

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

July, 2012



Monthly Query:

How do I cherish and protect the natural world, of which all people are a living part?

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Help for New Committees

New committees are beginning to shape up with their new rosters, and there are lots of things to think about at the beginning of the new committee year. One of your first items of business may be the discernment of a new clerk. If so, we hope your second item of business will be to send that new clerk's name and email address to news@chapelhillfriends.org. This is so that your clerk can receive email messages intended for your committee, and there are all kinds of things you will miss, if you don't! New clerks should also make it a point (a third item of business?) to check out the "Clerking 101" guide on our Meeting's website. This will give you answers to MANY questions you may have about committee clerking. Your fourth item of business is up to you. Thank you!

Monthly EnviroTip from the ECC

Missing out on the joy of composting? If you are unable to compost at home, you can bring your food scraps to Meeting with you on Sunday and use our CHFM compost pile. The gardens will thank you! We can use the compost to provide nutrients for our vegetables, flowers, plants, and trees to help them grow healthy and strong. The Nibble Garden in our schoolyard has blueberries now. The good earth beneath them is filled with healthy compost for the bushes, and in turn is providing good health for the birds and children who nibble as they play. To make contributions to the compost pile, simply follow the directions on the sign and place scraps into the crate, which is located on the side of the Early School Building.

In Peace, Your Environmental Committee

P.S. At home, store compost in a bucket or container in the freezer and it won't smell.

Town Council Approves IFC Good Neighbor Policy

On Monday night, June 11, the CH Town Council approved the IFC's Good Neighbor Policy. There was great support from CHFM - we had many more than 75 letters addressed to the Council! The IFC can now go ahead with their plans for men's transitional housing on MKL Blvd.

Hospitality needs help at potluck

Hospitality Committee has responsibility for hosting our monthly potluck. However, our numbers are few and the tasks are many. Before potluck, we set up tables, organize the food, make lemonade, set out glasses, plates and silverware, wash and replenish plates and silverware if needed. Afterward, we must wash, dry, and put away glasses, dishes and silverware, wipe off tables, put away tables and chairs, sweep and vacuum floors and rug, take compost to the bin outside, take out the trash and replace the trash bags and someone takes the dish towels and tablecloths home to launder. Sometimes we don't finish and leave until after 2:30 pm. We welcome any potluck attenders to help us with any of these tasks as you are able. Thank you very much.

Sword of Peace Trip

July 14, departs 6pm from the Meetinghouse

In celebration of CHFM's 75th anniversary, we'll take a field trip to Snow Camp Outdoor Drama on July 14 to see The Sword of Peace. We'll meet at the Meetinghouse at 6pm and caravan to Snow Camp, then picnic on the grounds (lots of picnic tables) before the 8pm performance. Please let Alice Carlton (amberalice@mindspring.com) know if you plan to come and how many seniors, adults, children. If we get 15, we get group rates. Thanks!

All Adults: \$16.00, Children under 12: \$8.00, Seniors (60 and over): \$14.00

Group rates are available for groups of 15 or more. Advance reservations are required.

Quaker House Trip

August 11

Please reserve Saturday, August 11 when our meeting, as part of its 75th Anniversary events, will visit Quaker House in Fayetteville, NC, along with the Special Operations Museum and Ft. Bragg. Our meeting helped found Quaker House in 1969. This will be an intergenerational event. Details will follow. Contact Curt Torell if you have questions.

Parking Situation at CHFM

The UNC parking lot is now an automatic-pay kind of lot; both gates are down. This leaves us Quakers with two choices. The first is you can pay to park in the UNC lot. (Drive in, get your ticket from the machine, wait for the gate to rise, park, then submit your ticket and pay the fee by machine before driving out.)

Don Hopper contacted UNC Parking and gained permission for us to park in the UNC lot via our gate at the side of the Meeting's parking lot. A member of B&G will open and close the side gate on Sundays. On Sunday mornings, pull into the Meeting's parking lot, make a quick right turn, drive through the open gate into the UNC lot, and park. When leaving, drive - carefully - back out through the Meeting's parking lot and exit to the street.

For this alternative to work, DO NOT PARK BLOCKING THE ENTRY/EXIT LANE BETWEEN THE TWO PARKING LOTS! Thank you, Friends. With some practice, we can make this arrangement work. And THANK YOU to the UNC Parking folks and to our B&G Committee for creating this alternative.

Thanks from Robin Harper & Family

Thanks to all members and attenders of the Meeting who sent love and condolences to us at the death of my father. Thank you SO MUCH for your cards, hugs, and many, many words of kindness. We have so much gratitude for your presence in our lives. We really appreciate your kindness and your holdings in the Light. It means so much. This is indeed our Beloved Community.

Fracking Update--It's Not Too Late!

Friends are encouraged to call Bev Purdue and make your feelings known about the fracking legalization legislation that is pending. Response to the legislation has overwhelming been negative (see below), but the Governor still has not decided whether or not to veto. You can contact her these ways:

Write her at: Office of the Governor, Constituent Services Office, 116 West Jones St, Raleigh NC 27603

Call her at: 919-733-2391

Email her at: governor.office@nc.gov

The following article by John Murawski appeared in THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 6/21/12:

The Senate has given final legislative approval to a bill that paves the way for legalizing a controversial form of natural gas drilling known as hydraulic fracturing. It is now up to Democratic Gov. Beverly Perdue to decide whether to sign or veto the legislation, which would dramatically reshape the state's energy landscape. Supporters laud the bill for its potential economic benefits and opponents denounce it as environmentally destructive. Perdue, who has expressed support for hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, in the past, has remained conspicuously silent on the Republican-backed legislation. A recent state study concluded that opening the state to the natural gas industry would create several hundred jobs but would require strict safeguards to prevent chemical spills, well blowouts and exploitation of property owners. Fracking opponents have turned up the heat in a bid to persuade the governor to squelch fracking. 'We've received 7,641 emails since June 8 and 2,824 calls since this issue started getting attention several months ago,' said Perdue spokesman Mark Johnson. 'The contacts are overwhelmingly opposed to fracking with very few supportive comments.'

The legislation would begin the process of creating regulations and standards for natural gas exploration by creating a special commission to oversee the process. The legislature would have to take a separate vote, at least two years from now, to approve the final rules and allow energy companies to pull drilling permits. The bill passed the Senate with little debate on a vote of 29-15. The House passed the bill last week but the vote was close enough to suggest that fracking supporters may not have enough votes to override a veto. The fracking bill would roll back state laws dating back to 1945 that prohibit horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing, the two main components of releasing natural gas from prehistoric shale rock formations. Fracking entails pumping water and chemicals underground at high pressure to break up shale rock and release the natural gas trapped inside. North Carolina is believed to have nearly 1.7 trillion cubic ft. of natural gas, much of it concentrated in Lee, Moore and Chatham counties, a region once known for coal mining.

Library Committee Needs Directories

Library Committee is looking for a copy of the following Directories: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 for the archives. Please email or call Anne Smith.

May and June 2012 Quaker House News

Pastor Sean Harris, minister of Berean Baptist Church in Fayetteville, delivered a sermon asking his congregation to vote for Amendment 1. During his sermon, he advocated physically punishing a child who exhibits any signs of being gay and insisted that LGBT people had no part in "God's Plan." "The second you see that son dropping the limp wrist, you walk over there and crack that wrist. Man up. Give them a good punch. OK?" Chuck Fager, Quaker House Director, was quickly contacted for his response by the local media and appeared on news programs taking a stand against such a harmful and dangerous message.

Chuck was joined in these responses by a young woman co-pastor of a new (thanks to the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell") gay-oriented church that Quaker House hosted for about three months last fall until they found their own home. She also wrote, with Chuck's assistance, an Op-Ed that was featured in the Fayetteville Observer. The Op-Ed was reposted on some national sites, and the Washington Post contacted the minister to talk with her about the situation.

Then Chuck invited several members of the area LGBT community to "bear witness" both to the harm such speech can do and how they cope with and overcome it. The resulting 43 minute video is at <http://youtu.be/a6K6jEukOyE>.

Chuck continues his work against torture as one of the coordinators of QUIT, the Quaker Initiative to End Torture. They hope to develop ways to remind Friends of the continuing need for accountability in order to return the US to the ranks of law-abiding nations. The larger goal is to resist the pressure to forget about US official torture. Chuck continues to visit the Johnston County Commission to witness monthly against the continued use of its airport for "torture flights." He also developed a new "Investigate Torture, Mr. President" postcard to help build pressure for accountability. To get a free packet of postcards for yourself or your Meeting, write Chuck at Quaker House.

For more information on or to support Quaker House, go to their website at <http://www.quakerhouse.org> or contact them at 223 Hillside Ave., Fayetteville, NC 28301, 919-910-3912.

Directory Updates

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Support Needed for Kevin Muhanji

Submitted by Pan Schwingl

Grimsley Hobbs from Spring Friends Meeting contacted me to help spread the word in our meeting that Spring Friends is helping to raise funds from the broader Quaker community for this young man from Kenya. Below is the story about his detention.

He and others from Spring Friends Meeting will be talking about his journey during the forum time on July 29.

Kevin was a QLSP/Bonner Scholar student from Kenya who was in his final year at Guilford College when his student visa became compromised. As a result, Kevin was arrested and transported to the Federal Detention Center near Americus Georgia. It was only through the concerted effort of Kevin's friends, concerned citizens, and two Quaker attorneys that Kevin was rescued just before being summarily deported.

Following his release Kevin returned to Greensboro and to Spring Friends Meeting where he is a member. Under the terms of his release, Kevin is not permitted to drive or hold a job for wages. Despite this Kevin has maintained his positive spirit and was successful in being accepted to the engineering department at A& T University in Greensboro in January of 2012. Since January Kevin has maintained a 3.1 GPA and is on track to graduate with an engineering degree in December. His goal is to return to Kenya to help his home community secure healthy supplies of fresh water.

It has been exclusively through contributions that over \$23,000 has already been raised to allow Kevin to pay for tuition, books, and limited living expenses. People who love Kevin have taken him into their homes and provided for his needs in many ways other than financial. Donated legal services alone have totaled more than \$8,000. The present need is to raise an additional \$9,500.00 to finish the remaining costs of Kevin's expenses to complete his degree, many of which are due at the beginning of the fall semester. We at Spring Friends Meeting are confident this can be accomplished and we request your assistance with this final effort.

In conclusion, Kevin Muhanji is a remarkable young man who is worthy of our support. Those who know and love Kevin are confident that he is destined for an important career that will benefit his home community in Kenya. That he has been subjected to treatment not worthy of our great country is another reason to show Kevin the love and respect he is due for his gentle loving spirit.

Bio of Ryan Jarrell

Ex-blogger Ryan Jarrell is a chinese food delivery driver and author of electronically published novel "Reefer Jesus." He has lived in Chapel Hill most of his life.

FGC Seeks New Meetings Project Coordinator

Friends General Conference (FGC) seeks a skilled and passionate New Meetings Project coordinator to join the ministries team. Please forward this information to anyone who you think might be interested or suitable.

Major responsibilities include designing and implementing the New Meetings Project, working with Friends interested in starting new worship groups, assembling best practices, nurturing the formation of a travel team, designing and conducting workshops, and passionately advocating for the creation of welcoming environments in new worship groups that are characterized by deep worship and a community grounded in Quaker practice. Must enjoy being collaborative and be willing to travel weekends. The position begins in September 2012. It is a full time, two-year position with excellent benefits and the possibility of renewal after two years based on funding availability. This position is based in the FGC Philadelphia office.

Requirements: a firm foundation in modern Quaker faith, excellent presentation and writing skills, and proficiency with Microsoft Office applications are essential. A minimum of 1–3 years as a project coordinator is preferred. Familiarity with Salesforce is helpful. This is an exciting opportunity to engage in important ministerial work.

Application deadline is July 20. To apply, send a cover letter, resume, and 3 references to: Deborah Fisch, FGC, 1080 45th Street, Des Moines, IA 50311
Or by email to deborahf@fgcquaker.org

DFM Seeks Youth Ministries Program Coordinator

Durham Friends Meeting is seeking a part time Youth Ministries Program Coordinator, 5-8 hours a week, with a maximum of 30 hours per month, flexible over the week and month. The range of pay starts at \$15 per hour, no benefits. Job description is available on request. We are looking for a Friend or someone familiar with Friend's practices, who:

- * Enjoys working with children, teens and adults.
- * Has good communication skills (written and verbal)
- * Is comfortable soliciting and working with volunteers.
- * Is highly motivated, self-directed and likes to manage a number of projects.
- * Is organized and efficient.
- * Is available for weekend work, including most Sundays.
- * Is able to work with software to develop databases of children and volunteers
- * Is able to work on DFM website to make it more useful

Contact Anne Micheaux Akwari at anne@amakwari or Courtney Stanion at cstanion@gmail.com for more information. Applicants should submit resume and cover letter to Anne Micheaux Akwari by 7/22/2012. Durham Friends Meeting <<http://durhamfriends.org/>>

Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Carolyn White, Clerk; Robin Harper, Recording Clerk
June 17, 2012

Worship and query: How do I make my home a place of friendliness, peace, and renewal, where God is real for those who live there and those who visit?

1. Welcome, recognition of first time attenders, review of agenda

There were no new attenders.

2. Review of minutes for May Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Approved.

3. Nominations Report—Jeff Brown (Attached)

Jeff pointed out some changes and additions to last month's slate of givers of service to the Meeting. One person is still needed for the Library Committee. He thanked all of the people who give so much time and service.

Approved.

A Naming Committee will be formed in November to find new people to serve on the Nominations Committee.

4. Proposed Budget—Matt Drake (Attached)

Matt drew our attention to several points:

- An additional \$300 has been requested to be added to Buildings & Grounds' budget to pay for summer housekeeping and yardwork, since there will be no summer programs at CHES and our resident will be away for the summer.
- At this time, enough money has come in to meet our budget, including paying all of our bills and paying the second half of our Benevolences.
- An increase to next year's budget is anticipated, which will be earmarked for Benevolences.

Approved, with the assumption that the budget will be revisited in the fall, with hopes that we will be able to increase the total budget.

Carolyn requested that suggestions for Benevolences be received by September, to be held over for approval in October.

5. Proposed minute (Matt Drake)

Matt presented us with several ways Friends can give to the Meeting, such as insurance policies and including the meeting in one's will. Friends can designate how this money might be used. Matt asked if we could unite behind this minute:

"The Chapel Hill Friends Meeting encourages Friends to consider including the Meeting in their wills and/or other estate plans."

Approved.

One Friend asked about the how the Meeting might prefer to be made aware of its inclusion in someone's estate, and Matt said he would let us know.

6. Proposed minute (Matt Drake)

After we approved the above minute, Matt then asked if we could also come to unity on this one:

"The Meeting approves the Finance Committee's distribution of the explanation entitled, 'The Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Encourages You to Include the Meeting in Your Estate Plans' to our members and attenders."

Approved.

Matt then distributed the explanation (attached). He also informed us that CHFM will soon be moving from Bank of America to BB&T.

7. Annual Report of Library Committee—Anne Smith (Attached)

The Library Committee has been exploring our archives (committee minutes, financial records, newspaper clippings) and trying to decide what to keep. As for surplus or unused books, first the committee offers them to the Meeting at large, then any leftover unwanted books are donated to the local public library. Anne also encouraged the Children's Religious Education Committee to explore the young adult section of the library, as there are quite a few books there. Anne was eager to hear Friends' questions and ideas for the Library Committee, which were forthcoming:

- suggest a work day similar to B&G, to help with library work
- acquire other translations of the Bible, besides King James and New Revised
- acquire more books about preserving the environment

Accepted with thanks.

8. Request for support for Annie DiLorenzo—Pam Schwingl (Attached)

Pam presented a proposal for the support of Annie DiLorenzo, who grew up in the Meeting and who is without resources since the death of her mother, Meeting member Linda DiLorenzo, last year. Annie is 18, but has real needs, including her college education and health insurance. Friends were united in their desire to help Annie, but concerns were raised about the best way to do this. Friends compared our possible support of this individual, our support of inmates transitioning back into community life, and our historic Meeting for Suffering. Many felt a more global Meeting policy was needed for situations like this, since we have declined to offer this kind of support in the past, as a Meeting.

The Meeting united around forming a subcommittee for this purpose under the care of Care & Counsel, with close input from the Finance Committee. There is strong leading in our Meeting to help Annie. A way will be found. Friends were encouraged to join this subcommittee, suggest others to participate, and bring any ideas to Pam, for the subcommittee to consider.

9. Update on Building and Grounds—Clerk

- B&G plans to meet with every committee this fall to discuss renovations.
- John Hite is on vacation for 6 weeks; members of B&G will open and close the Meeting House.
- Note that to use the UNC parking lot, we must now enter it through our own lot. The bar is down. Therefore, please do not park in the spaces that block that entrance.

10. Update on Hospitality—Clerk

- Hospitality will host the August potluck but it will be a free for all in July. Also, juice will be available instead of tea and coffee between Meetings for Worship for that month.
- The last few potlucks have been very well attended, but an unfortunate consequence of that is that Hospitality has been overwhelmed with clean up. Everyone is asked to please pitch in and help out with this task.

11. FCNL report—Hank Elkins

Hank reported that FCNL staff member Katherine Philipson met recently with several Chapel Hill Friends. She reported that Senator Inouye of Hawaii believes Senator Kay Hagan, despite her frequent lauding of NC as a military friendly state, might be persuaded to vote to reduce military spending. Katherine applauds the resolution “Bring the War Dollars Home and Reorder our Priorities,” a resolution (attached) which grew out of the NC Peace Action campaign by the same name endorsed by Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. Katherine urged us to sign on to this resolution individually and to form a strong state-wide delegation to visit Kay Hagan. Hank will forward this resolution to Chapel Hill Friends news so that Friends can individually endorse the resolution.

As an unrelated aside, Hank informed us that Friends Fiduciary Corporation has divested their portfolio of Caterpillar stock because of the use of Caterpillar equipment to destroy Palestinian homes.

12. Messages and Announcements

- a. As of May 31 the Town of Chapel Hill has removed the question of prior criminal convictions from its employment application forms. At 7:30pm this Tuesday, June 19, Asta Crowe and Hank Elkins will petition the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Carrboro to “ban the box,” as well. Removal is pending for Orange County Government, and Hillsborough is studying the issue.
- b. First Day school needs teacher volunteers for the summer.
- c. On Monday night, June 11, the Chapel Hill Town Council approved the IFC's Good Neighbor Policy. There was great support from CHFM—we had many more than 75 letters addressed to the Council! The IFC can now go ahead with their plans for

men's transitional housing on MKL Blvd. Also as part of our 75th anniversary celebration, there will be a trip to see "The Sword of Peace" on July 14 (note corrected date). Alice Carlton will be coordinating transportation.

- d. There will be no Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business in July, unless agenda items come up.

Worship and greeting

Attending: Max Drake, Bill Flash, Marilyn A. Dyer, Lloyd Kramer, Kitty Bergel, Dottie Heninger, Deborah Gibbs, Emilie Condon, Judy Purvis, Ken Grogan, Mike Jokinen, Ruth Hamilton, Ruth Zalph, Emily Buehler, Carolyn Stuart, Richard Miller, Anne Smith, Tom Munk, Jennifer Leeman, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Hank Elkins, Nancy Elkins, James Harper, Joyce Munk, Paul Munk, Rodney Aston, Tom McQuiston, Pam Schwingl, Maria Darlington, Jimmy Farris, Michael (Hakeem) Dalton, Marcus McNeill, Jeff Brown, Rodney Burrell, Quinton Steele.

THE CHAPEL HILL FRIENDS MEETING ENCOURAGES YOU TO INCLUDE THE MEETING IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS

OVER THE YEARS THE MEETING HAS BEEN BLESSED by Friends who have included the Meeting in their wills. The major bequest from one Friend served as the lead gift in the fundraising campaign to construct the CHFM schoolhouse. Money from another Friend's bequest will help pay for the upcoming renovation of the meeting room. Smaller bequests have helped the Meeting balance several annual budgets.

AS YOU CONSIDER THE DECISION TO INCLUDE THE MEETING IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS, we encourage you to discuss your intentions with someone who knows you well and/or you believe understands your thinking. And/or you might think about requesting a clearness committee to aid your decision-making. Consulting with an attorney and/or a financial advisor will also be helpful.

TO INCLUDE THE MEETING IN YOUR WILL, HERE ARE SUGGESTED CHOICES FOR WORDING YOUR BEQUEST:

"I give to the Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Chapel Hill, North Carolina: (choose one of the alternatives below)

- A. the sum of \$_____."
- B. _____%/percent of my estate."
- C. the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate."

D. A fourth bequest alternative exists. It consists of giving property to the Meeting. However, since the Meeting is not equipped to evaluate property, we suggest that you give the property indirectly. That is, in your bequest of property to the Meeting, instruct your executor/executrix to sell the property first and then give the proceeds of the sale to the Meeting.

Observations: A specific amount of money, Alternative “A,” may be your first thought. However, “B. percent of my estate,” may actually be a better decision for you and your heirs. With “B” the amount you bequeath will change as your assets change, either increasing or decreasing over time. In other words, a specific amount isn’t “locked in.” Alternative “C” offers another way of gaining flexibility with the amount of your bequest.

DO YOU WANT TO GIVE YOUR BEQUEST TO THE MEETING WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS?

TO GIVE AN UNRESRICTED BEQUEST, consider using the following statements:

“This is an unrestricted bequest. The use of my bequest is to be determined by the Chapel Hill Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.”

DO YOU WANT TO PLACE A RESTRICTION ON YOUR BEQUEST TO THE MEETING?

TO GIVE A RESTRICTED GIFT, consider using one of the following statements:

A. “This bequest is to be used to maintain and/or improve the Meeting’s buildings and grounds.”

B. “This bequest is to be used to educate/train Meeting members and attenders for service to the Meeting and/or to the Religious Society of Friends.”

C. “This bequest is to be used to deepen the spiritual life of the Meeting” by helping to pay for speakers, Meeting workshops and/or retreats, and/or written materials.”

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU FOLLOW YOUR RESTRICTED BEQUEST STATEMENT, WHATEVER IT MAY BE, WITH THIS STATEMENT: “The Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business may alter this restriction due to changed conditions that make it impossible, impractical or undesirable to fulfill.”

NOTE: YOUR WILL IS NOT THE ONLY WAY TO INCLUDE THE MEETING IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS. You can also name the Meeting as a primary or contingent beneficiary of a life insurance policy, a retirement plan (e.g. IRA, SEP, 401 K, 403 (b), ESOP, etc.), and/or a trust.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT INCLUDING THE MEETING IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Based on your question, s/he will suggest ways for you to gain the answers you seek.

**LIBRARY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT
JUNE, 2012
CHAPEL HILL FRIENDS MEETING**

The Library Committee maintains and improves the Meeting’s collection of books, periodicals, pamphlets and other resources to further the life of the Meeting. The library continues to receive donations of books from members and attenders, which are

appreciated. The committee purchased the following books this year: Paths to Quaker Parenting: Using Quaker Beliefs, Testimonies and Practices by Quaker Parenting Initiative of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting; Dark Night Journey by Sandra Cronk and A Hidden Wholeness by Parker Palmer. The Ministry and Worship Committee donated two copies of Let Your Life Speak by Parker Palmer. The committee welcomes donations and requests for books to be added to the library. The Library Committee continues to feature new or timely books on the New Book shelf.

The committee completed organizing the Children's Books in bins so that children and parents can browse through them more easily. Many children's books were culled out and offered to First Day School or to the Meeting members and attenders. Those not taken were donated to the Chapel Hill Public Library. The committee also culled out many books in the Young Friends section which were outdated or unsuitable for our library.

The committee continues to re-label the spines of books. It also continues to try to make the library more attractive and user-friendly by organizing materials and discarding outdated material. Maintaining the Meeting archives has been the responsibility of the Library Committee but has been neglected for many years due to more pressing tasks. The notable exception is that Robin Harper has been collecting and binding newsletters, one volume for the Meeting and one volume for Friends Historical Collection at Guilford College. The committee, with the enthusiastic assistance of Allie Scales, has begun the process of taking an inventory of archival material as a first step in organizing and documenting what is there. There is a need for a policy of what to keep and whether anything besides newsletters needs to be sent to Guilford. The committee will be consulting with Meeting members and attenders on drawing up such a policy.

Library Committee members: Paul Haskell, Dirk Kelder, Ann Miller, Wendy Richesin-Dodd and Anne Smith (clerk).

**Annie's Sustainer Fund Proposal
Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Business Meeting, June 16, 2012**

Introduction. Annie Dilorenzo, the daughter of Member Linda Dilorenzo graduated from Carolina Friends School on June 10. She has already departed to work at Camp Celo this summer, and will be starting Guilford College in the fall. She has procured a generous package of grants and loans from Guilford, including a Bonner Scholarship, and is set to have a successful college career. The funding from Guilford promises that Annie will have no more than \$20k of debt upon graduation. Annie is loved by many and has a wide network of friends.

Terri McClernon, Annie's guardian, has provided a loving home for Annie since Linda's death in May 2011, and Leslie DiLorenzo, Linda's sister, has provided emotional support and a sense of family for Annie as well. Financially, however, Annie is not so blessed. This became painfully clear in working on Annie's college admission process, that Annie is truly an orphan with no financial resources. Prior to the age of 18 Annie was able to collect social security which has helped tremendously this year. No funds remain from Linda's estate, and neither Terri nor Leslie have the means to provide for Annie during the next several years before she is fully financially independent.

During college and immediately beyond, Annie will undoubtedly encounter predictable and unpredictable expenses – books, car repairs, security deposits, insurance, trips, etc. – and while she will have work–study, summer employment, and other opportunities to earn money, this money is not likely to meet all the costs of coming to adulthood in America. Annie presently has no fall back for emergencies. A seemingly small emergency for children with parents could, in her case, threaten her ongoing attendance at college, or place her in the position of asking various people for money. This is a hard place to be when you're 18 or 20.

Our proposal: Arising out of the concern for Annie's financial well-being during the next several years, myself, Emilie Condon, Pat Mann, and Susan Inglis, together with Annie's Guardian, Terri, are proposing to coordinate a sustainer fund with a goal to broadly solicit regular contributions from the large number of people in Linda and Annie's network – CFS, CHFM, Durham Friends Meeting and Linda's wide group of family and (f)riends. No one family or individual can take on a regular source of support, but together we can make a difference for Annie. We will ask willing F(f)riends to make a modest regular monthly or quarterly donation during Annie's college and immediate 1 or 2 post-college years. We would solicit through email and mail, and accept checks and credit card donations using an online giving site.

Linda was a member of the meeting, and I believe she would be thrilled with an effort from us to make this happen for Annie. For Annie, it provides her a "family" to go to when she has financial needs. We know there are many out there who would be willing – and happy – to make a modest monetary commitment to her.

The Meeting and Care & Counsel's role: We have taken our proposal to Care & Counsel and requested shepherding and emotional support from the committee, the formation of an ad hoc "Annie" subcommittee, and the designation of one or two committee members to be on the subcommittee. The committee has indicated it is willing to move forward with us to establish a structure to effectively raise and distribute funds. Julia Cleaver and Gwynne Pomeroy have volunteered to be C&C representatives on the subcommittee and to keep the committee informed of our progress. Care & Counsel agreed to serve in an advisory role, providing shepherding and emotional support. The subcommittee would actually do the work of soliciting funds, handling the details of recording donations, and working with the finance committee, for example, should they be involved in the handling of the money. They will work with Annie to help determine disbursements from the funds and make financial decisions. Annie and Terri would be members of the subcommittee as well.

Initially we proposed, and Care & Counsel agreed, that we bring this proposal to Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business to request that this effort be kept under the care of the Meeting and to gather support from the entire community, and provide the meeting with a chance to help out in a very tangible way.

Four major issues in raising funds for Annie were identified in discussions to date:

- 1) The need to **document and formalize the structure of the subcommittee, and establish a process by which financial disbursements will be managed.** We will need to ensure that the decisions are handled responsibly and are well considered.

We will want flexibility for the subcommittee to provide funding when needed, while maintaining the appropriate oversight, so that contributors can feel comfortable that the money is being managed well.

- 2) **The legal constraints or obligations around the collection of funds for an individual.** Mark Kuhn, a financial advisor who has clerked the CFS board for many years was consulted. Contributions, because they are being made to an individual, are not tax deductible. However, Ann Shy was also consulted regarding this plan. She, in consultation with another lawyer, has indicated that “the plan to make donations **tax free to the Meeting**, distributed to Annie through Care & Counsel, is acceptable...this is charity through a religious organization.” That because Annie is a member of the meeting, Annie’s circumstances fall within the mission and purpose of religious charity. She suggested that we look at our Articles of Incorporation to make sure our plan is in compliance. The meeting would have to decide to be a pass through for these funds.
- 3) **The location of the account in the meeting and process for disbursement of funds.** A suggestion was raised that the funds might be placed in a line item in the Care and Counsel Committee’s budget; or in the larger budget. This item is unresolved and we offer this as a question for the entire meeting.
- 4) **The impact on Annie’s funding from Guilford.** Amy Brown is a college financial consultant who has been in meetings with us since Linda’s death. She has said that the ownership and beneficiary status of the account can impact the financial aid formula. She advised that we will need to be careful with how that is established and distributed. Whatever is in Annie’s personal account at the time of filing is what needs to be reported. If she is the beneficiary of a trust, then those are to be reported as well, and if someone pays her bills directly that needs to be added to her income.

Annie’s Role: Annie hopes to keep a blog letting contributors know what she is doing, and our group is planning on sending newsletters letting donors know about the fundraising process.

Bring Our War Dollars Home And Reorder Our Priorities

Whereas the ongoing economic crisis in the United States has created budget shortfalls at all levels of government and requires the re-examination of our national spending priorities; and

Whereas taxpayers in State of North Carolina will pay **\$12.7 billion** for the Department of Defense for FY2012 (Enacted) a sum that could translate in to:

- **235,760** Elementary School Teachers for One Year **OR**
- **1.6 million** Head Start Slots for Children for One Year **OR**
- **2.3 million** Students receiving Pell Grants of \$5550; and

Whereas the Obama Administration Fiscal Year 2013 budget proposal includes \$525 billion for the Department of Defense, not including funding for military operations in Afghanistan or the nuclear weapons activities of the Department of Energy; and

Whereas the U. S. Government has spent more than 1 trillion dollars nationally on wars in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001 with North Carolina taxpayers' share of that total at more than **\$33.8 billion** as of March 1, 2012. That sum that could translate into:

- **16.2 million** Households' Energy Costs for One Year **OR**
- **14.3 million** Children Receiving Low-Income Healthcare for One Year **OR**
- **12.0 million** Households Converted to All Solar Energy for One Year, and

Whereas more than 6,200 US troops have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan and more than 40,000 wounded, with thousands more succumbing to trauma or suicide; and

Whereas the real security of our nation depends upon a well-educated, healthy, productively employed, and environmentally protected population;

Whereas achieving such vital security depends upon investment in high level educational services for K – college, job growth, equal access to medical care, low cost housing, infrastructure, environmental protections, and family financing and is urgently needed throughout North Carolina, and

Whereas government leaders have responded to budget deficits by forcing reductions in funding for these essential public services,

Therefore be it resolved that North Carolina voters call upon the U.S. Congress and President Barack Obama to bring these war dollars home to meet vital human needs, promote job creation, rebuild our infrastructure, aid municipal and state governments, help our veterans, and develop a new economy based on renewable, sustainable energy.

Endorse this resolution by sending a message to HankElkins@gmail.com with War Dollars in the subject line.

Nominations Committee Recommendations 2012–2013

Listed by name, with year term ends, and term number
(e.g., 13, 2 = the 3-year term ends in 2013, serving in a second term)

(June additions are in **bold**)

Adult Religious Education

Dan Darnell 13, 2
Max Drake 15, 1
Marilyn Dyer 14, 1
Dirk Kelder 15, 2
Andy Nelson 15, 2
Emily Nelson 14, 1
Barbara Williamson 14, 1

Buildings and Grounds

Jeff Brown 14, 1
Bill Cleaver 14, 2
Kathy Davis 13, 1
Lynn Drake 14, 1
John Hite ex-officio
Don Hopper 13, 2
Richard Miller 13, 1
David Schneider 15, 2
Tom Smith 13, 4

Library

James Harper 15, 1
Paul Haskell 13, 1
Dirk Kelder 14, 2
Ann Miller 15, 2
Richard Miller 15, 1
Anne Smith 13, 2
Hannah Ardysen 15, 1

Children's Religious Education

Jennifer Bills 15, 1
Eloise Grathwohl 13, 1
Lauren Hart 14, 1
Wren Hendrickson 14, 1
John Hite 14, 1
Bill McDonnell 13, 1
Kathleen McNeil, 13, 1
Meredith Tomlinson 13, 1
Jochen Wachter 15, 2
FDS coordinator, Leslie Rountree ex-officio

Environmental Concerns

Lauren Carreto 14, 2
Robin Harper 13, 1
Ryan Jarrell 15, 1
Michael Jokinen 15, 1
Jennifer Leeman 13, 1
Perry Martin 14, 2
Tom Munk 13, 1
Andy Nelson 15, 2
Emily Nelson 15, 2
Pam Schwingl, 13, 1
Tom Smith 13, 2
Dirk Spruyt 13, 2
Margo Stern 15, 1

Piedmont Friends Fellowship

Annette Broadwell 15, 2
Jeff Brown 14, 1

Carolina Friends School Board

Matt Drake 14, 1
Pat Mann 15, 1
Buffie Webber 14, 1
Judy Purvis 15, 1

Finance

Kitty Bergel 14, 1
David Brower 14, 1
Matt Drake 14, 2
Bob Durovich 14, 2
Tom Ludlow 15, 1
Ann Miller 14, 1
Brian Stuhlmiller 14, 1
Judy Purvis ex-officio

Hospitality

Alice Carlton 13, 1
David Curtin 15, 4
Jasmine McKewen 14, 1
Karen Merrey 14, 1
Maura Murphy 15, 1
Stuart Phillips 13, 2
Joanna Selim 15, 2
Carolyn Stuart 13, 1
Reggie Thomas 15, 1
Buffie Webber 14, 1
Bobbi Wilkins 15, 1

Interfaith Council

Emilie Condon 14, 2
Francis Coyle 14, 4
Ann Drake 14, 3
Lauren Hart 14, 2
Dottie Henninger 14, 2
Marie Hopper 14, 2
Karen Merrey 15, 1

Peace and Social Concerns

Francis Coyle 14, 3
Hank Elkins 14, 3
Nancy Elkins 15, 1
Barb Fedders 15, 1
Sarah Grimme 13, 1
Ruth Hamilton 13, 1
Bill Jenkins 14, 1
Dirk Kelder 14, 1
Jasmine McKewen 14, 1
Ann Shy 15, 2
Miriam Thompson 14, 2
Ruth Zalph 15, 2

Publications and Records

Ed Bowen 15, 1
Emily Buehler 13, 2
Julia Cleaver, ex officio
David Curtin 14, 3
James Harper 13, 3
Robin Harper, ex officio
Sam Leeman-Munk 13, 1
Terry Mehlman 14, 1

Shotts & Leadership

Development Fund

Lynn Drake 14, 1
Jan Hutton 15, 1
Stuart Phillips 14, 2
Gwynne Pomeroy 14, 1
Roberto Quercia 15, 1

Quaker House Board

Maria Darlington 13, 2
Pam Schwingl 15, 3
Curt Torell 15, 3
Ruth Zalph 15, 3

Ministry and Worship

Lynn Drake 15, 1
Marilyn Dyer 15, 1
Wren Hendrickson 13, 1
Dottie Henninger 14, 2
Susan Inglis 15, 1
Lloyd Kramer 13, 1
Judy Purvis 15, 2
Bonnie Raphael 13, 2
Pam Schwingl 15, 1
Carolyn White ex-officio

Representative to Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns

Terry Mehlman 15, 2

Care and Counsel

Madeline Ashley 13, 1
Julia Cleaver 15, 2
Beth Kurtz-Costes 15, 2
Perry Martin 13, 2
Gwynne Pomeroy 13, 1
Bill Schweke 14, 1
Chris Stanley 15, 2
Carolyn White ex-officio
Deborah Gibbs 15, 1

Recommended by the Nominations Committee:

Jeff Brown (clerk), Savannah Crites, Maria Darlington, Susan Inglis, Leslie Rountree, and Buffie Webber

Reminder: the process for the Nominations Committee membership is for Business Meeting to appoint a Naming Committee (September) to name committee members, to be approved by Business Meeting by November.

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Budget, 2012-2013**

CHFM BUDGET	2011-2012	Spent 2012	2011-2012	Proposed 2012-2013
Committees				
Adult RE	200	0		200
B&G Total	17,020	12,533.22		17,470
Care & Counsel	100	0		100
Children's RE	5,350	4,400.58*		5,350*
(Youth RE)		2,714.40		(3,500**)
Env'nmental Concerns	650	19.49		200
Finance	300	311.73		300
Hospitality	450	0		350
Library	400	133.94		400
Ministry & Worship	500	260.25		500
Nominations	25	0		25
Peace & SC	550	313.43		200
Prison Ministry	--	--		500
Pub & Records	2,000	1,539.70		2,000
Total committee	27,545	22,226.74		27,595***
Special Funds				
Nat'l Q Service	2,000	1000		2,000
Meeting for Suffering	135	0		135
Contingency fund	1,000	60		1,000
Future Meeting Needs				
Leadership. Dev.	100	0		100
Physical Plant Fund	4,000	4,000		4,000
Total Meeting Needs	34,780	27,226.74		34,830
Available \$ for Benevolences				
Wider Quaker Comm'ty	29,170	14,585		23,170
Local & Regional				
Total	64,000	41,811.74		\$58,000

*Primarily first Day School coordinator and child care.

**Expenses for YRE activities; balanced by income from football parking and other donations.

***Minus YRE \$3,500 total

Calendar

(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)

Sun. 7/1	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck & IFC donations
Tue. 7/3	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 7/6	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 7/8	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
Tue. 7/10	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 7/13	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sat. 7/14	6pm	Sword of Peace trip (see page 3)
Sun. 7/15	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. 7/17	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 7/20	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 7/22	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Environmental Concerns Com. - Schoolhouse
Tue. 7/24	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 7/27	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 7/29	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	10pm	Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!
Thur. 8/2	9am-1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Fri. 8/3	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

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Meetings for Worship 8:30 & 11:00am; Forum 9:45am; Child Care from 9:30am-12:15pm; First Day School from 11:15am-12:00pm
Clerk of the Meeting: Carolyn White (919) 967-4926; Resident: John Hite (919) 929-5377

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