

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

May, 2017

Monthly Query:

How do I present a loving example to others when faced with conflict?



Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee

If you are so led to speak during meeting for worship, please stand and speak simply and clearly in language that reflects your spiritual experience. Do not feel compelled to explore all the implications of your insight. Leave room for the Light to work through the next person, potentially building on your words and possibly extending them in an unexpected direction.

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Upcoming Forum Schedule

May 7: Graduation Forum. Presented by graduating seniors: Emma Hulbert, Grace Schneider, and Emelia Stern.

The May forums were not available at the time of printing. They will be available on our website.

Death of Ed Brown

Ed Brown, an active member of our Meeting for many decades, passed away in Asheville, NC on March 29 at age 87. Ed moved there a few years ago to live near his sons, Michael and Benjamin, and Michael's family. While there, Ed attended the Asheville Meeting, though less frequently, Michael reported, following a stroke in May 2015. The memorial service will probably be at the Asheville Friends Meeting. If you would like to contact Michael, his email address is mikefbrown@yahoo.com. His phone number is 828-424-0081.

Death of Hank Maiden

Please hold in the Light the family of Hank Maiden. Hank, a long-time member of our Meeting, passed away this month. A memorial service was held on April 25.

Karen Refugee Student Fundraiser, June 24, 10 AM–1 PM

John Hite shares with Friends:

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 want 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 June 24 there will be a food fundraising event from 10 AM to 1 PM at Transplanting Traditions Community Farm, 2912 Jones Ferry Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27516. You can buy tickets beforehand or just show up.

<https://www.gofundme.com/ghx4mp3w>

Unity Day

Unity Day, a free, family-friendly field day in celebration of diversity, peace, and community will be held Sunday, May 7, 2–5 PM at the Mordecai Historic Park in downtown Raleigh. This day will support the N.C. Justice Center and the Triangle Interfaith Alliance and is supported by Carolina Wealth Partners, where Erin Vickery works. (Erin grew up in the Raleigh and Chapel Hill Friends Meetings.) It is a public event, so please feel free to invite others and spread the word; it's on Facebook.

FDS Multicultural Field Trip

The First Day School is planning a multicultural field trip for 1:30–2:15 PM on May 21 to the Won Buddhist Temple. Children and adults of all ages are invited to participate. Please email Kathleen (kamcneil@email.unc.edu) if you would like to come. We will have picnic food out on the porch prior to caravanning over to the temple. Here is a link to the temple: <http://www.wonbuddhismnc.org/>

Thanks from Our CROP Walkers

A big THANK YOU to all who supported the CWS/CROP Walk this year through your donations to our Friends Meeting teams, individual contributions, and T-shirt purchases. We had three intrepid walkers: Ann Drake, Eric Sheaves, and Asta Crowe. Anne was the star, starting late as the walkers got off to a slightly early start; she ran a good part of the walk, getting to the end before anyone else. Eric was the star fund raiser. Overall attendance was about 150, the weather was not as bad as other walks I remember, and we had a good time. All in all, a success. Well done, walkers and fundraisers. We did well: final accounting is not in but we raised about \$1,780 for CWS/CROP Walk and \$542 for T-shirt contributions, all the latter of which goes to the IFC; the CWS/CROP Walk funds are split 75% to CWS and 25% to our IFC. From Asta Crowe.

Karen Porter: Statement to Chapel Hill Friends

Karen Porter has transferred membership from Birmingham Friends Meeting in West Chester, PA: <https://www.fgcquaker.org/cloud/birmingham-friends-meeting>. She moved to Carrboro last summer to be near her son and his wife. A graduate of George Washington University and Northeastern University School of Law, she grew up in St. Albans, West Virginia. In 2002 she organized, then managed until recently, The Chester County Peace Movement in Pennsylvania and, before becoming a Quaker, was very active in the Episcopal Church. After working in corporate and insurance law and law school administration and publishing over a 40-year career, Karen has devoted her seven years of retirement to teaching Anglo/American law to foreign lawyers and graduate students in the U.S., but also primarily in Russia: www.pericles.ru. She is on the board of Friends House Moscow: www.friendshousemoscow.org, co-chairs Indivisible Orange County NC, and serves on two Carrboro Town boards.

Quaker Corner: Remembering Paul Lacey

Carolina Friends School sends a monthly newsletter to parents. One feature is titled "Quaker Corner." The current article was written by a CFS teacher who is a member of the Durham Friends Meeting. The article provides insight into Quaker education.

By Jamie Hysjulien, US Teacher

On January 18, 2017, longtime Quaker writer, educator and activist Paul Lacey died in Richmond, Indiana. Paul was a retired English professor from Earlham College who had worked for the American Friends Service Committee since he became a Quaker at age 18.

Throughout his life, he wrote a number of books and essays about Quaker faith and practice, including several on Quaker education. Many of us at Carolina Friends School were fortunate to meet Paul when the School Life Committee brought him to campus in the spring of 2012 to help facilitate a staff development day on the Quaker character of the School.

Paul was profound in discussing the history and current directions of Quaker schools, but when I think back on the time we spent with Paul, I realize that his greatest teaching came through his presence. He was what I aspire to be as a teacher and what I hope my students will become. He was modest, funny, wise, and engaging. Perhaps most importantly, he had an insatiable curiosity grounded in his joy of teaching and learning.

He saw his life as a part of a living tradition that embraced the spirituality of education. I remember when Paul visited my classroom, he was as much a learner as he was a teacher. Above all, he made me realize that when you teach, you cannot be afraid of your truth or passions.

In his 1998 book *Growing Into Goodness*, Paul asked how a Friends school can nurture "the God within" in their students without giving them an inflated, self-centered view of themselves. He reminded us that "the God within" is not the simple affirmation of whatever a student happens to be, but a potential in each of them that needs to be directed and fostered. He remarked that this realization of potential must begin in humility and openness and end in community. In this process, students must understand their limitations and their gifts and discover their authentic capacity to love.

I see Paul's words alive at Carolina Friends School where teachers challenge students intellectually, morally, and creatively to "grow into goodness."

Carolina Friends Emergency Consultation

Wendy Michener shares with Friends, "Ringing Spring's Bell for Continued Quaker Resistance," a blog post about the Carolina Friends Emergency Consultation:
<http://afriendlyletter.com/ringing-springs-bell-for-quaker-resistance/>

Highlights from PFYM Second Annual Sessions (2017)

- * The Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting (PFYM) second Annual Sessions convened on Saturday, March 11, within the framework of the PFF Annual Retreat, now in its 50th year.
- * Friends settled into worship, and out of the silence the PFYM vision was read: As a Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, we seek to foster a loving community of affiliated monthly meetings and worship groups by increasing and strengthening connections among members, attenders, and seekers and with other Friends' organizations. Our primary goals are to nurture monthly meetings and worship groups by supporting spiritual growth and to witness to our collective truth in the wider world.
- * Seventy-six Friends answered the roll call representing the seven PFYM meetings/ worship group, two meetings seeking affiliation, other PFF meetings, and visitors from FGC, Quaker House, and AFSC.
- * Clerk Marian Beane highlighted the work of Interim Meeting (yearly meeting representative body) during this past year that has focused on strengthening our organizational grounding and interrelationship to PFF, building relationships within the yearly meeting and with other Friends organizations, welcoming new meetings into affiliation, and witnessing to those who are near and in the wider body of Friends.
- * We joyfully welcomed into affiliation Abingdon Friends Meeting (Virginia) formerly of Baltimore YM; and Eno Friends Meeting of Hillsborough, previously a worship group under care of Durham Friends Meeting.
- * We approved the PFYM Handbook to be used for guidance by the yearly meeting and affiliated meetings (see below).
- * We heard highlights from our first annual report on the status of our meetings for 2016 and asked Interim Meeting to consider possible responses to some of the common concerns of our meetings that are reflected in the report.
- * We considered minutes of concern from Raleigh Friends for refugees and from Charlotte Friends on torture. We approved a minute of concern for the wellbeing and relief of refugees and immigrants both documented and undocumented and support for Guilford College's initiative on 'Every Campus a Refuge'. We asked the Interim Meeting to labor further around the content of a possible minute on support for the NC Commission of Inquiry on Torture.
- * Nominating Committee reported on officers for 2017–18:
Presiding Clerk: Marian Beane (Charlotte) extended to 2018;
Assistant Clerk: Gary Hornsby (Salem Creek) extended to 2018;
Recording Clerk: Julie Stafford 2015–18; and
Representatives appointed by Interim Meeting to AFSC – Bill Moore (Raleigh); FCNL – Jan Schmidt (Raleigh); FWCC – Susan Ikenberry (New Garden)

* Naming Committee reported on the Nominating Committee membership: new is Sally Freeman (Eno Friends) for a 3-year term; continuing are Vernie Davis (Raleigh), Emilie Condon (Chapel Hill), Ruth Moeller (Charlotte). We united in offering thanks to Dot Mason (New Garden) who is completing her service as yearly meeting's first clerk of nominating and to Dee Edelman (Salem Creek) completing her 2 years of service on Nominating.

* Peace & Social Witness reported on the survey, initiated during the weekend, that is intended to facilitate connections among PFF/YM Friends who share common peace and social witness concern(s). The survey will be sent to all PFF/YM meetings inviting greater participation.

* Out of worship we heard and were moved by the meetings' responses to the query, What has been most on the hearts of your meeting this year?, and we remembered those of our meetings who have passed from our midst this year.

* In closing Friends lifted elements of yearly meeting sessions and the PFF weekend retreat to help the appointed epistle committee prepare the yearly meeting's message, that will be seasoned by Interim Meeting in June and then sent to all PFF/YM meetings and 'Friends everywhere.' Members of the epistle committee are Gary Hornsby (Salem Creek), Kathy Walker (Abingdon), Julia Cleaver (Chapel Hill), Deborah Bromiley (Raleigh), Julie Stafford (Charlotte). We then gathered for a photo that will be included with the epistle.

Note: The several documents and minutes referenced in this summary are or will be soon posted on the PFF/YM website, <https://piedmontfriendsfellowship.org/>.

Prepared by Marian Beane, clerk.

CivicRise: A New App from Allie Scales's Son

Hi! This is Tim Scales, CHFM familial member and son of Allie Scales. I've just released a new smartphone app called CivicRise with the goal of mobilizing more effective and sustained civic advocacy. Through the app, individuals can "subscribe" to real advocacy organizations that send timely action alerts on important issues. You can learn more about it at www.civicrise.io and use this code to activate on your smartphone, XNZFT.

We're currently seeking organizations who are interested in using the app to reach their supporters. If you have suggestions or contacts at advocacy organizations, I would love an introduction! You can reach me at tim@civicrise.io. Thank you!

Reminder: Eno Friends Meeting of Hillsborough

The Eno Friends Meeting of Hillsborough meets on Sundays at 11 AM at the small building at 121 West Margaret Lane. There is parking next door at the library. This group has a minute of support from our meeting.

Friends Association for Higher Ed Conference, June 15–18

Matt Drake shares with Friends,

We hope that you can join us June 15–18, 2017 at Guilford College in Greensboro, NC for the annual gathering of Friends Association for Higher Education. This year our theme is “Global Education, Global Quakerism,” with papers and workshops that address the global diversity of Quakerism and the changing educational landscape and pedagogy of the Religious Society of Friends.

During our annual meeting we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first World Gathering of Quakers at Guilford College that took place in 1967. This event was a watershed moment in the history of Guilford College, because it was the impetus that contributed to the integration of the college in 1962 and the admittance of the school’s first African-American students.

Queries to consider in preparation for the conference:

What are the needs and/or resources of education within a global context?
What examples from global education can Friends draw on and learn from?
Who are Friends educating?
What are the needs of today’s student? What are the educational efforts of Quaker institutions to adapt to the changing context they find themselves within?
What are the critical changes that have happened or need to happen in order to re-envision Quaker education in a global context?
What new skills, practices and technologies do Friends need in order to engage with today’s students?

We also will be exploring our disciplinary theme of “Quakers, Politics, and Economics” for the 5th volume in our book series, Quakers and the Disciplines.

For more information, please visit the conference website.
<http://www.cvent.com/events/fahe-2017-conference/event-summary-2c07f74aba414e1c9f97e41d2ea9ad79.aspx>

Or email the Friends Association of Higher Education at fahe@quaker.org.

BYO Plate

We celebrate the often large attendance at potluck and thank the meeting for continued help with cleanup. However, large attendance creates a lot of dishes to wash. Therefore, we request that Friends bring their own plates, cutlery, and glasses to potluck and take them home to wash. We know of other groups that use this practice successfully and we propose it as another way to be environmentally friendly. We recognize not everyone will remember to do so. Those who do will be allowed to be first in line for potluck. Thank you.

Passing It Forward Workshop

“Passing Forward What Matters Most to Whomever Matters Most to You: The importance of planning, conversations, legal protections, and information to smooth the transition of your life and your legacy,” will be held on May 11, 2–4 PM (including discussion) at the UNC WELLNESS CENTER MEADOWMONT, 100 Sprunt Street, Chapel Hill. To register call 919-966-5500. For questions, email aym27517@gmail.com. Engaging Issues is a collaboration of the Orange County Department on Aging, Project EngAGE, and UNC Wellness Centers Health Education. Here's a short video to start you thinking: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkIKtlnwZbo>

We've heard it many times over: “A will and final directives are important for each of us.” This program presents how your legal documents and actions help you and your family transition your legacy by passing forward what matters most to those who matter most to you. What matters can include material, financial, practices, and beliefs for the individuals, family, and organizations who matter to you.

Rupe Gill has assisted countless clients with legal matters primarily concentrated in Estate Planning and Elder Law. Elder Law involves planning for the complex health care, long-term care, and other issues facing elderly and disabled individuals and their families. Rupe provides planning services for Medicaid, Special Needs, and Veteran's Administration Aid and Attendance. His primary focus is protecting families from possible devastating legal effects of disability and death. He creates plans for clients concerned about preserving their hard-earned dollars and providing for their loved ones and he makes certain that these plans are properly administered. Rupe will share a personal legacy activity example of passing it forward.

FREE Wills Workshop

Carolina Friends School is pleased to offer a free information-packed workshop on how to use your will to protect your family's future. The workshop is on Wednesday, May 17, from 6 to 8 PM at the Chapel Hill Early School (531 Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill). It includes a free dinner, childcare (ages 3+), and handouts. Seating is limited. Register today: <https://www.cfsnc.org/page.cfm?p=973> (If you can't attend, or are unsure, register anyway and we'll send you the handouts.)

Register to learn the following:

The unintended consequences of not having a will.

Why your child needs you to make a will, whether you have a little money or a lot.

How to avoid the mistakes even the smartest people make.

Why and when to review your will.

How your will is about your values and teaching your values to your children.

Why your will is a wise investment that can prevent heartache and save money.

Attorney Sonya Linton will teach you what you need to know. Sonya is a CFS parent and estate planning attorney in Durham. Thank you to Sonya for sharing her expertise! There will be a Question & Answer session so Sonya can answer your questions. And, you'll receive a free binder of handouts and resources. For more information, please contact John Ladd: 919.383.6602 x270, jladd@cfsnc.org.

Friendly Sewing Repairs

Do you have a favorite sweater that has been nibbled by a moth? A button that spontaneously popped off a shirt? A seam that split the last time you laughed hard? Bring it to us for a free stitching repair!

Several Quaker women who enjoy doing handwork meet monthly – our gatherings keep us in stitches – including quilting, knitting, embroidery, crochet, needlepoint or just plain old mending. If you have something that needs a little stitching repair, please bring the article to Meeting or contact Catherine Alguire at alguire.catherine@gmail.com. We would be very happy to do small handwork repairs for you during our monthly fellowship.

Sign up for FCNL

The Friends Committee on National Legislation lobbies on our behalf in Washington, DC. The P&J Committee encourages Friends to sign up for and respond to Friends Committee on National Legislation Action Alerts at <http://act.fcni.org/signup/signup-action-alerts>.

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Friends House Moscow

Friends House Moscow in the Russian Federation (www.friendshousemoscow.org) welcomes applicants with basic Russian language skills for 3-month internships. "Friends House Moscow funds projects for peace and civil society ... in a variety of areas including human rights, education, restorative justice, and non-violent communication [furthering] social goals such as grass-roots collaboration, equality and non-violence." Interested prospective applicants can contact FHM Board Member Karen Porter (in Carrboro) at karenporteresq@gmail.com for further information.

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB)
Minutes, April 16, 2017 Matt Drake, Clerk, and Jennifer Leeman, Recording Clerk

Attendance: Max Drake, Tom Munk, Alice Carlton, Carolyn White, Bettie Flash, Jan Hutton, Nancy Elkins, Jeff Brown, Asta Crowe, Dottie Heninger, Kitty Bergel, Carolyn Stuart, Elizabeth Taylor, Karen Hurka Richardson, Kristi Webb, Todd Woerner, Julia Cleaver, Robin Harper, James Harper, John Hite, Ken Grogan, Tom Ludlow, Richard Miller, Hank Elkins, Lynn Drake, Emilie Condon, Lois Ann Hobbs, Lloyd Kramer, Peter Malone, Joyce Munk, Paul Munk, Maura Murphy, Edward Harris, Ann Miller, Emanuel Kearney, Cristobal Palmer, Jennifer Leeman, Matt Drake

1. We started with worship and the query: "How do I help to make the Meeting a safe and loving place?" One Friend spoke to her appreciation of the sharings related to this query over the past month, particularly those that noted the tension between love and safety.

2. Minutes of the March 19, 2017 MWAB – Jennifer Leeman, Recording Clerk. **The March 19, 2017 minutes were approved as written.**

3. Transition and Support Committee annual report was presented by Richard Miller, Clerk. Friends spoke to their appreciation for the report's recognition of the value to committee members of working on the committee and building relationships with the men from Orange County Correctional Center. Friends also noted appreciation for the Interfaith Council's support for returning citizens. **The report was accepted with appreciation and with a correction to the spelling of the name of committee member Kuldip Kuwahara.**

4. The Hospitality Committee annual report was read by Elizabeth Taylor, Co-clerk. Friends expressed appreciation for the committee's support of spontaneous celebration and for their extensive work, which often goes unnoticed. Friends were reminded that the work of welcoming newcomers belongs to all of us. **The report was accepted with gratitude.**

5. The Adult Religious Education Committee's recommendation to lay down the Meeting's \$150 support of the Friends Center at Guilford College was brought by Carolyn White, Clerk. The committee reviewed this benevolence and could not see a reason for continuing. Although it is a great organization, we are no longer connected with it. A Friend spoke to the value of this organization to Meeting youth in the past who have attended Guilford. **The recommendation to lay down the benevolence was approved.**

6. Robin Harper, Clerk of Archives Committee, recommended that the Meeting support the Friends Historical Collection at Guilford College for a total of \$150 this year. Robin read a report summarizing the rationale for supporting this benevolence. The committee met with Gwen Erickson, who is the archivist of the collection, and she noted the need for financial support. The archives committee currently submits Meeting newsletters to the collection, is in the process of submitting our membership records, and is exploring the possibility of archiving additional Meeting records in the collection. **We approved the recommendation to support this benevolence at the level of \$150.**

7. Lynn Drake, Co-clerk of Ministry & Worship Committee, presented recommendations for 2016-17 for the benevolences they oversee. The Committee recommended the following funding levels: Friends Journal \$200, Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns \$100, Friends General Conference \$600, The School of the Spirit Ministry \$150, Piedmont Friends Fellowship (PFF) \$350. As compared to last year's funding levels, this recommendation shifts \$100 from the School of the Spirit Ministry to Piedmont Friends

Fellowship (which also supports the Yearly Meeting). Although Ministry & Worship greatly values the School of the Spirit, they discerned the need to provide additional support for Piedmont Friends Fellowship/Yearly Meeting's activities. **Ministry & Worship benevolences were approved as recommended.**

8. Naveed Moeed, Co-clerk of Peace & Justice Committee, presented their recommendations for 2016-17 distribution of the benevolences they oversee. Naveed thanked the Friends who provided input to the committee following their initial report of benevolence recommendations at the last MWAB. Naveed read the committee's revised recommendation. Friends expressed gratitude for the committee listening to the input of the Meeting and for their careful discernment. Several Friends expressed concerns about benevolences that are being cut that they view as central to the Meetings heart, while others that are less central are being retained, but agreed to stand aside. Friends expressed concern for the amount being given to NC Warn. Naveed noted that last year's increase to NC Warn resulted from the consolidation of environmental concerns funding to a single organization as opposed to several that are no longer on the list. Planned Parenthood got a larger cut than other benevolences because the opportunity to name our Meeting as a contributor is more valuable to them than the actual amount, and their fundraising from other sources has been very successful. Friends were reminded that a new benevolence process will start next year and of how generous our benevolence spending is as a percentage of our operating budget compared to other meetings. Friends also were reminded that they can contribute individually where they see additional needs. **The Peace & Justice benevolence recommendations were approved as presented.**

9. InterFaith Council Committee annual report, Dottie Heninger, Clerk. Dottie read the committee's annual report. **The report was accepted with appreciation for the clerk and the committee.**

10. Jennifer Leeman, committee member of Care & Counsel Committee, presented their recommendation for The Fund for Sufferings. The fund has been in the Meeting's budget for many years to symbolically recognize the role that Meetings have played in supporting their members who have suffered financially as a result of their decision to act in response to leadings of the inner Light. The recent arrest of a young adult from our meeting during an Inauguration protest in Washington, DC made us aware that we may again be entering a time when Friends would need support. The Care & Counsel Committee established a small group to develop a recommendation for how we might prepare to activate the fund. Jennifer read the recommendation. Concerns were raised about whether this would be equivalent to creating a fund for an individual and also about the extra workload for the treasurer. **The recommendation was held over for further consideration and consideration by the Finance Committee.**

11. Nine month (July 2016-March 2017) budget report, Maura Murphy, Treasurer. We have raised 76% of what we would hope to raise. This is below where we usually are at this point in the year. We are usually at 85% at this point so we are a little lean, and the Meeting would benefit from additional donations. We are on target for spending. **The report was accepted with gratitude.**

12. Nominations Committee update – Dottie Heninger, Nominations member. Dottie reported that the committee is making good progress in identifying Friends. She noted a particular need for three positions: someone for publications who can assist with the listserv and/or maintaining the Meeting web page, and someone for Hospitality and for Archives.

13. We closed with worship.

**Transitions and Support Committee
Annual Report
April 2016 to April 2017**

Our membership is little changed over the past year. Rita Kuwahara moved to Atlanta and is no longer on the committee. Emily Condon is rotating off. Remaining members are as follows: Asta Crowe, Maria Darlington, Hank Elkins, Nancy Fisher, Kuldip Kuwahara, Tom McQuiston, Richard Miller (clerk), Joyce Munk, Paul Munk, David Schneider, Ann Shy and Byron Stevens.

Our committee provided snacks for three Yokefellows meetings this year, as well as hosted a birthday party for the men at Orange Correctional Center (OCC) whose birthdays fall during the month of September. We had two meetings for worship at OCC and will host two this year — one in June and the other in August. Our book group continues with several Friends attending. We have up to a dozen men at OCC reading a book for discussions that take place every three weeks. We have continued taking men to a Narcotics Anonymous meeting in Chapel Hill and forming support circles for some men released from OCC who plan to reside in this area.

As well as a more conventional committee meeting held on the last Tuesday of each month, we have a more open meeting after potluck which includes men we've brought from OCC and interested Friends from the meeting at large.

Through the work of Nancy Fisher and others we've developed a relationship with the IFC Community House that has facilitated the admission of several men upon their release. This has proven to be an excellent start for re-entry for several men.

This list of committee activities, however, doesn't provide a real sense of what it's like for a core group of about half our total membership who become closely connected to certain men before and after release. Deep lasting relationships are formed. Much time and emotional energy are involved. A simple, often hard but vital part is hearing the men's stories. We're up and down with them in their struggles. Tears of different types are shed. They are often quite moved, and we are all grateful for the warm welcome they receive from meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Miller (clerk), Asta Crowe, Maria Darlington, Hank Elkins, Nancy Fisher, Kuldip Kuwahara, Tom McQuiston, Joyce Munk, Paul Munk, David Schneider, Ann Shy and Byron Stevens

**Hospitality Committee annual Report March 2017
Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**

The mission of the Hospitality Committee is to create a welcoming and supportive atmosphere within our Meeting. To that end, we manage the potluck lunch the first Sunday of each month, schedule greeters before the 11 am Meeting for Worship, welcome visitors and newcomers to our Meeting, assist with special occasions such as holiday parties, weddings, and memorial services, and work with the Care and Counsel Committee to provide meals for members in need.

Potlucks: Committee members oversee potlucks on the first Sunday of each month following the 11 am Meeting for Worship. We are grateful for help with set up and clean up which seems readily available.

To ease the cleanup tasks, we have begun inviting Friends to bring their own plates and cutlery for the reward of a place at the head of the line. We keep track of and purchase supplies such as lemonade mix, utensils, etc. We follow the detailed checklist for clean up requested by the director of the CFS Early School. The list is posted in the kitchen for any Friends who use the space.

Greeters: Committee members take turns as greeters for the 11 am Meeting for Worship. The greeter welcomes people into the meetinghouse, giving special attention to visitors who are invited to sign the guest book, make a name tag, and given written material to help orient them to worship. The greeter also acquaints visiting parents with children to the options for childcare and First Day School. The greeter arrives at the door at 10:45 am, rings the bell at 11 am to signal the beginning of worship, and guides latecomers to wait in the library until the children leave at 11:15 am.

Visitors and Newcomers: We host Fellowship after Meeting in the library to foster community and give visitors and newcomers an easy way to meet more of us. The scheduled greeter brings a plate of something enticing. We keep extra cookies and snacks on hand to supplement that offering. Visitors who leave their mailing address also receive a hand-written note of welcome with a special invitation to the monthly potluck on the first Sunday. We use note cards with a Meetinghouse photo on the front. Any email addresses are sent to publications to be added to the listserv. We provide materials for making name tags and urge all members and attenders to remember to wear their name tags.

Special Events: We assisted the Children's Religious Education Committee with the December holiday party, organizing finger food and helping with set up and clean up. We provided breakfast and lunch for the Quaker house board meetings. We helped with food, set up, clean up, and drinks for the event celebrating the life of Dirk Spruyt.

Care: We collaborate with Care and Counsel to provide meals to members and attenders in need and invite everyone to volunteer in this effort as needed.

Respectfully submitted: Sean Chen, Nancy Fisher, Eloise Grathwohl, Analee Harkins,, Joanna Selim (co-clerk) Buzz Borchart and Elizabeth Taylor (co-clerk).

Benevolence for the Friends Historical Collection at Guilford College

Over the past ten years or so, we have been in the process of updating our records at Guilford College. We have been sending our newsletters and are about to start sending our directories and some of our committee meeting minutes. During that time we got to know Gwen Erickson, the Archivist at the Friends Historical Collection, the specific institution that houses our records. Three years ago, the Archives Committee was formed to organize our own records and the history of our Meeting. We invited Gwen to come meet with us, to give us some instruction and guidance on our process. She advised us on what the FHC does and doesn't collect, and what it does with those items. One of the things we learned is that the benevolence our Meeting has been giving to the Friends Center does not help support the Friends Historical Collection. These are two separate entities.

The Archives Committee would like to propose the formation of a benevolence to benefit the Friends Historical Collection. We ask the Meeting to consider the amount of \$200. In a separate move, Carolyn White has informed us that ARE is recommending the laying down of the benevolence to Friends Center, in support of a benevolence to Friends Historical Collection.

From the FHC's website:

As a particular contribution to the maintenance of Guilford's Quaker heritage, and as a resource for teaching documentary research, the Friends Historical Collection of Hege Library acquires, organizes, preserves and makes available, not only to the college but to the wider community of researchers, materials, both published and unpublished, related to the history of the Religious Society of Friends. The collection has a special responsibility for comprehensiveness in preserving the spiritual, intellectual and cultural heritage of Quakerism in the southeastern United States.

The collection serves as the archive for most of the region's Friends meetings, including NCYM (FUM), NCYM(C), Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association and several independent monthly meetings. In addition to answering specific questions related to the affairs of these meetings, the collection staff assists researchers and writers who are preparing histories of their meetings and communities. In addition to the organizations listed above, the Friends Historical Collection also houses the archives of Quaker House of Fayetteville, the North Carolina Friends Historical Society, and several other organizations.

We thank Friends for their deliberate and worshipful discernment of our Peace and Justice, benevolences proposal for 2016-17.

Peace & Justice's Benevolence Recommendations for 2016-17

The Peace and Justice committee received thoughtful written responses from six Friends and numerous verbal comments. We understand and appreciate that not all Friends who have a discernment on the Benevolences may have had the opportunity to communicate this last month to Peace and Justice and ask all Friends to appreciate that we have sought to include all ministry with regards to this tender subject. It is the hope of Peace and Justice that the voice of the meeting is heard through our work.

At March Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, Peace and Justice presented two proposals, one which maintained the proportional amounts from the previous fiscal year (2015-16) and the other which addressed the financial needs of Quaker House.

There seems to be clear unity on increasing our financial support for Quaker House. Questions remained on the source of funds for this increase and Peace and Justice have worked with these queries.

Our committee has taken into consideration the following points raised since last MfWwAtB:

- Friends expressed concern at reducing funds to Carolina Friends School
- Friends expressed support for reducing funds to Carolina Friends School
- Friends expressed support for reducing funds to IFC
- Friends expressed support for increasing funds to IFC
- Friends expressed unity for removing People of Faith Against the Death Penalty for this year
- There were suggested reductions for NC Warn, Right Sharing of World Resources, Planned Parenthood and Bolivian Quaker Education Fund
- There was a suggestion that all recipients share a proportional reduction in amounts to support Quaker House
- There was a suggestion that support from Quaker House may come from a fundraiser or individuals
- Friends expressed concern at the length of the list of Benevolences

Having listened carefully to the community, Peace and Justice committee presents a revised Benevolences allocation for 2016-17. This revised allocation reflects the concerns expressed above.

In future such allocations will be pursued as per the revised, and now agreed, P&J Benevolences Process. This process will focus the discernment in a subcommittee and a forum before bringing next year's allocations to the meeting at large.

CHFM Benevolences 2017 - UNCHANGED

Benevolences Recommended by the Peace and Justice Committee	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Proportions 2016	Proportions 2017
Carolina Friends School	\$5,000	\$5,130	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$4,879.64	20.4%	20.0%
Interfaith Council	\$6,600	\$6,730	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$6,441.13	26.9%	26.4%
Quaker House	\$4,350	\$4,530	\$4,350	\$4,350	\$4,245.29	17.7%	17.4%
Friends Comm. on Natl. Legislation	\$2,650	\$2,730	\$2,650	\$2,650	\$2,586.21	10.8%	10.6%
Amer. Friends Service Committee	\$1,800	\$1,880	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,756.67	7.3%	7.2%
NC WARN	\$1,350	\$0	\$1,000	\$2,200	\$2,147.04	9.0%	8.8%
Bolivian Quaker Education Fund	\$670	\$750	\$670	\$670	\$653.87	2.7%	2.7%
Alamance/Orange Prison Ministry	\$270	\$350	\$270	\$370	\$361.09	1.5%	1.5%
People of Faith Against The Death Penalty	\$90	\$120	\$90	\$90	\$87.83	0.4%	0.4%
Right Sharing of World Resources	\$90	\$120	\$90	\$90	\$87.83	0.4%	0.4%
Orange County Justice United in Community Effort (Orange JUICE)	\$90	\$295	\$300	\$320	\$312.30	1.3%	1.3%
Planned Parenthood of Central NC	\$45	\$300	\$300	\$320	\$312.30	1.3%	1.3%
Orange County Peace Coalition	\$45	\$70	\$45	\$50	\$48.80	0.2%	0.2%
Total Recommended by the Peace & Justice Committee	\$24,620	\$24,645	\$24,645	\$24,510	\$23,920	100.0%	98.0%
Adjustment by the Meeting	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	0.0%	2.0%
							\$0
Total Recommended M&W and ARE	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,550	\$1,550		\$0
Total	\$26,020	\$26,045	\$26,045	\$26,060	\$25,970		

CHFM Benevolences 2017 - consideration for Quaker House

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Interfaith Council	\$6,600	\$6,730	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$6,200	26.9%	25.4%
Quaker House	\$4,350	\$4,530	\$4,350	\$4,350	\$6,120	17.7%	25.1%
Friends Comm. on Natl. Legislation	\$2,650	\$2,730	\$2,650	\$2,650	\$2,300	10.8%	9.4%
Amer. Friends Service Committee	\$1,800	\$1,880	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,700	7.3%	7.0%
NC WARN	\$1,350	\$0	\$1,000	\$2,200	\$2,000	9.0%	8.2%
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Alamance/Orange Prison Ministry	\$270	\$350	\$270	\$370	\$300	1.5%	1.2%
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Planned Parenthood of Central NC	\$45	\$300	\$300	\$320	\$50	1.3%	0.2%
Orange County Peace Coalition	\$45	\$70	\$45	\$50	\$50	0.2%	0.2%
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Adjustment by the Meeting	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	0.0%	2.0%
Total Recommended M&W and ARE	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,550	\$1,550		
Total	\$26,020	\$26,045	\$26,045	\$26,210	\$25,970		

The Interfaith Council Committee
Annual Report 2017

Our committee meets quarterly, but we're active throughout the year.

Ongoing Activities:

We continue to solicit food items and financial donations to support the work of the IFC on an ongoing basis. These solicitations include special requests to support the Holiday Meals program in the fall and winter. We encouraged folks to participate in RSVVP on November 8 (election day). Dottie takes the checks to IFC; Max delivers the food to the pantry. We attend the IFC liaison meetings to keep up with IFC activities as well as other activities in local congregations.

Members of the committee continue their volunteer work at the Main Street office where Asta Crowe does data entry work. Carolyn Stuart worked as an in-take volunteer at Project Homestart, the women's and children's shelter. Dottie, Max and Ann Drake, Paul Munk, with his most welcome friends from OCC, Bonnie Raphael, Nancy Martin, and new recruits Carolyn White and Carolyn Stuart maintain our every first Thursday cooking and serving at the Rosemary and Columbia facility.

Ann and Max Drake ran our CROP Walk program last year. We're now deep into promoting this year's Walk. The new tact is to encourage folks to donate online. Dottie attended the training and committee members are maintaining the table in the lobby to encourage folks to participate and buy T-shirts.

The IFC works closely with our Transition and Support committee to provide "home plan" shelter for men released from OCC at Community House.

Special Events:

In September, we invited John Dorward, Interim Executive Director, to speak at forum about the IFC. He described his Interim role, shared with Kristen Lavergne, and the charge to find a new ED. The newly appointed director, Jackie Jenks, began her work at IFC April 10th. Dottie attended the public meeting where Jackie spoke and was impressed.

We responded to IFC's call for overflow housing for men on cold nights, as Community House has only 17 cots for homeless men seeking a bed during nights when the temperature falls below 40 degrees. We worked closely with Buildings and Grounds, Carolina Friends School, and presented a plan to Business Meeting which approved sheltering men, if needed, over one week before Christmas. (We were not needed; no congregation sheltered men this winter).

John Dorward will continue to shepherd the new Food First initiative after he steps down from the Interim ED position. He has met with the local businessmen who expressed concerns about the new project, and the designs for the building have been modified to meet most of their issues. Building the Food First facility at the Main Street location is projected to cost \$4.5-5 million. A professional fund raiser has been engaged. Completion is expected in 2019.

Bonnie Raphael and Dottie Heninger attended the Food for the summer training, learning about this program that works with the public schools cafeterias, TABLE and PORCH to provide onsite meals for children in 20+ locations across our community. IFC serves as the fiscal agent, and helps provide coordination. Planning is underway to repeat the program in the summer of 2017.

As of March 1, HUD mandated that accommodations for two-parent families and boys up to the age of 17 be provided at Project Homestart. This change, from previously housing only single women and young children, has been implemented.

The IFC Committee completed the queries, asked of all Meeting committees, for our Spiritual State of the Meeting meeting and submission to PFYM.

Summary:

The IFC is a beneficiary of CHFMs' benevolences. It continues to be the major support for the needy in our community. Their statistics are impressive, and available on their website.

Members of the committee are Emilie Condon, Carolyn Stuart, Ann Drake, Max Drake, James Bartow, Marie Hopper, Asta Crowe, and Dottie Heninger, clerk. Our meetings are open to CHFMs members and attenders, and we welcome you to join us.

Submitted by Dottie Heninger
April 16, 2017

THE FUND FOR SUFFERINGS (Adapted from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting)

The Fund for Sufferings of the Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting was created to provide meaningful material support to members and attenders of the Meeting who suffer because of their witness to our Quaker testimonies. The fund also applies to Friends who grew up in our Meeting, particularly those who this Meeting has affirmed as conscientious objectors.

The Fund for Sufferings provides:

- ◆ Financial assistance for hardship occasioned by obedience to the leadings of the Inner Light to take actions consistent with Quaker testimonies, and
- ◆ An opportunity for anyone to stand in unity with those taking risks for their beliefs by making a contribution to the fund (Note: Contributions are to the fund and not to specific individuals).

How to Make a Request: Requests for assistance can come from the individual concerned or, in special cases, from someone or a group close to the person involved. Requests will be made to the Meeting Clerk who will refer the request to Care & Counsel for consideration. Care & Counsel will invite Peace & Justice to designate someone to participate in discernment related to the request. Once the discernment process is completed, Care & Counsel will make a recommendation for approval by the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. Before discerning whether to make a grant, Care & Counsel will need the following:

- ◆ A written request describing the nature of the witness resulting in hardship.
- ◆ Amount of financial assistance being requested from the Fund for Sufferings.

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Balance Sheet As of March 31, 2017

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BB&T-2699 Community Checking	46,540.44
BB&T-3430 Refac (Return Citz)	1,019.65
BB&T-3597 Youth Service Trip	715.14
BB&T-4039 Building Renovat Fund	235,040.03
BB&T-4071 Care and Counsel	1,628.64
BB&T-4593 Shotts Leadership	2,524.59
BB&T-8085 Refugee Fund	3,302.66
BB&T-9737 Money Rate Savings	18,923.39
Friends Fiduciary	
Bequest Fund	1,227.38
General Fund	14,373.52
Physical Plant Reserve Fund	17,274.31
Shotts Endowment	31,186.12
Total Friends Fiduciary	64,061.33
Total Checking/Savings	373,755.87
Total Current Assets	373,755.87
TOTAL ASSETS	373,755.87
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	185.15
Total Other Current Liabilities	185.15
Total Current Liabilities	185.15
Total Liabilities	185.15
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	134,376.03
Unrestricted Net Assets	65,328.18
Net Income	173,866.51
Total Equity	373,570.72
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	373,755.87

Calendar

(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)

Sun. 5/7	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Graduation
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck—Schoolhouse (please BYO plate, cup, utensils)
Tue. 5/9	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Thurs. 5/11	2–4pm	Passing It Forward Workshop—Meadowmont (see page 8)
Fri. 5/12	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 5/14	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: tbd
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
Tue. 5/16	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Wed. 5/17	6–8pm	Wills Workshop—Schoolhouse (see page 8)
Fri. 5/19	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 5/21	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
	1:30pm	FDS Field Trip (see page 3)
Tue. 5/23	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 5/26	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 5/28	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: tbd
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
	noon	Families and Friends Affected by Mental Illness—Schoolhouse
	10pm	Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!
Thur. 6/1	9am–1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Fri. 6/2	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 6/4	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: tbd
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck—Schoolhouse (please BYO plate, cup, utensils)
Tue. 6/6	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 6/9	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

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Forum at 9:45am; Child Care from 9:30 AM–12:15 PM
First Day School from 11:15 AM–12:00 PM
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