

# Friendship Times

June 2009

## Calendar

Sun, May 31	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Jun 7	9:00 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sat, Jun 13	1:00 pm Potluck picnic to welcome Hannah Morris and Pat Loring, Meetinghouse
Sun, Jun 14	10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse 10:30 am Meeting for Worship, A potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
Sun, Jun 21	10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Tue, Jun 23	Last day to send newsletter materials to Editor
Fri, Jun 26	7:00 to 10:00 pm Game Night, Meetinghouse
Sun, Jun 28	10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse 10:30 am Meeting for Worship

Child care available during Meeting for Worship.  
7:30 pm Fourth Day, Midweek Meeting. for Worship, in  
Prayer Room, 7<sup>th</sup> floor Woolman Hall, Friends Homes,  
occasionally followed by discussion at 8:00 pm.  
9:00 am fifth First Day (when there is one), Extended  
Meeting for Worship.

### Salem Worship Group

Meeting for Worship, 9:30 am, First Day, at The  
Blessings, 823 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem  
Contact: Meg Zulick, 725-2377

Sixth Month Birthdays  
of our Young Friends

Washburn, Daniel James 6/9/95

## Game Night at the Meetinghouse Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 10:00 pm

Bring your favorite game to share, or enjoy the  
game selection provided. Family and friends are al-  
ways welcome. Any questions, contact Don Smith  
and Kembra Howdeshell (323-1537).

## In this Issue

In this issue are the Minutes from Fifth Month's  
meeting for worship with a concern for business. In  
addition there are announcements of a picnic,  
game night, and a photo exhibit, requests from the  
Nominating Committee, FWCC, and the Nagels,  
and an addition to the Directory.

### From the Editor:

My intention is to distribute the newsletter no  
later than the last Sunday of the month; this will  
be June 28<sup>th</sup> for the **July — August** issue. Mate-  
rial for the newsletter should be submitted, pref-  
erably by email, *no later* than Tuesday, **June**  
**23<sup>rd</sup>**.

## Please note the newsletter will not be published during July

Thanks to everyone in advance for your help.  
Cyril Harvey, [cyrilhh@triad.rr.com](mailto:cyrilhh@triad.rr.com)

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If you would prefer to change your current mode of  
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## Sixth Month's Query Growth of our Children

*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 discern-  
ment? 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?*

## Minutes

### FRIENDSHIP MONTHLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS GATHERED ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> OF FIFTH MONTH 2009

Meeting began with silent worship. In attendance were: Gay Bowles, John Bowles, Sandy Bowles, David Brown, Mae Brown, Maureen Burns, Judith Harvey, Sidney Lee Kitchens, Claire Koster, Hannah Logan Morris, Darryl Waisner, George L. White, Marilyn White.

In the absence of the Clerk, Sidney Lee Kitchens was approved as clerk-for-the-day.

Out of the silence clerk Sidney Lee Kitchens read Query 5 as follows:

*Do we regularly attend our meetings for business, and are they held in a spirit of love, understanding, and forbearance? Do we seek the right course of action in humble submission to the Authority of Truth and in the patient search for a sense of unity under Divine guidance?*

The following is a summary of the Meeting's response to this query:

There is a core group of faithful people who attend meeting for business.

This year, both Easter and Mothers' Day has been on meeting for business days, and attendance was lower, due at least partly to our culture. This is thought to be due to our families being more spiritually diverse.

One Friend is discouraged by the non-attendance of some previously faithful Friends and wonders what can be done - perhaps the Care & Counsel Committee needs to contact these people to find out the reason.

Some new people involved with our committees also do not seem to respond to the call to come to business meeting.

Patience was mentioned as one Friend's most difficult problem, which was echoed by others.

It was felt that we do have a sense of forbearance as a group that is stronger than that of many individuals.

Sandy Bowles previously volunteered to revise this query answer and forward it to the Worship & Ministry Committee. Gay and John Bowles will revise Query #6.

In the absence of Ray Treadway, George White, Assistant Treasurer, read the **Treasurer's Report** for Fourth Month, which was accepted. The complete report is attached to the archived minutes; a summary follows:

<u>Fourth Month</u>	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund:	\$ 1,980.00	\$ 614.83	\$ 7,258.20
All Funds:	\$ 1,980.00	\$ 614.83	\$ 18,335.31

Expenses of note during the month: travel for one member for a presentation - \$50, supplies for sandwiches for Urban Ministry - \$61.40, a supply of the *Faith and Practice* of North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative - \$25, donation to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses - \$100, electricity - \$83.48, gas - \$188.02, telephone - \$58.88, and water and sewer - \$14.25. The Meeting received one loan repayment to the emergency assistance fund of \$50. During the time period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 the value of our investments in PAX World decreased \$1,536.00.

Contributions to the Meeting in April were up from the previous month and matched the amount needed each month (\$1,900) to maintain our budget. During the month we made only one payment to support Quaker organizations, and it is hoped that payments to other Quaker and local non-profit organizations can be resumed in May. Income to the Meeting after four months is **\$3,450 below the amount** that should have been received by this time in the fiscal year. Contributions to the general fund and to our special funds would be appreciated. Checks can be made out to Friendship Friends Meeting and sent to POB 8652, Greensboro NC 27419.

Friends approved the report with thanks.

A **letter** was received from Nan Bowles. She expressed appreciation to Friendship Meeting for support and reimbursement of travel expenses for her presentation at the all-meeting retreat.

**Worship and Ministry Committee** presented the following responses to Queries 3 and 4:

*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?*

Response: We found it difficult to respond to this part of the query with words - "Do we follow the teachings of Jesus and seek the inspiration of His Holy Spirit?" We find we can only say that in our lives, we hope to come closer to fulfilling the spirit of this query. Since listening is part of the teachings of Jesus, we can say that this meeting seeks to listen, not only to one another, but also to the Holy Spirit moving among us. We reflect that in many small matters we do well in resolving issues

promptly and in a spirit of Love. In larger matters, we note we are less able to resolve differences with honesty and humility. We are aware of the need to guard against spiritual deafness which can arise and impede listening to and following the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We understand discerning the guidance of the Holy Spirit in difficult matters often includes time for seasoning and it has been our experience that way will open, with patience and faith.

*Query 4: Do we assume our rightful share in the expenses of our Meeting? Do we regard our time, our talents, and our possessions as given us in trust, and do we use them freely for the needs of others?*

Response: In the ebb and flow in the life of the Meeting, we seem to be going through a "low" period. Financial support over the past year has been adequate, but money contributions have been down in recent months. Most of the active members do give financially. This year we have seen that the work of Meeting committees has for the most part been taken by the same persons as in previous years. We've encouraged our nominating committee to begin moving our younger members into leadership roles in the Meeting, in spite of the demands of their busy lives. Those who are serving are giving to the best of their abilities and of the availability of time in their busy lives. Whenever there is a need, whether financial, programmatic, or helping others who require assistance, members and attenders do come through. We have a community to hold us, but only if we share our knowing of the need for help for ourselves and for others.

These were approved with minor revisions to the responses.

**Long Range Planning Committee** reports having met a couple of weeks ago and continues its work on specific recommendations that they can make to the Meeting.

**Nominating Committee**

**Marilyn White**, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, distributed the following list of those suggested for nomination as officers, clerks, representatives, and committees. Approval will be sought at our next business meeting in June. Any questions, corrections and suggestions need to be forwarded to the Nominating Committee before our June business meeting.

Nominating Committee: Bonnie Parsons, Neil Swenson, Marilyn White

**Nominees for Officers, Clerks, Representatives and Committees for Friendship Meeting**

**OFFICERS**

Clerk	David MacInnes
Co-Clerk	Sidney Lee Kitchens
Treasurer	Ray Treadway

Assistant Treasurer	George L. White
Recording Clerk	Benji Hebner
	(Membership transfer in progress)
Membership Recorder	Claire Koster
Assistant Membership Rec.	Bonnie Parsons

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FRIENDSHIP FRIENDS MEETING INCORPORATED**

President	David MacInnes
Vice-President	Sidney Lee Kitchens
Treasurer	Ray Treadway
Secretary	Benji Hebner
Director	Betty Austin
Director	John Bowles
Director	David Brown
Director	Priscilla Zuck

**REPRESENTATIVES**

<u>Yearly Meeting</u>	Ray Treadway
	Claire Koster
	Deborah Shaw
	Nan Bowles

<u>Nominating Committee of Yearly Meeting</u>	(open)
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<u>Quaker House</u>	Rebecca Valla
	Meg Zulick

<u>F.C.N.L.</u>	Marilyn White
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<u>NCYM-C Records Committee</u>	(YM appoints Records Committee, we don't)
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**COMMITTEES**

<u>Audit</u>	
Convenor	Mel Zuck
	Dorothy Nielsen
	Jim Hood
	(in reserve if needed)

<u>Care and Counsel</u>	
Clerk	Maureen Burns
	David Bailey
	Gay Bowles
	Judy Harvey
	Claire Koster
	Bonnie Parsons
	George White
	Priscilla Zuck
	David MacInnes

Ex-Officio	
<u>Finance</u>	
Clerk	Ray Treadway
	David Brown
	George White
	David MacInnes

<u>Handbook</u>	
Clerk	Claire Koster
	Chris Nelson
	Carey Reece
Ex-Officio	David MacInnes

Hospitality

Co-Clerk  
Co-Clerk

Stephen Holland  
Hillary McCormick  
Jesse Garvin  
Kembra Howdeshell  
Sidney Lee Kitchens  
Casey Thomas  
(Begin January 2010)  
Darryl Waisner

Sandwiches

Support

David Bailey  
Gay Bowles

Greeting Coordinator

Gay Bowles

House and Grounds

Clerk

Rodney Owen  
Tom Ehlers  
Jim Hood  
David Parsons  
Bonnie Parsons  
Patricia Loring

Cleaning List  
H&G Supply Coordinator

Library

Clerk

Carole Treadway  
Gay Bowles  
Judy Reece

Long Range Planning

Clerk

Sandy Bowles  
Ray Treadway  
Rodney Owen  
David Brown  
Kembra Howdeshell  
Carey Reece  
David MacInnes

Ex-Officio

Peace and Social Concerns

Clerk

Sheri Grace  
Betty Austin  
Raleigh Bailey  
Ernest Miller  
Richard Phillips  
Susan Phillips  
Judy Reece  
Daniel Rhodes  
Don Smith  
Marilyn White  
Mel Zuck  
David MacInnes

Ex-Officio

Religious Education

Clerk

Kembra Howdeshell  
Benji Hebner  
Anne Morris  
Hannah Logan Morris

Web Committee

Clerk

Chris Nelson  
Hannah Hobson  
Ray Treadway

Worship and Ministry

Clerk

Darryl Waisner  
Ted Benfey  
Sue Hebner  
Patricia Loring  
Deborah Shaw  
Darlene Stanley  
Neil Swenson  
Carole Treadway  
David MacInnes

Ex-Officio

Calendar Coordinator

Priscilla Zuck

Newsletter

Editor

Cyril Harvey

Assistant Editor

Judy Harvey

Friends approve the following changes in the distribution of the Newsletter in coming months:

June Newsletter	alone
July/August	combined issue
September issue	to come out in the middle of August

**The Clerk** has distributed a draft of the State of the Meeting Report by email, with a request for comments, and will present a final copy at the June Business Meeting for approval and forwarding to the Yearly Meeting.

**Sidney Lee Kitchens** read the minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> Month 15<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting from the Salem Worship Group, to bring us up to date on what is happening at their meeting.

**The Meeting** then adjourned at 2:02 p.m. after a brief period of silence, purposing to reconvene on 6<sup>th</sup> Month, 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009, if consistent with Divine Will.

Sidney Lee Kitchens, Clerk-for-the-day  
Claire Koster, Recording Clerk

The **Nominating Committee** has put copies of the tentative committee rosters for next year on the table at the Meetinghouse (see also the Minutes in this issue of the newsletter). Please take the time to look at these lists to see if you have any additions or revisions. These recommendations will be brought to the June Meeting for Business, so prompt feedback would be appreciated.

Also, there are needs for additional members on the Long Range Planning and House and Grounds committees. If you would be willing to join one of these two committees, please contact Bonnie Parsons, Marilyn White or Neil Swenson.



Cyril Harvey's photo exhibit at Friends Homes Guilford comes down in early June

### From the Newsletter of Friends World Committee For Consultation

#### Looking for volunteers to check FWCC directory listings

The book version of the FWCC Directory of Meetings in the US and Canada is getting ready to go to print. We are looking for volunteers from each yearly meeting who are willing to look over a list of the meetings within your yearly meeting to make sure the listing is complete and accurate. If you are knowledgeable of the meetings and churches within your yearly meeting, and are willing to help, please contact us at: [louises@fwccamericas.org](mailto:louises@fwccamericas.org)

#### FWCC display at your yearly meeting session

Can you take FWCC literature to your yearly meeting session? If so, contact us and we'll send you a small packet of materials and possibly a display for exhibiting at your yearly meeting sessions.

Contact us at: [louises@fwccamericas.org](mailto:louises@fwccamericas.org)

### Our thoughts and prayers are with

John Bowles this month. John had foot surgery recently. He is doing well and we wish him a smooth and speedy recovery.

### Welcoming Our Newest Members Pat Loring and Hannah

Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm

The welcoming committee for **Hannah Morris** and **Pat Loring** is making plans for a potluck picnic lunch to be held in the backyard of Friendship Meetinghouse. All are welcome. Bring your families. Kembra Howdeshell and Gay Bowles

### A Request from Harry and Janet Nagel

#### BOXES NEEDED FOR MOVING

The Nagels — Harry & Janet and Lisa & Ehren — are doing a house swap in June. They especially need wardrobe boxes for hanging clothes (the ones with the metal bar) and small boxes for books. Also boxes and wrapping materials for breakables. They'll be happy to return materials after use or pass them on as you prefer. Please contact Janet & Harry (292-9699) or Ehren & Lisa (323-0800).

Ehren is organizing the move and will set the date soon. The plan is to use two moving vans and load and unload them simultaneously. If you can help with preparations or on moving day please tell Ehren. Among several happy reasons for the big move, Lisa and Ehren are expecting their first child in November.

### Directory Changes

Please call Claire Koster (766-9769), clerk of the Handbook Committee, if you have questions about the *Directory*. Give corrections, additions, or deletions for the *Directory* to Claire, and/or email them to the editor, [cyrilhh@triad.rr.com](mailto:cyrilhh@triad.rr.com).

#### New Address:

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Address Correction Requested

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