

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Newsletter

Ninth Month, 2022

Monthly Query: *In what ways do we support each other in our spiritual journeys?*

Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee:
When taking in another's vocal ministry, take a moment to test your own reactions. Where do they come from? Are you listening through to the Light behind the message? If you find yourself struggling with another's words, search for the Love behind them.



Upcoming Zoom Fora -

September 4: Meeting for worship with attention to animals. We will introduce our pets, share our experiences with our lovable, comforting, quirky companions, and share concerns. Moderator: Jeff Brown.

September 11: National Quaker Call to Action: An organized response to current extensive threats to our democracy. Led by: Alice Carlton

September 18: Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Monthly Business Meeting

September 25: Friendly Eights. Organizing ourselves into small interest groups for sharing and community. Led by: Dottie Henninger and Lynn Drake for M&W and C&C, with support from Kate Fitch of ARE.

October 2: Western Sahara: The Other Occupation. Presenter: Stephen Zunes, national expert and CFS graduate

October 9: Peaceful Schools, Christel Greiner Butchart and Ida Trisolini, CFS.

October 16: Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Monthly Business Meeting

Small Group Worship at the Meetinghouse

After listening carefully to our community and giving thoughtful consideration to ways to meet the needs of our community, the Ministry & Worship Committee received permission from the Meeting to begin offering responsible opportunities for small group worship in a variety of settings. We invite the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting community to try and help us evaluate options for small group worship over the coming weeks.

In this unprecedented time, the committee is not pursuing the perfect answer to how to worship together, and we do not know the lowest risk way to proceed.

Note: To promote safety and reduce the possibility of Covid 19 transmission and infection, the completion of **vaccination protocol** and the **wearing of masks** around others on meeting property is lovingly expected. A risk assessment tool is available as well (<https://www.microcovid.org/tracker>). To keep the small group worship simple, there will be no refreshments available (bring your own water), indoor participants will be

urged to go outside at the rise of meeting to limit time in the building, and the building will be closed between early and late meetings. Friends are asked to not go downstairs (except for the nursery), for simplicity in preparation and maintenance of safe spaces..

Children older than 3 are encouraged to attend the first 15 minutes of worship and will be led down to the playground for First Day School, which is on the playground during Covid. However, there will be at least one adult on the playground starting at 11:00 for those who are nervous about indoors. For children under 3, the nursery is open downstairs if needed.

Upcoming Events

Peace Vigil in Hillsborough, Wed Sept. 21, 6pm

Eno Friends Meeting of Hillsborough is commemorating the UN International Day of Peace on Wednesday, September 21st by having a Peace Vigil and Peace Poetry reading in front of the courthouse in Hillsborough. We wanted to extend an invitation to Chapel Hill Friends to join us in the vigil at 6:00. We also want to let any CHFM poets know, that if you have poem about peace to share, we would be honored for you to come and share it. Please let Morrow Dowdle cmorrowdowdle@gmail.com know if you have a poem to share, and she will add you to the schedule. Thank you!

In peace, Sally Freeman ~ Eno Friends Meeting



350+ Years of Quakers in NC, Thurs Oct 13, 7pm

We hope you will join us at Guilford College for a plenary session exploring the topic of "Reassessing George Fox: 350+ Years of Quakers in NC." The evening keynote address will be delivered at **7pm Thursday, October 13th in the Carnegie Room at Hege Library on Guilford's campus by Dr. Noeleen McIlvenna**, Professor of History at Wright State University and author of "A Very Mutinous People: The Struggle for North Carolina, 1660-1713." The event will be open to all who are interested, but please RSVP if possible.

For more information, you can visit the webpage here: <https://friendscenter.guilford.edu/fox-350/> or to register for the event, you can fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/8ea7aPyfugphFYfz7>. This event is sponsored by the Friends Center, Quaker Archives, and the Curry-Coffin Commission. Please reach out to Liz Nicholson, nicholsonea@guilford.edu if you have any additional questions.

Vocal Ministry: Friends Journal

Jan Hutton shares with Friends:

Collected in this issue of Friends Journal are essays on vocal ministry you may find illuminating and practical, whether you're new to Quakerism or not. (You do not have to be a subscriber to access the issue online.) <https://www.friendsjournal.org/speaking-spirits-words/>

The IFC Pantry Needs Food Items

Dottie Henniger shares with Friends:

The Inter-Faith Council pantry continues to need donations of food items. Please think of the IFC as you do your grocery shopping! The basket in the meetinghouse foyer is available to receive your contributions. For attenders who worship on Zoom, plastic bins will be put on the front porch on the last Wednesday of each month for your donations. Please also remember that financial gifts are always welcome. You can make your contributions online at the IFC website, ifcweb.org. Thank you! - Dottie

Quaker Call to Action

You can find more details and register at quakercall.net.

We are an ad hoc group of Quakers who believe in the power of Truth and who have faith in the witness of Friends. We know that the individual and collective actions of Friends and friends can have a powerful impact in our communities and in our individual faithful journeys. We welcome your questions, suggestions, and resources at info@quakercall.net.

In faithfulness,

The Urgent Call Steering Committee

Bruce Birchard, Sam Caldwell, Gretchen Castle, Mary Ellen McNish, Diane Randall, and Michael Wajda, clerk

The Light We Share: a Scriptural Exploration

Karen Jessee shares with Friends:

Beginning on Sept 22, I will be offering a six-week series called, "The Light We Share: a Scriptural Exploration." I would like to get the word out to members of the Meeting.

- Light, Inner Light, "in the Light"—these words point to spiritual realities which inspire Quaker faith, framing our relationship with other people, the natural world, and the Divine.
- Over six weeks we will engage passages from the New Testament about the "Light that lighteth us withal."
- By reading, writing, and reflecting together, we will enter into conversation with the texts, finding inspiration for our lives as individuals and as a community.

We will approach scriptural references to Light as practical people of faith seeking spiritual nourishment and understanding.

Interested people can contact me by email—searchandknow@mindspring.com—and I will send a Zoom link for the series. We will meet from 6:30-8:00.

Karen Jessee, spiritual director and interfaith retreat leader, facilitates encounters with Biblical texts in the service of spiritual growth for absolutely anyone who is interested. Her work grows out of the conviction that "the glory of God is the human being fully alive." (St. Irenaeus)

Yokefellows Begins Listening Ministry Once Again - Carolyn Stuart shares with Friends:

We are pleased to announce that Yokefellows listening ministry has begun once again at Orange Correctional Center in Hillsborough after a two and one-half year hiatus. To participate, all volunteers must receive a three-hour training from the NC Department of Corrections. This applies to those who have volunteered in the past and new Friends interested in volunteering.

To receive the training, please text Chaplain Josh LeRoy at 336.465.7872. He will place your name on a list of those to be invited to the next training session.

Questions? Contact co-clerks of Transition and Support committee, Nancy Fisher or Tom McQuiston, or volunteer Carolyn Stuart

Register Voters This Year - Hank Elkins shares with Friends:

The Racial Equity Subcommittee, the Transition & Support and the Peace & Justice Committees invite you to register voters for this year's election. Know that the need is particularly great to register those leaving prison and for people of color generally. We have a list of 82 men, mostly people of color, who have recently left prison. The Brennan Institute has reported that 90 out of 100 North Carolina Counties have disproportionately purged people of color from the voting rolls.

You can register voters online or in person. Email Astra Titus astatitus@gmail.com or hankelkis@gmail.com with "Voting 2022" in the subject line.

See [North Carolina: The New Selma | Brennan Center for Justice](#)

See also: [New Tools are Needed to Protect Communities of Color in Redistricting | Brennan Center for Justice](#)

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.

Pray for Peace - From *Friends House Moscow*:

Link to the Daily Meeting for Worship for Peace sponsored by FHM/FHMSA: (Friends House Moscow)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4165005614?pwd=NUtieEtqbDBYbjBrcGdMMzBKQ3drQT09>

Meeting ID: 416 500 5614

Passcode: 182805

The room opens at 8:45am Pacific time (10:45 EST); worship begins on the hour and ends an hour later. After worship there will be time to share brief thoughts that did not rise to the level of ministry. You may also want to rename yourself indicating your geographic location. There will be no audible indicator when one enters or leaves, and everyone will be muted on entry. Please leave yourself muted unless giving ministry.

Ministry may also be shared in the chat, but it is not the place for private conversations. If you are new to Quaker unprogrammed worship and wish to talk with someone about it, send a message to the host and someone can join you in a breakout room.

Recurring Events

Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7-8:30 pm

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN Virtual Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, 7:00 to 8:30 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: prayers@chapelhillfriends.org. The list of names to be held in the Light will be renewed each month. Names must be resubmitted each month to be maintained on the list. We'll send an updated list on Wednesday afternoons. Thank you for joining us!

This virtual prayer service continues under the care of the Ministry and Worship Committee and each week, a volunteer will collect and post the names that are submitted and will read them aloud during the time of the service. You can be one of these volunteers! Please contact the Ministry and Worship Committee

(mw@chapelhillfriends.org) or (clerkofmeeting@chapelhillfriends.org) to join the volunteers supporting this ongoing ministry.

Pendle Hill Worship via Zoom, Daily, 8:30-9:10am

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&bbejrid=1408822779>

Note: The above link takes you *not* to the meeting but to a page of general instructions. Look for the sentence "You can join us via Zoom **here**, or by clicking on the image below."

~ Personals ~

Two Lost Kittens Looking for a Home



Annette Broadwell and Buzz Borchardt share with Friends:

Annette found these two abandoned male kittens in a wooded area coming back from her mother's house. One is recovering from an eye puncture, another from a nasty paw wound. With two dogs and an older cat, we can't adopt them; but we are keeping them at our house while fostering them through Orange County Animal Services.

The black cat is a real pistol – a complete extrovert. He is vocal, climbs all over you, and wants to explore. He's a 3-pound powerhouse. The gray cat is still a bit of a mystery. Presumably because of his eye injury, he has been shy and retiring. But, with his eye recovering, he has begun playing and roughhousing with his much bigger brother and to tolerate, even enjoy, being petted. He has made so much progress in very few days that it won't be long before his full personality appears. It would be wonderful if someone can adopt both kittens and keep the two siblings together.

Contact Annette, annettebroadwell@gmail.com or 919-260-1995, or Buzz, buzz.borchardt@gmail.com or 919-593-7280.

Seeking Hospitality - I will be traveling to Chapel Hill on Oct. 13 through the 16th and am seeking hospitality.

Karen Tibbals, author of *Persuade, Don't Preach*

Ethical Frames LLC <http://persuadedontpreach.com>

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Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Minutes

9 am Sunday August 21, 2022

Online via Zoom

Ann Miller, Clerk, and Susan Inglis, Recording Clerk

In attendance: Jeff Brown, Bob Durovich, Julia Cleaver, Alice Carlton, Dave Curtin, Carolyn Stuart, Tom Ludlow, Bonnie Ludlow, Hank Elkins, Lyn Drake, Matt Drake, Carolyn White, Kate Vinta Fitch, John Pilgrim, Dottie Henninger, Asta Crowe, Quaker Harmon, Betsy Brinson, Deborah Gibbs, Allie Scales, Buzz Borchardt, Jan Hutton, Gwynne Pomeroy, Monteze Snyder, Nancy Milio, Maura Murphy, Ken Grogan, Billie Grogan, Wendy Mitchener, John Hite, Paul Munk, Emilie Condon, Lloyd Kramer, Richard Sheperd, Hart Pillow, Madelyn Ashley, Richard Miller, Ann Miller, Susan Inglis

1. Ann opened the Meeting with worship focused on the Query for this month: How do I treat personal conflict as an opportunity for growth?

2. Ann welcomed Friends and reviewed the agenda. She also shared guidance for making best use of our Zoom experience, such as keeping our cameras on and making use of the “raise hand” function. There were no first-time attenders.

3. Since the Minutes of the June Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business had not been shared in the eNews, and also had been amended, it was decided to delay approval until next month.

4. Carolyn Stuart as Clerk of Care and Counsel reported that Martha Gwynn’s ashes were interred in the Memorial Garden on 7/23/2022, and that it was a meaningful and joyful family event, including Martha’s children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren.

5. Asta Crowe presented the 2021-22 annual report for the Returning Citizens Financial Assistance Committee (ReCFAC) It is attached here as Appendix 1. It was accepted with gratitude for the committee and their work, looking forward to the probability of their being busier this year.

6. Maura Murphy, Treasurer, presented the end of the fiscal year report for the year ending June 30. It is attached here as Appendix 2. Friends asked questions and then accepted the report with appreciation.

7. Jeff Brown, for the Ministry and Worship Committee, brought a recommendation for blended meeting for worship. It is attached here as Appendix 3. Friends discussed and commented:

1. This is a step in the right direction. We have had successful trials and there is enthusiasm in the meeting. Every other meeting in NC offers blended and it will be good for us to do so, too. I feel strongly we need this to be together as a meeting. I cherish the connection with each of us, and technology overcomes fragmentation, so I feel strongly this is the direction we need to go in.
2. I support this recommendation, and I am grateful for the cautious slow way the Ministry & Worship Committee has introduced us to this concept. I think a blended meeting would build togetherness.
3. I need clarity on spending so much to move this thing forward and not making a decision for four months. Doesn’t the purchase make the decision for us? I wonder if the evaluation will be truly an evaluation. In response Jeff noted the equipment would be useful for other purposes. But having it in hand will help guide

us. The evaluation would determine personnel needs, and assess whether all or some meetings should be blended going forward.

4. My preference all along was for separate zoom meetings. I wonder whether the decision in 4 months would be by the committee. Jeff clarified that the committee will bring a recommendation to the meeting, but the decision will be by the meeting as a whole.
5. As a member of the Meeting, I am comfortable with the recommendation. The money we need to spend on this trial is in the budget, without the money to hire a person. I am not yet of a mind to plan on evaluating for this being a permanent device. I supports the experiment as described, with all else to-be-determined.
6. I am totally in favor of this. There will still be a corner of the meeting that is not visible on-camera. I am in favor of paying for a tech person. We can afford the equipment. I think it also would be great to be able to include the Carol Woods Friends.
7. This is a great solution for people who participate very actively but sometimes have a health issue. Using this ability to stay close is part of being a caring community. We have the technology and should make use of it. I think this is really important, that we see each other even if it is not perfect. We must try to learn to use this tool. We have to be generous of heart and see the value for the whole.

From the chat:

1. Friend speaks my heart in support of this recommendation.
2. I celebrate the ability to have people from afar to also be able to partake in Meeting for Worship with attention to Marriage and also Memorial Services and other tender times in Friends' lives.

Friends reached unity for approval and accepted the proposal with appreciation for the Zoom Committee members who have been generous in lending their own equipment and lugging it and operating it.

8. Bob Durovich presented the annual report for Buildings & Grounds Committee, for the year ending June 30. It is attached here as Appendix 4. Friends expressed gratitude and accepted the report.

9. Dottie Henninger presented a memorial minute for Kittie Bergel. It is attached here as Appendix 5. Friends added their appreciation for Kitty's sister's care and devotion. Carolyn struck by what a tender and loving minute is, and how her life as a Quaker and a Friend showed. Appreciated her own words appearing in the minute. Thank you, Dottie.

For Monteze the minute itself is a gift of love to kitty as well as a gift to the meeting and so appreciates dottie writing it for us. Dottie finds writing memorial minutes valuable for herself, too. Minute approved.

9. Wendy Michener presented revised Peace and Justice committee description. It is attached here as Appendix 6. It will be discussed at the September meeting.

10. Ann introduced a new agenda item: Other Concerns of Members, a time which will provide an opportunity for unseasoned concerns, if any, to be identified only and simply heard or referred.

11. Our next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business is planned for 9:00 AM on 9/18/2022.

Friends share several announcements, which have also been sent out through our enews:

Hank Elkins announced Peace & Justice Committee is offering a training for registering voters.

The annual Clerks retreat will be held September 10, 10-12. The theme is Spirit-Led Committee Meetings.

There is an upcoming Quaker Earth Care Witness workshop

There is an upcoming Quaker History event at Guilford college

The Quaker Call is ongoing, at quakercall.net

Meeting closed with a virtual circle in time for getting to Worship

Appendix 1

Returning Citizen Financial Assistance Committee

Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

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 establishes a support circle for a returning citizen. Due to the pandemic and closure of OCC to visitors, including Yoke Fellows, the committee has worked directly with two partners from the Hillsborough Reentry House Plus to assist men transferring from OCC to the Reentry House upon release.

The committee meets on an as needed basis, conducting most of its business via email. Requests during FY'2021-22 included clothing and personal needs upon release from OCC.

Over the year we provided assistance two men who moved from OCC to the Hillsborough Reentry House Plus.

We had a carryover balance from FY2021-22 of \$2,323.55 and spent \$202.07, leaving a carryover budget for FY2022-23 of \$2,121.48.

The coming year remains uncertain as we adjust to some opening up and new plans. We are unable to visit OCC at this time but are led to believe that Yoke Fellows will start up sometime this fall. We cannot predict what needs might arise during the coming year due to the uncertainty about being able to get to know the men we hope to serve.

We are grateful to Ann Shy for her willingness to serve as clerk of the committee effective July 1, 2022. Asta will remain on the committee as a member, as will all the others who currently serve.

Submitted by the ReCFAC: Asta Crowe (clerk), Ann Shy, Nancy Milio, Gwynne Pomeroy, Richard Miller and David Schneider.

Appendix 2

End of fiscal year report for the year ending June 30

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Cash Basis

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Balance Sheet
As of July 1, 2022

	<u>Jul 1, 22</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1-Checking Truist-2699	45,392.20
2-Savings Truist-9737	56,131.11
3-Designated Renova Truist-4039	31,925.45
4-Designated Funds Truist-4593	
Care and Counsel Support Funds	7,887.39
ReFac Support Funds	2,121.05
Shotts Leadership Support Funds	4,024.65
Youth Service Support Funds	3,116.25
4-Designated Funds Truist-4593 - Other	715.31
Total 4-Designated Funds Truist-4593	<u>17,864.65</u>
Total Checking/Savings	151,313.41
Other Current Assets	
FF- General Fund Designated	27,351.32
FF- Physical Plant Resrv Fund-D	34,938.09
Total Other Current Assets	<u>62,289.41</u>
Total Current Assets	213,602.82
Other Assets	
FF- Shotts Endowment Rst	37,050.95
Total Other Assets	<u>37,050.95</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>250,653.77</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	-214.96
Total Accounts Payable	-214.96
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	520.33
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>520.33</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>305.37</u>
Total Liabilities	305.37
Equity	
FF Unrealized Gain/Loss	18,940.00
Opening Balance Equity	134,376.03
Unrestricted Net Assets	97,032.37
Total Equity	<u>250,348.40</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>250,653.77</u>

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Cash Basis

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Budget v. Actuals
July 2021 through June 2022

	Jul '21 - Jun 22	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Contributions	70,246.91	56,050.00	125.3%
Parking space rental	6,760.00	2,100.00	321.9%
Total Income	77,006.91	58,150.00	132.4%
Gross Profit	77,006.91	58,150.00	132.4%
Expense			
A-Obligations			
Bank Fee	50.00	50.00	100.0%
FDS Coordinator/Childcare	6,819.75	7,000.00	97.4%
Insurance	6,291.00	5,900.00	106.8%
Software License Fee	658.88	1,000.00	65.9%
UBIT, Storm Fees	1,946.49	1,000.00	194.6%
Utilities	5,228.51	5,300.00	98.7%
Total A-Obligations	20,994.63	20,250.00	103.7%
B-Committees			
Adult Religious Ed	0.00	150.00	0.0%
Building and Grounds	6,339.42	8,500.00	74.6%
Care and Counsel			
Meeting for Suffering	0.00	200.00	0.0%
Care and Counsel - Other	0.00	110.00	0.0%
Total Care and Counsel	0.00	310.00	0.0%
Children's/Youth Religious Ed	0.00	400.00	0.0%
Communication Technology	494.01	500.00	98.8%
Finance			
Contingency Fund	0.00	300.00	0.0%
Credit Card Fee	200.85	400.00	50.2%
Finance - Other	1,458.65	1,000.00	145.9%
Total Finance	1,659.50	1,700.00	97.6%
Friends Transition & Suppt-Yoke	250.00	500.00	50.0%
Hospitality	160.36	420.00	38.2%
IFC	0.00	50.00	0.0%
Library	150.00	370.00	40.5%
Ministry and Worship	238.16	500.00	47.6%
Nominations	0.00	40.00	0.0%
Peace and Justice			
National Quaker Service	245.72	900.00	27.3%
Peace and Justice - Other	0.00	150.00	0.0%
Total Peace and Justice	245.72	1,050.00	23.4%
Publications and Communications	821.69	50.00	8,216.9%
Total B-Committees	10,358.86	14,500.00	71.4%
D-Benevolences			
Legacy Benevolences	17,380.00	17,380.00	100.0%
M&W Benevolences	1,400.01	1,400.00	100.0%
P&J Benevolences	4,620.00	4,620.00	100.0%
Total D-Benevolences	23,400.01	23,400.00	100.0%
Total Expense	54,753.50	58,150.00	94.2%
Net Ordinary Income	22,253.41	0.00	100.0%

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Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Budget v. Actuals
July 2021 through June 2022

	Jul '21 - Jun 22	Budget	% of Budget
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Misc Income			
Building Renovation Donation	10,554.15		
Interest Income	40.19		
Shotts payout	1,459.72		
Total Misc Income	12,054.06		
Total Other Income	12,054.06		
Other Expense			
Building Renovation	322.02		
Returning Citizens (ReFac)	202.17		
Shotts Leadership	700.00		
Total Other Expense	1,224.19		
Net Other Income	10,829.87		
Net Income	33,083.28	0.00	100.0%

Appendix 3

Update and Recommendations for Blended Meeting for Worship

The Ministry & Worship Committee (M&W) has carefully considered ways to enable all of us to worship together, understanding that many Friends are not able to attend meetings for worship in person. Since July 2021, we have provided in-person and online worship options on a regular basis. Over the last year, M&W has heard members and attenders lift up visions, values, opportunities, and concerns about worship and community.

The Zoom subcommittee, under the care of M&W since 2020, has regularly informed M&W about evolving opportunities for blending online and in-person worship, informed by experiences of other Friends Meetings across the country. The Zoom subcommittee tested equipment and held four trial meetings for worship that successfully blended Zoom participation with in-person attendance in the meeting room. The subcommittee applied borrowed equipment to achieve blended worship and identified the best technical components to recommend for purchase by Chapel Hill Friends Meeting: computer, web camera, monitor (TV), microphones, and tablet. Total cost is estimated between \$3,500 and \$4,800.

M&W has been sitting with these considerations for months, with attention to the quality of worship and the quality of our Meeting as a welcoming community.

M&W reached unity to recommend that the Meeting purchase the equipment recommended by the Zoom subcommittee to enable blended worship. M&W recommends starting by holding blended meetings once a month for four months, with technical support from the Zoom committee. After four months, M&W plans to revisit the recommendation regarding the frequency of blended meetings and requirements for a technician to operate the equipment in the meeting room.

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Buildings & Grounds (B&G) Annual Report for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year

Responsibilities

1. Monitor the conditions of the meeting house and property
2. Schedule workdays to engage Friends in the care of the meeting house and property
3. Assess need for professional or extensive work and recommend same to MWAB
4. Oversee professional work
5. Oversee use of the meeting house and school
6. Recommend applicants for the position of meeting house resident
7. Oversee the meeting house resident's activities
8. Work closely with meeting house resident

General

1. In person worship began in July with worshippers wearing masks. Window fans increase air turnover while the HVAC systems are off to avoid re-circulating air that could possibly contain virus. Portable HEPA air purifiers are run in the foyer, 1st floor bathroom and the nursery. The use of the meeting house remains limited to the early and late meetings for worship. The resident continues living in the resident apartment.
2. B&G met with M&W to explore ways to reduce the risk of viral transmission and improve comfort during worship. Several members from both committees expressed strong opinions against this. Various reasons were given. No path forward was developed.
3. B&G, like other committees, met monthly on Zoom which was effective for committee discussions but did little for camaraderie.

Tasks Completed

Committee members, either themselves or through others, addressed issues related to the building, property, Chapel Hill Early School (CHES) and committee's function.

Building

4. Replaced the first floor toilet which often failed to flush cleanly
5. Installed an astragal on the front double door for a better air seal
6. Replaced a broken door closer on one of the front double doors
7. Epoxied the nursery room exterior threshold to stop water from entering the room
8. Modified HVAC ducting to eliminate a back flow between HVAC systems
9. Modified the HVAC return registers to accept 2" thick filters to align with current commercial standards
10. Optimized the T-coil performance to resolve an issue affecting some with hearing aids
11. Rebuilt the steps leading the area of the magnolia tree to the front porch
12. Secured the loose handrails along the concrete steps that connect the parking lot with the porch

13. Replaced the broken front security light
14. Replaced a dry rotted exterior panel on the foyer
15. Re-stained one of the front benches
16. The AED was removed from the lobby until a battery and electrodes, which are back-ordered, are replaced.
17. The annual elevator and fire extinguisher inspections were completed.
18. Power washed the meeting house, porch, sidewalks, school deck and CHES sleeping cots

Property

1. Removed a dead tree that could have damaged property or hurt someone should it had fallen
2. Held two work days in December and May to do seasonal maintenance

Chapel Hill Early School

1. CFS is responsible for the maintenance of the building and any improvements. This past fiscal year CHES installed two water features. In the fall, the one near our shed was left partially on over a weekend resulting in an inflated water bill for the site. CHES paid the overage and now is more vigilantly monitoring the features. CHES replaced the oven which was broken. The school is also investigating the reason for the front door binding. This may be related to building settling.

Other

2. The committee developed a Calendar of Activities
3. Additional copies of building drawings were made and annotated. The notes captured a number of things that previously were known only by a few people.

Looking Forward

- A new crack has appeared in the south west facade of the meeting house above and to the left of the outside door into the meeting room suggesting settling issues. An inspection of the drainage pipes has found two with blockages that must be addressed. Landscaping/hardscaping is needed to direct water away from the building and towards the catch basin.
- On M&W's request, the committee has sought to engage an engineering firm to assess our HVAC systems with regard to reducing the risk of viral transmission. The consultant who quoted a couple of years ago cannot do the study until the fall. Other firms will be investigated.
- Additionally, the committee is discussing a couple of approaches to eliminate tripping hazards caused by settling of the concrete pads forming the surface of of the front porch and some sidewalks.

Resident's Report

John Hite, as the meeting house resident, continued providing basic care and security for the meeting house, the meeting grounds and the Chapel Hill Friends Early School (CHES) as the pandemic continued. He supported the work of the B&G, M&W and CYRE committees and also the Zoom ad hoc committees. John served as our daily liaison with CHES assisting with a few school building issues which occurred outside of school hours. John once again organized and supported parking for UNC home football games.

Committee Membership

1. 2021-2022 Committee membership: Bob Durovich (clerk), Wendy Michener, Tom Ludlow, Dottie Heninger, Bill Cleaver, Pete Malone, Dave Schneider, Kurt Hein, Caroline Carmen (CFES representative & ex officio member) and John Hite (resident & ex officio member)
2. As of the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year, Dottie Heninger and David Schneider left the committee. Wendy Michener and Bob Durovich began another term and Monteze Snyder joined the committee.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the B&G Committee,

Bob Durovich, clerk

Appendix 5

Memorial Minute for Kitty Bergel

Catherine (Kitty) Bergel

February 6, 1940 – July 29, 2022

Kitty was raised in a Quaker family, and Friends' beliefs shaped much of her life. She grew up in Orange Grove Friends Meeting in Pasadena, California. In adulthood, she maintained her membership in Quaker meetings in the communities where she lived in Claremont and Orange, California. She retired to Carol Woods Retirement Community where her sister lives in 2012, and soon transferred her membership to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. She was an active member of our Meeting: she co-clerked the Finance Committee, served on Care and Council and Ministry and Worship committees. She attended meeting for worship and forums regularly before her health declined. She remained profoundly grateful for Quaker meeting "where I have learned to listen to others and for the voice of the divine, and where, over years, I've seen lives speak. I've also learned from this meeting how the will of God is sometimes all but impossible to discern, but that effort continues – with all of us, in our own way." (Spiritual Journey, 1989)

Kitty's professional life reflected her Quakerism. For 22 years, she was a fund raiser for the American Friends Service Committee where she also served on the Executive Committee and held other administrative responsibilities. Kitty reflected: "I have felt grateful for my AFSC work as it's permitted me to work to make the world a better place while honoring the precepts of Quakerism. It's also aided my understanding of how to make social change and how hard that is."

Kitty heartily embraced life. She loved to laugh, to sing, write poetry, paint, read voraciously, travel, and share deep conversations with f/Friends and her daughter Liz Barragato. She was, however, accepting of death and endured her long illness with Grace.

We will cherish her memory.

Appendix 6

Revised Peace and Justice Committee Description

“This committee is responsible for providing a focus for peace and justice issues. It helps the Meeting be aware of background and current information. It brings opportunities for action to bear witness to our concerns to

(a) Meeting members and attenders

(b) individuals and organizations outside of the Meeting, and

(c) the Meeting as a corporate body in Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. Attendance at committee meetings is open to all.”

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