

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

November 2008



Monthly Query:

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November Forums

November 2

“How Can the Meeting Support Families and Youth”

Members of YRE, CRE, and First Day School will present on the activities that youth are involved in through the meeting (religious education, SAYF retreats, service projects, fun outings, etc.). Their goals and aspirations, the positive impact these programs have for youth and their families, and how the meeting can be aware of and best support these important activities will be discussed.

November 9

“Spiritual Readings that Speak to Quakers”

Presented by Jan Hutton and Dan Darnell

A range of books that would be considered spiritual reading will be discussed. The impact such readings can have on spiritual development and how one can make spiritual reading part of daily living will be addressed. Participants are encouraged to bring their own treasured spiritual literature to share.

November 23

“FCNL’s views of Quaker Priorities after the Elections”

Presented by Nancy Milio

Nancy will speak to the implications the results of the elections have for Quakers.

November 30

“Can Gratefulness be a Daily Practice?”

Presented by Dirk Kelder and Dan Darnell

The significance of gratefulness in spiritual life will be discussed. Participants will be invited to share what they feel grateful for as part of this seasonally appropriate topic on gratefulness.

IFC Contributions Collected

Sunday, November 2

Our Meeting’s IFC contributions are collected the first Sunday of the month. The most needed items are listed below. Checks are also welcome — and needed! Please address questions to Dottie Heninger timdothening@mindspring.com

IFC ESSENTIAL FOOD LIST

Grits or oatmeal packets	Canned meat (tuna, beef stew, chicken)
Canned vegetables	Pasta (spaghetti, sauce, ramen noodles)
Canned beans	Dried beans (pinto, black, lima)
Soup (chicken, vegetable)	Canned fruit (peaches, pineapple)
Rice	Peanut butter and jelly
Cereal	

Environmental Concerns Committee Meeting

Sunday, November 2

The Environmental Concerns Committee Meeting was postponed to Sunday, November 2, and will follow the first of the month potluck. All are welcome to attend! Note that this committee will now be meeting every first Sunday.

Welcoming party for Brad and David Schultz

Sunday, November 2

All attenders and members are invited to a welcoming party for new members Brad Schultz and his son, David, on Sunday, November 2, 4:00-6:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet Friends! Please bring finger food to share. Judy Purvis will host this gathering at her home on 9 Tavern Place, Durham, 27707, 402-0649.

CRE Committee Potluck

Saturday, November 8

The Children's Religious Education committee invites all interested families to a potluck at the Wuerth-Struempers on Saturday, November 8 beginning at 5:00pm. The address is 109 Forest Ridge Dr., Chapel Hill. Phone: 967-3319. Email: andreawuerth@bellsouth.net. They will provide drinks and activities for kids. This potluck is the first in a series of events for Chapel Hill meeting families. Newcomers are especially welcome.

Get Your Items from the Lost & Found by November 9!

The Lost and Found container is full—please claim items by Sunday, November 9, after which time remaining items will be donated to the PTA Thrift Store.

Items in the container include hats (R. Lauren Polo Jeans baseball style cap, green baseball cap with the letter “Y” in white), sweaters (blue pull-over hoody sweater with front pocket/pouch, gray pull-over zip-up sweater with front pocket/pouch, grayish sleeveless cardigan), scarves (gold/brownish scarf with Asian motifs, blue scarf), tee shirts (white T-shirt with Kani House Lamu written on front), coats (two blue windbreaker pullovers with zippers, pockets and zippered pouch, REI Black Winter Coat), a DKNY Silverish color eye-glasses case, a leaf shaped metallic medallion, a child flower ring, a long umbrella (blue and light brown), and random drinking containers.

Parent Staff Association Evening Meeting

Wednesday, November 12

A Parent Staff Association Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 12, at 6:40pm in the Upper School Meeting Hall at Carolina Friends School. We welcome you to come enjoy refreshments, meet other parents, and hear short tidbits of what is happening within the PSA and throughout our community. The feature presentation will be by the School Life Committee on the queries: “What does it mean to be a Quaker School today?” and “What does it mean for Quakers and Non-Quakers?”

Carolina Friends School Open Houses

November 16, 23, & December 7

All are invited to an Open House at Carolina Friends School. Whether you have children or grandchildren who might someday attend or are just curious about CFS, we’d love to see friends from the Meetings at upcoming CFS Open Houses:

Durham Early School
Sunday, November 16
2:00 - 4:00pm (pres. at 3:00)
404 Alexander Avenue, Durham

Chapel Hill Early School
Sunday, November 23
2:00 - 4:00pm
531 Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill

Main Campus Open House
Sunday, December 7, 2:00 - 4:00pm
4809 Friends School Road, Durham

Drop in anytime between 2:00 and 4:00pm at Early, Lower, or Middle School. The Upper School presentation begins at 2:30pm. For information, contact Kathleen Davidson at 919.383.6602 ext 221 or kdavidson@cfsnc.org, www.cfsnc.org.

Anne Welsh Reading from New Book

Wednesday, November 19

Chapel Hill Friends are warmly invited to attend an upcoming book event at Duke, when N.C. Friend Anne Morrison Welsh will be reading from her new book, "Held in the Light: Norman Morrison's Sacrifice for Peace and His Family's Journey of Healing." Norman Morrison was a Quaker who immolated himself on the steps of the Pentagon in protest of the Vietnam war. The reading will be held Wednesday, November 19, at 5:00pm in the Rare Book Room of Perkins Library. The event is co-sponsored by Duke Divinity School. Joyce Hollyday, Asheville author, assisted in editing and writing "Held in the Light." It was recently published by Orbis Books. Copies will be available for signing.

Thanksgiving Celebration

Thursday, November 27

Everyone is invited to a Thanksgiving Celebration on Thursday, November 27, at the Meeting house. We will begin at noon with a Meeting for Worship and around 12:30pm will move to the multi-purpose room to gather and share our meal. To ensure we have a variety of food to eat for this potluck, please sign up and indicate what you will bring. The sign-up sheet will be posted on the

door as you are leaving the foyer of the Meeting house. Newcomers are most welcome to join us. The Thanksgiving Celebration is a good way for all to get better acquainted. If you have questions, please call Stuart Phillips at 942-2879.

Come Sing Your Heart!

Friday, November 28

Come sing your heart, Friday, November 28, at 7:00pm at the Durham Friends Meetinghouse. Shape-note and seasonal a capella 4-part singing facilitated by Mike Green will be included. For carpooling possibilities, call Mike at 929-2339.

CRE Committee Hosts Training Sessions for Teaching with Godly Play Curriculum

December 5-7

The Children's Religious Education Committee and the Meeting for Business are excited to bring Godly Play and Faith and Play to the young people (and adults) of our Meeting. Faith & Play is a Montessori-inspired approach to teaching Quaker faith and practice to children. Godly Play®, created by Episcopal priest Jerome Berryman, has proved to be a Quaker-friendly method and curriculum for teaching the Bible.

With support from the Leadership Development Fund, CRE is sponsoring a workshop for individuals interested in teaching our young people with this FGC-sponsored approach. They currently have 10 Meeting members committed to the training, as well as 3 participants from New Garden and Durham Meetings; there are 5 spaces left. Anyone interested in attending the training session should contact Tom Munk.

The training workshop begins Friday evening, December 5, and continues all day Saturday with lunch and dinner provided. On Sunday morning, an introduction will be presented at the forum, followed by a lesson for about 25 children and the Sunday potluck. The training will be led by Michael

Gibson, working on this project with FGC, and a partner who uses it in her FDS in Oklahoma. All members are invited for the Sunday forum, Meeting for Worship, and potluck. The CRE committee would like potential First-Day School teachers to sign up for the intensive Friday and Saturday training.

See the minutes from Business Meeting for more details.

Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 24

The Christmas Eve Service will take place on Wednesday, December 24, at 5:30pm. As we did last year, we will begin with silent worship with one candle on the table in the center and lights off. As it becomes slowly darker outside, and as the spirit moves us, each of us will light our candle from the central candle and add our lighted candle to the table in silence and/or give whatever message we may feel led to share, slowly bringing light to the darkness. After about 45 minutes, we will close with singing “Silent Night” and other carols as the spirit moves us. Children are welcome to worship with us. Bring a candle with a holder; extra candles will be provided.

Parents needed to Coordinate Participation in MLK, Jr Day Parade

Saturday, January 17

Parents are needed to coordinate Carolina Friends School participation in the MLK Parade in Durham. Several activities are planned for the week prior to the celebration, and it would be very helpful if a parent or two could join us with the intent of coordinating our participation in the parade. Please contact Kathleen Davidson at 919.383.6602 ext 221 or kdavidson@cfsnc.org, www.cfsnc.org.

Take Care of Our Library

Only a few of the many missing books have been returned to the Library. Please check you bookshelves one more time. Within the next month we hope to begin calling folks whose names are on the cards of the missing books.

Please save us a call.

To make the library run more smoothly, we ask you to read and follow the directions for checking out books. It is essential that you enter on the card the date of taking the book, your name and your phone number. We do not have a due date (or fines) but would appreciate your returning books within a month. We hope to set up a system for contacting anyone who has a book out for two months or longer.

When our many new books are cataloged we will submit a list to the Newsletter to encourage your reading.

Used Car Needed

Dear Friends, This is Andrew Barker (Hart Pillow's son) and I'm searching for a new used car for myself. My last car overheated this summer and the engine was completely ruined. I really want a car with an engine that I can rely on, and can simply get me from A to B. I'm particularly fond of Toyota Camrys for example, because of their well-known longevity. I've been without a vehicle since July and it's been horribly inconvenient getting to the places I need to go, and especially to and from my job at The Cheesecake Factory. If anyone is selling their car, or knows any who is...please let me know! Thanks! --Andrew

**Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Minutes, October 19, 2008
Judy Purvis, acting clerk
and Susan Inglis, recording clerk**

Query

Are our meetings for business and our committee meetings held in the same spirit as our meetings for worship, in which we seek divine guidance for our actions? Do we speak and listen with the same care that we exercise in meeting for worship?

1. The clerk welcomed Friends, recognizing Melissa Bishop as a first-time atttender of business meeting, reviewed and made adjustments to the agenda.
2. The Minutes of September 4th Quarterly and September 21st Regular Meetings for Worship with Attention to Business were approved.
3. Pat Mann, Clerk of Ministry and Worship Committee brought a recommendation for Membership for Larry Tabor, along with familial membership for his son Elijah. Larry's bio is attached here. Friends approved with the recommendation with joy. A welcoming committee of Pat Mann, clerk & Marsha Green will plan a celebration to welcome Larry & Elijah.
4. Treasurer's Report – Judy Purvis presented the report. It is attached here. Friends accepted the report with thanks.
5. Children's Religious Education Committee – Nancy Martin brought a request to add \$770 to the budget of the Children's Religious Education Committee to purchase new curriculum, called "Godly Play." She showed and described the program and responded to questions. Judy clarified that the leadership development fund will pay for the training in the curriculum, so this request is just for purchase of the materials. Friends approved going ahead with purchasing the \$770 worth of materials and conducting the training for this spring. Friends' worshipful discussion brought out several ideas for possible contributors to the increase in the CRE budget, including consideration of which committees could contribute, and possible decreases to other committees' budgets. A report is attached that addresses the questions Friends raised. Committees are asked to respond to Jennifer Leeman with reports of their consideration of how they can support the purchase of the curriculum.

6. Peace and Social Concerns Committee: Hank Elkins brought an update on the strike at Moncure Plywood, which included Friends' meeting with striking workers and with management, which resulted in increased understanding by all parties. He also described the meeting that he and Miriam Thompson as representatives of LEAP had with the Iranian president & ambassador in NYC recently. A summary of this report is attached here; the full report can be found on the website.

Alice Carlton provided the NC Choices annual report., which Friends approved with appreciation. It is attached here.

6. The Buildings and Grounds Annual Report was deferred to next business meeting.

7. Adult Religious Education Committee has a follow-up request to consider changing the location of forums. It has been deferred to next business meeting.

8. Ruth Hamilton brought a request for a traveling minute as she will be traveling beginning November 3rd to New Mexico for her work with Quaker Earthcare Witness. Friends approved asking Jennifer Leeman to provide the traveling minute.

10. The Library Committee would gratefully receive the donation of a combination printer, copier, scanner.

In attendance: Susan Inglis, Marsha Green, Dottie Henninger, Marnie Clark, Max Drake, Melissa Bishop, Ann Kessmeier, Lloyd Kramer, Buffie Webber, Pat Mann, Nancy Martin, Asta Crowe, Judy Purvis, Lynn Drake, Marilyn Dyer, Catherine Elkins, Alice Carlton, Nancy Elkins, Michael Jokinen, Larry Tabor, Annette Broadwell, Dan Darnell, Andrea Wuerth, Ken Grogan, Ruth Hamilton, Nancy Elkins, Hank Elkins, Wen Hendrickson, Candace Kern, Robin Harper, Henry Maiden, Dirk Kelder, Joyce Munk, Bill Jenkins, Stuart Phillips

Biography of Larry Tabor

I am 44 years old and I moved to North Carolina in 1984 after meeting and marrying my wife. Her name is Mandy and she was born and raised in North Carolina. I was born and raised in Abbs Valley; it is a very isolated area in the mountains of Virginia. Most of my family has moved to North Carolina since I did in 1984.

We have two sons, our oldest son Caleb is 21 years old and he is a senior at Elon University. He is majoring in Religious Studies and he is planning on getting his Masters of Divinity after graduating from Elon. Our other son is Elijah, his is 3 years old and he is currently a very pleasant handful. Both of our sons are a very treasured part of our lives. My family is a very important part of my life and I am very fortunate person to have them.

My son Caleb was familiar with my beliefs and what I have been looking for in my spiritual life for a long time. He learned about Friends in one of his classes and he suggested that I attend a meeting. He came to my first meeting with me back in December of 2007 and I have been attending since then. I have read a lot and educated myself on the history of Friends and who they are and what they stand for. The more that I learned and the more that I attended meetings, it became very clear to me that the Religious Society of Friends is what I have been looking for.

I have always been a seeker of the truth and I have looked for a very long time for a group of people to share the path that God wants me to follow. I needed to be with a group of people that would understand that path and share their journey with me also. I feel very clear that I have found that group of people in this meeting and I look forward to the journey.

Treasurer's Report for September, 2008

Income	Sept. 1 –Sept. 30, 2008	2008-2009 budget	Cumula- tive total	Funds remaining
Unrestricted				
Unrestricted personal	6406			
Unrestricted building use				
Total Income	6406	72,280	13782,16	
Restricted				
Committee Expenses				
Adult Religious Educ		300		300
Buildings & Grounds	1077.85	14,350	2742.28	11607.72
Insurance		5,350	389.94	4960.06
Utilities	316.58	5,250	1317.17	3932.83
Maintain & Improve	716.27	2,750	990.27	1759.73
Landscaping		1,000		1000
Care & Counsel		100		100
Children's Religious Educ	366.17	4,800	870.40	3929.60
Environmental Concerns		650		650
Finance	10.55	400	25.11	374.89
Hospitality		250		250
Library		400		400
Ministry & Worship		1,750	170	1580
Nominations		25		25
Peace & Social Concerns		300		300
Publications & Records		1,800	392.20	1407.80
Youth Religious Educ	1081.79	2,500	1776.70	723.30
Total Committee Exp	2536.36	27,625	5976.69	21648.31
Benevolences				
Internal Planned		8,135		
Internal Discretionary	150	4,500	253	4247
External		32,020	1500	30520
Total Benevolences	150	44,655	1753	42902
Total Expenses	2686.36	72,280	7729.69	64550.31

Godly Play and Faith and Play

The Children's Religious Education Committee and the Meeting for Business are excited to be bringing Godly Play and Faith and Play to the young people (and adults) of our Meeting. With support from the Leadership Development Fund, we are sponsoring a workshop for up to 18 individuals interested in teaching our young people with this FGC-sponsored approach. We currently have 10 Meeting members committed to the training, as well as 3 participants from New Garden and Durham Meetings.

The workshop schedule for Dec 5-7: Michael Gibson, working on this project with FGC, and a partner who uses it in her FDS in Oklahoma, would do the training. The workshop would start on Friday evening, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., then resume at 9:00 on Saturday and going until 8:00 p.m. Lunch and dinner will be provided as part of the Saturday training. Sunday morning from 9:45 to 10:45 would be an introduction to Faith and Play at adult forum time; from 11:15 to 12:00 would be a Faith and Play lesson for ages 3 to 13 (about 25 students) and from 12:00 to 1:00 would be our regular Sunday potluck. All members of your Meeting are invited for the Sunday forum, Meeting for Worship, and potluck. We would like potential First-Day School teachers to sign up for the intensive Friday and Saturday training.

Faith & Play is a Montessori-inspired approach to teaching Quaker faith and practice to children. The first volume in the series is now available and can be purchased from QuakerBooks of FGC. Included are six stories, four relating to Quaker faith and practice and two about Quaker historical figures. Included with each story text are a photograph of the story materials and directions for the storyteller's movements. Faith & Play is a joint project of the Philadelphia YM's Faith & Play Working Group and Friends General Conference. FGC provides significant funding for this work, publishes the resource and maintains a website devoted to it. The address for the website is faithandplay.org and it should be fully functioning by mid-or late September, 2008.

Godly Play®, created by Episcopal priest Jerome Berryman, has proved to be a Quaker-friendly method and curriculum for teaching

the Bible. Four volumes in the six-volume series contain over 65 stories. The remaining two volumes are filled with practical aids for teachers. Only a scant handful of liturgical stories are generally ill-adapted to Friends settings. All story scripts include drawings of story materials and directions for the storyteller's movements. Faith & Play resources are designed to be used in conjunction with Godly Play®.

The approach: In both Godly Play and Faith & Play, stories are told in a highly visual and contemplative manner. The story is followed by wondering "questions" which are really open-ended statements that invite wonder and reflection. The period of wondering is followed by what is called "work time." This is time to "pray with your eyes and hands" using any of a wide range of art media, or, participants may opt to play with the story just told—or any other story in the classroom—using the story materials that are always available in the Faith & Play or Godly Play® classroom. The lesson closes with a return to the story circle for a period of thanksgiving, prayer and appreciation, sometimes with a "feast" (juice and crackers).

Links:

<http://www.godlyplay.org/> — the original curriculum, created by an Episcopalian priest, based on Montessori principles

http://www.quakerbooks.org/faith_and_play.php — the newly created Quaker spin-off, sponsored by FGC

<http://www.spiritplay.net/> — the Unitarian spin-off

Project Funding:

The CRE intended to ask the October Meeting for Business to provide a \$1215 increase in the CRE budget for texts and materials to support the implementation of 11 Godly Play lessons based on parables. We desired:

8 copies of "How to Lead," Volume 1 of the Complete Guide to Godly Play: \$248

4 copies of Volume 3 of the Complete Guide to Godly Play which contains the 11 Parables lesson plans: \$124

1 copy each of the other 4 Volumes of Godly Play for use during

the training workshop and as planning materials for
future units: \$124
1 copy of Faith and Play, containing 6 lessons created by
Michael Gibson around Quaker themes: \$31
High-quality manipulative materials for 11 lessons: \$838.
Total: \$1365

We had already spent \$150 on samples of these items, which is approximately the amount of money we have available in our CRE budget for curriculum. Thus we desired to request the remainder for this fiscal year: \$1215.

We have thought about the next fiscal and first-day school year as well. If the Godly Play approach was successful, we had hoped to request \$758 for the 2008-2009 budget year for 11 Old Testament and 6 Quaker stories.

As the Meeting considered our request, we hoped they would keep in mind that CRE has spent nothing on curriculum materials since FY01, and only \$451 on miscellany and supplies since that time. The First-Day School teachers have used what they had and brought their own materials on most occasions. The response to this chance to have high-quality materials, high-quality lessons, and high-quality training from those who have so generously volunteered their time in the FDS has been very strong. Ten of our teachers, one from New Garden Meeting, and two from Durham Meeting have already committed to participate in the training. We are advertising now for another 5 participants from local Friends Meetings or other local churches.

The Leadership Development Fund has already committed \$1370 to the training part of this process. The training will occur on the first weekend in December. The Leadership money will support the transportation of one trainer, support the FGC Godly Play program, including the transportation of the other trainer (Michael Gibson), pay for a simple lunch and dinner on Saturday, and for childcare for participants. Out-of-Meeting participants will be asked to contribute \$70. If there is money left over, it will be used to support the purchase of materials and the FGC program in equal measures.

Unfortunately, due to communication errors, the actual request discussed in the MFB was for \$770, a number that Tom Munk had put out earlier, before fully understanding the costs of the program. The Meeting approved that amount. We will proceed immediately with the expenditure of about \$124 to purchase the materials most essential now:

- 3 copies of "How to Lead," required reading for the training
- 1 copy of "Practical Helps for Godly Play Teachers" to pass around before the training

This will be about \$124.

We will bring to the November Meeting for Business a proposal clarifying the rest of our needs for this project.

Report Available on the Meeting with Iranian President Ahmadinejad

At the invitation of the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), Miriam Thompson and Hank met September 24 for two hours, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, with President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran, Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki, U.N. Ambassador Mahmamad Khazaei, and two members of the Iranian Congress. The invitation from FCNL came because of their involvement in the Triangle Middle East Legislative, Education, and Advocacy Project (TIMELEAP), a relatively new organization of representatives from Muslim, Jewish, Catholic, Protestant and other organizations concerned about peace in the Middle East. TIMELEAP has written position papers, has met with Congressman Brad Miller and has a forthcoming meeting scheduled with Congressman David Price. Miriam and Hank were part of a group of approximately one hundred representatives from 43 peace groups. Representatives of the groups presented selected questions, previously submitted in writing, to President Ahmadinejad. On the next day, Thursday, September 25 Miriam and Hank participated in a three-hour strategy meeting with the peace group representatives. A complete report by Hank Elkins of the September meeting of Peace Groups with Iranian President Ahmadinejad in New York is available on the

Meeting's website at <http://www.chapelhillfriends.org/articles/VisitwithPresidentAhmadinejad.doc>.

The Amazing NC Choices Intern

By Alice Carlton

The fall has been busy for NC Choices for Youth. With the hard work of our intern, Terri Johnson, we have had several recent events in Greensboro, Chapel Hill, and Carrboro. Eugene Cherry, Iraq war veteran, has been working with us to tell of his time as a medic in Iraq. Terri has a recruitment story to tell: she was recruited by the military from Smith High School in Greensboro on the promise of money to pursue her dream of college and law school only to be told during basic training that her recruiter had lied and she was headed for Iraq. She headed for the door.

Terri and Eugene spoke on Thursday Sept. 4, 2008 at Danny's Ribs in Greensboro near A&T University to a group of 20 people.

Monday Sept. 8 they attended a meeting of the O Ambassadors Club at lunchtime at Chapel Hill High School. The 25 students there sat in rapt attention as Eugene told the horrors of his work as a medic in Iraq, and Terri told her story of being courted and deceived by her military recruiter about the college money she so desperately needed. The students told their faculty sponsor, Corey Waters, it was the best program they had ever had.

Monday evening Sept. 8 there was a public event co-sponsored by NC Choices for Youth, American Friends Service Committee, and Quaker House at the Carrboro Century Center. The hit of the evening was the short play, "The Dream Seller" by our own playwright Hank Elkins and performed by students from the UNC Dept. of Dramatic Arts. Thanks to Bonnie Raphael for casting them for us. This play dramatizes the plights of a young talented woman from a single parent family seeking money for college, the recruiter under pressure to make her quota, and the GI suffering from PTSD who calls the GI Rights Hotline counselor. Plans are underway to film this play and make it available through YouTube. After the play, the audience heard Eugene Cherry's horror stories of Iraq service as a medic, Terri Johnson's

experience of being courted and lied to by her military recruiter, then Steve Woolford, Quaker House GI Rights Hotline Counselor, told of calls he has received from desperate soldiers and their family members. Pam Schwingl completed the program by describing the pervasiveness of military recruiters in our high schools and our attempts to get into the schools to provide alternative choices for young people.

September 23 we again had a table at the Orange Co-Chapel Hill-Carrboro College Fair. This time we had Eugene Cherry and Terri Johnson present to talk one-on-one to young people exploring options for their futures.

Terri and Eugene also spoke to the O Ambassador Club at Culbreth Middle School. The middle school students were even more receptive than the high school students. A Culbreth teacher advised them to try to set up similar talks with the AVID classes (Advancement Via Individual Determination), a program for capable students who need help with study skills to succeed in school. Terri plans to pursue this possibility in Chapel Hill and then reach out to AVID programs in places like Fayetteville.

Terri has made valuable connections with a high school suspension program at New Light Baptist Church in Greensboro. High school students, predominantly African-Americans and Latinos, suspended from high schools all over Guilford County, spend their suspension time in this program. They are likely to be vulnerable to military recruiters. Eugene was in town for the first visit. They talked to them about their military experiences as well as alternatives to the military, which turned out to be their main interest. She has been invited to speak to this group every two weeks as there are different young people there every time. She hopes this connection will lead to other connections in Greensboro. There are similar programs in other communities that may also be entry points for our work.

Terri's creative industriousness seems to have no end. There are plans for an alternative job fair for high school students in the spring and for setting up possible two-week internships for students with organizations and businesses to provide hands on experience to explore what's next after high school.

With Terri Johnson as our intern, NC Choices has taken mighty leaps forward with our mission to help young people find and live lives of peace and service.

We need money! To support all these activities, NC Choices for Youth needs to raise more funds. The Meeting Bequest money is wonderful but will only fund our intern for 9 months. Hank Elkins, our treasurer, will gladly receive donations from anyone who wishes to support our endeavors and advice from anyone knowledgeable about other funding sources.

Join us! We are always eager to have new members, from the Meeting or from the wider community. Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 15, 2008 at 10 am in the Carol Woods Multi-purpose room. Ask any NC Choices member or just show up. We welcome you!

Hospitality Committee Annual Report

(This is the report shared at the September Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, but was not available for inclusion in last month's newsletter.—Ed.)

September 2008

This report covers 17 months of the committee year from April '07 to September, '08

The Hospitality committee works to develop and create a congenial, welcoming and caring atmosphere in our Meeting. By performing our tasks, we work to lay the foundation for a friendly and welcoming atmosphere within the Meeting community. Our committee is largely task oriented, while considering the various needs of the Meeting for fellowship, community building, care and celebration. The committee manages the potluck luncheons on the first Sunday of each month; assists with special occasions, such as holiday parties, weddings under the care of the Meeting, and memorial services; arranges meals for members in need; schedules greeters for Sunday Meeting

for Worship; and welcomes visitors and newcomers to our Meeting.

Members: As a committee, we support each other with our congeniality as well as by sharing the many jobs that we do. This year, the committee consisted of many ongoing members, joined by Stuart Phillips. With the new committee year, we regrettably said goodbye to Carolyn White, who served a full 9 years on the committee. Although she left us at the end of the last committee year, Jennifer Leeman has joined us for many of our meetings to help coordinate our efforts. Kathy Davis has been clerk and succeeded only with the help and support of the entire committee. We look forward to adding two new members, Jennifer Murdoch, Kathleen McNeil, Siobhan McGowan will join us for the new committee year.

Potlucks and Snacks: Committee members take turns organizing potlucks on the first Sunday of each month following the 11:00 meeting for worship. The monthly lunches are popular with our community. They provide an opportunity for us to get to know each other better and a social gathering for those who are new to our community. Between 60 and 80 people of various ages regularly attend. As the need arises, some potlucks are dedicated to special occasions. A celebration of our graduates is a traditional one planned in June. The committee recognizes that this work is sustainable only with the help of others in the community and encourages those who lend a hand. Middle school students have helped with set-up and high school students have helped with clean-up. This is much appreciated. For the third summer, we offered snacks in the library at the rise of second meeting for the months of July and August.

Periodically, members reorganize the kitchen cabinets in order to make serving and clean-up flow smoothly. Members keep track of and purchase supplies such as drink mixes, towels for drying dishes, utensils, etc.

Special Events: Hospitality is responsible for the Thanksgiving potluck and helps with the Christmas party. Several committee members helped with set up and clean up of the Thanksgiving meal. The Christmas party was co-planned with CRE. Hospitality helped organize the finger food pot luck for the event held on December 16. We also helped with the memorial services for Tim Heninger, - Alice Cramer (David, Dottie, Carolyn) and Lili Manis (Kathy, Carolyn, Gwynne, Stuart, Jeff, Nora). Each of these events is unique, including different subsets of our community and their relatives and

friends. And, each, though some are sad, have given us the satisfaction of participating in the rich lives of our community.

Greeters: Hospitality is in charge of coordinating greeters before each Meeting for Worship. Greeters welcome people into the meetinghouse. Newcomers are invited to sign the guest book, to make and wear a name tag. Greeters can also offer them pamphlets about the Meeting, answer questions about worship and other aspects of our faith and practice, and if time allows, introduce them to nearby members and attenders. We are grateful for the greeters supplied monthly from the following committees: Building and Grounds, Ministry and Worship, Hospitality.

Visitors and Newcomers: Marnie Clark maintains the visitor's book and sends letters to all those in-state visitors. We have continued to include the information sheet listing ways to become involved in the Meeting. Contrary to popular belief, we are no longer making phone calls, though this may be something to address in the new year. It is our hope that this summary offers information to those seeking ways to become active in the life of the Meeting.

Hospitality organized 2 lunch events for newcomers on April 22 and November 11. This year, we decided to try having our lunches at the rise of second meeting in the school house to see if this time might be more accommodating and draw more people. We found that these were very well attended, too well attended, perhaps, to be accommodating in the fall when we needed to use the library instead of the multipurpose room. Kathy learned her lesson about getting on the appropriate calendar ahead of time. We encourage people who are new to the Meeting to join a committee as a way to feel connected to our community.

As a committee, we recognize our ongoing need to think about how we welcome and include newcomers. We make an effort to watch out for newcomers on Sunday mornings and introduce ourselves. We also recognize that this must be the responsibility of all members and attenders, so that we make people feel welcome and in this way, contribute to the ongoing vitality of the whole Meeting. So, we want to recognize and thank others who have worked over the past year to be available to answer questions for newcomers at the rise of meeting, spoken to new people at events and created new written materials of welcome. We have continued this thinking late in the summer '08

with a conversation about ways to increase our effectiveness in this area.

Care: We collect and maintain a list of people willing to make food for members or attenders in special need. As the need is brought to our attention, we coordinate between cooks and recipients to provide meals. We updated the cooks list several times during this year. We have organized meals on a short term basis for at least 6 individuals and families during the past year and a half.

Community Building: Because there were several ongoing enrichment courses proceeding during the fall, we did not have a forum to help form Friendly 8s. We will continue to look into the possibility of doing that or other community events in the coming year.

Looking Forward: As we look to the next year we recognize that several of our primary missions, welcoming newcomers and providing for people in need of special care require, ongoing problem solving and communication with other committees, especially Care and Counsel and Ministry and Worship. Our upcoming agenda includes more discussion of welcoming newcomers through recognizing the importance of having greeters available at each meeting, including the entire meeting community more in this role and increasing information sharing specific to the meeting at new-comers events. We look forward to a new year of fellowship and celebrations. The committee thanks Clerk Jennifer Leeman for her support and guidance throughout the year. We would also like to applaud John Hite as a very much appreciated unofficial member of Hospitality and thank him for the amazing number of things he does so willingly and competently for our committee and for the meeting at large. Again, we also want to thank our members have left the committee for their dedication and service, Carolyn White, Nora Brown and Miranda Young.

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Monthly Query:

Are our meetings for business and our committee meetings held in the same spirit as our meetings for worship, in which we seek divine guidance for our actions? Do we speak and listen with the same care that we exercise in meeting for worship?

Calendar:

Sun. 11/2	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: "How Can the Meeting Support Families & Youth?"
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck - Schoolhouse
		Environmental Concerns Com. - Schoolhouse
	4-6pm	Welcome for Brad Schultz - Judy Purvis's
Wed. 11/5	10am	Quaker Women's Gathering - Marnie Clark's
Thu. 11/6	11am-1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Sat. 11/8	5pm	CRE Potluck - Wuerth-Struemper's
Sun. 11/9	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: "Spiritual Readings"
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
Sun. 11/16	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:30am	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	2-4pm	CFS Open House - Durham Early School
Wed. 11/19	10am	Quaker Women's Gathering - Marnie Clark's
Sun. 11/23	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: "FCNL's Views of Quaker Priorities"
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	2-4pm	CFS Open House - Chapel Hill Early School
Thu. 11/27	12:30pm	Thanksgiving Celebration - Schoolhouse
Fri. 11/28	7pm	Come Sing Your Heart! - Durham Friends Meeting
Sun. 11/30	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: "Gratefulness As A Daily Practice"
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	10pm	Deadline To Turn In Items For The Newsletter!
Sun. 12/7	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum:
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
24	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods