

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Newsletter

Eleventh Month, 2020

Monthly Query: *How do I strive to achieve harmony and balance between my inner and outer commitments?*

Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee: *Come to Meeting with neither a resolve to speak, nor a determination not to speak, but rather with an attitude of expectant waiting and openness*



NOTICE

All CHFM Quaker-related activities at the meetinghouse and in the school house have been canceled until later notice, pending reassessment.

The Building and Grounds committee has requested that those who rent on the premises find alternate options until we reopen.

Virtual Meetings

Meetings for Worship; Meetings for Worship with Attention to Business; and Weekly Forums:

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting has been using Zoom software as an online platform to hold Meetings for Worship; including meetings with attention to business, forums, social hours, and committee meetings. Friends are doing our best to sustain spiritual connections and support the life of the Meeting during the pandemic.

Ministry and Worship and the Zoom ad-hoc committee (zoom@chapelhillfriends.org) wish to make this experience as rich as possible. Even apart, we wish to come together in the Light. To aid this, we advise those attending of the following:

- On entering the Meeting for Worship via Zoom, everyone's microphone will be muted (you do not need to mute yourself on entry). We suggest remaining muted when not speaking to avoid background noise.
- If led to share vocal ministry, the "Unmute" button on the bottom left of the Zoom screen is pressed. When finished speaking, the "Mute" button may be pressed in the same location.
- We recognize you may need to move around and settle. If doing so Friends are asked to use the "Stop Video" option (bottom of screen next to Mute) – your name or profile picture will display until pressing "Start Video" again. This will minimize visual distraction for others,
- There is an option on the upper right of your Zoom screen to select "Speaker View" for a large window for the current speaker or "Gallery View" that shows small windows for all participants.

The Ministry & Worship Committee reminds Friends that our traditional Quaker practice in Meeting for Worship, in-person or online, is to refrain from sharing vocal ministry more than once in the hour to give others space for messages. Though it may be more challenging online, we strive to listen deeply in the silence and be open to the leadings of the Spirit that may move us to speak.

More information about Zoom is available on the Meeting's website:

<https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/zoom.html>

The link to Zoom for the Forum and Meeting for Worship is sent weekly via the listserv. If you wish to visit with us for the first time or are a regular attender but do not have access to the listserv please contact us at zoom@chapelhillfriends.org. Comments are warmly appreciated at the same email address. See you online!

Upcoming Zoom Forums

November 1 - Celebrating loved ones who have died. We will spend time remembering those we have lost and how we remember them. If led, come with the memory of someone who has passed on in your life, the gifts they shared, and how you celebrate their life today. You are welcome to bring a photo or other object that is meaningful to you. Moderator: Lori Khamala

December 6 - Seasonal sharing of music, stories, etc. Please let Tom Munk know if you are interested in sharing. (munk.tom@gmail.com)

Parallel Meeting at Home, Sunday, 11am-12

Many of us on First Day are doing what one Friend called "simultaneous sitting" and could be called *ethereal* worship - that is, we are sitting in our own homes having worship between 11 and 12, calling to mind other Friends, but not taking part in any techno forum. We miss the benefit of wider ministry, but can add that angle in our own way. It can be quite magical.

Pecan Sale Fundraiser for OCC

Annual pecan sale for OCC prison ministry is going on now. There's no Brunswick Stew this year. Pecans are \$14/lb and can be ordered on line (pay by credit card) or by mail with a form and check.. **ORDERS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 7.** Pick-up will be Nov. 21 between 9-11 a.m. at Mt. Hermon Church, 4511 Old Hwy 10, Durham (Orange County). To facilitate pickup, Asta Crowe is willing to pick up orders and deliver them to the front porch of the Meeting House (protected in cooler chest) or by arrangement with Asta to pick up at 903 Kings Mill Road, Chapel Hill. Orders should be picked up that Saturday or that Sunday. **IF YOU WANT ASTA TO PICK UP YOUR ORDER,** please state clearly on your form "CHFM group for pick up by Asta Crowe" and please be sure that you have sent details of your order to Asta so she knows what to pick up.

Order form and information are available at <https://aoprisonministry.org/order/>

For any questions, contact astacrowe@gmail.com

Please help make this pecan sale drive a success during this difficult year of our prison ministry and help the men at OCC.

Remember the OCC Children

Asta Crowe shares with Friends:

This message came from Melissa Radcliff at Our Children's Place. It's a nice way if you would like to brighten the day for some of the men at OCC, gifts for their children over the holidays. Contact Melissa -- see below. Asta

"We've been given [Our Children's Place} the go-ahead to organize holiday gift giving for the children whose fathers are at Orange. Details are still being worked out. If you're interested in buying a gift for one of the children, please let me [Melissa Radcliff] know (mradcliff@coastalhorizons.org). The chaplain is about to start signing up the men and their families."

IFC Holiday Meals

Carolyn Stuart shares with Friends:

In 2019, the IFC delivered 735 holiday meals to families in our community. Please support this effort by contributing \$25 per family (turkey and all the fixings). There are two ways to contribute. Go to the IFC website <https://www.ifcweb.org/> and click on the prominently displayed **Donate** button.

Or write a check to the following address, indicating "for holiday meals" on the message line.

Interfaith Council for Social Services
100 West Rosemary Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Questions? Contact Carolyn Stuart (stuartc@elon.edu or 919.929.2287)

Minute from the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

At the October 18 business meeting, the following minute was approved:

American democracy is in peril. For the first time in our history, we have a President refusing to commit to a peaceful transfer of power should he lose the election. This is the time, not to agonize, but to organize. Some Friends have begun non-violent efforts that are reflected on <https://choosedemocracy.us>. We support those efforts and invite Friends, as they are moved, to visit this website, take the pledge thereon proposed and attend some of the training sessions listed there. We pray we will not need to prepare. But if we fail to plan, we plan to fail.

The New Directory Is Coming!

A new Meeting Directory will be available soon! Has any of your contact information changed? If you are not listed in the current Meeting Directory but want to be included in the next edition, send your name, address, email, and phone number(s) to Dave Curtin (dfcurtin@gmail.com). If you are listed in the current Meeting Directory but your contact information has changed, email your changes to Dave Curtin.

The Meeting Directory is for Chapel Hill Friends Meeting use only and is not to be shared with or distributed to those not participating in the life of the Meeting. This information is not on the Web. Copies of the Directory will be printed or available as a pdf upon request.

Visiting the Meetinghouse During Covid

Building and Grounds shares with Friends:

As you know we've curtailed use of the meeting house during the pandemic. Occasionally, people have, and needed to, gone into the meeting house to support the few essential tasks of the meeting. We appreciate that those visits have been brief and infrequent. We do ask though that anyone that needs to go into the meeting house to please notify John Hite, by phone or text, prior to going. Thank you.

Anti-Racism Book Club

Leslie Bassinger shares with Friends:

If you would be interested in participating in an anti-racism book club (via zoom) some time after the Thanksgiving holiday, please let me know. I've read a stack of compelling books on this topic, I've learned some important things...and I'd like to learn more. I would appreciate hearing the thoughts and experiences of others on this path. The first book we'll be reading is [Me and White Supremacy](#) by Layla F. Saad. Thank you, Leslie slp3d@hotmail.com (if I don't reply within a couple days, you can text me at 817-995-0345)

Food Delivery to IFC While Meetinghouse is Closed

The meeting's IFC committee has devised a plan to make Friends' donations of food items to the IFC more convenient. You can find a [list of recommended food items](#) on the IFC website (and you can purchase food online).

1. Please bring food items to the meetinghouse porch on first and third Wednesdays of each month. Canned goods are to be placed in cardboard boxes labeled "IFC." Place bags of food in the plastic bin with a secure top. Members of the IFC committee will pick up the donations at 3:00 pm on first and third Wednesdays and deliver them to the Rosemary parking lot. This system will eliminate the need for individual Friends to drive to Rosemary street with food contributions, though you are still welcome to do that. The first day of food delivery to IFC from our meetinghouse porch will be Wednesday, June 17th.
2. Please do not leave food on the meetinghouse porch on days other than the designated delivery days - first and third Wednesdays. Bring your food donations prior to pick-up time of 3:00 pm.
3. From the IFC website, requested food contributions include pasta, spaghetti or pasta sauce, canned tuna or other meats, macaroni and cheese mixes, canned fruit, oatmeal, baking mixes (cornbread, muffins) and crackers (saltines and others). Other items would be welcomed as well. Link for pantry needs: <http://www.ifcweb.org/needs#pantry>

Questions? Contact Carolyn Stuart (919.929.2287 or stuartc@elon.edu)

What You Can Do For A Fair Election

Pam Schwingl shares with Friends:

We have two weeks to the election, thus your letters and emails and calls are important now. Please go to the FCNCL.org website for [Action Alerts](#) and [Fact Sheets](#) on election integrity.

Please consider writing a letter to:

- The editor of your local paper
- State Board of Elections (elections.sboe@ncsbe.gov)
- County Board of Elections (Orange County: vote@orangecountync.gov; Chatham County: elections@chathamnc.org; Durham County: elections@dconc.gov; Person County: personboe@personcountync.gov)
- Your state representatives and senators

Urge them to respect the need to count every vote and defend the integrity of our election.

The ability of the Board of Elections to count late votes in NC could still go to the supreme court even after the 4th U.S. Court of Appeals voted 12-3 to extend the time limit for receiving ballots. This could put late mail in ballots in jeopardy. Time is of the essence.

Encourage All Citizens To Register And Vote

The Peace and Justice Committee urges all citizens to register and vote.

It is possible to register and vote the same day at early voting sites.

Early voting (and same-day voter registration) starts this Thursday 10/15/20 and ends Saturday 10/31/2020.

<<https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-early-person>>

During early voting, voters may cast a ballot at any early voting site in their county. This is different from Election Day when registered voters must vote at their assigned precinct.

To register to vote same-day, the voter must prove their residence by showing any of the following documents with their current name and address:

- North Carolina driver's license
- Other photo identification issued by a government agency. Any government-issued photo ID is acceptable, provided that the card includes the voter's current name and address.
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document showing the voter's name and address.
- A current college/university photo identification card paired with proof of campus habitation.

To check one's voter registration, go to <<https://www.vote.org/am-i-registered-to-vote/>>.

For the location of early voting sites, go to: <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/ossite/>

Recurring Events

Online Social Event, Thursdays, 7pm

Chris Stanley shares with Friends:

As we have been doing recently, we will have a time to gather and touch base to see how everyone is doing. Last week, we looked at Catherine Alguire's garden during the call. Feel free to bring pictures of your garden or current project to share. There is no agenda and it is just a time to see a friendly face and say hello. Join us, if you are interested. - Chris

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QuakerCraft Online Game, Sundays

Sam Leeman-Munk shares with Friends:

Hi everybody,

This email is about a Minecraft server that Finn and Henry have set up for us.

It is a peaceful server with no player versus player and no monsters, so it is appropriate for young Quakers. The server is available 24/7, but we particularly encourage people to log in at the same time so we can play together. This event started April 19 and happens every Sunday between 1:30 and 3:30.

We are playing Minecraft: Java Edition

<https://www.minecraft.net/en-us/store/minecraft-java-edition>

An account costs about \$27, but anyone who identifies as a child may reach out to Finn James, Tom Munk and me to get an account. For best results, include all three of us on the email so we can work together.

Finn James runs the server, and once you have a screenname you can give it to him and he will give you

access. For how to access the server, [click here](#).
<https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/assets/hospitality/quakercraft.htm>

DISCORD SERVER

We may be Quakers, but what fun is playing with friends if it's all in silence? I have set up a discord server for chatting while we play. This server will be your first lifeline when navigating the vibrant, potentially overwhelming world of MineCraft, so be sure to join!

<https://discord.gg/F2Jf9MQ>

For more detailed discord instructions, [click here](#) :

<https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/assets/hospitality/quakercraftDiscord.htm>

Sloth Radio Goes Online, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Kathleen McNeil shares with Friends:

Hi Friends/friends,

The First Day School Middle POD (the Sloths) will be sharing our Sloth Radio Hour every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 8PM. You don't need to be in the middle pod to join us. All are welcome. We are reading the first book of the Harry Potter series. We will read for 30-60 minutes depending on interest level. The program will continue to be on zoom at the same address.

[Zoom meeting link available]

Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light, Wednesdays, 7-9pm

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN Virtual Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light, Wednesday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Join us when you can for as long as you wish-from your own home.

Do you have a name or a group of people to add to - or remove from - the list of those we will hold in our hearts and prayers? If so, please send to Lynn (linda.drake100@gmail.com) or Matt (matthiascdrake@gmail.com). We'll send an updated list on Wednesday afternoons. Thank you for joining us!

Pendle Hill Daily Worship via Zoom, Daily

Pendle Hill Quaker Study, Retreat, and Conference Center is now opening their daily morning worship to everyone, by way of Zoom or phone. A lovely opportunity for gathered worship every morning. "A handful of Pendle Hill residents continue to gather daily in the Barn – from 8:30am to 9:10am Eastern Time – expanding the 90-year-long tradition of daily worship here on campus. Beginning the week of March 16, 2020, we started an experiment of opening the circle of worship to YOU in your home. You can join us here via Zoom."

<https://pendlehill.org/explore/worship/join-us-online-for-worship-in-the-barn/?bblinkid=210290749&bbemailid=19903873&bbejrid=1408822779>

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Minutes, 9 am Sunday, October 18, 2020

Chris Stanley, Clerk; Alice Carlton, Recording Clerk

Attendance: Chris Stanley, Alice Carlton, Dave Curtin, Jeff Brown, Hart Pillow, Bob Durovich, Carolyn White, Faye Stanley, Jan Hutton, Lois Ann Hobbs, Lynn Drake, Maura Murphy, Rich Godfrey, Tom McQuiston, Naveed Moeed, Brad Kershner, Michael Jokinen, Tom Munk, Matt Drake, Hank Elkins, Tom Ludlow, Bonnie Ludlow, Lloyd Kramer, Dottie Heninger, Betsy Brinson, Gwynne Pomeroy, Jennifer Leeman, Carolyn Stuart, Asta Crowe, Kitty Bergel, Jan Hutton, Emilie Condon, Julia Cleaver, Ben Ray, Wendy Michener, John Hite, Curt Torell, Monteze Snyder, Tim Fogarty, Buzz Borchardt, Jasmine McKewen, Paul Munk, Nancy Milio, Pam Schwingl, Sean Chen, Lori Khamala.

1. Opening worship and query;

Query: What am I doing to reduce polarization within our community and the larger community?

2. Welcome and review of the agenda.

3. The minutes of the September 20, 2020 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB) were approved as written.

4. Maura Murphy, Treasurer, presented the first quarter financial report for July-September 2020. Our income is in line with what we usually have at this time. Committee expenses are less than usual. Under utilities, the cost for water shows a negative number because we share the cost with Chapel Hill Early School and will get reimbursement later. We are ahead for the year. A question was raised about the possibility of paying the credit card fee when making a donation online. The bank will get their fee regardless so it is of minimal help to the meeting. Another question arose about setting up auto-pay for monthly donations from one's bank account. This would require having the BB&T account number but does save credit card fees. Will benevolences go up because our expenses are low? We are open to that possibility but can't decide now. (Appendix 1.) The report was accepted with thanks.

5. Dave Curtin, Clerk of Library Committee, presented the Library Committee Annual Report. One addition is the book donations made to Orange Correctional Center. We are up to date on taking minutes to the Guilford College Archives. (Appendix 2.) The report was accepted with gratitude.

6. Jeff Brown, Clerk of the Ministry and Worship Committee, reported on the Clerk's Retreat September 26, 2020. Twenty-five people attended this online gathering. (Appendix 3.) Friends from the Carolina Friends School Board and the co-clerk of the Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting (PFYM) attended. As a result, PFYM will offer a clerk's workshop to PFYM that Chris Stanley is helping present. The report was accepted with thanks.

7. Naveed Moeed, Co-clerk of the Peace & Justice Committee (P&J), presented a minute in support of the nonviolent efforts reflected at <https://choosedemocracy.us>. George Lakey, experienced trainer in strategic nonviolent direct action, has led this initiative. P&J requests that the Meeting approve the minute:

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The minute was approved with gratitude.

8. Hank Elkins, Clerk of the Rooftop Solar Subcommittee along with committee members, presented the responses to questions that have been submitted about the proposal and a brief update on the work of this subcommittee. To proceed, we need to pay a down payment of \$6850. We can then apply for a rebate through Duke Energy in early January 2021 (only available 2021-2022) which means the remainder we need to raise is \$39,000. The panels will pay for themselves in ten years. We pay for energy anyway. If we install solar panels, we will pay upfront for ten years of energy and then receive energy cost-free after that. We will be saving \$35,000 that we would be spending anyway. A long discussion ensued. To be continued next month.

9. A. Hart Pillow, Clerk of Quaker Earthcare Witness, reported that QEW met October 10, 2020 and came to unity in support of this project.

b. Bob Durovich, Co-clerk of the Buildings & Grounds Committee, reported there were no show stoppers regarding the project. Many questions were raised by individuals on the committee and some unease. But many were green lights.

c. Naveed Moeed, Co-clerk of P&J, presented their report. Installation of rooftop solar panels may be a drop in the ocean of the climate change crisis but so doing does send a message. P&J recommends pursuing the rooftop solar project.

d. Finance Committee will report in November.

10. The next MWAB will be 9 am, Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. To send items for the weekly eNews, email news@chapelhillfriends.org. Put “for eNews in the subject line. Deadline is each Wednesday at midnight. For the monthly print newsletter, email news@chapehillfriends.org. Put “for Newsletter” in the subject line. Deadline is the last Sunday of the month.

B. Karen Porter has moved to San Marcos, Texas and requests to be removed from membership. She wants to stay in touch and greatly appreciated her time with us.

C. Saturday Oct. 24 at 10 am the Spiritual State of the Meeting will occur via Zoom. All are welcome.

D. Asta Crowe announced that the annual pecan sale to benefit Orange Correctional Center is still happening. The deadline for the first order is Nov. 7, 2020.

E. Emilie Condon asked us to hold Robert Seymour, who died last Sunday, in the light. He was a leader in our community in civil rights and other good causes.

F. John Hite shared that Rufus King will present his Conscientious Objector (CO) letter at the November MWAB followed by Henry Schneider and Matilda Chen in subsequent months.

11. Closing worship, virtual circle, and preparation for 11 am Meeting for Worship.

APPENDICES

9:11 PM
10/06/20
Cash Basis

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2020

	<u>Sep 30, 20</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BB&T-2699 Community Checking	30,506.86
BB&T-3430 Refac (Return Citz)	2,870.27
BB&T-3597 Youth Service Trip	3,116.02
BB&T-4039 Building Renovat Fund	13,361.76
BB&T-4071 Care and Counsel	7,886.85
BB&T-4593 Shotts Leadership	2,239.40
BB&T-9737 Money Rate Savings	55,034.65
Total Checking/Savings	<u>115,015.81</u>
Other Current Assets	
FF- General Fund	24,793.08
FF- Physical Plant Reserve Fund	21,890.22
Total Other Current Assets	<u>46,683.30</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>161,699.11</u>
Other Assets	
FF- Shotts Endowment	35,993.47
Total Other Assets	<u>35,993.47</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>197,692.58</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	937.70
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>937.70</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>937.70</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>937.70</u>
Equity	
FF Unrealized Gain/Loss	14,929.99
Opening Balance Equity	134,376.03
Unrestricted Net Assets	40,845.85
Net Income	6,603.01
Total Equity	<u>196,754.88</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>197,692.58</u></u>

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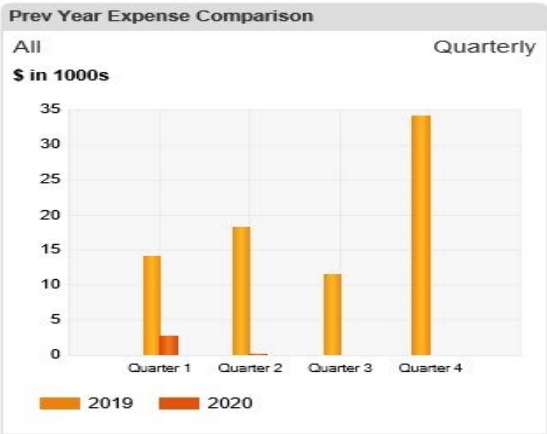
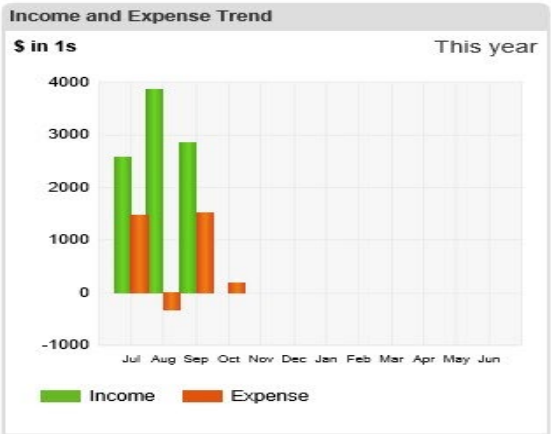
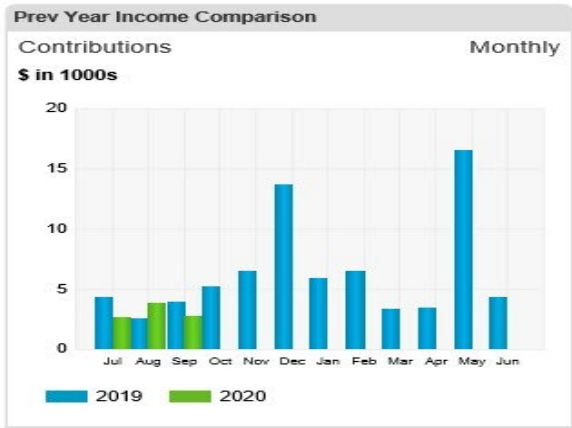
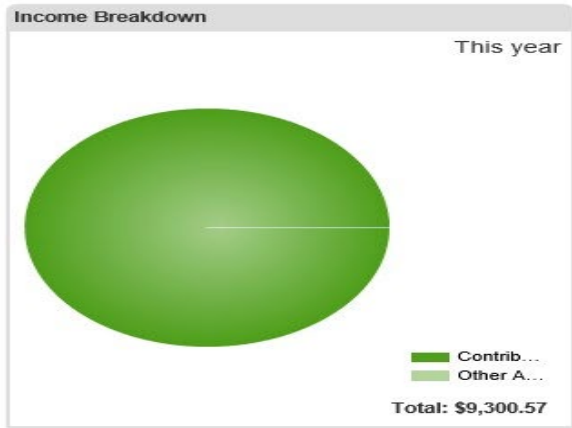
Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Budget v. Actuals
 July through September 2020

	Jul - Sep 20	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Contributions	9,298.97	53,550.00	17.4%
Total Income	9,298.97	53,550.00	17.4%
Gross Profit	9,298.97	53,550.00	17.4%
Expense			
A-Obligations			
Bank Fee	0.00	50.00	0.0%
FDS Coordinator/Childcare	1,704.94	6,800.00	25.1%
Insurance	0.00	5,900.00	0.0%
Software License Fee	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
UBIT, Storm Fees	0.00	800.00	0.0%
Utilities	-303.65	5,300.00	-5.7%
Total A-Obligations	1,401.29	19,850.00	7.1%
B-Committees			
Adult Religious Ed	0.00	60.00	0.0%
Building and Grounds	0.00	6,600.00	0.0%
Care and Counsel			
Meeting for Suffering	0.00	120.00	0.0%
Care and Counsel - Other	0.00	110.00	0.0%
Total Care and Counsel	0.00	230.00	0.0%
Children's/Youth Religious Ed	0.00	600.00	0.0%
Communication Technology	119.92	500.00	24.0%
Finance			
Contingency Fund	0.00	210.00	0.0%
Credit Card Fee	55.11	200.00	27.6%
Finance - Other	441.24	400.00	110.3%
Total Finance	496.35	810.00	61.3%
Friends Transition & Suppt-Yoke	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Hospitality	0.00	240.00	0.0%
IFC	0.00	120.00	0.0%
Library	0.00	270.00	0.0%
Ministry and Worship	0.00	540.00	0.0%
Nominations	0.00	10.00	0.0%
Peace and Justice			
National Quaker Service	0.00	900.00	0.0%
Peace and Justice - Other	0.00	300.00	0.0%
Total Peace and Justice	0.00	1,200.00	0.0%
Publications and Communications	0.00	1,250.00	0.0%
Total B-Committees	616.27	12,930.00	4.8%
C-Transfers to other accounts			
Returning Citizens	0.00	770.00	0.0%
Total C-Transfers to other accounts	0.00	770.00	0.0%
D-Benevolences	0.00	20,000.00	0.0%
Total Expense	2,017.56	53,550.00	3.8%
Net Ordinary Income	7,281.41	0.00	100.0%

9:12 PM
10/06/20
Cash Basis

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Budget v. Actuals
July through September 2020

	<u>Jul - Sep 20</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Misc Income			
Interest income	1.60		
Total Misc Income	<u>1.60</u>		
Total Other Income	<u>1.60</u>		
Other Expense			
Care and Counsel outreach	500.00		
Returning Citizens (ReFac)	180.00		
Total Other Expense	<u>680.00</u>		
Net Other Income	<u>-678.40</u>		
Net Income	<u><u>6,603.01</u></u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>



Library Committee Annual Report (2019-2020)

The Library Committee maintains and improves the Meeting's collection of library books, periodicals, pamphlets, and other resources to further the life of the Meeting and its participants. It annually reviews the collection and purchases new materials on its own initiative as well as considering requests from committees and individuals. It works particularly closely with the Ministry and Worship Committee, the Children's and Youth Religious Education Committee, and the Adult Religious Education Committee. Attendance at committee meetings is open to all.

This has been a difficult year with the Meeting house closing in March. We have added some new members and met several times up till then. We were working through book donations and other new projects.

Highlights from the last year.

1. The library committee has continued to maintain the collection in Library Thing, our online guide accessible through the link on our web site, and we are working on ways to enter pamphlets and other publications that are not from Pendle Hill.
 - We did not purchase any new books, but have added several donated books.
 - We gave 20+ books to the Eno Friends Meeting in Hillsborough.
 - We were trying to work through all the donated books, and offer some to the meeting. Unfortunately, the meeting house closed just as we set up one of the first offerings.
 - We were contacted by the new chaplain at the Orange Correctional Center and provided a box of Quaker books, including several Faith and Practice copies at his request.
 - We met with Hospitality and Building and Grounds Committees to talk about possible remodeling/updates to the Library, and are going to set up a ad-hoc committee to look at updates to the Library, foyer, and front of the meeting. Several people have volunteered to join it, but some have dropped off, probably because it is not possible to be in the space to plan.
 - We also discussed setting up a web page with links for the meeting to use remotely, but that will need much more work.
 - We provided the archivist at Guilford with copies of our newsletter and Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business minutes.

Goals for the coming year.

1. Find a safe way for people to once again get into the Library and check out books, pamphlets, CDs, and videos/DVDs.

Please email library@chapelhillfriends.org if you have suggestions for purchases, subscriptions and the like.

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Appendix 3

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Clerks' Retreat

September 26, 2020, 10:00 AM

Summary

The annual Clerks' Retreat is convened by the Ministry & Worship Committee as an opportunity for committee clerks and other members and attenders to review and clarify expectations, roles, responsibilities, and Quaker process. This year, in the midst of a pandemic, 25 Friends gathered online on a Saturday morning.

After opening worship, Clerk of the Meeting, Chris Stanley, led a discussion of the basic logistics of committee clerking and Quaker process. In brief, clerks are servants, organizers, and communicators. Discussion touched on agendas, minutes, and committee calendars, and more importantly worshipful spirit-led meetings, care for personal relationships, building community, and communication between committees. Clerking skills include careful listening to each committee member, finding unity, using silent worship to reset a discussion, framing in terms of the Meeting community, and shepherding time and task orientation in worshipful ways.

Friends discussed a committee's role in Quaker process of discernment. A committee threshes concerns, problems and solutions; sits with leadings; and strives to reach unity on minutes. A committee is responsible for making a recommendation to Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business and being ready to explain its process and leadings and how the committee reached unity. Friends were reminded that a committee is authorized by the Meeting to do certain tasks and is expected to get approval from the Meeting to seek information from other organizations or to represent the Meeting outside of the Meeting community. Also, Committee clerks are expected to take the lead on work that relies on cross-committee communication.

Friends discussed challenges of being limited to online committee meetings during the pandemic. A combination of the Meeting's Zoom Pro account and personal accounts of committee clerks have met the need for online meetings so far. The Zoom working group offered assistance to committees in setting up meetings via the Meeting's account.

Jeff Brown

Clerk of the Ministry & Worship Committee

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