. Therefore, our recommendation uses indirect lighting and natural light from the many windows as the primary illumination, but Archer also recommended that we have the option of additional direct lighting if a specific event or the lack of ambient light necessitates it. As a result, our recommendation is that we have a 'pan' around the walls of the meeting room at the height of eight feet. This pan will extend several feet into the room and then angle up towards a higher

ceiling in the middle. The main lighting for the meeting room will be recessed around the perimeter of the room and aimed up at the 'tray' ceiling so that it is reflected into the room as indirect lighting. Especially on days with ample natural light this should be sufficient lighting for the entire room. However, there may be times when there is less natural light or when an event calls for more light and therefore we are recommending having cans of direct lighting on the underside of the pan around the perimeter of the room. We are awaiting a recommendation from Archer about exactly how many cans he thinks we might need.

For the remaining rooms in the new construction, we are recommending cans of direct lighting similar to what we have in the current fellowship room. This is the simplest and most economical way to light these rooms.

In summary, we are asking for approval for this basic lighting plan so that Andrew and Archer can share this concept with the electrical engineer, and we can formally begin our new contract for the Design phase of this process, which is the final phase before we begin construction. Once we are ready to enter the Design phase, we can launch our Interior and Exterior sub-committees to help us make additional design recommendations so that we can move through this phase as efficiently as possible.

The general lighting plan as proposed was approved. The committee will work with the electrical engineers and bring a detailed plan back to Meeting for Business at the appropriate time.

From Darlene Stanley: There will be a called meeting open to all Friendship Friends attenders and members to review the latest submission from the NCYM (C) Discipline Revision committee on Tuesday, **May 28th**, 2019 at 7 PM at the meetinghouse.

The section for our review and discernment is: Section 11: The Gifts of the Spirit in the Life of the Community (formerly "Ministers, Elders, and Overseer" and "Travel Minutes"). It is attached to the George Fox newsletter as a pdf file.

From Raleigh Bailey: Peace and Social Concerns will sponsor a special forum on Palestinian/Israeli relations, led by Max Carter, on First Day, **May 26th** at noon at Friendship Meeting. Retired professor and campus minister at Guilford College, Max will have just returned from a Ramallah Friends School board meeting. He reports that there will be much to talk about. Middle Eastern food snacks will be provided.

Reminder: The 322nd Yearly Meeting of NCYM (C) is July 10-15, 2019 in Wilmington, North Carolina.

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