

Friendship Times

December 2007

Addendum

Due to constraints in my schedule and the absence of minutes by mid-day Friday, I printed the newsletter without the minutes. Fortunately, the minutes arrived before I put the newsletter in the mail, and I am now able to include them at last moment as an addendum.

Cyril Harvey, Editor

Minutes

FRIENDSHIP MONTHLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS GATHERED ON THE 11TH OF ELEVENTH MONTH 2007

Meeting started with a period of silent worship. In attendance were; Betty Austin, Ted Benfey, John Bowles, David Brown, Mae Brown, Maureen Burns, Mary Ellen Chijioke, Judith Harvey, Claire Koster, Martha Lang, David MacInnes, Harry Nagel, Janet Nagel, Chris Nelson, Carole Treadway, Daryl Waisner, Lisa Waldman, Mel Zuck and Priscilla Zuck.

Co-clerk David Bailey read the 11th query out of the silence. "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?"

Friends responded out of the silence. The following minute serves as a summary of the discussion:

Friends struggled with the perception that the language of the query is outdated in its description of specific forms of discrimination. We affirm the first sentence of the query; we do reverence that of God in every individual and work to address issues of social injustice and discrimination in all its forms. While this meeting is doing quite well in engaging directly with each individual that we encounter as a precious being of God, we acknowledge that there is a lot more that we could do in our corporate witness. Currently, in our corporate witness we support the work of others through

monetary and/or direct service in other organizations.

Friends approved the minute. Judy Harvey will revise the minute over the course of the next month.

Carole Treadway agreed to do minute revisions for query #12

David Bailey, substituting for Ray Treadway who is out of town, read the **Treasurer's Report** for Tenth Month, The report was accepted. The complete report is attached to the minutes; a summary follows:

<u>Tenth Month</u>	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund:	\$1,319.00	\$1,458.45	\$ 8,730.24
All Funds:	\$1,454.00	\$1,558.45	\$ 20,148.96

Expenses of note during the month: \$50.00 for assistance for travel to a committee meeting of Friends World Committee, \$115.50 for the *Pastoral Care Newsletter* (Care and Counsel, Worship and Ministry, and Library), \$50.68 for travel assistance for the retreat sponsored by Worship and Ministry, \$400.00 to Friends Disaster Service, \$350.00 to Friends General Conference, and \$100.00 to Quaker House of Fayetteville.

The \$100 originally designated to express our appreciation to Lloyd Lee Wilson for his joining us for the meeting retreat was redirected to the Trust Fund for Travel in the Ministry of North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative) at his request. PAX World reported an increase in the market value of our investments of \$1,003.76 for the third quarter of the fiscal year.

Designated contributions to our special funds (building, contingency, emergency assistance, and property) are always welcome. Income to the general fund for the first ten months of the budget year is almost **\$5,500** under the amount needed to maintain our general-fund budget. Each month we find ourselves farther behind in meeting the budget for the fiscal year,

which has less than two months remaining. Contributions to Friendship Friends Meeting may be left in the basket on the table in the fellowship room or may be sent to Friendship Meeting, POB 8652, Greensboro NC 27419.

Friends accepted the Treasure's Report with thanks.

Worship and Ministry

Daryl Waisner reported for worship and ministry. They are working on the Christmas Eve service at Friends Homes. It will be at 7:30 pm December 24th in the living room of Friends Homes Guilford.

Feedback from the Lloyd Lee Wilson retreat suggests that Friends long for worship and worship sharing in smaller groups. Janet Nagel and Judy Heitfield will be heading an "Experiment with Light" group as one way to help address some of these needs. Further information will be published in the meeting newsletter.

Friends approved supporting this proposal.

A groundswell of Friends expressed interest in having a Christmas party this year. Mae Brown, Claire Koster, Darryl Waisner and Maureen Burns have agreed to set a date, organize the event and enlist plenty of volunteers.

Care and Counsel

Priscilla Zuck reported for Care and Counsel. The committee is currently working to create a letter to reach out to missing and unaccountable Friends.

House and Grounds

Mae Brown reported for house and grounds. The workday was successful.

Ad Hoc Building Committee

Dave MacInnes reported for the Ad Hoc Building and Grounds Committee. The report is as follows:

We are currently on hold for two years with the Guilford College Board of Trustees. The committee is addressing other options, as follows:

Negotiations with the college are on hold, the Board of Trustees Building and Grounds Committee see up to a two year hiatus before they consider our proposal further. The Ad Hoc committee is considering a number of options at this time including 1) buying land and building a new meetinghouse, 2) buying and renovating an existing house, 3) staying put and buying one of the two properties to the north of our

current property or 4) working something out with Friends Homes.

Friends considered and responded to the Ad Hoc Committee's report. Friends approved the following minute of process.

Questions were raised about fiscal responsibility and how we would raise funds to build a new meetinghouse. Concern was raised that if we are not even meeting our general fund needs, how can we have a building fund simultaneously? A concern was raised that the Meeting will need to get 501 3c status to get foundation funding. One of the members of the ad hoc committee is currently studying funding opportunities and the tax status was referred to the committee for further action. The Committee is also working on getting concrete, hard and fast numbers on the cost of different building options. It was suggested that the committee find additional ways to report to wider membership. Friends also raised the issue of our corporate responsibility for the environmental impact of our meetinghouse on the local watershed problem. There was an overarching sense in the meeting that we keep everyone fully engaged as we move forward with this process. Friends expressed their deep appreciation for the committee's ongoing, careful and intentional work

After a brief period of silence Friends adjourned, purposing to meet, God willing, on the 11th day of 12th Month 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha E. Lang
Recording Clerk