

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

July, 2016



Monthly Query:

Am I open to seeking clearness on matters of conscience and to assisting others in doing so?

Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee

When one is moved by the Light to speak, such ministry is often preceded by a physical uneasiness, a “heart pounding weakness,” from which our name Quaker is derived.

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IFC Needs

The IFC collects items for its Pantry, the Community Kitchen, the Community House (men’s residential facility), and Project Homestart (women’s residential facility). For a complete list of items needed by each facility, visit the IFC website at www.ifcweb.org/foodneeds.html. The IFC can always use bags. Brown bags with handles are best, but they can use other types as well. Bring your extras to Meeting any Sunday.

Hillsborough Friends Worship Group

For the month of July, Hillsborough Friends Worship Group will be meeting at 147 W. King Street, next to the Colonial Inn in downtown Hillsborough. Meeting for Worship starts at 11:00 each First Day. Feel free to join them!

Refugee Family Update

Last Friday [June 17] we had neither a specified family nor an apartment for them. By Fri. evening we had a specific family, and by Sat. afternoon we had an informal agreement for an apartment of the appropriate size for this family and located key items and movers.

By Monday noon we knew we did not have the apartment after all. We arranged to accept a different unit although it would not be available until mid-June. We began planning for the family to move in with a member of the Meeting until mid-July. Meanwhile, we looked for new rental options elsewhere available immediately (found nothing available of appropriate size, rent or landlord experienced and willing to rent to refugees with no credit history .

Then suddenly by Wed. the recently unavailable apartment was back on! We planned for moving day and arrival day and other tasks before and after.

The next day, Thursday, as we were arranging all the obligatory move-in documents and funds, we got word that this family's arrival had been delayed. This is the second time their resettlement travel has been delayed.

So now we are on hold again. We appreciate the Friends who wait patiently with us for a Syrian family still unknown to us, who has also waited so long to move to a safer place.

Friends Interested in House-Sitting

Jennifer Rioux and her two children, Evangeline and Lorenzo, are hoping to relocate to the Triangle area and will be in Chapel Hill this summer, arriving in mid-June. If anyone needs house-sitting over the summer, Jennifer is very interested. She has arranged to stay with friends in the short term, but is hoping to find a place to stay for a couple of months. Please contact her by phone (520-302-8568) or (emailjgrioux@yahoo.com).

Accommodations for Friend Traveler in September

Peter Engstrom shares with Friends,
I might visit Chapel Hill in September. Any chance the Friends would have a place for visitors to stay? Willing/Able to pay up to \$50 per night. Although I currently live in Minnesota, I was a Friends attender at Huntsville Area Friends Meeting in Huntsville, Alabama. Thank you. Age: 60; Telephone: 507-848-4414.

Contemplative Retreat

School of the Spirit Ministry is holding a contemplative retreat September 15–18, 2016, at the Avila Retreat Center, Durham, with Patty Levering, Carole Treadway, and Jan Blodgett. Register at <http://schoolofthespirit.org/programs/silent-retreats-2/avila-nc-2016/>.

Carolina Friends School Report

“The end of the 2015-2016 school year is an opportunity for us to share with local Friends’ communities just a few ways in which Carolina Friends School – founded by Quakers in 1964 – continues to be a beacon of Quaker education.

“We have said farewell to 39 departing seniors at a meeting for worship filled with joy and gratitude for the nurture the school has given these students. We are also saying farewell to Mike Hanas, who has served as Principal of CFS for the last 13 years. He will step into his next adventure as head of San Francisco Friends School in July. Renee Prillaman has graciously agreed to serve as Interim Head of School for the 2016-17 school year while we search for our next head. A search committee that includes Board members, staff, parents, alumni and a student has begun reviewing candidates and expects to invite finalists to campus in the fall of 2016. We are excited about the breadth of experience and diversity of the candidates and ask you to hold us in the light as we continue our discernment.”

Read the whole report on our website:

<http://www.chapelhillfriends.org/PDF/CFS-EndOfYearReport-2016.pdf>

Book Review: *Waking Up White*

Emily Buehler shares with Friends,

The FGC reading list recommended *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*, by Debby Irving. The book is a first person account of Irving’s changing understanding of racism in America. After spending decades working on diversity committees and fundraising to help “the disadvantaged,” Irving took a college class on racial and cultural identity and realized she’d been doing more harm than good. The class helped her consider her own race and culture and their effect on others.

I appreciated the book because the first person, step-by-step account enabled me to progress along with the author. I grew to understand phrases like “dominant white culture” that had previously just made me defensive. Irving includes many examples and analogies that helped me see the truth in her statements. I had begun reading with skepticism but grew to appreciate her views. Toward the end of the book, it began to seem like her points were not only about racism but about all human interactions. For example, a chart on page 197 shows behaviors associated with the dominant white culture that maintain racism and offers alternative behaviors that could help; some examples are “I don’t like to rock the boat” versus “I’m comfortable giving/getting honest feedback,” and “I choose comfort” versus “I tolerate or embrace discomfort as a way to grow.” The alternative behaviors struck me as better behaviors in all situations, not only in combatting racism. There is also an emphasis on listening instead of trying to fix others, which seemed in line with Quaker practice.

This is a valuable book that I hope more people will read.

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

June 19, 2016

Tom Munk, Clerk; Robin Harper, Recording Clerk

Worship and query: *Do I examine myself for aspects of prejudice that may be buried, including beliefs that seem to justify biases based on race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, class, and feelings of inferiority or superiority?*

One Friend spoke about the tenacity of biases learned as a child, and how they can remain hidden, even from oneself, for a long time.

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

We welcomed first-time attender Aaron Pittman.

2. Approval of May minutes—Clerk

Approved.

3. Minutes of Appreciation—Lynn Drake, Ministry & Worship Committee

Lynn read the following minute of appreciation for Tom Munk:

With deep gratitude for his steadfast faithfulness, patience, skill, and wisdom, the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approved this minute of appreciation for his service as Clerk to Tom Munk on sixth month 19th day at the Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

Approved.

She also read the following minute of appreciation for Robin Harper:

At the Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business on sixth month 19th day, the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approved this minute of gratitude to Robin Harper for her service to the Meeting as Recording Clerk, a role she performed with skill, attentiveness, clarity, and care.

Approved.

4. Update on Nominations' Committee Rosters—Carolyn Stuart, Nominations Committee (ATTACHED)

Carolyn referred us to the slate of nominations for committee membership that was presented at last month's Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. The following are changes or corrections made since then:

Andrea Wuerth to serve on ARE Committee

Louie Killion to serve on Hospitality Committee

Asta Crowe to serve on Transition & Support Committee

Mary Key cannot serve on Shotts/Leadership Funds Committee

These changes, along with last month's presented slate, were approved.

5. Nomination of Kathleen McNeil as First-Day School Coordinator—Carolyn Stuart, Children's Religious Education Committee

One of the tasks of this committee is choosing the FDS Coordinator. Some of the skills and qualities they were looking for in an FDS Coordinator include a sense of responsibility, good knowledge of the FDS program, knowledge of the families and their children, a relationship with the Meeting community, the capacity to communicate clearly and well, an ability to welcome new families, the skill to handle conflicts as they arise, a willingness to recruit new teachers as needed, a passion for working with children, and a good working relationship with CRE.

The committee polled current FDS teachers and parents about the search, and received offers from two Friends willing to serve in the role. Committee members Sean Chen, Jasmine McKewen, Laura Young, and Lauren Hart, as well as co-clerks John Hite and Carolyn Stuart sat with the decision, and bring the nomination of Kathleen McNeil for the paid, part-time position as First-Day School Coordinator.

Approved.

Friends expressed their appreciation to Leslie Rountree for her years of service in this capacity.

6. Update on building project—Don Hopper, Buildings & Grounds Committee

Don spoke with Trinity Design Build about a discrepancy in the project cost, which turned out to be their error and brought our estimate to \$219,000 instead of \$230,000. This new figure still includes a \$17,000 contingency fee. However, Don would like us to keep the original estimate of \$230,000 in mind, to include appliances and furniture. B&G is still in the process of gathering permissible plans, which they can then take to other builders for bids, to see if cost savings are to be had by using another vendor.

Don reminded us that the Meeting has already approved spending (but has not yet paid) \$5,000 to TDB for the following services:

1. Develop plans to be considered for permitting (not yet done)
2. Submit a bid for the plans (done)

One Friend requested to see Don's notes to understand itemized costs. Don is glad to share TDB's bid, but noted that it is complex. The layout B&G shared in January has not changed.

Another Friend asked about a plan for volunteer work on this project. B&G is still working out the best way to use Meeting labor.

7. Budget for 2016-2017 and funding for building project—Kitty Bergel, Finance Committee

A) Budget for 2016-2017

Kitty presented the final budget for FY 2016-2017 for approval. She noted that it does not include the \$3000 line item for the refugee project. However, errors were found in the report, and the Clerk decided to hold approval for this budget until next month.

Tom Ludlow, also of Finance, said that the refugee committee believes it can raise its money from outside the Meeting, which is why it was removed from the budget.

B) Funding building project

Keeping in mind that there are plans for upstairs renovation as well, the Finance Committee will meet this coming week to consider the formation of a subcommittee, which will be charged with finding the resources for financing the renovation. Matt Drake has offered to clerk this subcommittee.

One Friend reminded us that new landscaping, estimated at around \$25,000, is also part of the plan. Another pointed out that we only have about \$80,000 set aside for this project right now. Don estimated a very rough figure of \$100,000 for the upstairs renovation.

\$230,000 (downstairs)
+100,000 (upstairs)
+25,000 (landscaping)
=\$355,000
-80,000 (currently set aside)
=\$275,000

After reports from B&G and Finance, the Meeting will need to consider and discern if we are prepared to take on a capital campaign of this size.

8. Letter to Orlando Meeting—Emilie Condon, Correspondence Clerk (ATTACHED)

Tom read the letter, which Emilie wrote out of the June 15 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Healing. Juan Guarcia Fogerty, a Spanish/English translator from Nicauragua, wrote the Spanish version of the letter.

In his translation, Mr. Fogerty used commonly-accepted gender-neutral Spanish nouns and pronouns such as “amigxs” and “nuestrxs.”

We approved sending this letter, and thanked Emilie for writing it and Jan Hutton for finding the translator.

9. Proposal for a Memorial Plaque—James Harper, Archives Committee

The Archives Committee, in cooperation with Care & Counsel and Buildings & Grounds, proposes a memorial plaque to complement CHFM’s current Memorial Garden. We want to create a more visible record of persons interred in the garden for family members and members of our Meeting. This would be a perpetual plaque, meaning additional names could be added as needed. Each name plate would include the person’s full name and their birth and death dates. A larger title plate would say “Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Memorial Garden.” The plaque will mention nothing about where the person’s remains are located in the garden.

Specifics:

1. Plaque will be located on the porch between two of the windows. It will be bolted to the brick.
2. Plaque will be mahogany, donated by Don Hopper.
3. Plaque will be 16” x 20”, capable of holding up to 40 name plates.
4. There will be a 4” x 6” title plate reading *Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Memorial Garden*.
5. The name plates will be 1.5” x 3”.
6. The title and name plates will be lacquered brass and would affix to the plaque with screws.
7. An additional piece of 16” x 20” mahogany will be acquired for future expansion.
8. Forty additional blank name plates will be purchased to insure future uniformity.

Start Up Costs:

- \$7.50 for title plate
- \$168.75 for engraved name plates for the 27 people whose ashes are already in the garden
- \$120.00 for 40 blank name plates
- \$296.25 TOTAL

Ongoing Costs:

Engraving of the name plates is 15 cents per character. That is roughly \$4.00 for an average full name and birth/death years.

Julia Cleaver, also of Archives, explained the committee’s role in this project, noting that they have taken on responsibility for maintaining the Memorial Book and the Memorial Garden Map. In the future, they plan to work closely with C&C, who works with families at the time of a loved one’s death, to acquire needed information for maintaining these records. As already stated, plans for this plaque have been well seasoned with C&C and B&G.

A Friend reminded the Meeting that the Memorial Garden is not a cemetery. Only Friends’ ashes may be placed there, and we cannot place markers of any kind in it.

The Meeting approved the installment of a Memorial Plaque to be placed on the wall under the porch, which will identify the Friends who have been interred in the Memorial Garden.

10. Annual Report from Returning Citizens Financial Assistance Committee—Jennifer Leeman, Clerk (ATTACHED)

Jennifer read the report, and answered questions from Friends.

Accepted with gratitude.

11. Annual Report from Nominations Committee—Carolyn Stuart, Clerk (ATTACHED)

Carolyn read the report, and answered questions from Friends. Appreciation was expressed for the work of the committee, especially noting the discernment process used and the care with which names are considered for service.

Accepted.

12. Update on Refugee Project—Alice Carlton

Our refugee family will be arriving around June 26. Next Saturday much help will be needed moving furnishings into their new apartment at Carolina Apartments. Lutheran Family Services will provide the down payment. The family, a mother, father and four children, is from Homs, Syria, by way of Amman, Jordan. They are Arabic-speaking.

Monteze Snyder has been leading the acquisition of furnishings portion of the project, and has collected a tremendous amount. Furnishings are also coming from Carol Woods, and other local businesses.

Currently the project has about \$1070 to do their work. Friends wanting to make donations should write their checks to the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, with “Refugee Project” in the note line. If mailing, send it to the attention of the Treasurer.

There was discussion around receiving letters for tax deductions for contributions. Currently the Meeting (via Finance Committee) provides letters for cash donations, not in-kind gifts. It was decided that whether or not to expand this service is up to the Finance Committee, which already has a lot to do.

Details about helping with the move next Saturday, and other ways Friends can help, will appear in the e-news next week.

13. Use of Alcohol—Deborah Gibbs, Care & Counsel Committee (ATTACHED)

Deborah read the committee’s proposal. Friends found it to be a well thought-out and seasoned proposal.

Tom asked Friends to hold this in the Light. It will be held over until next month when it will be brought back to MWAB for approval.

14. Announcements from the listserv—Clerk

- Refugee needs—Volunteers are needed to drive family members to occasional medical and dental appointments (translator will be provided). If you can help, contact Monica Severino at severino.monica@gmail.com or (919) 259-5320. Financial donations are also still needed, as is storage space. Keep your eye on the bi-weekly e-news for the most up-to-date needs.
- Intergenerational Game Night & Potluck—Saturday, June 25, 5:00pm, at 313 Sweet Bay Place, Carrboro. All ages are welcome!
- Friends General Conference Gathering—St. Joseph, Minnesota, July 3-9. Info available at <http://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering>. The 2016 theme is “be humble, Be Faithful, BE BOLD.”
- Friend traveling—Accommodations needed in September. Willing/able to pay up to \$50 per night.

See the bi-weekly e-news for details.

Worship and closing circle

Attending: James Harper, Deborah Gibbs, Kitty Bergel, Bettie Flash, Don Hopper, Wendy Michener, Dottie Heninger, Carolyn Stuart, Richard Miller, Aaron Pittman, Ben Ray, Emilie Condon, Ken Grogan,

Joyce Munk, Jo Ellen Gabbert, Jennifer Leeman, Geoff Medcalf, David Curtin, Alice Carlton, Lloyd Kramer, Jan Hutton, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Tom Ludlow, Hank Elkins, Nancy Elkins, Kathleen McNeil, Paul Munk, Frankie Rountree, David McDonald, Jimmy Murphy

CHAPEL HILL FRIENDS MEETING
 GIVERS OF TIME AND SERVICE (FINAL)
 2016-2017

(Names in bold are new or are serving additional terms.)

* = Clerk(s)

RECORDING CLERK	Jennifer Leeman
TREASURER	Maura Murphy
MEETING TRUSTEES	Emilie Condon Bettie Flash Asta Crowe
RECORDER	Carolyn White
CORRESPONDENCE CLERK	Emilie Condon

MEETING REPRESENTATIVES:

Carolina Friends School Board

Friend	Term ends in...	Friend	Term ends in...
Matt Drake	2017	Buffie Webber	2017
Patt Mann	2018	Bill Jenkins	2019

Quaker House Board

Friend	Term ends in...	Friend	Term ends in...
Curt Torell	2018	Deborah Gibbs	2018
Richard Miller	2018	Maria Darlington	2019

Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting

Friend	Terms ends in...	Friend	Term ends in...
Emilie Condon	2019	Naveed Moeed	2017
Alice Carlton	2018		

Piedmont Friends Fellowship

Friend	Terms ends in...	Friend	Term ends in...
Jeff Brown	2017	Margot Stern	2017

Coalition of Clergy

Friend	Friend
Carolyn Stuart	Dottie Heninger

COMMITTEES:

Adult Religious Education

Friend	Term ends in...	Friend	Terms ends in...
Dirk Kelder	2018	Max Drake	2018
Carolyn White *	2017	Catherine Alguire	2017
Perry Martin	2018	Jamie Jacobs	2019
Andrea Wuerth	2019		

Buildings & Grounds

Friend	Term ends in...	Friend	Term ends in...
David Schneider	2018	Richard Miller	2019
Don Hopper *	2019	Tom Smith	2019
Wendy Michener	2019	Dottie Heninger	2017
Bill Cleaver	2017	Lynn Drake	2017
Meeting resident	Ex-officio		

Care & Counsel

Friend	Term ends in...	Friend	Term ends in...
Deborah Gibbs *	2018	Jeff Brown	2018
Kitty Bergel	2017	Tom Ludlow	2017
Bonnie Raphael	2018	Eloise Grathwohl	2018
Jennifer Leeman	2019	Ann Miller	2019
Jasmine McKewen	2019	Clerk of Meeting	Ex-Officio

Children's & Youth Religious Education

Friend	Term ends in...	Friend	Term ends in...
Sean Chen	2018	Carolyn Stuart	2019
Kathleen McNeil*	2019	Jasmine McKewen	2018
Lauren Hart	2017	Laura Young	2018
John Hite	2017	Julia Cleaver	2019
FDS Coordinator	Ex-Officio		

Finance

Friend	Term ends in...	Friend	Term ends...
Tom Ludlow	2018	Michael Jokinen	2018
Loren Hintz	2019	Kitty Bergel *	2017
Ann Miller *	2017	Annette Broadwell	2019
Asta Crowe	2017	Emilie Condon	2017
Ric Shepherd	2017	Treasurer	Ex-Officio

Hospitality

Friend	Term ends in...	Friend	Term ends in...
Nancy Fisher	2018	Monica Severino	2017
Eloise Grathwohl	2017	Sean Chen	2018
Elizabeth Taylor	2018	Buzz Borchardt	2019
Annalee Harkins	2019	Joanna Selim	2019
Buffie Webber	2017	Louie Killion	2019

Inter-Faith Council

Friend	Term ends in...	Friend	Term ends in...
Emilie Condon	2017	Ann Drake	2017
Dottie Heninger *	2017	Marie Hopper	2019
Asta Crowe	2019	James Bartow	2019
Max Drake	2017	Carolyn Stuart	2017

Library

Friend	Term ends in...	Friend	Term ends in...
James Harper *	2018	Dave Curtin	2018
Lloyd Kramer	2019	Allie Scales	2019

Mary & Claude Shotts/Leadership Development Fund

Friend	Term ends in...	Friend	Term ends in...
Jan Hutton *	2018	Roberto Quercia	2018
Gwynne Pomeroy	2017	Lynn Drake	2017

Ministry & Worship

Friend	Term ends in ...	Friend	Term ends in ...
Lynn Drake *	2018	Jan Hutton *	2017
Pam Schwingl	2018	Faye Stanley	2018
Leslie Rountree	2017	Alice Carlton	2019
Ed Bowen	2019	Madelyn Ashley	2019
Clerk of Meeting	Ex-Officio		

Peace & Justice

Friend	Term ends in ...	Friend	Term ends in...
Nancy Elkins	2018	Hank Elkins	2018
Naveed Moeed	2019	Jill Savitt	2019
Tom Munk	2019	Wendy Michener	2019
Jim Palmer	2019	Max Drake	2019

Publications & Communications

Friend	Term ends in ...	Friend	Term ends in ...
Dave Curtin	2017	Ed Bowen	2017
Emily Buehler	2019	James Harper	2019
David Schneider	2019	Sean Chen *	2019
Christobal Palmer	2019	Recording Clerk	Ex-Officio

Returning Citizens Financial Assistance Committee

Friend	Friend	Friend	Friend
Jennifer Leeman *	Nancy Milio	Gwynne Pomeroy	Pam Schwingl
Asta Crowe	Richard Miller		

Transition & Support Committee

Friend	Term ends in ...	Friend	Term ends in ...
Emilie Condon	2017	Maria Darlington	2017
Hank Elkins	2017	Nancy Fisher	2018
Tom McQuiston	2019	Richard Miller *	2019
Joyce Munk	2019	Paul Munk	2019
Dave Schneider	2019	Byron Stevens	2017

Ann Shy	2018	Kuldip Kuwahara	2018
Asta Crowe	2019		

LETTER TO ORLANDO FRIENDS MEETING

Stephanie Preston, Clerk
Orlando Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
316 East Marks Street
Orlando, Florida 32803

Dear Stephanie,

To our grief-stricken Florida F/friends, we, the grief-stricken of Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting, send our love and support within the embrace of these greetings. We are led by your tender guidance: "Let us be the light for someone. Not just today, but every day. Please, do not let the fear win."

With the tragedy, we gather instinctively to craft our healing through crafting a bridge of Light made up of many hands, each hand held—one within the other—to form a bond of comfort, to form a strand of love.

"All of us as vital as the one light we move through" is the soulful reminder of Florida reared bilingual gay poet Richard Blanco in his 2013 Presidential Inaugural poem "One Today."

Hand in hand, together may we gather a peace within pieces of horrifying anguish.

Yours in Peace,

Tom Munk, Clerk

Chapel Hill Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

SPANISH VERSION:

Estimada Stephanie,

A nuestrxs amigxs de luto en Florida, nosotrxs, de luto en la reunión mensual de Chapel Hill del Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting, les enviamos nuestro amor y apoyo dentro del abrazo de este saludo. Nos guiamos por su dirección cariñosa: "Que nosotros seamos luz para alguien. No solamente hoy, pero todos los días. Por favor, no dejes que gane el miedo."

Con esta tragedia, nos reunimos instintivamente para que podamos crear nuestra curación por medio de la construcción de un puente de Luz elaborado de muchas manos, cada mano abrazando – una dentro de otra – para formar una unión de consolación, para formar una hebra de amor.

"Todxs nosotrxs somos tan vitales como la luz que atravesamos" es el recordatorio conmovedor del poeta bilingüe, gay, criado en Florida, Richard Blanco, en su poema "Unx Hoy" para la Inauguración Presidencial del 2013.

Mano a mano, juntos podemos recolectar una paz dentro de las piezas de esta angustia horrible.

Suyos en Paz,

Tom Munk, Clerk

RETURNING CITIZEN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

2014- MARCH 2016

The Returning Citizens Financial Assistance Committee (ReCFAC) was established in 2014 to create guidelines and oversee the disbursement of funds to assist men as they leave Orange Correctional Center and return to the community. The committee works with the Transition and

Support Committee, which must have established a support circle for a returning citizen before he can receive financial assistance.

The committee has created guidelines to serve in dispersing funds. The committee meets on an as needed basis and conducts most of its business via email. Since the creation of this fund and committee, we have provided financial assistance to two returning citizens, one in FY'15 and one in FY'16. Both men were released with almost nothing beyond the clothes on their backs. The funds have been used to purchase very basic clothing and personal care items. Funds also have been used to pay for a one night stay in an Airbnb pending availability of longer term housing. The committee's expenses have been less than anticipated (\$317 for FY'15 and \$201 for FY'16 for a total of \$518) and we therefore are asking for only \$50 in funding for the 2016-17 fiscal year. That said, we are expecting a higher workload in the coming year. Three men expect to be released before July 1, 2016 and two more expect to be released in September 2016.

We had two personal gifts to the fund in FY'15 totalling \$550; our annual commitment from the Meeting was \$1,000 for each of two fiscal years. Our current balance as of 3/31/16 is \$2,033. In addition, individual Friends have been generous in providing gently used clothing, a computer, and other items where appropriate.

It should be noted that the Transition/Support committee has formed support circles for a number of other men but they have not needed to draw on ReCFAC financial support.

Submitted by the ReCFAC: Jennifer Leeman (clerk), Asta Crowe, Nancy Milio, Gwynne Pomeroy, Pam Schwingl, and Richard Miller

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT, 2015-2016

The purpose of the Nominations Committee is to "identify and call forth the gifts and talents of attenders and members of our Meeting for service within the Meeting and in the larger community." We welcomed to the committee this year Dottie Heninger and Elizabeth Taylor. We expressed our gratitude to Karen Merry, who completed her term and has since moved to Florida. In addition to Dottie Heninger and Elizabeth Taylor, other members of the committee are Ed Bowen, Sean Chen, Ken Grogan, Jennifer Leeman, Joyce Munk, and Carolyn Stuart (clerk). The major work of the committee is to discern Friends needed for service on the meeting's 13 standing committees and five boards on which meeting Friends serve. Nominations continued the practice this year of having conversations with the recording clerk, treasurer, meeting trustees, co-recorders and correspondence clerk, for whom there are no specific terms for their service. The committee sought to gather information on the experience of these Friends as they carried out their duties.

Nominations committee met frequently throughout the months of February, March and April. Between meetings, committee members communicated by email, telephone, and face-to-face conversation to update each other on our progress. The following process was used to discern Friends for service. Members held conversations with the recording clerk, treasurer, co-recorders, trustees and correspondence clerk. Committee members spoke with the clerks of each standing committee and board to determine needs. Committee and board clerks were asked to let us know the number of needed Friends, as well as attributes sought in new members. If specific recommendations were made, they were brought to Nominations committee for discernment. A slate of Friends for service was presented to the May meeting for worship with attention to business. As is our custom, the meeting was asked to hold the decision for approval over to the June meeting for worship with attention to business.

Nominations committee members worked long and hard to determine committee and board needs, to discern Friends with appropriate gifts and talents, and to talk with these Friends to

determine whether they felt led to serve. Committee members noted that it was particularly difficult this year to find Friends who felt free to serve. We are pleased with the slate of Friends brought forward for approval. At the same time, we share a concern that our meeting be careful to fulfill the commitments we take on as a faith community and to be mindful of the busy lives Friends lead in their families and communities, as well as the Meeting.

This year our clerk, Tom Munk, completed his three-year term and requested to step down from that position. The meeting is grateful for Tom's skilled and caring leadership. The meeting began the search for a new clerk to recommend to the meeting in late September 2015. As is our custom, a separate committee consisting of representatives from Nominations (Jennifer Leeman, Carolyn Stuart), Care and Counsel (Jeff Brown, Jennifer Leeman and Gwynne Pomeroy), and Ministry and Worship (Lynn Drake and Pam Schwingl) was formed. Jennifer Leeman served as clerk. The committee was pleased to present Friend Matt Drake to the business meeting as the new clerk, and in February the meeting gratefully approved.

Respectfully submitted: Ed Bowen, Sean Chen, Ken Grogan, Dottie Heninger, Jennifer Leeman, Joyce Munk, Carolyn Stuart (clerk) and Elizabeth Taylor

CHAPEL HILL FRIENDS MEETING ALCOHOL POLICY

Our policy for use of the building by those outside our community clearly states: "No smoking, alcohol, drugs, or weapons allowed." However, we have no explicit policy for those who are part of our community, particularly with respect to alcohol. This has led to confusion for those planning celebrations that include a champagne toast.

Several discussions have revealed the breadth of ideas on this issue – in our June 2015 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, a forum on this topic, and meetings of the Care and Counsel Committee. Some of us feel that a champagne toast is a happy tradition when honoring a special occasion, particularly if nonalcoholic alternatives are available. Some of us are concerned that alcohol may raise difficult issues for members of our community, and that our own behavior should be consistent with our policy for others.

Although Care and Counsel's discussion encompassed this range of opinions, we propose the following minute for our community: No smoking, alcohol, illegal drugs, or weapons are allowed on the Meeting's grounds, whether events are sponsored by our community or by others.

Several factors influence our recommendation:

- The presence of alcohol may be a challenge and source of distress for some of us, in ways that others are not even aware of.
- The value of integrity suggests that policies for our own use should be the same as those for others.
- Although it may be useful to model the moderate use of alcohol, it is likely more important to demonstrate that fellowship can be had without alcohol, particularly in intergenerational activities.
- A policy that needs to be decided on a case-by-case basis creates a burden on otherwise hardworking committees.
- A policy that sets one standard for those outside the meeting and another for those who are part of our community leaves open questions of who is (or is not) a part of our community.
- This policy is not telling Friends that they cannot share a celebratory toast. The toast may be a nonalcoholic one, or the event may be held somewhere other than the Meeting.

Calendar

(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)

Sun. 7/3	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck—Schoolhouse
Tue. 7/5	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Thur. 7/7	9am–1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Fri. 7/8	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 7/10	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
Tue. 7/12	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 7/15	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 7/17	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. 7/19	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 7/22	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
	7pm	Intergenerational Games—Schoolhouse
Sun. 7/24	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
	noon	Families and Friends Affected by Mental Illness—Schoolhouse
Fri. 7/29	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 7/31	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!
Tue. 8/2	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Thur. 8/4	9am–1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Fri. 8/5	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

Forums will return in the fall!

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