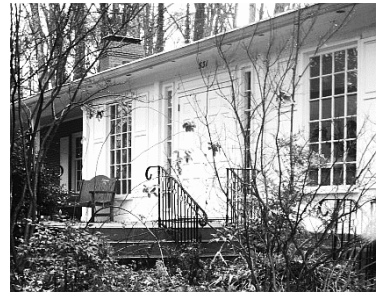


Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

October, 2016



Monthly Query:

An open letter from the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers): Jesus said to "love your neighbor as yourself." Divisions of our essential oneness by race, religion, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation do us a disservice. In this climate of divisiveness, how can we honor the light in all people and stand together to face the challenges ahead?

Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee

Friends who set aside time each day for meditation, personal prayer, or reflection often find it strengthens and deepens their experience with the living silence of meeting for worship. Such preparation readies the mind and opens one's heart and spirit to engage in deep communion with others.

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Upcoming Forum Schedule

October 2: "Can we promote peace and justice when leaders seem willing to sell their souls?" Nancy Milio will explore how and why some political people in the long electoral campaign seem willing to dramatically switch allegiances away from their previous positions and values. What does this mean for Quakers, led by the Friends Committee on National Legislation, who seek policies that further peace and social, economic, political, and environmental justice? Nancy Milio, presenter. Moderator: Max Drake

October 9: Refugee Resettlement - CHFM Experience. We will share our experience helping our family settle in our community: the challenges, the rewards. Presenters: Alice Carlton and others. Moderator: Dirk Kelder

October 23: Personal Sharing by Madelyn Ashley. "Becoming a Quaker gave new meaning to my own life. I want to share how I became a Quaker and my own spiritual journey as a single Mom." Moderator: Catherine Alguire

October 30: "How can we make a difference in the way animals live and are treated?" The Animal Welfare Ad Hoc Committee is excited to begin a year of exploring opportunities for our Meeting to improve the lives of animals in our community and share some of the ways we can make a difference in the way animals live and are treated. A few of the many areas of concern: dog and cat population control, show and working animal conditions, humane slaughter in food production, and dog rescue/adoption. Please come and bring your questions and ideas. Led by Annette Broadwell, Richard Miller, James and Robin Harper. Moderator: Dirk Kelder

Celebration of Dirk Spruyt's Life

Save the date: Sunday, October 30, at rise of late Meeting, a Celebration of Dirk Spruyt's life will be held in the schoolhouse. A simple lunch will be provided, and there will be time for folks to write on a newsprint pad advices to Dirk or memories, or best wishes; other celebratory contributions will be welcome. Dirk and Perry will return from their summer in Maine before the end of September, following a period of hospitalization and recuperation for Dirk. His life is winding down, and he wants to celebrate with Friends and friends and a chance to share his leaving of life before it actually happens. The Care and Counsel and Hospitality Committees are coming together to mark this occasion and hope that Dirk's many friends in the Meeting community will join in.

Arrival of Dylan W. Barker

Andrew Barker and wife Alex are happy to announce the arrival of Dylan W. Barker, baby girl who came on the stage on Tuesday, September 13. Born at UNC Women's Hospital in Chapel Hill at 12:20 AM, Dylan W. Barker weighed in at 10 lbs. 3 oz. All are doing well as is the new grandmother, Hart Pillow.

Marriage of Peter and Hannah Elkins

Peter Elkins married his best friend Hannah Elkins on Saturday September 10, 2016 in La Push, Washington. Eric Elkins performed splendidly as his best man and Hathaway Elkins Norman (and children Adele and Thatcher) served in wedding party as well. Family and friends celebrated their union on the beach of the Quileute tribe of the Olympic Peninsula. Happiness rules! From proud parents, Catherine and Chris Elkins

IFC News

The IFC Annual Meeting is October 27 from 6–7 PM at United Church of Chapel Hill, 1321 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Chapel Hill,

Curt Torell on How to Become a Conscientious Objector

Jan Hutton shares with Friends, via QuakerSpeak:

If you claimed conscientious objector status, would a draft board believe you? Curt Torell of Quaker House has some tips for making sure they do.

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=wLoUu_YIV3s

Family Potluck on October 15

Friends, please come enjoy games, conversation, laughter and a potluck meal with parents and children in our meeting. We welcome all Friends, including those without children living in their homes. The first Family Potluck of the new year will be hosted by Carolyn Stuart and Richard Miller at 202 Northwood Drive, Chapel Hill on Saturday, October 15. The festivities will begin at 4:30 pm and last until we're all tuckered out.

IFC Transition Furniture Needed

The women and men moving out of the IFC shelters into housing often need assistance with furniture. If anyone is so inclined to donate furniture to this project, it would be very much appreciated! The contact person for this project is Jane Hathaway at 919-612-2759 or jhathaway1@nc.rr.com.

Looking for Furniture

A member of our community is in need of furniture, including bureaus, kitchen table & chairs, and living room furnishings (couch, chair, coffee table). If you have an item that can be donated or loaned, please contact Deborah Gibbs, GibbsDeborah@gmail.com, and I'll connect you with the person involved.

Support Undocumented Students in Guilford County

From AFSC's new organizer Andrew Willis Garces:

In September, a new group called Voces de Guilford Dreamers took a brave public action and called attention to the exclusion of undocumented students from Guilford County's Say Yes to Education scholarship initiative. Check out the news clips below, and read the three five-minute actions you can take to support the students.

Media Coverage

WFMY: [Undocumented students rally for Say Yes scholarship inclusion](http://www.wfmynews2.com/news/education/undocumented-students-protest-scholarship-program-in-guilford-county/317883491)

<http://www.wfmynews2.com/news/education/undocumented-students-protest-scholarship-program-in-guilford-county/317883491>

Fox 8: [Undocumented students protest Say Yes college forum](http://myfox8.com/2016/09/13/undocumented-students-protest-say-yes-college-forum/)

<http://myfox8.com/2016/09/13/undocumented-students-protest-say-yes-college-forum/>

TWC: [Undocumented students protest Say Yes to Education](http://www.twcnews.com/nc/triad/news/2016/09/13/undocumented-students-protest-say-yes-to-education.html)

<http://www.twcnews.com/nc/triad/news/2016/09/13/undocumented-students-protest-say-yes-to-education.html>

WFMY: [Say Yes Guilford explains options for undocumented students](http://www.wfmynews2.com/news/education/say-yes-guilford-explains-options-for-undocumented-students/317906283)

<http://www.wfmynews2.com/news/education/say-yes-guilford-explains-options-for-undocumented-students/317906283>

News & Record: [Undocumented students protest Say Yes exclusion](http://www.greensboro.com/news/undocumented-students-protest-say-yes-exclusion/article_88f01a5d-c494-51f8-bf83-561b86f6efc1.html)

http://www.greensboro.com/news/undocumented-students-protest-say-yes-exclusion/article_88f01a5d-c494-51f8-bf83-561b86f6efc1.html

High Point Enterprise: [Undocumented students: "Say Yes to Us"](http://www.hpenews.com/news/undocumented-students-say-yes-to-us/article_9bd4aac8-794c-11e6-87cc-d7f3e8479ec2.html)

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Three five-minute actions you can take to support the students

1. Write Supportive Comments on News Articles

The students have been, as expected, a little upset by the couple of anti-immigrant comments that have appeared online so far. Since positive comments are pretty rare, it would boost their spirits if you all could leave supportive notes. It would help us build perception that there is widespread support for Say Yes changes if you helped raise questions in response to Say Yes talking points, since the reporters aren't yet doing a good job of that. Click on the news clips above and add your thoughts in the Comment section.

For example:

-- They've raised \$41 million, why can't some of that be offered to undocumented students?

-- Say Yes spokespeople keep saying there's nothing they can do because undocumented students don't have in-state tuition, but couldn't they just give some of the \$41 million they've raised to undocumented students?

-- Do the program's donors know their money is being withheld from undocumented students in the county?

2. Send The Students Thank-You Notes

This is the first time these ladies have ever spoken out publicly. Tell them what you think about that! You can email them: vocesdeguilforddreamers@yahoo.com

Or write them at their [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/vocesdeguilforddreamers/) (<https://www.facebook.com/vocesdeguilforddreamers/>) & [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/vocesdeguilford/) (<https://www.instagram.com/vocesdeguilford/>). (Be forewarned, they mostly Snapchat at the moment.)

3. Share Their Pages

They aren't using them much yet, but if you could re-post their stuff from social media pages, it will help them grow their audience for future actions. They're literally just getting started, and the greater their own audience, the less reliance they'll have on earned media.

Connecting to the Humanity of the "Other"

Jan Hutton shares with Friends:

Friends might be interested to further explore an option for connecting to the humanity of the "other." One possibility for modeling more peaceful connections is a "Make America Kind Again" button, which many of us already have. Read the stories on the new website and consider if this is one more way each of can become a change agent in our daily lives:

<http://makeamericakindagainbutton.org/>

I make no profit from the sale of these buttons, only an ongoing investment in sharing behavior that says there is "that of God" in all of us. Please share this information with others if you are so inclined. And by the way, if you have your own story to share about wearing the button, please submit it through the website.

Refugee Support Group Update

In May our Meeting decided to co-sponsor a Syrian refugee family. The Syrian family of six moved in their home on a Saturday evening in August – just in time to start school in Carrboro on Monday! Over the past two and a half months, 24 people and families and contributed furniture and furnishings. That have been stored in 10 locations. Beginning with the signing of the lease Friday afternoon, 36 people from our Meeting, including our Teens, Unitarian Universalist and Unity volunteers, and more friends drove six trucks, loaded and unloaded furnishings, and assembled a dwelling to which we felt honored to welcome the family.

Call for Clothing to Support our OCC Friends

The men at the camp (Orange County Correctional) are in need of clothing, shirts 2XL and up and pants size 38 and up. Contact Chaplain Love at chaplainjlove@gmail.com if you can donate any! Or you can contact Asta Crowe at astacrowe@gmail.com or any member of T&S who goes to Yoke Fellows at OCC. Some of these men come to our Meeting. They go for job interviews, etc. It's important that they have nice looking clothes when they go out.

Welcoming Buffie Webber

The Ministry and Worship Committee announces to Friends:
There will be a welcoming for new member, Buffie Webber, at the rise of meeting on Sunday, October 2. This is also our potluck so come talk with Buffie, enjoy a celebratory cake, our communally shared dishes, and a F/friendly gathering.

Piedmont Friends Fellowship

Piedmont Friends Fellowship will hold its Fall Retreat on Saturday, November 5, 2016 with a program on "Quaker House: Helping our Victims of War at Home." The program will feature Quaker House counselors for the GI Rights Hotline and for domestic violence, sexual assault and moral injury. The retreat will take place at Charlotte Friends Meeting, 570 West Rocky River Road, Charlotte, NC 28213. Fellowship and registration begin at 9:00 am, the program gets underway at 9:30, and lunch will be served at noon. PFF suggests a donation of \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. For more information, contact pff.clerk@gmail.com.

Fundraising for Karen Refugee Students

From John "the Quaker" Hite:

I am organizing a trip to Thailand/Burma for some Karen refugee students who have graduated or who will have graduated from Carrboro High School. All of them have been a part of my Unity Club at CHS and have beautiful souls. One major focus is for them to be able to visit family and friends whom are still in refugee camps in Thailand. If you wanted to donate directly, you can visit this site: <https://www.gofundme.com/ghx4mp3w>. I would love to be able to make this a reality.

Here is an interview at WCHL with me and two Karen recent graduates from CHS: <http://chapelboro.com/news/international/karen-refugees-hoping-to-see-home-again>

On Saturday October 22 there will be a food fundraising event from 9 AM to 2 PM at Transplanting Traditions Community Farm, 2912 Jones Ferry Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27516. You can buy tickets beforehand or just show up.

Spiritual State of the Meeting

Please gather with us Saturday, October 22 from 9 to 11 AM to discern the spiritual state of our Meeting. What are our leadings? What are our challenges? What have we to celebrate? These are but a few of the questions we will reflect on as we seek to experience the working of the Spirit in our midst. Prepare for reflection, worship sharing, and light refreshments.

Coming to the Table

Coming to the Table—a small local group of the national organization—meets at the CHFM library. The mission is as follows: "Coming to the Table provides leadership, resources, and a supportive environment for all who wish to acknowledge and heal wounds from racism that is rooted in the United States' history of slavery."

The CTTT approach to achieving its vision and mission involves four interrelated practices:

Uncovering History: researching, acknowledging, and sharing personal, family and community histories of race with openness and honesty

Making Connections: connecting to others within and across racial lines in order to develop and deepen relationships

Working Toward Healing: exploring how we can heal together through dialogue, reunion, ritual, ceremony, the arts, apology and other methods

Taking Action: actively seeking to heal the wounds of racial inequality and injustice and to support racial reconciliation between individuals, within families, and in communities

You can learn more at the website: www.comingtothetable.com. If you are interested in attending a future meeting, contact John Bell, Johnbellnc@gmail.com, 919-619-6490.

First Day School News

We ask parents, teachers, and Friends small and large to mark your calendars for this year's Quaker field trip to Mendengall Homestead on October 9.

Thanksgiving Celebration

Recognizing that not all of us will have plans for the holidays, Hospitality Committee is looking for Friends interested in trying new configurations for their Thanksgiving celebrations this year. If you would like to expand your usual gathering to include one or more guests—or if you would like to join with others to start a new Thanksgiving tradition—please let us know by signing up on the Meetinghouse door or by contacting Elizabeth Taylor at etlodo@gmail.com. We will gather your responses, and in November we will coordinate invitations to join in these gatherings.

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB)
Minutes, September 18, 2016 Matt Drake, Clerk, and Jennifer Leeman, Recording Clerk**

Present: Max Drake, Carolyn White, Maura Murphy, Ann Miller, Ben Ray, Ken Grogan, Nancy Elkins, Hank Elkins, Don Hopper, Bill Cleaver, Julia Cleaver, Lynn Drake, Tom Munk, Wendy Michener, Tom Ludlow, James Harper, Robin Harper, John Hite, Emilie Condon, Asta Crowe, Paul Munk, Christopher Baldwin, Matthew Hurley, Naveed Moeed, Jennifer Leeman, Matt Drake

1. Worship and query – Matt Drake, Meeting Clerk. Query: “How do I ground myself in the understandings of my faith? Am I clear about my beliefs? How do I prepare myself to share my faith and beliefs with others?”
2. Welcome and review of agenda.
3. Minutes of the July 17, 2016 MWAB – Matt Drake, Meeting Clerk, identified the following changes to last month’s minutes: In number 5, last line, change “Condone” to “Condon.” In #10, line two, change “Meeting’s reserves” to “Meeting’s funds.” In #11, line 5, change “Carolina” to “Carolyn”. Minutes were approved as revised.
4. **Archives Committee Annual Report** –Robin Harper, Co-Clerk, presented the report. The report was accepted with appreciation. In response to a Friend’s query, Robin clarified that copies of all documents are kept digitally “in the cloud” in addition to in a hard copy format.
5. **Adult Religious Education Committee Annual Report** – Carolyn White, Clerk, presented the report. The report was accepted with gratitude.
6. **Finance Committee Annual Report** – Ann Miller, Co-Clerk, presented the report. The report was accepted with appreciation.
7. **2015-16 budget final report** – Maura Murphy, Treasurer, presented the report. The report was accepted with appreciation.
8. Karen Hurka-Richardson request for membership - Matt Drake, Meeting Clerk, read **her letter** requesting membership. The letter was referred to Ministry & Worship to establish a clearness committee for membership.
9. Update on Meetinghouse Renovations – Don Hopper, Buildings & Grounds Clerk, provided the update. A subcommittee of Buildings & Grounds continues to work on a list of items that need to be done in the upstairs of the Meetinghouse and to estimate costs. A structural engineer has advised on what would be required to ~~iff~~ open the ceiling in the meeting room. Don has met with two architects; the costs of the architects’ plans is are being covered by an individual donor. The architects’ recommendations and potential costs will be brought to a future meeting. Friends are encouraged to bring questions and input to the committee. Thanks were expressed for the work of the subcommittee planning the meetinghouse renovations.
10. Update on Renovations Fundraising Subcommittee – Matt Drake, clerk of the subcommittee, reported that other members include Mike Jokinen, Tom Ludlow, Leslie Rountree, and Ric Shepherd. In an initial feasibility study, members of the subcommittee will be meeting with 20 to

30 Friends to assess their willingness to contribute to the renovations - in addition to continuing their annual gifts to the Meeting - over 2016, 2017 and 2018 and the potential amount of the gifts. They will report next month on the findings of this feasibility study and the amount of funds we might expect to result from a fundraising initiative. The findings will be central to discerning clearness on moving forward with the renovations, which we plan to ~~de~~ decide in October's MWAB.

11. Ministry and Worship – Lynn Drake, Co-Clerk, reported on last week's clerks' retreat during which committee clerks described the work of their committees and considered what makes for a successful committee meeting. They also created a timeline depicting all of the many activities committees engage in throughout the year.

Lynn Drake also presented the Ministry and Worship Committee's proposal to send a statement to local papers and Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting.

Friends united on the sending the following, revised statement:

An open letter from the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers): Jesus said "to love your neighbor as yourself." Divisions of our essential oneness by race, religion, ethnicity, gender, gender identify, or sexual orientation do us a disservice. In this climate of divisiveness, how can we honor the light in all people and stand together to face the challenges ahead?

12. Highlights from Piedmont Friends Fellowship(PFF)/Yearly Meeting (PFYM) joint meeting and the PFYM's Interim Meeting of Aug 20, 2016 – Naveed Moeed, CHFM Representative, reported that the meeting was productive. The Yearly Meeting continues to grow, with new Meetings requesting membership. The PFF/PFYM annual retreat will be held March 10-12, 2017, at Carolina Friends School. Unity was reached on the format for each monthly meeting's annual reports to the Yearly Meeting. Matt Drake reported that our report will be due January 2017 and will involve Ministry and Worship reporting on the spiritual state of the meeting and our recorder documenting meeting statistics such as average number of attenders. PFF will have a fall Workshop November 5th in Charlotte.

13. Announcements

A. Next week's forum will be John Dorwood, the acting director of Inter Faith Council (IFC) presenting on work of the IFC.

B. A Family Picnic to Welcome All Back to First Day School will be held Sept. 25 at 12:30PM.

C. A Meeting with Attention to Healing will be held here on Sept. 29 from 7:00 to 8:00PM.

D. Buffie Webber will be welcomed into membership at the Oct 2 Potluck.

E. The Spiritual State of the Meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 9-11AM.

F. Furniture requests have been made by both the IFC (contact Jane Hathaway 919-612-2759 or jhathaway1@nc.rr.com) and a member of our community (contact GibbsDeborah@gmail.com) for more information.

G. Shotts/Leadership Development Committee has financial support available for upcoming Racial Equity Training program in Chapel Hill and Durham (contact janhutton1@gmail.com)

H. Friends Couple Enrichment “taster” on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 4-8:30PM at the Durham Friends Meeting. More information: marshaquaker@gmail.com

I. Hart Pillow shares the news of her son Andrew Barker’s new daughter, Dylan Barker, born in Chapel Hill on Sept 13.

J. Catherine Elkins shares news of the recent wedding of her son Peter Elkins to Hanna Elkins.

K. Hank Elkins announced an opportunity to hear from Gabe Huck and Theresa Kubasak about their experience in Syria at 1:15 at Carol Woods October 10th and at UNC’s FedEx Building the evening of the 11th.

L. John Hite invited all to participate in a fundraiser to support travel for Burmese refugee high school students to visit their home country. The food fundraiser will be October 22nd (see John for tickets).

15. Worship and closing circle

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE
Annual Report
18 September 2016

The function of the Archives Committee is to collect, record, and store data pertaining to births, deaths, marriages, and membership in the Meeting. It keeps a record of such events in the Meeting record book, the Memorial Book and the Memorial Garden Map. It also defines and stores documents important to Meeting history. The Archives Committee is comprised, at minimum, of representatives from the Library, Publications and Communications, Ministry and Worship, and Care and Counsel Committees, as well as the Recorder and Recording Clerk. Other interested Friends are invited to join us. As with all Meeting committees, there is a generic committee email, archives@chapelhillfriends.org, which goes to all committee members.

Our current members are: Eloise Grathwohl (Care & Counsel representative), Jennifer Leeman (Recording Clerk), Carolyn White (Recorder), James Harper (Publications & Communications and Library representative), and Julia Cleaver and Robin Harper, interested parties and Co-Clerks. We’d like to offer our heartfelt thanks to recently stepped down members of our committee, Allie Scales, Susan Inglis, and Kitty Bergel.

This past year we made some good progress. We researched and the Meeting approved the idea of having a memorial plaque on the side of the building listing the names and dates of loved ones memorialized in our Memorial Garden. This is a work in progress. Reconciling the Memorial Book, the Memorial Garden Map, and the Memorial Plaque is one of our goals for the coming year.

Last year we brought our Membership Record Book up to date, and now we are in the process of inputting that information into the Servant Keeper software program. As you know this program is used by several committees to maintain the Meeting’s giving, membership, and contact information. Once all committees have finished uploading their data, this will represent a major accomplishment for keeping

better records in the future, which can be searched, cross-referenced, and grouped according to a variety of factors.

Other progress falls largely under the description of "defining parameters," so we still have much to do to put those parameters in place, to bring order and consistency to our history. Our guiding query has been "Does this tell the story of our Meeting?" in helping us decide what to keep and how to keep it.

Our goals for the coming year, in addition to the above, include reconciling the Conscientious Objector letters and records, and making sure end of life wishes are current and correct.

We would like to encourage everyone to think of us when you are tempted to throw away something that is related to the Meeting or to an individual Friend. Feel free to put items you find of interest or things that you feel tell the story of our Meeting in the Archives mailbox in the library.

We are an open committee, meaning if you are interested in our work and have time to help out now and then, we'd love to have you! We have plenty of jobs that you could make a dent in if you have an hour or so to give. We meet monthly on the fourth Sunday at the rise of Meeting.

For the Archives Committee, James Harper, Eloise Grathwohl, Jennifer Leeman, Carolyn White, and, Julia Cleaver and Robin Harper, co-clerks.

Adult Religious Education Committee Annual Report September 2016

The Adult Religious Education Committee works to enhance the spiritual life of the Meeting community and to nurture the spiritual growth of Meeting members by developing activities that address their spiritual needs. One of our main functions is to provide weekly forums on different topics connecting us to our Quaker faith and practice. We ask committee clerks to suggest ideas for forum topics and also consider suggestions from members and attenders. This year, we created a spreadsheet which helped us to analyze our forums and better plan for rich and meaningful presentations and discussions. We try to make sure that within any month there are a variety of topics and formats.

The committee works with Publications Committee and Ministry and Worship Committee to ensure that Forums are announced in a timely fashion. Forums are listed in the newsletter, on the Meeting's website and announced at the rise of both Meetings for Worship. Upcoming forums are also listed above the donation box in the foyer. The committee tapes each forum and burns them to CD's, making them available for checkout from the library. We are exploring the possibility of making them available from the Meeting's website. One improvement this year was the purchase of a small sound amplification system which has been beneficial to our hearing challenged members.

The committee welcomes suggestions for forum topics as well as suggestions for improvement. We thank the committee clerks and Meeting members for their forum suggestions as well as their willingness to prepare and lead. We invite Friends to attend the forums as a handy and valuable way to enrich their spiritual lives. Child care is available during forum time.

ARE members: Catherine Alguire, Matt Drake, Max Drake, Dirk Kelder, Perry Martin, Wendy Michener, Carolyn White (clerk)

2015/16 Forums:

August 30: "Expanding our community--Haiti." Teens report on their experiences providing a summer camp at a Haitian elementary school.

September 6: "How was your summer" Small group sharing led by Wendy Michener.

September 13: "Gleanings from the FGC Summer Gathering." Experiences of first-time Gathering attendees.

September 27: "C.O. letters nurture the Peace Testimony." led by Curt Torell

October 4: "FCNL: the work of peacebuilding continues" led by Nancy Milio

October 11: "Silence and speech in Quaker Meeting: a sharing of personal practices." Led by Ministry and Worship

October 25: "IFC's Support Circles Program", led by Shannon Gigliotti.

November 1: "What is a good relationship with money?" led by Wendy Michener

November 8: "Shining our Lights: expanding our Lights in broader communities" led by Catherine Alguire.

November 22: "Clearness committees in the CHFM" led by members of Ministry and Worship and Care and Counsel committees.

November 29: "First Day School Alumni" Friends share observations about their First Day School experiences.

December 6: "Breaking the silence: Mental health and our Meeting." CHFM Mental Health Group

December 13: Personal sharing with Nancy Fisher: Growing up Old Order Amish and what led her to Quakers.

December 27: "Being in the darkness, moving to the light.", led by Dirk Kelder and Wendy Michener.

January 3, 2016: "The Work of the National Iranian American Council" led by Marilyn Carter

January 10 : "Organizing Small Groups of Interested Friends" :Ministry & Worship January 24: "An Update on Renovating the Meetinghouse" led by Don Hopper

January 31: "Expanding Leadership Abilities and Enriching and Developing the Lives of Friends: Support Provided by the Leadership Development and Mary and Claude Shotts Memorial Funds" Leaders: Jane Harwell and Jan Hutton

February 7: "My Faith and Transgender Journey from Rural NC to the Present," Angel Collie, Director of the UNC LGBTQ Center.

February 14: "My Love for You Will Never Die, But I Might." Care and Counsel

February 28: "Affordable housing, a living wage, tenants' rights and more" Speaker: Devin Ross, Director of Orange County Justice United.

March 6: "Renovations to the ground floor of the Meetinghouse," Don Hopper for Building and Grounds

March 13: "Reflections on the Roles that Money and Investing Play in our Lives" Speaker: Mark Hulbert.

March 27 (Easter): Where do you find Joy? Led by Dirk Kelder

April 3: "Alcohol use on Meetinghouse property." Care and Counsel

April 10: "Welcome, Friends: Sharing the Spirit with Newcomers," Hospitality committee

April 24: "Teaching Our Children About The Full Range of Christianity: Opportunities and Challenges in First Day Education." CRE

May 1: "Personal Sharing" by Faye Stanley

May 8: "Top 5 Regrets of dying people" led by Dirk Kelder and Wendy Michener.

May 22: "The Future of Quaker House and its Mission of Peace and Healing" with Lynn and Steve Newsom, Quaker House Directors.

May 29: "Blessing of the Animals" Robin Harper

June 5: "Graduating From High School" School" Graduating seniors Milena Wuerth, Mark Beisner, Keegan Durovich, and Vivian Scimone speak about their experiences in our Meeting, their time in First Day School, and their thoughts about the future.

June 12: "Growing in the Light: Quaker Pedagogy at Carolina Friends School" Renee Prillaman, Interim Head of School.

June 26: "Quakers, the Underground Railroad and Snow Camp Outdoor Theatre." James Shields, Director.

FINANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT for July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Your Finance Committee provides oversight of the financial affairs of the Meeting. We work closely with the Meeting Treasurer, Maura Murphy. Throughout last year, she reported to us monthly on income and expenses. We assisted her in the preparation of the 2015-16 fiscal year report, the quarterly reports to the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB) and the budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year. We also worked closely with the clerks of the Meeting's committees. They kept us updated on their committees' financial needs and expenses.

The financial condition of the Meeting is good. During the 12 months ended June 30, 2016, total income was slightly higher than expected and Meeting expenses lower than budgeted. The result was an "overage," which was placed in the Meetinghouse Renovation Fund. Friends contributed \$70,601 and \$64,315 was spent during the fiscal year.

Approximately 42 % of the Meetings financial assets are held in a Consolidated Mutual Fund managed by Friends Fiduciary Corporation in Philadelphia, PA. The Finance Committee monitors their returns and allocates our funds between our investment, checking, savings and Meetinghouse renovation accounts. A primary function of the Finance Committee is to encourage contributions to support the budget. We have a process to accomplish this goal--inform the Meeting community about the Meeting's financial goals, invite Friends to contribute, thank them for their support and provide them with a contribution record for income tax reporting. Committee members were actively involved in the ongoing fundraising effort throughout the year.

A major accomplishment has occurred this year with the institution of Servant Keeper, a new software which allows the Meeting to manage member and attender information as well as contributions. Maura gave monthly reports to the committee and kept on-going records to assist in our fundraising task. With her help we developed a new presentation of the budget, which we believe conveys the financial position of the Meeting in a clearer fashion.

In anticipation of a major renovation to the Meeting House, Finance committee regularly discussed the amount and availability of money to fund this undertaking. The latest projection of cost for the downstairs renovation is \$230,000.

Our committee worked with the Peace and Justice Committee and their Refugee Sub-committee to support the efforts to co-sponsor a refugee family.

We investigated the requirements to join the Orange County Coalition for Living Wage and reported to MWAB that the Meeting employees met this requirement. Meeting approved proceeding with the application and we were certified as a living wage employer.

We thank all who contributed for their generosity. We encourage Friends to support the work of the Meeting and to consider including the Meeting as a bequest in their wills.

The 2015-16 members of the Finance Committee were: Kitty Bergel (Co-Clerk), Emilie Condon, Asta Crowe, Bob Durovich, Loren Hintz, Mike Jokinen, Tom Ludlow, Ann Miller (Co-Clerk), Ric Shepherd and Maura Murphy (Treasurer and ex officio member).

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Budget v. Actuals
 July 2015 through June 2016

	Jul '15 - Jun 16	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Building Rental	564.51	500.00	112.9%
Contributions	70,601.42	68,925.00	102.4%
Parking space rental	6,387.00	5,100.00	125.2%
Total Income	<u>77,552.93</u>	<u>74,525.00</u>	<u>104.1%</u>
Gross Profit	77,552.93	74,525.00	104.1%
Expense			
Benevolences	27,540.00	26,170.00	105.2%
Committees			
Adult Religious Ed	299.44	200.00	149.7%
Archives	180.97	200.00	90.5%
Building and Grounds	6,683.00	11,000.00	60.8%
Care and Counsel	100.00	100.00	100.0%
Children's/Youth Religious Ed	2,047.36	2,500.00	81.9%
Finance	352.85	50.00	705.7%
Friends Transition & Suppt-Yoke	1,199.65	1,500.00	80.0%
Hospitality	126.76	300.00	42.3%
IFC	125.00	200.00	62.5%
Library	236.00	400.00	59.0%
Ministry and Worship	405.49	1,000.00	40.5%
Nominations	0.00	10.00	0.0%
Peace and Justice	0.00	300.00	0.0%
Publications and Communications	1,422.01	1,750.00	81.3%
Total Committees	<u>13,178.53</u>	<u>19,510.00</u>	<u>67.5%</u>
Obligations			
Bank Fee	49.39	50.00	98.8%
FDS Coordinator/Childcare	6,256.13	6,000.00	104.3%
Insurance	5,999.00	5,400.00	111.1%
Software License Fee	689.77	360.00	191.6%
UBIT, Storm Fees	1,328.04	1,100.00	120.7%
Utilities	4,984.75	6,000.00	83.1%
Total Obligations	<u>19,307.08</u>	<u>18,910.00</u>	<u>102.1%</u>
Ongoing funds			
Care and Counsel -continuing	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Contingency Fund -annual	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Leadership Developm't- contining	350.00	500.00	70.0%
Meeting for Suffering- annual	0.00	135.00	0.0%
National Quaker Service -annual	1,122.15	2,000.00	56.1%
Physical Plant Fund- continuing	0.00	4,000.00	0.0%
Returning Citiz Assist - contin	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Youth Service Trip - continuing	0.00	800.00	0.0%
Total Ongoing funds	<u>1,472.15</u>	<u>9,935.00</u>	<u>14.8%</u>
Renovations			
Tax expense	16.55	0.00	100.0%
Renovations - Other	2,800.50	0.00	100.0%
Total Renovations	<u>2,817.05</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total Expense	<u>64,314.81</u>	<u>74,525.00</u>	<u>86.3%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	13,238.12	0.00	100.0%
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Investment inc-change from 2014	-4,152.75	0.00	100.0%
Misc Income	2,493.27	0.00	100.0%

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Cash Basis

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Budget v. Actuals
July 2015 through June 2016

	<u>Jul '15 - Jun 16</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Refugee Donation Funds	1,955.00		
Total Other Income	295.52	0.00	100.0%
Other Expense			
Other accounts			
Returning Citizens	151.59		
Shotts Leadership	949.95		
Total Other accounts	1,101.54		
Total Other Expense	1,101.54		
Net Other Income	-806.02	0.00	100.0%
Net Income	<u>12,432.10</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2016

Jun 30, 16

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

BB&T-2699 Community Checking	8,707.65
BB&T-3430 Refac (Return Citz)	1,942.57
BB&T-3597 Youth Service Trip	715.05
BB&T-4039 Building Renovat Fund	95,591.75
BB&T-4071 Care and Counsel	1,878.35
BB&T-4593 Shotts Leadership	6,066.72
BB&T-8085 Refugee Fund	1,955.00
BB&T-9737 Money Rate Savings	18,920.39

Friends Fiduciary

Bequest Fund	1,152.93
General Fund	31,691.84
Physical Plant Reserve Fund	35,007.53
Shotts Endowment	30,219.46

Total Friends Fiduciary 98,071.76

Total Checking/Savings 233,849.24

Total Current Assets 233,849.24

TOTAL ASSETS 233,849.24

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

Payroll Liabilities 644.38

Total Other Current Liabilities 644.38

Total Current Liabilities 644.38

Total Liabilities 644.38

Equity

Opening Balance Equity 134,376.03

Unrestricted Net Assets 86,396.73

Net Income 12,432.10

Total Equity 233,204.86

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 233,849.24

Karen Hurka Richardson letter requesting membership

Dear Matt,

I writing this letter to you today because I would like to be considered for membership with the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting.

I first became acquainted with Quakerism while living in Baltimore, Maryland. I attended the Homewoods Friend meeting there and my experiences with that meeting had a very positive influence on my life. When I returned to Chapel Hill about 11 years ago to get married and attend grad school, I developed an interest in yoga, which became my primary spiritual practice for several years. However, I started to feel like something was missing and realized that I wanted to be part of a more established spiritual community. I came to the CH Friends Meeting for the first time about a month ago, and from the moment I walked through the door I knew I was in the right place. The warm greetings I received, the strong social justice messages on display, the passionate/intelligent voices I heard, and the peace and beauty of the setting all came together to make me feel like I was finally HOME. There were times in the past year when I thought the search for meaning had been called off, but thankfully I decided to come back to Quakerism and found this meeting! Matt invited me to observe the clerks meeting last Saturday, and I am thoroughly impressed with the tremendous work you all do, and I am ready to make my contribution to this community. I have already made new Friends with the handcrafters, who encouraged me to approach you about membership.

Annual Report 2016

Peace and Justice (P&J)

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

July 2016 (Note: this report was missing from previous minutes)

Our previous report was given in March 2015. This report covers the 16 months to July 2016.

This has been a year of challenge and change for Peace and Justice. As a committee with the charge to maintain, monitor and guide the Social Witness of the meeting we decided to take a renewed approach to empowering individuals in the meeting in their witness. With this in mind we established the Concerned Friends program; this program identifies those friends with the drive, energy and Light to serve as contacts for our causes.

The program has met with modest success and needs to be built upon in order to achieve that which we believe is possible. Individual friends should not feel burdened and information around the causes we support should be directed in a meaningful manner.

This year also saw Peace and Justice embrace two new causes and begin to address benevolences anew.

Benevolences: A major work of Peace and Justice again this year was to prepare a report for the Meeting on the current mission, financial condition, and recommendation for funding for selected benevolences for

our wider ministry. The Meeting was asked to consider removing Quaker Earthcare Witness in favor of NC Warn in an effort to contribute more effectively to local environmental causes. This was approved and from the discussion which ensued, it was clear that as a meeting we would need to look carefully at Benevolences from “the ground up”. To this end a special subcommittee, under the care of Peace and Justice, has been formed to meet for a limited time to look at Benevolences and report back to both Peace and Justice and the meeting at large.

Syrian Refugees: One of our largest activities this year has been in supporting the influx of refugees from war-torn Syria. To this end we have setup, under the auspices of Peace and Justice, a refugee project with the charge of supporting one or more refugee families using Circles of Support and Accountability (COA) (a methodology adopted by our Transition and Support Committee). Our help, as a co-sponsor to the work done by Lutheran Services Committee, is in a variety of areas including financial support, housing, cultural assistance, transportation assistance and assistance with public services. This is a highly active project consisting of inner and outer circles, which meet at the very least weekly. This initiative in support with the Finance Committee has also managed to raise independent funds (so far totaling \$5000).

Our animal friends: We share this planet and in this spirit Robin Harper was asked, as the Concerned Friend for Animals, to come to Peace and Justice with a proposal on how we as a meeting should address this. A sub-committee was formed with the aim of helping discern Chapel Hill Friends Meeting’s heart and leading in how we are best to support the animal world. To aid with this discernment we have proposed to the Meeting a "Year of Exploration"; to discern, from what we learn, how to best support animals, and recommend to Peace and Justice a new Benevolence recipient at the end of the year.

FCNL: Once again our meeting funded a representative to go to FCNL’s annual meeting in Washington DC. We scrutinized with care the priorities sent to us by FNCL for the coming year. Our meeting was again supportive around issues of arms and endless war, the Middle East, Syria, mass incarceration and police militarization. After weighing and seasoning these we recommended a set of priorities which reflected the interests and concerns of the Meeting.

Moral Mondays and HK on J: Our meeting again provided good support to Moral Mondays and HK on J, two different projects started by the NAACP. Chapel Hill Friends Meeting remains a coalition Partner with HK on J (Thousands On Jones Street) with over 100 other triangle groups. This year the march was once again held on February 14th and had good participation from our meeting.

Initiatives for 2016-17:

- To resume the Concerned Friends and Social Witness calendar initiative
- To continue support and oversight of the refugee families we are supporting
- To support the Year of Exploration and Education with regards to animal concerns
- To re-examine our Benevolences
- To be open as a committee to all concerns which are brought to us and to help discern and guide these

Calendar

(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)

Sun. 10/2	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Can we promote peace and justice...
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck and Welcoming—Schoolhouse
Tue. 10/4	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 10/7	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 10/9	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Refugee Resettlement
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
		FDS Field Trip (see page 7)
Tue. 10/11	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 10/14	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sat. 10/15	4:30pm	Family Potluck—Stuart/Miller residence (see page 3)
Sun. 10/16	8am	Meetinghouse open for worship
	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:00am	Meeting for Worship w/Attention to Business
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
Tue. 10/18	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 10/21	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 10/23	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Personal Sharing by Madelyn Ashley
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
	noon	Families and Friends Affected by Mental Illness—Schoolhouse
Fri. 10/28	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 10/30	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Animal Welfare Ad Hoc Committee
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
	noon	Celebration of Dirk Spruyt’s Life—Schoolhouse (see page 2)
	10pm	Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!
Tue. 11/1	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Thur. 11/3	9am–1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Fri. 11/4	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sat. 11/5	9am	PFF Retreat—Charlotte Meeting (see page 6)

Sun. 11/6 2am Daylight Savings Time ends—set clocks back 1 hour
8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:45am Forum: tba
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
11am Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
12:30pm Potluck—Schoolhouse

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
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Meetings for Worship at 8:30 and 11:00am
Forum at 9:45am; Child Care from 9:30am–12:15pm
First Day School from 11:15am-12:00pm
Clerk of the Meeting: Tom Munk (919) 537-9203
Resident: John Hite (919) 929-5377

- Newsletter. This newsletter is published every first Sunday under the care of the Publications and Communications Committee. Paper copies are available at the Meetinghouse and a PDF is posted on the Meeting website, www.chapelhillfriends.org. The deadline for submissions is 10pm on the last Sunday of the month. Email submissions to news@chapelhillfriends.org or call Emily Buehler, (919) 475-5756. Please include “newsletter” in the subject line.
- Listserv. To send a news or "In the Light" announcement on the Meeting listserv, contact news@chapelhillfriends.org. Please include “listserv” or “in the light” in the subject line. This listserv goes to about 280 people. Do not submit personal information about someone else unless you know he/she wants to share. Subscribe to the listserv at www.chapelhillfriends.org/contact.html.
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