

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Newsletter

Second Month, 2021

- **Monthly Query:** *How do we help each other face conflicts with patience, forbearance and openness to healing?*
- **Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee:** *Waiting in silent expectation and prayer for guidance from the Light Within is the basis for our Meeting for Worship.*



NOTICE

All CHFM Quaker-related activities at the meetinghouse and in the school house have been canceled until later notice, pending reassessment.

The Building and Grounds committee has requested that those who rent on the premises find alternate options until we reopen.

Virtual Meetings

Meetings for Worship; Meetings for Worship with Attention to Business; and Weekly Forums:

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting has been using Zoom software as an online platform to hold Meetings for Worship; including meetings with attention to business, forums, social hours, and committee meetings. Friends are doing our best to sustain spiritual connections and support the life of the Meeting during the pandemic.

Ministry and Worship and the Zoom ad-hoc committee (zoom@chapelhillfriends.org) wish to make this experience as rich as possible. Even apart, we wish to come together in the Light. To aid this, we advise those attending of the following:

- On entering the Meeting for Worship via Zoom, everyone's microphone will be muted (you do not need to mute yourself on entry). We suggest remaining muted when not speaking to avoid background noise.
- If led to share vocal ministry, the "Unmute" button on the bottom left of the Zoom screen is pressed. When finished speaking, the "Mute" button may be pressed in the same location.
- We recognize you may need to move around and settle. If doing so Friends are asked to use the "Stop Video" option (bottom of screen next to Mute) – your name or profile picture will display until pressing "Start Video" again. This will minimize visual distraction for others,
- There is an option on the upper right of your Zoom screen to select "Speaker View" for a large window for the current speaker or "Gallery View" that shows small windows for all participants.

The Ministry & Worship Committee reminds Friends that our traditional Quaker practice in Meeting for Worship, in-person or online, is to refrain from sharing vocal ministry more than once in the hour to give others space for messages. Though it may be more challenging online, we strive to listen deeply in the silence and be open to the leadings of the Spirit that may move us to speak.

More information about Zoom is available on the Meeting's website:

<https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/zoom.html>

The link to Zoom for the Forum and Meeting for Worship is sent weekly via the listserv. If you wish to visit with us for the first time or are a regular attender but do not have access to the listserv please contact us at zoom@chapelhillfriends.org. Comments are warmly appreciated at the same email address. See you online!

Upcoming Zoom Forums

January 31 - Facing A New World: the Biden Administration and FCNL, with Nancy Milio

Moderator: Deborah Gibbs

February 7 - Service to the Meeting: Givers of Time and Service, both seasoned and recent, talk about their experiences supporting the work of the Meeting. Moderator: Deborah Gibbs

February 14 - Quaker Testimonies Series: Community

We'll reflect on some passages from Faith and Practice, hear from a panel that lives this testimony, and share in small groups and together. Moderator: Jennifer Leeman

February 21 - No Forum Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business at 9:00 a.m

<https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/mwab.html>

February 28 - Climate Change

Hank Elkins, Wendy Michener, Hart Pillow. Moderator: Tom Munk

Upcoming Events

Piedmont Friends Spring Retreat, April 9, 10, 11

Jeff Brown shares with Friends: Save the dates!

Please help spread the word!

Piedmont Friends Spring Retreat will be happening **virtually** on **April 9, 10 and 11, 2021.**

We hope you can join us as we gather to celebrate our community of Friends, deepen our connections and find inspiration to do our work in the world.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

In Friendship,

Piedmont Friends Fellowship and Yearly Meeting

Timeless Quaker Wisdom in Plainsong

Tom Munk shares with Friends:

For Friends who enjoyed Quaker-chanting with Paulette Meier at Forum and want more, here is her website: www.paulettemeier.com where you can find her Quaker Chant CDs in both digital download and CD disc versions.

Quaker Corner

Quaker Corner will serve as an ongoing portal into the larger Quaker world (UK included.) Many powerful online course offerings, articles, worships, etc., are available in our 'Quaker-verse'. Links will be provided weekly, if available. Let there be Light! Jan Hutton

Essentials of Quakerism - for those new to Quakerism

Woodbrooke, international Quaker learning and research organisation based in Britain, offers numerous lectures and online course including the following (and many more):

- [Essentials of Quakerism - for those new to Quakerism, Mar 9 - Apr 5](https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/product/essentials-of-quakerism-march-2021/)
<https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/product/essentials-of-quakerism-march-2021/>
- [Exploring Judgement: how to use it wisely, Mar 16 - Apr 25](https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/product/exploring-judgement-how-to-use-it-wisely/)
<https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/product/exploring-judgement-how-to-use-it-wisely/>
- [2020 Lecture: Openings to the Infinite Ocean: A Friendly Offering of Hope' by Tom Shakespeare](https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=N-OJoq0jNAk&feature=emb_title)
"How do we face all the very real, terrible things that happen in our world and still have hope?"
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=N-OJoq0jNAk&feature=emb_title
- [More Woodbrooke Swarthmore Lectures](https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/research/swarthmore-lectures/)
<https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/research/swarthmore-lectures/>

22nd Annual White Privilege Conference, April 7-10

Friends General Conference sponsors the [22nd Annual White Privilege Conference](https://www.fgcquaker.org/deepen/enrichment/help-your-meeting-challenge-racism/fgc-white-privilege-conference) (online this year) April 7-10.

The White Privilege Conference (WPC) was established and is organized by African American Professor Dr. Eddie Moore, who wanted to provide a challenging, collaborative and comprehensive experience. The conference strives to empower and equip individuals to work for equity and justice through self and social transformation.

<https://www.fgcquaker.org/deepen/enrichment/help-your-meeting-challenge-racism/fgc-white-privilege-conference>

Healing Ancestral Trauma: What Is Epigenetics and Why Does It Matter?

Pendle Hill, Quaker teaching and conference center, offers the opportunity to tune into [live and pre-recorded lectures and presentations](https://pendlehill.org/learn/live-recorded-lectures/) on topics that are of spiritual or personal interest to you.

<https://pendlehill.org/learn/live-recorded-lectures/>

Pre-recorded lectures include the following (and many, many others):

[Healing Ancestral Trauma: What is Epigenetics and Why Does it Matter? Erva Baden](https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=K0Hp6Ua3_A4)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=K0Hp6Ua3_A4

[Re-creating Hope - Francisco Burgos](https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=pFaJ2galv1Y)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=pFaJ2galv1Y>

[Can Quakers and Others Help Prevent an American Slide Into Dictatorship? Hint: Nonviolence Will Be Key! \(George Lakey\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=34GoBn0cuY0)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=34GoBn0cuY0>

Upcoming, live-streamed events:

[Learnings from Couples Enrichment, with Mike and Marsha Green](https://pendlehill.org/events/a-celebration-of-disciplined-listening-learnings-from-couple-enrichment-at-home-and-in-the-meeting/): Monday, Feb 1, 7:30-9pm

<https://pendlehill.org/events/a-celebration-of-disciplined-listening-learnings-from-couple-enrichment-at-home-and-in-the-meeting/>

Visiting the Meetinghouse During Covid

Building and Grounds shares with Friends:

As you know we've curtailed use of the meeting house during the pandemic. Occasionally, people have, and needed to, gone into the meeting house to support the few essential tasks of the meeting. We appreciate that those visits have been brief and infrequent. We do ask though that anyone that needs to go into the meeting house to please notify John Hite, by phone or text, prior to going. Thank you.

Food Delivery to IFC While Meetinghouse is Closed

The meeting's IFC committee has devised a plan to make Friends' donations of food items to the IFC more convenient. You can find a [list of recommended food items](#) on the IFC website (and you can purchase food online).

1. Please bring food items to the meetinghouse porch on first and third Wednesdays of each month. Canned goods are to be placed in cardboard boxes labeled "IFC." Place bags of food in the plastic bin with a secure top. Members of the IFC committee will pick up the donations at 3:00 pm on first and third Wednesdays and deliver them to the Rosemary parking lot. This system will eliminate the need for individual Friends to drive to Rosemary street with food contributions, though you are still welcome to do that. The first day of food delivery to IFC from our meetinghouse porch will be Wednesday, June 17th.
2. Please do not leave food on the meetinghouse porch on days other than the designated delivery days - first and third Wednesdays. Bring your food donations prior to pick-up time of 3:00 pm.
3. From the IFC website, requested food contributions include pasta, spaghetti or pasta sauce, canned tuna or other meats, macaroni and cheese mixes, canned fruit, oatmeal, baking mixes (cornbread, muffins) and crackers (saltines and others). Other items would be welcomed as well. Link for pantry needs: <http://www.ifcweb.org/needs#pantry>

Questions? Contact Carolyn Stuart (919.929.2287 or stuartc@elon.edu)

Recurring Events

Online Social Event, Thursdays, 7pm

Chris Stanley shares with Friends:

As we have been doing recently, we will have a time to gather and touch base to see how everyone is doing. Last week, we looked at Catherine Alguire's garden during the call. Feel free to bring pictures of your garden or current project to share. There is no agenda and it is just a time to see a friendly face and say hello. Join us, if you are interested. - Chris

Parallel Meeting at Home, Sunday, 11am-12

Many of us on First Day are doing what one Friend called "simultaneous sitting" and could be called *ethereal* worship - that is, we are sitting in our own homes having worship between 11 and 12, calling to mind other Friends, but not taking part in any techno forum. We miss the benefit of wider ministry, but can add that angle in our own way. It can be quite magical.

QuakerCraft Online Game, Sundays

Sam Leeman-Munk shares with Friends:

Hi everybody,

This email is about a Minecraft server that Finn and Henry have set up for us.

It is a peaceful server with no player versus player and no monsters, so it is appropriate for young Quakers.

The server is available 24/7, but we particularly encourage people to log in at the same time so we can play together. This event started April 19 and happens every Sunday between 1:30 and 3:30.

We are playing Minecraft: Java Edition

<https://www.minecraft.net/en-us/store/minecraft-java-edition>

An account costs about \$27, but anyone who identifies as a child may reach out to Finn James, Tom Munk and me to get an account. For best results, include all three of us on the email so we can work together. Finn James runs the server, and once you have a screenname you can give it to him and he will give you access. For how to access the server, [click here](#).

<https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/assets/hospitality/quakercraft.htm>

DISCORD SERVER

We may be Quakers, but what fun is playing with friends if it's all in silence? I have set up a discord server for chatting while we play. This server will be your first lifeline when navigating the vibrant, potentially overwhelming world of MineCraft, so be sure to join!

<https://discord.gg/F2Jf9MQ>

For more detailed discord instructions, [click here](#) :

<https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/assets/hospitality/quakercraftDiscord.htm>

Sloth Radio Goes Online, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Kathleen McNeil shares with Friends:

Hi Friends/friends,

The First Day School Middle POD (the Sloths) will be sharing our Sloth Radio Hour every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 8PM. You don't need to be in the middle pod to join us. All are welcome. We are reading the first book of the Harry Potter series. We will read for 30-60 minutes depending on interest level. The program will continue to be on zoom at the same address.

[Zoom meeting link available]

Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light, Wednesdays, 7-9pm

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN Virtual Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light, Wednesday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Join us when you can for as long as you wish-from your own home.

Do you have a name or a group of people to add to - or remove from - the list of those we will hold in our hearts and prayers? If so, please send to Lynn (linda.drake100@gmail.com) or Matt (matthiascdrake@gmail.com). We'll send an updated list on Wednesday afternoons. Thank you for joining us!

Pendle Hill Daily Worship via Zoom, Daily

Pendle Hill Quaker Study, Retreat, and Conference Center is now opening their daily morning worship to everyone, by way of Zoom or phone. A lovely opportunity for gathered worship every morning. "A handful of Pendle Hill residents continue to gather daily in the Barn – from 8:30am to 9:10am Eastern Time – expanding the 90-year-long tradition of daily worship here on campus. Beginning the week of March 16, 2020, we started an experiment of opening the circle of worship to YOU in your home. You can join us here via Zoom."

<https://pendlehill.org/explore/worship/join-us-online-for-worship-in-the-barn/?bblinkid=210290749&bbemailid=19903873&bbejid=1408822779>

Adult Young Friends Meet via Zoom

Alice Carlton (CHFM rep to PFYM) shares with Friends:

The first meeting of the Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting Adult Young Friends (AYF) went well with eight in attendance and more coming. They decided to meet every First Sunday of the month at 5:30-7pm via Zoom.

Contact Faith Josephs (faith.josephs@gmail.com) for the Zoom link for the December 6, 2020 meeting 5:30-7pm.

Note: The following announcement appeared previously in eNews:

My name is Faith Josephs and I attend Charlotte Friends Meeting. At Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting this summer I noticed there were a handful of other Adult Young Friends and thought it could be neat to get together over zoom to get to know each other. I've had the opportunity previously to be a part of some very powerful and supportive groups of Quaker peers my age (I grew up in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting then went to Guilford College) and I would love to create that sort of community among Adult Young Friends in the Carolinas.

Addiction, Homelessness, and Incarceration: Faceless No More

Asta Crowe shares with Friends:

Mark Hall, whom many of us know from his visits when he was incarcerated at OCC, has a formed an organization:

Addiction, Homelessness and Incarceration: Faceless No More (www.facelessnomore.org) –

“AHI advocates for them and shares their stories, working with individuals and organizations in North Carolina and beyond.” He has recently partnered with the Human Kindness Foundation (<https://www.humankindness.org/>) to further expand the educational and outreach work of of the “Faceless No More” organization. You can contact astacrowe@gmail.com if you have questions

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Minutes 9 am Sunday January 17, 2021

Chris Stanley, Clerk; Alice Carlton, Recording Clerk

Attendance: Alice Carlton, Chris Stanley, Dave Curtin, John Bell, Lois Ann Hobbs, Faye Stanley, Susan Gall, Matt Drake, Julia Cleaver, Maura Murphy, Tom Ludlow, Paul Munk, Joyce Munk, Hank Elkins, Ben Ray, Hart Pillow, Pat Mann, Tom Munk, Sean Chen, Lynn Drake, Micheal Jokinen, Ken Grogan, Buzz Borchardt, Deborah Gibbs, Lloyd Kramer, Jeff Brown, Ann Miller, Emilie Condon, John Hite, Buffie Webber, Carolyn Stuart, Pam Schwingl, Gwynne Pomeroy, Jennifer Leeman, Tim Fogarty, Betsy Brinson, Naveed Moeed, Monteze Snyder, Jasmine McKewen, Bonnie Ludlow, Margaret Vimmerstedt, Dottie Heninger, Joanna Selim, Nancy Milio, Annette Broadwell, Madelyn Ashley, Quaker Harmon, Leslie Rountree.

1. Opening worship and Query: *How do we help each other face conflicts with patience, forbearance and openness to healing?*
2. Welcome and review of agenda. No first time attenders.
3. The minutes from the December 20, 2020 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB) were approved as written.
4. John Bell, Chapel Hill Friends Meeting (CHFM) representative to the Carolina Friends School (CFS) Board, presented the annual report from CFS. (Appendix 1.) A question was raised about the lack of detailed financial information which we decided at the March 2019 MWAB to include in annual reports. Another suggested we revisit this policy and reconsider it. Another suggested, given the pandemic, we make an exception this time. A long discussion ensued. We accepted the report with gratitude. We agreed to revisit the policy about the request for financial information. Carolyn Stuart, Hank Elkins, Faye Stanley, Monteze Snyder and Naveed Moeed agreed to serve on a task force to do so.

5. The Quaker House annual report will be postponed until February.

6. Maura Murphy, Treasurer, presented the first quarter financial report. (Appendix 2.) Due to the pandemic, we cut our budget significantly this year. We are a bit behind in contributions and more are needed at this time. Regarding our obligations, we are on track. Some committees have not turned in receipts for expenditures made. Finance Committee is over budget. Our treasurer needed more accurate help for payroll and subscribed to accounting/tax help. The old laptop died and a new laptop was purchased. We are ahead in our net ordinary income. We get a tiny bit of interest from BB&T and a payout from Friends Fiduciary that goes to the Shotts/Leadership Development Fund. Our benevolences have not been paid yet as they are usually distributed in April. We accepted the report with gratitude.

A question was raised about the process for deciding when to return to the Meetinghouse. The Clerk explained that this question is under the care of the Ministry & Worship (M&W) Committee and discussed monthly. He will ask M&W to provide a regular summary report. M&W will make a recommendation to MWAB at the appropriate time and MWAB will make a decision.

7. Alice Carlton, CHFM Representative to Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting (PFYM), presented the Spiritual Condition Report to send to PFYM by the end of January. Our report will be compiled with similar reports from other members of PFYM to be shared at the Annual Sessions in April. The report was accepted with gratitude. (Appendix 3.)

8. Jeff Brown, Clerk of M&W, presented a recommendation for the transfer of membership of Tim Fogarty from Gainesville, Florida to CHFM. (Appendix 4.) We approved this recommendation with joy.

9. The Clerk presented the Discernment Statement about the Rooftop Solar Proposal. (Appendix 5). "We are not in unity now and unlikely to find unity on this proposal soon and that the current process is having a deeply harmful effect on us as a Quaker community. It is time to set the proposal aside and to refocus on supporting each other more fully." Due to the lack of time left in our meeting, few were able to express their opinions.

10. Next MWAB will be 9 am, Sunday, February 21, 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

To send items for the weekly eNews email news@chapelhillfriends.org. Put "for eNews" in the subject line. The deadline is each Wednesday at midnight. For the monthly print newsletter, email news@chapelhillfriends.org. Put "for Newsletter" in the subject line. The deadline is the last Sunday of the month.

11. Closing worship, virtual circle, preparation for the 11 am Meeting for Worship.

Appendices Follow

Appendix 1

Carolina Friends School Annual Report to CHFM, Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business January 17, 2021

The year 2020 was dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic and its far-reaching challenges never before imagined by the school community. These many issues and concerns have demanded unique solutions and are successfully being met by the staff, students and trustees.

The teaching staff has mastered new teaching methodologies with the accompanying technologies, all without losing sight of the importance of centering and developing the whole student. In addition to holding on-line classes the teaching staff regularly schedule one-on-one sessions for each student. The level of attention to the care of all students, both those in class and remotely learning has been awe inspiring, but has come at a great cost to the teachers. The Board members have been concerned and tried to show our gratitude. One effort had board members writing a thank-you note to an individual teacher. These were delivered in small treat bags, and were warmly received. It was a small but meaningful gesture for these dedicated educators.

In addition to working to keep everyone safe the Board and the staff have gone to great lengths to hold on to the existing school families through financial support. Fortunately, the financial status of the school is healthy because of wise and careful stewardship. However, the new pandemic-era demands required utilizing funds from different and unexpected sources, such as the federal Paycheck Protection Program loan, which is expected to be forgiven. The School has implemented an emergency fundraising campaign for \$2 million to meet immediate Covid-19-related needs, both for financial aid as well as for the physical plant, and additional staffing. Thirty percent of this goal has been raised by the skilled and dedicated Development staff and volunteers. The trustee Advancement Committee has also created a "Fundraising Guided by Quaker Principles" manual.

Due to the current surge of the pandemic, all students are in remote learning since the end of winter break. The school leadership must constantly assess the situation and make adjustments to best meet the needs and safety of the students, teachers and parents. When the school is holding in-person instruction, it uses what is called the 'Lasagna Approach' to safety: daily on-line screening including temperature checks; sanitizing classrooms and equipment throughout the day; and improved air filtration in heating & cooling systems. Also, a full-time nurse has been hired. Classrooms have been configured to keep social distance, and an additional multi-classroom modular unit is being installed for the upper school. A minority of students remains remote learners and the school has made accommodations for them, including hiring additional staff. Through these and others solutions the Quaker value of caring and honoring our community has been evident.

Amidst these changes ongoing social justice issues are being seen and felt, and addressed by the school staff and board. The CFS Board has initiated a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Committee. All trustees are attending the Racial Equity Institute trainings. The Peaceful Schools program remains active.

The CFS community is blessed to have Karen Cumberbatch as our school head, especially during this school year's pandemic and civil strife. Her caring and insightful communications to the community are outstanding. Below is a statement she sent to parents and teachers after the violent events in Washington DC on June sixth:

To the parents: "I am grateful that we are a community that has the vocabulary, commitment, and capacity to engage deeply with students in such extraordinary circumstances. We have scheduled an All-School Meeting for Worship for 4 pm tomorrow (Thursday) to create a space for collective reflection.

To the teachers: "It is during times such as these that we as educators are called to find the resilience and capacity to ground ourselves so that we can help support the needs of our students. I recognize it is not easy to do this when we are each still processing so much... Let's call on each other for help."

The School community has come together for the best interests of the students and the continuation of our Quaker values-based school. It was best said by a non-Quaker board member recently: "We came to this school thinking the main concern was to develop our children's minds but I have come to understand that developing and instilling the skills, sense of service, conflict

resolution, caring for a world community are the most important things we learn here. I was not taught this as a child and do not see it being taught at most schools. This is why this school is important”.

Here at CHFM, the three current appointees have been wrestling with our roles and the relationship between the Meeting and the School. We have appealed to the Ministry and Worship Committee because our group is not "under the care of" any specific Meeting Committee. To insure Quaker values and traditions are fundamental and on-going to the School, the Meeting-appointed CFS trustees are asking for help in discernment how to strengthen and practically implement these over the long-term. Hopefully we can report on this in our 2021 annual report.

Finally, we can report that the budget and actual expenses are shared with the trustees on a regular basis and the School's audit has been accepted without qualification. We have no concerns at this time concerning the financial accountability of the school, and as stated above, the School's finances are fundamentally healthy.

Pat Mann, Julia Cleaver and John Bell

Jb/1.14.21

Appendix 2

10:30 PM
01/13/21
Cash Basis

10:30 PM
01/13/21
Cash Basis

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Budget v. Actuals
July through December 2020

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	Jul - Dec 20	Budget	% of Budget
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Misc Income			
Interest income	3.59		
Shotts payout	681.20		
Total Misc Income	684.79		
Total Other Income	684.79		
Other Expense			
Care and Counsel outreach	500.00		
Returning Citizens (ReFac)	458.88		
Shotts Leadership	350.00		
Total Other Expense	1,308.88		
Net Other Income	-624.07		
Net Income	20,671.35	0.00	100.0%

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Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2020

	<u>Dec 31, 20</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BB&T-2699 Community Checking	44,478.30
BB&T-3430 Refac (Return Citz)	2,884.44
BB&T-3597 Youth Service Trip	3,116.11
BB&T-4039 Building Renovat Fund	13,362.09
BB&T-4071 Care and Counsel	7,887.05
BB&T-4593 Shotts Leadership	2,570.86
BB&T-9737 Money Rate Savings	55,035.93
Total Checking/Savings	129,334.58
Other Current Assets	
FF- General Fund	25,342.75
FF- Physical Plant Reserve Fund	22,375.53
Total Other Current Assets	47,718.28
Total Current Assets	177,052.86
Other Assets	
FF- Shotts Endowment	36,791.45
Total Other Assets	36,791.45
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>213,844.31</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	1,188.13
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,188.13
Total Current Liabilities	1,188.13
Total Liabilities	1,188.13
Equity	
FF Unrealized Gain/Loss	16,762.95
Opening Balance Equity	134,378.03
Unrestricted Net Assets	40,845.85
Net Income	20,671.35
Total Equity	212,658.18
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>213,844.31</u>

Appendix 3

Spiritual Condition Report for Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting 2020

Friends at Chapel Hill Friends Meeting (CHFM) have experienced the working of the spirit in many ways. We appreciate more the things we can still do during the pandemic, such as meditating, connecting with nature, praying, especially for friends and family, reaching out to longtime friends (non-Quaker) to reconnect, even requesting membership to CHFM. We have slowed down, taking time to breathe and appreciate what is there, to calm ourselves so we can feel the spirit working within.

The biggest challenge remains keeping our meeting connected. Some aren't comfortable using Zoom. Our Care and Counsel Committee has reached out to all members and attenders by phone to offer any needed support. The Ministry & Worship Committee sent out a helpful email survey to assess how members and attenders feel about Zoom and assess what spiritual guidance is needed. Considering major decisions in Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business over Zoom is a major challenge.

Using Zoom with First Day School (FDS) is tough. For the most part, the children are weary of gathering virtually, even though they often end up having fun after their parents force them to attend. The Children and Youth Religious Education Committee (CYRE) is trying hard to be creative (movie nights, offers to change FDS time) to reach students and allow parents to attend worship, but it's been slow going. Our parents seem overwhelmed with home-schooling and coping with the isolation and grumpiness of their children. Some parents have expressed interest in gathering in person outside while others have concerns for health and safety. The teens have met at different times with different activities to boost attendance.

We are having ongoing discussions about when and how to safely reopen the Meetinghouse for in person worship. Communications with the Meeting as a whole can be difficult. There are wide ranging opinions, and we are far from unity.

Holding Wednesday evening Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light is meaningful for some Friends. The breakout rooms for small group fellowship after worship allow us to get to know Friends we didn't know or to enjoy getting to know better those we did know. Many of us are concerned about climate issues. The possibility of installing solar panels is being considered. The efforts to deepen our lives in the Spirit during this challenging time matter a lot to our Meeting.

Our Peace & Justice Committee (P&J) has made focus on racial justice a priority, despite the COVID-19 limitations on our response. Nevertheless, we approved a letter regarding racism that we labored long over. In addition, there is a book group forming on racism and social justice. Also we worked to encourage voting, in light of knowing about NC counties that restrict minority voting. Some attended the local school board meeting to speak against arrests of students when in school. Our Transition and Support Committee helps men released from Orange Correctional Center (OCC) to adjust to life back in the community. We announced the Racial Equity training and offered financial support (via Shotts/Leadership Fund) for those who wished to attend. Monthly queries, Forum topics and Friends Journal readings on social equity all serve to encourage personal reflections. We miss the presence of the OCC visitors who cannot attend worship during the pandemic. We are concerned about the disparities made worse by COVID-19 as well as the welfare of pre-school children in NC. We hope and pray that these will be addressed after the pandemic is under control.

We appreciate Zoom for the connections it provides to Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting (PFYM) and other Meetings throughout the US and world-wide. Sharing with other PFYM meetings is helpful. What are other Meetings doing on the topic of racial injustice? How can we encourage more People of Color (POC) to attend our Meeting? We understand the need to meet folks where they are and not expect them to join us by becoming like us. Could we pair with a sister church different from us as we did thirty years ago? We noted with sadness that our own POC rarely attend Zoom worship now. We wonder what other meetings are doing in regards to hybrid worship as we consider safe return to our Meetinghouse.

Other concerns include the lack of Adult Young Friends (AYF) in Meeting. How can we encourage them to attend? We also wonder how to encourage vocal ministry with Zoom worship compared to in-person worship.

We certainly miss being in the Meeting House in the presence of others, miss the children and youth and miss the men from OCC. We appreciate Zoom for keeping us together during these times.

Appendix 4

The Clerk received a letter from the Gainesville (Florida) Monthly Meeting on December 15. Two days prior, the Gainesville Monthly Meeting approved the request of Tim Fogarty, a full member in good standing, for transfer of membership to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. The letter described Tim's passion for peace and justice and noted his work leading Solidarity Sojourns for building grassroots ties between Nicaragua and the United States.

I am pleased to report that the Ministry & Worship Committee discerned that Tim Fogarty has become a much-appreciated part of our Quaker community since he began attending Meetings for Worship here in 2017. His regular involvement has included service on the Peace & Justice and Transition and Support committees.

Ministry & Worship recommends approval of the transfer of Tim Fogarty's membership to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting.

(Letter from Gainesville Monthly Meeting follows)

December 15, 2020

Dear Friends:

At our Monthly Meeting held on December 13, 2020, we approved the request of the following full member in good standing of our Meeting for transfer of membership to your Monthly Meeting: Tim Fogarty

Tim was very passionate about the Friend's peace and justice testimony, often speaking truth to power and taking stands that went against the establishment grain. We remember him for many things including his providing materials to rural Nicaraguans that they used to rebuild a critical bridge and housing for their families and the trips he led with Solidarity Sojourns for building grassroots ties between Nicaragua and the USA. We commend him to your loving care.

Our Recorder's information for your records is that Tim Fogarty became a full member of Gainesville Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friend, Southeastern Yearly Meeting (SEYM) in June of 2014. We would appreciate receiving your acknowledgment of this request and notice of your action upon it.

On behalf of Gainesville Monthly Meeting,

Jean Larson, Co-clerk (larson2090@bellsouth.net)

Gainesville Monthly Meeting, 702 NW 38th Street, Gainesville, FL 32607

Appendix 5

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting has been considering a proposal for Rooftop Solar for many months. The proposal was prepared by a subcommittee authorized by the Meeting and has been endorsed by several committees. Many individuals are very much in favor of proceeding and have expressed their willingness to support the project financially. However, the Meeting is NOT in unity with the Rooftop Solar proposal.

Friends who do not support the proposal have a variety of reasons. These include:

- The uncertainty of financial needs, community and individual, related to the pandemic
- Uncertain expenses and effort needed to return to worship together, which is seen as a priority
 - Reluctance to begin a capital campaign in the current situation
- Belief that the proposal centers on CHFM exclusively and is not based on our testimony to community
- Project benefits are more financial than ecological, where environmental action was the original intention
- Concern that other projects of benefit to the environment have not been adequately considered

A very significant portion of our community does not support the proposal now. It is not one or two individuals standing in the way. Exchanges between community members during the discernment process have become increasingly hurtful and divisive. This replaces the deep listening that is our goal, and harms our community. For this reason, both the Ministry and Worship Committee and the Care and Counsel Committee have been engaged to provide the Clerk with support in discerning the sense of the Meeting regarding the Rooftop Solar proposal.

As Clerk, my sense of the Meeting is that we are not in unity now, that we are unlikely to find unity on this proposal soon and that the current process is having a deeply harmful effect on us as a Quaker community. It is time to set the rooftop solar proposal aside and to refocus on supporting each other more fully. Discussion of this proposal will not be included on the agenda for Meeting for Worship With Attention to Business for at least several months. It is possible that our Meeting may decide to re-engage with this proposal in the future. If the proposal is reintroduced, that discussion should begin with a clear statement of the goal of the project, and unity should be found on that goal first, so we can work together toward the best way to achieve it.

This discernment has been reached with the support and counsel of the Ministry and Worship and the Care and Counsel Committees.

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