

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

December, 2013



Monthly Query:

How well do we apply the testimony of simplicity to our individual lives, to the responsible use and the distribution of natural resources, and to the protection of the planet from the ravages of exploitation and pollution? Do we have reverent respect for all forms of life on the earth we share?

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Upcoming Forum Schedule

December 1: How did your parents influence you present spirituality? How did they convey their beliefs and how did you respond? What influence did books, friends, or other factors play? We will share our stories in small groups.

December 8: Part II of "Glimmers of Light" - By popular demand, Nancy Milio will continue with Part II of her report on FCNL, Congress, and the Body Politic.

December 22: Sharing Holiday Memories - Part I (Dirk will initiate) "Light out of Darkness"; Part II (Barbara will initiate) "Favorite Memories."

December 29: Music Forum - Come celebrate the holidays with music! There will be sharing of instrumental music as well as singing of familiar songs of the season, accompanied by piano.

Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee

Let yourself be guided by the Spirit when sharing vocal ministry. Listen generously to all messages.

Monthly EnviroTip from the ECC

Bringing an awareness into our Christmas doings;

Not buying new stuff.

Choose gifts from what you already have, are not using or needing.

For those very special people, give something precious to you.

Give younger family members treasures from the past.

Offer a favor or a service.

When you wrap, reuse or decorate your own paper, don't use any tape.

Tie ribbon in bowknots. Easy to open and paper & ribbon can be used again.

Bring and take gifts from our free table each First Day of the month.

Remember when your presents come from the Alternative gift Mart you give twice.

From the Finance Committee

The season for giving is upon us and the Meeting would like to invite you to consider making a contribution to the Meeting's budget. Your willingness to support who we are and what we do is what's most important. The actual amount of your gift is less important. The 2013-2014 is displayed is on the meeting website and in our lobby so that you can see how your contribution will be used. To contribute, please drop your check in the box in the foyer. If you want to give but a contribution now doesn't fit your budget, consider responding with an email that states your plan. Thank you for your consideration.

CHFM Christmas Eve Candlelight Ceremony

December 24, 5:30pm - Meetinghouse

Friends and their families are invited to our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Ceremony, which will take place at 5:30 pm on December 24. Come early to enjoy about 30 minutes of holiday music performed by Dirk Kelder. If you forget to bring a candle to light and a stand or holder in which to put it, don't worry: these will be provided by Ministry and Worship.

IFC News

Brother Sun in Concert

Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 8 pm

Community Church of Chapel Hill UU (106 Purefoy Rd in Chapel Hill)

A Benefit Concert for the IFC's Campaign for the New Community House!

Getting Closer to Home: A Standing on the Side of Love Concert. Brother Sun is the incredible trio of Greg Greenway, Joe Jencks and Pat Wictor. Tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door and you are invited to make an added donation of any amount. For more information visit <http://www.ifcweb.org/events/BrotherSun>.

Holiday Meals and The Stewards Fund

This year, the IFC will provide holiday meals to over 800 local families who might otherwise go without. A gift of only \$25 helps the IFC offer a family a holiday meal--a turkey or ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, bread and dessert.

At the same time, we are trying to meet The Stewards Fund \$100,000 all or nothing challenge to IFC! Until December 31st, all gifts from new donors, increased gifts from existing donors, and funds received from lapsed donors (who did not give last year) will be matched dollar for dollar.

Presently, we have raised \$3,280 of \$18,000 needed for Holiday Meals and \$35,700 towards The Stewards Fund. So please give what you can to help us meet our fundraising goals!

It's Time to Blanket Orange County

The 10th annual drive to Blanket Orange County will run from November 21 through December 7, 2013. This year, the goal is to collect 300 new or gently used blankets for the homeless in Orange County. Preference is for single/twin size blankets.

For drop-off locations and more details, visit: www.BlanketOrangeCounty.com or contact Jan Bolick at jan@businessclassinc.com.

Volunteer with Food For All Program

December 30, 3 to 7pm, Hillsborough

Joyfully work with others from the meeting, the Hillsborough Worship Group, and others to prepare a meal for 100 people in Hillsborough as part of our participation in the Food for All Program (see <http://www.neighborhouseofhillsboroughnc.com/Neighbor-House.html>).

Please email Pam Schwingl (pschwingl@yahoo.com) or call her at 919-489-1802 if you want to

- 1) prepare 1 or 2 casseroles;
- 2) purchase supplies and non-perishables for packaging;
- 3) help assemble bags for distribution; or
- 4) distribute food that evening at 6:16 pm at the Fairview Baptist Church in Hillsborough and the Daniel Boone Motel.

This I Believe, Quaker Style

December 12, January 9, February 13, 7 to 8:30pm, in the Schoolhouse

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting is a gathering of people who have diverse beliefs, practices, and experiences about what is spiritual, about "God," and about the "Light." However, most of us can only guess, or really don't know much, about the spiritual beliefs and practices of one another. We are creating an opportunity to begin conversations with each other in a safe and non-judgmental environment at the Meetinghouse. We will begin with worship, then a Query which those attending can discuss in small groups and end with worship sharing, leaving space for any vocal ministry resulting from your time in groups. We hope you can join us for this ongoing journey, meeting the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Contact Jan Hutton (919-967-1959), Pat Mann (919-489-1802) or Robin Harper (919-768-9870) if you have questions.

"The Soldier and the Refusenik"

December 16, 7pm, Quaker House

Maya Wind, an Israeli conscientious objector and co-founder of the 2008 refusenik group of Israeli high school seniors, and Eran Efrati, former Israeli Defense Force soldier and investigative researcher into the Israeli military, will speak at Quaker House, 223 Hillside Ave, Fayetteville, NC 28302. Lynn and Steve Newsom, Directors. Event sponsors are Quaker House and Cumberland County Progressives. Free, donations accepted. 910-323-3912. qpr@quaker.org

Maya and Eran share their experiences of joint Palestinian-Israeli struggle for justice and equality. They discuss direct action and protest in the West Bank and efforts to educate the Israeli public about the occupation. They also share their experiences of growing up in segregated Jerusalem and of their Zionist and militaristic education.

Seeking Tins

Linda Graham's dad Thomas Graham makes art out of reclaimed tins. He started out making small ornaments and then larger 3-D pieces, and has recently been making elaborate tin collages depicting plants and animals. Thomas has entered his artwork in fairs and art shows, and is now selling a few pieces at the Saxapahaw Mercantile. He is always looking for tins that have images and/or words printed on them in colors. Things like olive oil tins, cookie tins, tea tins, etc. (anything where the printing is not on paper that would peel off, but directly on the metal.) If you have any tins you would like to get rid of, or acquire any over the holidays that you do not want, please give them to Linda and she will pass them along to her Dad for his art. You can find her at meeting or email her at lgraham@gmail.com about your tins. Thank you!!

Volunteers Needed: Fathers' Day at OCC

Saturday, January 25, approximately 9 to 3, OCC in Hillsborough

Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014 has been set as Fathers' Day at the prison in Hillsborough, with snow/ice date Feb. 1. Please mark your calendars and consider volunteering to provide:

Activities for the children and their fathers

Desserts and salads for the children/fathers as well as caregivers

Help with providing activities for caregivers (mothers, grandparents, friends who have brought the children)

The event will be at the prison. The caregivers will be at one or two of the churches, unless they want to go off on their own. Some of them have driven a distance to get to Hillsborough. Lunch and snacks are provided for both venues--fathers/children and caregivers.

If you are not currently an approved volunteer at OCC, you can either volunteer to help with the caregivers (no prison access involved) or you can get a one-day pass (one per year) to allow entry. This is a really fun event and is very meaningful and important for the children and their fathers. The bonding that goes on is wonderful to watch. Events in the past have included painting birdhouses, making greeting cards (both of which the children take home), fun games, reading (the children each get to take a book home that they have read with their father). The children love art projects; they played "corn hole toss" last year and loved it. You can volunteer for all or part of the day. It's a lot of fun and very rewarding.

Contact astacrowe@gmail.com (933-4564) for more information and to sign up. If you don't have current access (a volunteer card), you will need to register with the Chaplain and complete a form. Asta can help you.

Calling for Book Reviews

Have you read an inspiring book from the Meeting library lately? Or have you read a book we don't have in the library that you feel would be worthwhile to have in the collection? The Library committee would like to invite members and attenders to consider writing brief book reviews for the newsletter. Share the insight or inspiration you received from your readings. Please send a copy of your review to the library committee as well at library@chapelhillfriends.org. We are always looking for suggestions for new books to add to our library. Thank you. The Library Committee

Hello From Ruth Hamilton

Hello Friends from Pinon Springs, NM: I have been very busy with the environmental justice cause of protecting our Bear Mountains from proposed Air Force training. Please visit my blog and comment with your google account:
<http://www.nmbearmountains.blogspot.com/>

Quaker House Training: Alternatives to Violence

January 18-20, at Quaker House, 223 Hillside Ave., Fayetteville, NC, 28301

Quaker House will be hosting a training in Alternatives to Violence on Martin Luther King, Jr. week-end. The times are tentatively from 9-6 on Saturday, 12-8 on Sunday and 9-12 on Monday. This is a unique opportunity to be trained as a future facilitator or as a self-help workshop for yourself. AVP is an international volunteer program that offers conflict resolution workshops to transform lives and our society. The first AVP workshops were held in prisons, but proved so effective that they are now offered throughout the world where ever there is conflict.

The training is free of charge, though donations are appreciated. For further questions, contact Lynn Newsom at 910-323-3912.

Interest in Monteverdi Friends School

I [Jim Palmer] am interested in volunteering at Monteverdi Friends School for at least a couple of months within the next year or so and would love to hear the experiences others have had before I decide if it is for me. Email me at jpalm1048@frontier.com or call me at 919 815-9943.

2014 Directory

The 2014 Directory will be available electronically in January. If you do not have access to a computer, please write or call Emily Buehler and she will send you a printed copy. Directories will now be printed in July each year.

What are the kids up to?

Here's an update on what's been going on and what's in the works with the CHFM First Day School!

First Day School Report

The preschool, K-2, and 3-5 pods have been learning about Quakerism these last few months, and have just finished up. Part of that unit involved a field trip to Mendenhall Plantation on October 20th. The director, Shawn Rogers, was our personal docent and gave us a fabulous education about the farm and family's history. Wendy Richesin-Dodd took some lovely candid shots during our visit; prints will be displayed soon!

Our teens spent a wonderful two days and nights at the Ringwalt cabin on Hyco Lake the first weekend in November. Highlights included the launching of the SS Tallulah, indoor hide-and-seek, "Dr. Know-It-All," Leslie dropping a large portion of the breakfast casserole on the floor, and grill fire s'mores! We can't wait to go back in March. Many, many thanks to chaperones Kathleen McNeil, Bill McDonnell, and Herbie Struemper, and of course to Chris and Sharon Ringwalt for loaning us their cabin.

First Day School Holiday Activities

The holidays are upon us! Beginning the Sunday after Thanksgiving, First Day School will begin its annual slate of group activities:

December 1st-15th The teens will open their annual Alternative Gift Mart. Come shop for your loved ones and do something good for the world at the same time!

December 1st Potluck Sunday! Lauren Hart will lead the children in making cards and writing letters to prisoners, shut-ins and others. Please bring in old holiday cards and wrapping paper bits to be recycled into the cards.

December 8th It's our annual Ornament-palooza! We will string popcorn and cranberries, make beeswax and origami ornaments, paper chains, glittered pinecones, peace doves, beaded "snowflakes," clove apples, and more! Adult volunteers are more than welcome to join in the fun.

December 15th We rehearse our Nativity play, presented later that evening. We have roles of all kinds and for all ages: angels, stars, Jesus' family, innkeepers, the shepherds, the wise men and every critter imaginable. It's creative chaos at its best!

December 15th Join us for our annual CHFM holiday party! It's a festive evening of finger foods, caroling, and fellowship, not to mention our fabulous play. Please bring canned goods to build a "Christmas tree" for the Interfaith Council. Also, we will have our annual Giving Tree, where people can create a gift "coupon" to hang on the tree, that others may choose to take. It may be as simple as loaning a pickup truck, babysitting...the possibilities are limited only by your creativity.

December 22nd We hope to go on our annual caroling trip to Carol Woods. Bring your voices! Bring your guitars! Join us!

December 29th Bring a board game and relax. It's an intergenerational board game morning! (With many thanks to Tom Munk.)

If you have any questions, let me know. We will begin our Old Testament unit the first week in January.

School of the Spirit Teacher Search

Upon the retirement of Core Teachers Patty Levering and Mike Green, the School of the Spirit Ministry is seeking two teachers to join Beckey Phipps (Fresh Pond, NEYM) as the Core Teaching Team for its program On Being a Spiritual Nurturer. On Being a Spiritual Nurturer is an established two-year program which includes eight three- to five-day residencies. The 2015-2017 class will be the tenth, with residencies to be held at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Aston, PA, near Philadelphia. We ask that the new Core Teachers be members of the Religious Society of Friends and have an active prayer life and a deep grounding in our faith and practice. We expect that the Core Teachers have a call to teaching and to the nurture of the spiritual life of individuals, meetings, and the Religious Society of Friends. For additional information, please visit <http://schoolofthespirit.org/search/>.

The review of applications will begin February 1, 2014. Our discernment process and follow-up interviews will take place during the spring. The start date for this position is July 1, 2014 and the minimal commitment is through June 30, 2017. If you have questions, please call Linda Chidsey at (860) 567-4063 or email her. If you know of others who might be interested in or called to this type of ministry, please, with our gratitude, forward them this email or direct them to the teacher search webpage.

Collective Intelligence and Quaker Practice

By Leonard Joy, reprinted from <http://www.co-intelligence.org/P-QuakerCI.html>

The assumption is that God is present in the decision-making group and is equally accessible by every member of the group ("that of God in everyone", "the Inner Light"). The group seeks unity by seeking a decision ("sense of the meeting") which is consistent with the promptings of this Light. The unity is a unity of the heart as well as the head, and is not necessarily unanimity. Friends try to allow the Spirit to work among them and lead them to a wise decision. The group becomes wiser than the individual because it partakes of the wisdom of all its members, empowered by the Spirit.

-- Barbara Rose Caldwell

<http://friendscouncil.org/web/Literature/LitontheWeb/DecisionMaking.html>

The ways in which society generally provides for collective discernment and decision making are ill designed to tap our collective intelligence and do much to explain our collective inability to discern and pursue the common good. The fact that adversarial debate is likely to fail to respect all needs and legitimate interests-and, at best, provides for compromise-is fairly readily grasped. Where not all voices are equally heard, the neglect of some concerns may be acute. And where there is no mutual caring between parts and whole there is pathology, even death.

But even when it is understood that inclusion, equal voice, and non-adversarial discourse is desirable, this understanding by itself proves inadequate to tapping the wisdom of the whole. Of recent years, considerable attention has been paid to the management of

meetings and a number of different approaches to collective decision making are now available. These variously emphasize fostering creativity (brainstorming), educating the full range of participants' stories and perspectives, facilitation that captures and builds upon the various contributions, nurturing a culture of respectful, attentive listening, avoidance of negativity and fault finding, structuring a process from brainstorming to analysis to elimination, and so on. Thus, we have "open space," "world café," "appreciative inquiry," "integral public practice," "dialogue," "goldfish bowl," and a host of patented techniques and checklists for running effective meetings. Fetzer's report *Centered on the Edge*, which explores the essential conditions for tapping into collective wisdom, notably draws little on these. Neither does its conclusions suggest that any of them would be found to meet all necessary conditions in which collective wisdom is arrived at. Indeed, the report could be read to suggest that these conditions still elude us.

Such a conclusion would, I believe, be unduly pessimistic. I have many experiences of sustained decision making in which, in my judgement, collective wisdom prevailed. I shall now examine the practice that supported this and consider whether its preconditions have general application. The practice in question is the Quaker practice of decision making. The fact that it is approached as "a meeting for worship for business," in particular, raises the question of its more general applicability. Let me anticipate and say that, approached as a meeting for discerning the common good, the practice stands up well in secular contexts.

The appended extracts from a Quaker Faith and Practice describe the practice. They also describe its mystical roots—the belief that "there is that of God in everyone," and that this can be experienced so that discourse can be "Spirit-led." This may be seen as, at best, an esoteric practice out of reach of, hardly to be seriously considered for adoption by, people generally. I would argue that it is too easy to be distracted by words and that the spirit of what Quakers do is eminently accessible to all. The challenge lies in leading those whose daily habit of mind and state of values development is not of the Quaker disposition and their habitual meeting behaviors not those that they need to manifest if they are to participate in the discernment of collective wisdom. Here the connection between individual and collective transformation, and the role of leadership, becomes apparent.

*For the rest of this article, please go to <http://www.co-intelligence.org/P-QuakerCI.html>
If you do not have access to a computer and would like to read this article, please contact Emily Buehler.*

**Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

Minutes

November 17, 2013

Tom Munk, clerk; Robin Harper, recording clerk

Worship and query: Do I faithfully attend meeting with heart and mind prepared for worship, clear of any predetermination to speak or not to speak, and expecting that worship will be a source of strength and guidance?

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

There were no first-time attenders.

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

Approved.

3. Annual Report from Mary and Claude Shotts/Leadership Development Fund—Lynn Drake (Attached)

One Friend asked why was money put into a CD? Lynn did not know, but the committee is reconsidering this. Ryan Jarrell expressed great appreciation for the support he received from this fund. Appreciation was also expressed for the work of the committee, as well as the gift of the Shotts family.

Accepted.

4. Nominations for Nominations Committee—Jennifer Leeman

Jennifer brought forward on behalf of the Naming Committee the names of Jennifer Leeman, Carolyn Stuart, and Ken Grogan to serve on the Nominations Committee. We will hold these names over and decide next month.

5. Proposal to change the name of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee to the Peace and Justice Committee—Naveed Moeed

Naveed talked about his gratitude for the way his gifts have been accepted by this Meeting, and the attendant growth in love for and understanding of this country. All of these revelations have informed his understanding of the word “justice.” The committee recommends this name change as being a better reflection and description of the work of this committee.

Approved.

6. Two New Initiatives from the Peace and Justice Committee—Naveed Moeed

A) Justice for workers during the holiday period and beyond—particularly those underpaid and overworked. P&J is joining with other local groups to address these concerns.

B) Affordable housing, in particular for newly released prisoners from Orange County Correctional Center. The committee is joining with other groups, such as Justice United, in this work as well.

We requested that the Committee keep the Meeting informed if there are ways Friends can help with these initiatives. Naveed promised there will be more to come.

7. Annual Report from Care and Counsel—Jeff Brown (Attached)

The report was accepted with great gratitude.

8. Piedmont Friends Fellowship Events—Jeff Brown

A) Nov. 2 Retreat—The topic for this retreat was re-envisioning our system of justice, led by Scott Holmes, member of Durham Friends Meeting. There were many attenders from CHFM, and it was a very inspiring and enlightening discussion; for example, the realization that our justice system is not very just. There was a strong recommendation to bring Scott here for a forum or other presentation.

Scott leads an ongoing gathering addressing this issue of restorative justice, at Durham Friends Meeting, which meets every other month, on the second Friday, from 3:00–5:00pm. In his work as a lawyer, he has been vocal and influential at Moral Monday trials.

B) Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business—Work is being done to find a youth coordinator for PFF youth programming. They are also working to update contact information with PFF members. Jeff will follow up to make sure CHFM's contact info is current. They welcomed Fancy Gap Meeting into PFF membership. Finally, planning is underway for the Annual Gathering at New Garden Friends Meeting, March 14–16, 2014.

We expressed our thanks for Jeff's report.

9. Report from Meeting for Worship at Orange Correctional Center—Richard Miller

Forty men from the Center attended. Lloyd Kramer opened the meeting, and several members of Yoke Fellows and other CHFM Friends attended. OCC members expressed their appreciation for the service, because quiet, reflective time for worship is not really offered at OCC.

Some Friends expressed interest in more frequent or ongoing meetings for worship at OCC. Richard and Paul Munk reported that it's hard to get on the schedule. The chaplain schedules the whole year in January, and many churches are competing for a few slots. We have requested more than one session for next year. We have also requested weekly services, which some churches do have. So far they have not been able to offer us a time for this.

Special thanks were expressed to Joyce and Paul Munk for making this worship opportunity happen.

10. Brief Update on status of the Building Renovations Project—Don Hopper

Recently the project has focused on bringing everything up to codes. B&G has also created a draft of ideas for the upstairs space. They have met with all the

committees, and pulled together thoughts from those meetings. A forum is scheduled for Jan. 26, 2014, at which time this draft will be presented. Friends are encouraged to contact B&G with any thoughts they may have.

11. Finance update—Matt Drake

The Finance Committee has been working on raising the \$64,000 budget approved for this fiscal year by the Meeting. They have been asking members, regular attenders, and occasional attenders, via letters and email. So far contributions and promised contributions total around \$25,000. They will proceed with reminders and encouragements.

12. Nomination for the Children’s Religious Education Committee—Tom Munk

Nominations Committee nominates Carolyn Stuart to serve on this committee. As with other nominations decisions, we will hold over and decide next month.

13. Announcements

- Naveed Moeed will give a personal sharing at Forum on Nov. 24.
- There will be an Open House at the Schoolhouse (which is used by the Chapel Hill Early School) on Sunday, Nov. 24, from 2:00–4:00pm. CHES serves about 35 students ages 3–6. Tell your friends!
- On Thanksgiving Day, Carolina Friends School will have a “Turkey Trot.” You are invited to come walk the nature trail (3–5 miles) or run a 5k cross-country trail, starting at 9:30am, at the CFS campus.
- Asta Crowe expressed thanks to all those who bought Brunswick stew and pecans—you may pick it up today.
- Carolyn Stuart gave us an update on First Day School activities. They will finish their unit on Quakerism on Nov. 24, and then will go into holiday activities. All pods meet together for holiday activities. Their schedule will be: Dec. 1—Christmas cards, Dec. 8—Ornament Palooza, Dec. 15—practice for the Christmas Party play, Dec. 22—Caroling, and Dec. 29—Games day. This year’s Christmas Party will be on Dec. 15. Volunteers are needed to help with all of these activities!
- Ruth Zalph announced that NC WARN will present “Fukushima & New Duke Energy Nukes” on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 6:30pm at the Friday Center. Speakers include nuclear engineer Arnie Gundersen, Maggie Gundersen, and epidemiologist Dr. Steve Wing of UNC. Steve Wing visited Fukushima last April.
- “This I Believe, Quaker Style” provides a great opportunity for spiritual sharing and is growing in attendance! The next meeting will be Thursday, December 12, from 7:00–8:30pm at the meetinghouse. If you have questions, see Jan Hutton, Pat Mann, or Robin Harper.
- Lynn Drake informed us of the passing of Isabel Lewis. We paused a moment to remember her. Among the many gifts she brought to Meeting, she was a stalwart supporter and worker for IFC.

- ECC's "Free Table" is outside for give-aways. Interest was expressed in having this be a regular occurrence. Naveed Moeed offered to take anything not claimed at the Free Table to the Restore. Catherine Alguire will help with this. Many suggestions were made, which Ryan Jarrell will take back to ECC.
- Marilyn Dyer requested that Friends consider attending Meeting for Worship on Sundays at 11:00am at Carol Woods, in the Board Room or the Multipurpose Room. If you have questions, ask Marilyn or Martha Gwyn.
- Naveed Moeed, as a member of the Peace & Justice Committee, recently attended Justice United's leadership council, the purpose of which was to decide next year's initiative. They decided on the creation of a "Justice Academy," in which forums will be led by professionals. If you are interested in participating, contact Naveed. More information will be coming out on the listserv.

Worship and Greeting

Attending: Perry Martin, Dirk Spruyt, Hank Elkins, Naveed Moeed, Ruth Zalph, Nancy Elkins, Ann Kessemeier, Marilyn A. Dyer, Max Drake, James Harper, Deborah Gibbs, Ryan Jarrell, Jennifer Leeman, Dottie Heninger, Allie Scales, Emilie Condon, Ken Grogan, Carolyn Stuart, Max Pardo, Richard Miller, Kitty Bergel, William S. Flash, Jeff Brown, Beth Kurtz-Costes, Don Hopper, Tom Ludlow, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Wendy Michener, Ann Miller, Bettie Flash, Paul Munk, Joyce Munk, Billy Privette, Kerry Padmore, James Small.

Shotts Memorial and Leadership Development Fund Committee Annual Report 2012-2013

The Mary and Claude Shotts/Leadership Development committee oversees two funds to support the leadings of Friends, both members and attenders, to enrich and deepen their capacity for leadership within the Meeting, the local community, and the Religious Society of Friends.

The Mary and Claude Shotts Memorial Fund, established in 1973, provides financial assistance to enrich and develop the lives of individuals with a relationship to the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. Grants from this fund are distributed from the interest earned on principal.

The Leadership Development Fund, established in 1982, provides financial aid to benefit the spiritual life of the Meeting through the enhancement of leadership capabilities in individuals. Grants from this fund are distributed from money carried over from prior years and from annual allocations approved by the monthly meeting.

As of October 21, 2013, we had available funds of \$1885.42 to disperse as needed. Friends Fiduciary manages the investments for the Shotts Memorial Fund which had a market value of \$28,325.07 at the end of March this year. From this fund, we get about \$1200 a year in interest to give out. The Leadership Development Fund has a certificate of deposit in Sun Trust that matures next April that is valued at \$5217.10. We do not have access to that money until April. Chapel Hill Friends

Meeting approved \$2000 from our 2013–2014 budget which will augment our committee's resources.

The committee spent considerable time raising its profile in the meeting so that more members and attenders would be aware of this wonderful resource. We presented a forum, spoke with our teens in First Day School, provided an article to the newsletter, frequently announced on the listserv and at the rise of Late Meeting the availability of these funds. This bore considerable fruit with 11 grants made during the time frame of June, 2012 through June, 2013.

In the fiscal year beginning 2012– through June, 2013, the committee approved three grants totaling \$850 from the Shotts Memorial Fund: to Ryan Jarrell to attend Friends General Conference; three Friends' registration fees for the annual Piedmont Friends Fellowship weekend; and partial funds for Camp Celo registration, to support a family member of meeting attenders.

During this same fiscal period, we dispersed a total of \$2750 from Leadership Development funds including: support for two Friends for their journey on the The Quaker Pilgrimage; Wendy Michener and Ruth Zalph, supporting their commitment to attend Friends General Conference; Gwynne Pomeroy for a retreat to support her leadership skills.

Special thanks to our committee treasurer, Lynn Drake, for dispensing all checks and keeping up with our complex funds.

Respectfully submitted by the Shotts/Leadership Committee: Jan Hutton, Clerk; Lynn Drake (Treasurer), Stuart Phillips, Gwynne Pomeroy, and Roberto Quercia

Chapel Hill Friends Care and Counsel Committee Annual Report – 2013

The Care and Counsel Committee serves the Meeting by overseeing the pastoral care of each member and attender of the Meeting, and is concerned with each one's spiritual and physical welfare. In doing this work we are dependent on requests from those in need as well as other members who may know of such need. The committee is always mindful of the necessity of privacy and confidentiality.

Members of the committee have participated in numerous clearness, support and membership committees this year, some of which are ongoing. The Meeting welcomed 10 new members so far in 2013. Will Stanley and Lauren Hart were married under the care of the Meeting in April. No new births were celebrated with a Meeting this year.

Our Meeting community held memorial services for Dwight Cooley in February, and for Nick Gwynn and Bob Gwynn in September. Care and Counsel supported families from our community as they interred the ashes of David Cobb and of Nick and Bob Gwynn in the Memorial Garden. Discussions have begun recently about how the Garden needs to be maintained.

Care and Counsel continued discussions concerning encouraging young attenders to become members, possible distinctions between familial and adult membership and ways to make our Meeting more welcoming to new attenders and

visitors. Our committee cooperates with others to find ways to provide a place of worship that is warm and open to everyone.

Care and Counsel worked to find ways to provide assistance for individuals within our community who need our support while continuing to focus on the benevolences that we traditionally support. There was deep discussion around the ways we can express our love and concern for those in our community, while honoring the differences in viewpoint that are inherent in a community such as ours.

For purposes of financial assistance to individuals in the Meeting community when compelling needs arise, however infrequently, Care and Counsel oversees a separate fund as an ongoing resource for the Meeting.

Care and Counsel was very thankful for the service of Carolyn White as Clerk of the Meeting and as an ex officio member of our committee. Carolyn provided calm, thoughtful leadership that helped guide many of our actions. We welcome Tom Munk and appreciate his clear thoughts and guidance.

Care and Counsel gratefully thanks Perry Martin for her extended service on the committee. Her efforts to form new groups and build community were very helpful and appreciated. The committee has been grateful to welcome new members Jennifer Leeman and Andrea Wuerth, who are already valuable contributors to our work. Care and Counsel Committee members for this year are Bill Schweke, Gwynne Pomeroy, Madelyn Ashley, Julia Cleaver, Jeff Brown, Deborah Gibbs, Jennifer Leeman, Andrea Wuerth, Tom Munk (ex officio) and Chris Stanley, Clerk.

Calendar

(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)

Sun. 12/1	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: What influenced you?
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late), Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck & IFC donations
Tue. 12/3	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Thur. 12/5	9am-1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Fri. 12/6	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 12/8	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Glimmers of Light Part 2
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late), Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
Tue. 12/10	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Thurs. 12/12	7-8:30pm	This I Believe, Quaker Style (see page 4)
Fri. 12/13	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 12/15	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), Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods

	noon	Families and Friends Affected by Mental Illness - Schoolhouse
	tba	Holiday Party (see page 7)
Tue. 12/17	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 12/20	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 12/22	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Sharing Holiday Memories
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late), Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Environmental Concerns Com. - Schoolhouse
	tba	Caroling at Carol Woods (see page 7)
Tue. 12/24	5:30pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (see page 3)
	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 12/27	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 12/29	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Music Forum
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late), Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck & IFC donations – Schoolhouse
	tba	Intergenerational Board Games (see page 7)
	10pm	Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!
Mon. 12/30	3-7pm	Food For All Program (see page 4)
Thur. 1/2	9am-1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Fri. 1/3	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

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Meetings for Worship at 8:30 and 11:00am
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