

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

November, 2012



Monthly Query:

What are we doing as a Meeting to communicate our presence and our principles to the community around us?

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Upcoming Forum Schedule

Nov 4 - "Do you believe in God? Do you pray?" This forum presents these queries and some perspectives on them offered by Albert Einstein as a invitation for participants to explore their own answers in small group discussions.

Nov 11 - "Ben Pink Dandelion" - a follow-up to Ben's day-long workshop on Nov 10

Nov 25 - to be announced

Dec 2 - "Iranian Theocracy: Stories of a Leading Exiled Family" (see page 2)

Monthly EnviroTip from the ECC

Before the holidays are really upon us this year, use this time to think about how you wrap the gifts you give. Why not consider an alternative to all the giftwrap, boxes, and bows that end up in the landfill every year? Consider funny papers, scarves, reusable gift bags, or other ways of presenting your holiday gifts. If you have already found a cool way of solving this dilemma, share it with the Meeting!

Forum: Iranian Theocracy: Stories of a Leading Exiled Family December 2, 9:30am

Zahra [Nikoo] Roodi and her husband, Dr. Mohsen Kadivar are a Shiite family with four adult children who were expelled from Teheran because, basically, Dr. Kadivar, as a Professor of Islamic Studies at Teheran University, said publicly that terrorism is not justified in the Quran. He was arrested, found guilty, not allowed to defend himself, and imprisoned at Iran's notorious Evan Prison. They arrived four years ago; he is now a Professor of Religious Studies at Duke. Nikoo wrote a book documenting the judicial process of her husband. She has done medical studies and classical Persian studies in Qum. They raised four children, the youngest of whom is at UNC Greensboro. Nikoo is a librarian volunteer at Emerson Waldorf School. Dr. Kadivar has also conducted Jumaah prayers at CHFM. Presented by the Imam and Duke professor, Dr Mohsen Kadivar, who will tell his story. He will be introduced by Nancy Milio.

Brunswick Stew and Pecans

Deadline to order: November 7

Once again Brunswick stew and pecans will be sold by Orange/Alamance Prison Ministry. The funds collected are used for the direct benefit of prison ministry at Orange Correctional Center, where a number of our Friends volunteer. Men from OCC visit our Meeting on a regular basis.

Brunswick stew, made by a local church, is \$8/pint, and pecans are \$13/lb. Please place orders with Asta Crowe before November 7. All orders must be paid in advance by check to Asta Crowe or to Orange Prison Ministry, or cash to Asta Crowe (receipt can be provided). Contact Asta at astacrowe@gmail.com or 933-4564.

IFC Stewards Fund Challenge

Deadline: December 31

The Stewards Fund has challenged the IFC to raise \$100,000 from new donors, lapsed donors, and current donors who increase their gifts. So, if you have never given to the IFC, now is a great time to start! Your contribution will be matched dollar for dollar by the Stewards Fund. If you haven't given to the IFC in 2011 or 2012, you are considered a

lapsed donor. Or, any donation you make that exceeds the total amount you gave during 2011 will be matched. Please help the IFC meet this all-or-nothing challenge.

A Message from Finance

YOUR FINANCIAL GIFT WILL BE APPRECIATED! Please consider a financial contribution to the Meeting. Help our worship community thrive. Your gift will help provide:

- * the meeting room and meetinghouse with heat/AC/lights/water/insurance/etc.,
- * the children and all of us with religious education/insight into spiritual journeys/updates on Quaker and community concerns and programs,
- * opportunities to enjoy one another's company at potlucks, gatherings of parents and children, retreats for Young Friends, game nights, the Christmas and Christmas Eve programs, the celebration of graduations . . .
- * support for this newsletter, the website, news@chapelhillfriends.org, "In the Light" emails, the listserv . . .
- * support for the Quaker House, Carolina Friends School, and other Quaker organizations
- * support for the IFC and other local and state-wide organizations
- * plus, giving your financial gift to the Meeting will just make you feel good.

Schedule for the Retreat with Ben Pink Dandelion

Saturday, November 10, Carolina Friends School (Upper School)

“Living the Quaker Way”

- 8:30-9:00 Greetings and light refreshments
- 9:00-10:30 Session One, “Living the Quaker Way: Why we do the things we do”
- 10:30-11:00 Break for refreshments and greetings
- 11:00-12:15 Session Two, “Living the Quaker Way”
- 12:15-12:30 Group photo
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch from Mediterranean Deli
- 1:30-3:00 Session Three, “Building Quaker Community for the Next 75 Years”
- 3:00-3:15 Break
- 3:15-4:30 Session Four and Wrap-up, “Building Quaker Community”

Note: Carolina Friends School is located at 4809 Friends School Road, which is off of Mt. Sinai Road between NC#86 and Erwin Road.

Ben Pink Dandelion, "A Very Short Intro to Quakerism"

In preparation for Ben Pink Dandelion’s visit and daylong workshop on November 10, some Friends might be interested in Ben's seven recorded talks at Woodbrooke in 2007. Each talk lasted for approximately 40 minutes and was followed by a 20-minute question and answer session. They can be downloaded at no cost from <http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/news.php/6/a-very-short-introduction-to-quakerism>

CFS All School Meetings for Worship

Submitted by Charlie Layman and Toby Berla,

Co-convener of the CFS School Life Committee and Parent Representative

We are writing on behalf of the School Life Committee of Carolina Friends School to extend a warm invitation to all members and attenders of the Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting to join us in worship. We have planned three All School Meetings for Worship for the 2012-13 school year, on the following dates: November 7, February 6, and April 17. The school community will gather in the gymnasium on the CFS main campus from 10:30 to 11:00 on these dates.

The School Life Committee supports and nurtures the Quaker dimension of school life. This is accomplished in many ways, including the creation of school-wide queries; the offering and support of special events on Quaker history, faith, practice and values; and by providing a place where the school's Quaker identity can be considered. The Committee strives to provide a forum for dialogue with members of the wider community, giving particular attention to the school's connection with the Durham and Chapel Hill Friends Meetings. The Afghan Sister Schools Partnership (ASSP) is under the care of the School Life Committee.

The Committee includes representatives from teachers, parents, Upper School and Middle School students, the Parent Staff Association, the Afghan Sister Schools Partnership, and CFS trustees, with some of these representatives also being members of the two local Meetings. We welcome members of the CFS community who carry a passion for nurturing the Quaker character of the school.

We would be delighted to have members and attenders of the Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting join us for these Meetings for Worship.

Ban the Box News

Orange County and Carrboro Town governments, following our oral petitions in May and June, have joined the towns of Chapel Hill and Hillsborough in eliminating the question about prior criminal convictions from their employment applications. Members of the Prison Committee of Chapel Hill Friends petitioned the four governmental entities.

Parenting Day Article

Rose Hoban has published an account of parenting day, complete with some splendid pictures. Ten members of Chapel Hill Friends participated in this event. The story can be accessed through the following link. It is reproduced here for paper-inclined readers.

<http://www.northcarolinahealthnews.org/2012/10/12/prison-visitation-helps-mental-health-for-inmates-their-kids/>

Prison Visitation Day Helps Mental Health for Inmates, Their Kids
October 12, 2012 by Rose Hoban

Children of inmates also have difficulty when their parent goes to prison. A recent visitation day gave a handful of children the opportunity to spend some quality time with their incarcerated dads.

In a recreation room outside Hillsborough, six men spent a recent rainy Saturday afternoon painting birdhouses, playing cornhole and having lunch with their children. What seem like normal weekend activities for parents and their kids was a unique experience for everyone involved: All of the men are currently incarcerated at the Orange Correctional Center, a minimum-security prison housing 220 inmates about a mile south of downtown Hillsborough.

“Where am I sleeping tonight, Dad?” asked DeMorris Tucker’s 8-year-old son when he arrived. (Children’s names are being withheld for privacy.) Tucker had to explain to his son that he wouldn’t be staying overnight, but that they would have almost four hours to hang out and play games. “He was three and a half years old when I came here,” said Tucker. “This is the first time we’ve had since then to spend any time alone together.”

Children punished too

“I think our system punishes kids for something that their dads are convicted of,” said prison chaplain Dave Nichols, who’s been working at OCC for a little over a year. “The kids don’t deserve to be punished; they didn’t do anything.”

Nichols helps coordinate the facility’s pre-release committee, and was in a meeting with a group of the men earlier this year when the issue of visitation with kids came up. The men started asking if there wasn’t some way they could have opportunities to connect better with their children so they wouldn’t be complete strangers when they eventually went home. “Some of the most powerful stories I’ve heard from guys are from grandfathers who talk about how one of their biggest regrets is that they weren’t there for their kids when their kids were growing up,” Nichols said.

One of those grandfathers is Bruce Miller, a long-term inmate who prepared a lunch for the event. Miller had children when he was locked up at age 22; now they’re grown and have children of their own. “We come to prison, we’ve deserted our families,” Miller said, pausing to compose himself. “I can’t make it up to mine, what they’ve missed. I can help these guys make it up to theirs, what they’ve missed.”

Birdhouses, books and cornhole

After watching a short film about bluebirds, the group gathered around tables to paint birdhouses donated by the N.C. Bluebird Society. Several of the children, who ranged in age from 6 to 15-years-old, positioned themselves such that they leaned continuously against their dads as they worked.

Muted conversation mixed with laughter from both kids and fathers as they painted; but once the games started, the room got louder. Cheers and shouts went up as father-child pairs playing cornhole against one another hit their targets.

Miller served a lunch of fried chicken, potato salad and a special dessert he called “flower pots” – crushed brownies and cookies mixed with gummy worms, placed in red plastic cups and topped with fruit flowers. “I figured it’d be fun for them to eat,” Miller said.

Inmate Jamie Ault still has close to two years to serve on a 10-year sentence for second-degree murder, but his 12-year-old daughter was already bubbling over with plans for his release. “I’m gonna teach him to play mudball, and we’re gonna go fishing and hunting and to the movies, and I’m gonna teach him how to ride [horses],” she said as Ault looked on, bemused.

“She was 4 years old when I got locked up. I put her on her first horse when she was 2 or 3,” Ault said. “This is the first time we could do something like play catch. It’s really great.” Ault said there was a lot for him to do when he got released – from finding a job to learning how to use a cell phone to re-learning how to drive.

“And I’m gonna teach him how to drive,” his daughter said with a big grin.

Reducing recidivism

Providing time for families is good policy, said Melissa Radcliff, head of the Chapel Hill-based Our Children’s Place, a not-for-profit that advocates for the children of incarcerated parents. “Visitation helps both in terms of incidents of misbehavior while people are still in prison, and then when people leave they have a support already in place, which then leads to a decrease in recidivism,” Radcliff said. “They’re going back to a known entity, instead of having to re-establish all of those relationships all over again.”

Radcliff said a recent study from the University of Minnesota showed that more-frequent family visits and stronger family ties make prisoners less likely to re-offend once they’re released. The study also showed that having better family relationships makes both finding housing and work more possible. Both are strong factors in whether a prisoner will re-offend.

Radcliff pointed out that most inmates in the prison system will eventually be released, and it makes sense to help them to re-integrate successfully. She also said there’s little hard data on how incarceration of a parent really affects kids’ mental health. “We don’t know in North Carolina how many children have an incarcerated parent,” she said. “Different figures range from 15 to 17 thousand, but if you don’t have that good a number, it’s hard to figure out how many are depressed, have problems in schools, are involved in the criminal-justice system themselves, and how many are doing OK.” Besides helping organize the visitation day, Radcliff is looking for grant money to survey the children of incarcerated parents in North Carolina.

Positive feedback

As the day came to a close, long hugs were followed by the men crowding around the door and waving to their departing kids. Then they sat down in a circle with moderator Riley Waugh to debrief. Waugh works with inmates in several states. "It was tough to see them leave," Ault said.

Waugh told the men they needed to handwrite letters to their kids telling them how much the day meant to them. "A phone call's great, but a letter is something they can hold onto. It's really important," Waugh said. He pointed out to them that this was just the beginning, and that in some ways parenting from prison is easier than the day-to-day. "You don't have to do the discipline, to be there when they're sick," he said. But he also told the men that days like this would make it easier to make the transition back to being a full-time parent. All of the men enthusiastically said how much they appreciated the opportunity to spend the time.

"Is there any way we could improve the day?" Waugh asked. The men were silent.

Prison program director Alicia Hughes, who had come in on her day off to be at the event, said a number of men involved in planning the event were not present because their kids are too old. "It helps the morale of the whole place" to get other men involved, Hughes said. She also said that they wanted to keep it small the first time, but that she was pleased with how the day had gone. "I enjoy things like this because I have kids of my own, and mine were that small at one time. I don't see it as work," Hughes said. "I would like to do it again and again."

Durham Friends Meeting 75th Anniversary Celebrations **November 17 and 18, Durham Friends Meeting**

Memorial Meeting for Worship

In celebration of all those who have been important to the life of Durham Friends Meeting
Saturday, Eleventh Month 17, 2012, 2:00-3:00 PM
Followed by Reception and Light Refreshments

Anniversary Celebration

First Day, Eleventh Month 18, 2012 at Rise of Meeting for Worship
Young Friends will enact a Short History of Durham Friends Meeting
A Simple Lunch will be provided, during which all will have opportunity to share stories of connection with Durham Friends Meeting.

The planning committee continues to invite sharing of photographs and written recollections from Meeting's history. Please send these to Margaret March margaretmarch2008@yahoo.com or 828-200-0447.

For the purpose of food preparation, please RSVP by Eleventh Month 10, 2012 to Margaret March, margaretmarch2008@yahoo.com or 828-200-0447.

Help Available for Yard Work

Gregory (Greg) Rogers recently re-entered our world and lives in Chapel Hill. He can do any work needed. He can lay bricks, work with cement, and do work around the garden or yard or inside the house. He is looking to supplement his pay; he now works at the new Carrboro hotel going up next to the Art Center. (He found the job himself by walking around looking for any possibilities for work.) Until we have contact information for Greg, please contact Maria Darlington, mariadarling@indylink.org.

Also, both Jimmy Farris and Reggie Thomas would like to help with yard work, chores, or odd jobs. Both are looking for full time work so they are available for odd jobs every day until they find full employment. You can contact them at the following: Reggie, (919) 360-2420; Jimmy, 919-525-4970.

Witness For Peace: Delegation to Colombia

February 8-17, 2013, application deadline December 15, submitted by Noah Myers

Seeds of Resistance: U.S. Policy Impacts on Food Sovereignty in Colombia

On May 15th, 2012 the US-Colombia Free Trade Agreement went into effect, including seed patenting regulations and tariff arrangements that will have serious consequences for small-scale producers throughout Colombia. Many of these growers are the same people whose efforts to provide alternatives to a coca-growing economy have been trampled since 2000 under the US anti-narcotics and insurgency program, Plan Colombia.

What to Expect:

- Explore firsthand the impacts of US economic policies on communities in Colombia
- Learn about Indigenous, Afro-Colombian, and campesino struggles to preserve their territory, culture, and environment
- Meet with different communities who are carving out a new path forward based on principles of food sovereignty
- Exchange seeds, growing strategies, marketing techniques, and stories that will help us to develop strategies for building a movement based on international solidarity that ensures the food security of our communities
- Learn to educate and advocate U.S policy makers and citizens
- Discuss ways to act in solidarity with communities affected by US policies and practices

For more information or to apply, please contact Verena Wieloch (857-222-6463, magicbean73@gmail.com) or Jessye.Weinstein@gmail.com.

Witness for Peace (WFP) is a politically independent, nationwide grassroots organization of people committed to nonviolence and led by faith and conscience. WFP's mission is to support peace, justice and sustainable economies in the Americas by changing U.S. policies and corporate practices which contribute to poverty and oppression in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Carolyn White, Clerk; Robin Harper, Recording Clerk
October 21, 2012

Worship and query: In what ways do I respond to or create opportunities to join with other faiths in worship, in social action, and in spiritual dialogue? One Friend spoke, recognizing the ice cream social as a worthwhile effort to bring different groups together.

Our clerk expressed and was joined by the Meeting in appreciation of the Friends who helped with the work morning on Oct. 20, and those who planned and hosted the ice cream social following it, which was held in celebration of our Meeting's 75th anniversary. Bonnie Raphael, Dottie Heninger, and Karen Merrey were especially recognized for their work. The social was well attended by Meeting members and attenders, as well as other friends who use our facilities, including the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Rose Aslan of the Muslim congregation, the Mennonites, the Chapel Hill Early School, and the Peace Coalition.

Gratitude was also expressed to the entire 75th anniversary ad hoc committee, for their vision, inclusiveness, and efforts to make the celebration encompass all the areas of our Meeting.

Carolyn also recognized that our longtime Meeting member, Marilyn Dyer, just turned 90 this week!

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

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

3. Finance Committee Reports—Matt Drake (Attached)

After looking at final contributions for 2011/12, the Finance Committee recommends the Meeting increase its 2012–2013 budget total from \$58,000 to \$61,000. This would increase benevolences from \$23,170 to \$26,170. The effects on benevolences by committee are:

ARE - \$150
M&W - \$1400
P&SC - \$24,620
Total - \$26,170

Peace & Social Concerns will give its recommendations for benevolences in December.
Approved.

There was some discussion about the high UBIT (Unrelated Business Income Tax), and about what the government spends that tax money on. Matt noted that we are still paying some penalties for not having paid this tax for many years. And while we as Quakers are not in favor of our tax monies going toward military spending, we must also recognize that this income (from football parking) is not related to our real purpose. Bill Jenkins from P&SC will take this issue back to their committee for consideration.

The reports were accepted with gratitude.

4. Bus Ad Co-sponsorship

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee recommends the Meeting donate \$100 to the Church of Reconciliation for funding of a bus ad urging the building of peace with justice and equality in Palestine–Israel. The Meeting endorsed the ad with a minute approved at the September 16, 2012, Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. The Meeting was also clear that the money should come not from P&SC but from the Meeting's Contingency Fund, as a stronger statement of our support.

Approved.

5. Recommendation to lay down Bridging the Faith Divide ad hoc Sub-committee—Curt Torell (Attached)

Curt brought a recommendation to lay down the Bridging the Faith Divide ad hoc sub-committee. The sub-committee has worked under the care of P&SC. Curt thanked the Meeting for its support, its openness to learn and appreciate Islam, and its warm embrace of our Muslim brothers and sisters. Those who have been involved with the sub-committee over the years include Nancy Milio, Barbara Conger, Miriam Thompson, Diane Rowley, Graeme Durovich, Marilyn Dyer, and Curt Torrel.

Approved.

The Meeting expressed its great appreciation to the Bridging the Faith Divide ad hoc sub-committee, whose work has enriched our Meeting and heightened our awareness of issues facing our local Muslim community.

6. Directory volunteers needed—Robin Harper

Publications & Records needs volunteers to phone members and attenders to update their contact information for the directory. Robin Harper took down the names of Ryan Jarrell, Jeff Brown, and Dirk Spruyt; Max Drake and Bill Jenkins can help after the election.

7. Nominations Committee deeply needs your service—Jeff Brown

Volunteers are needed to work on the Nominations Committee for the coming year, especially since we will be discerning a new presiding clerk. Please contact Jan Hutton or Pam Schwingl on the Naming Committee, for more information. The main work of Nominations generally runs from February through April.

Jeff also announced the upcoming PFF Fall Fellowship gathering, October 27 at New Garden Friends Meeting in Greensboro. Bill Rogers, former president of Guilford College will give a talk and lead discussion on “Quakers and Politics.” Registration and a small fee are required; lunch is provided. See more information on our website and in the newsletter.

8. Messages and Announcements:

- a. There will be a welcoming party for Andrea Wuerth and Herbert Struemper and their children at the November potluck.
- b. Mennonites have spoken to B&G and M&W, and have offered to remove our old piano and purchase an electric keyboard for the Meeting room. The piano would be for our use, as well, while they use our building. They propose moving the Meeting room piano to the schoolhouse, and getting rid of the one currently in the schoolhouse.
- c. More volunteers are needed at potluck. Please help with clean up.
- d. The ad-hoc Archives committee has met once, to begin the process of organizing meeting records of births, deaths, memberships, etc. They will bring a report to MWAB soon.
- e. Next week’s forum: “Environmentalism and the Christian Canon,” by Ryan Jarrell. Ryan will draw on selections from Hebrew and Christian scripture.
- f. The culmination of our 75th anniversary celebration will be the discussion with Ben Pink Dandelion on Nov. 10, 9:30am–4:30pm, at CFS. Signup sheet on the door.

Worship and greeting

Attending: Max Drake, Dirk Spruyt, Perry Martin, Bill Jenkins, Curt Torell, Emilie Condon, Ruth Zalph, Ryan Jarrell, Bettie L. Flash, Brian Stuhmuller, Jeff Brown, Tom Ludlow, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, George Walker, Byron Stevens, Paul Munk, Joyce Munk, Michael ____, Maria Darlington, Ann Kessemeier, Dottie Heninger

CHFM Treasurer's Report, July 2011 through June 2012

INCOME		July 1-June 30	Other Income
Contributions		\$61,242.36	
Building rental			\$5,652
Parking space rental			\$5,665
Donations to YRE activities			\$1,850
TOTAL INCOME		\$61,242.36	
EXPENSES	2010-2011 budget	Expenditures For fiscal year	Under, Over, or On Budget
Committees:			
Adult Religious Education	\$200	0	Under by \$200
Buildings & Grounds	\$17,020	\$12,767.80	Under by 4,252.20
Care & Counsel	\$100	0	Under by 100
CRE/YRE*	\$5,350	4,637.83	Under by 712.17
Environmental Concerns	\$650	19.49	Under by 630.51
Finance	\$300	314.62	Over by 14.62
Hospitality	\$450	62.88	Under by 387.12
Library	\$400	133.94	Under 266.06
Ministry & Worship	\$500	260.25	Under by 239.75
Nominations	\$25	9.31	Under by 15.69
Peace & Social Concerns	\$550	313.43	Under by 236.57
Publications & Records	\$2,000	1,848.63	Under by 151.37
Total Committee Expenses	\$27,545	\$20,368.18	Under by \$7,176.82
Special Funds			
National Quaker Service	\$2,000	\$1,000	Under by \$1,000
Meeting for Suffering	\$135	0	Under by \$135.00
Contingency Fund	\$1,000	\$60	Under by \$940
Future Needs of Meeting			
Leadership Development	\$100	\$100	On budget
Physical Plant Fund	\$4,000	\$4,000	On budget
Wider Quaker Community			On budget
	\$29,220	\$29,170	Under budget
Local & Regional Orgs.			On budget
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$64,000	\$54,698.18	Under by \$9,301.82

*See further explanation on next page.

2011-12 Budget Year Report

- (1) All the Meeting's 2011-12 bills were paid and funds and benevolences fulfilled.
- (2) Contributions to our \$64,000 2011-12 budget totaled \$61,242.36. This means that contributions were \$2,757.64 lower than we had hoped.
- (3) However, most committees spent less than their budget and were "under budget" by a total of \$7,176.82. In addition, only half of the National Quaker Service Fund and 6% of the Contingency Fund were used.
- (4) In summary: the Meeting's contributions income was \$61,242.16 and expenses were \$54,698.18, so \$6,544.128 in contributions was not spent. This amount was placed in the Meeting's checking account.
- (5) As approved by Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business last year, the building rental income of \$5,652 was placed in the Renovations Fund account at BB&T.
- (6) YRE income and expenses are handled separately:

Income		Expenses	
Football parking	\$5665	SAYF	\$3368.43
Donations*	<u>\$1850</u>	UBIT	<u>\$2324.24</u>
Total income	\$7515	Total expenses	\$5692.67

*Durham Meeting and parents

Income - expenses = \$1822.33

This total was added to the Meeting's checking account.

Bank and Investment Report

- (1) On June 30, the end of the fiscal year, we were in the process of moving our accounts from Bank of America to BB&T. On June 30, 2012, the checking account at Bank of America contained \$27,704.82. From this, the second half of the benevolences (\$14,585) was paid.
- (2) By June 30, 2012, we had also opened a checking account at BB&T. On that date, the account contained \$14,723. We also opened a savings account, which on that date contained \$250.
- (3) Since July 1, 2012, all 2012-13 income to the Meeting has been placed in the BB&T account and all 2012-13 expenses paid from that account. As soon as all the BoA checks have cleared, the remainder in the Bank of America accounts will be transferred to BB&T and the BoA accounts closed.
- (4) On June 30, 2012, our investments with Friends Fiduciary Corporation totaled \$58,347.71. The money is divided among three accounts: Bequest Fund (\$3,075.82), General Fund (\$24,776.65), and Physical Plant Fund (\$30,495.24).

CHFM Treasurer's Report, First Quarter, 2012-2013
(see next page)

INCOME		July 1–Sept 30	Other Income
Contributions ^a		12,603.37	
Building rental			\$860
Parking space rental			\$1,725
Miscellaneous			\$700
TOTAL INCOME		12,603.37	
EXPENSES	2012–2013 budget	Expenditures to date	Amount Remaining
Committees:			
Adult Religious Educ.	200.00	0	200
Buildings & Grounds ^b	17,470.00	2188.84	15,281.16
Care & Counsel	100.00	0	100
CRE/YRE ^{c,d}	5,350.00	695	4,655
Environmental Concerns	200.00	0	200
Finance	300.00	60.65	239.35
Hospitality	350.00	0	350
Library	400.00	61.45	338.55
Ministry & Worship	500.00	0	500
Nominations	25.00	0	25
Peace & Social Concerns	200.00	0	200
Prison Visitation	500	77.24	422.76
Publications & Records	2,000.00	159.66	1,840.34
Total Committee Expenses^d	\$27,595.00	\$3,242.84	\$24,052.16
Special Funds:			
National Quaker Service	2,000.00	-	2,000
Meeting for Suffering	135.00	-	135
Contingency Fund	1,000.00	--	1,000
Future Needs of Meeting			
Leadership Development	100.00	-	100
Physical Plant Replacement	4,000.00	-	4,000
Wider Q Comm'ty Benev's			
	\$26,170		26,170
Local/Regional Org Benev's			
BUDGET TOTAL	\$61,000	\$3,242.84	\$57,757.16

(footnotes are on the next page)

^aIncludes CFS OWASA rebate

^bIncludes insurance, maintenance, utilities, and landscaping..

^cPrimarily compensation for First Day School Coordinator and Nursery Care person.

^dDoes not include the YRE \$3,500.

Bridging the Faith Divide Ad Hoc Sub-Committee Report Oct. 21, 2012 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

The Bridging the Faith Divide Ad Hoc Committee (BFD) was formed by a Feb. 5, 2009 minute approved by our meeting. It called for a commitment “to look for and engage American Muslim secular and religious organizations with which to learn together and collaborate on issues of common interest and concern.” Since that time, we made many connections, held forums, wrote supportive newspaper editorials, visited local mosques, and heightened our meeting’s awareness of issues facing our local Muslim community (see March 20, 2011 Report). A foundation now is formed, relationships are continuing, and our meeting’s understanding and response to our Muslim brothers and sisters is strong. While many more ties can and will be made to counter the continued presence of Islamophobia locally and throughout this country, the BFD committee believes that its original charge as an ad hoc committee is accomplished. It therefore recommends that the committee be laid down and that its work, as originally chartered, now fold under the care of Peace and Social Concerns. The current members of the committee, and hopefully others in our meeting, will continue our efforts and commitments to reach out, bridge these and other faith divides, and support the recommendations of P&SC. Our final act as a committee is to have Dr. Mohsen Khadivar speak at the Dec 2 forum, as a Shiite imam who was imprisoned and exiled by the Iranian government for opposing terrorism; he is now professor at Duke.

ADDENDUM:

Minute Modified and Approved by CHFM, Feb. 5, 2009

Accordingly, we at Chapel Hill Friends Meeting affirm that Quaker values compel us to:

1. In 2009, commit to look for and engage American Muslim secular and religious organizations with which to learn together and collaborate on issues of common interest and concern.
2. Commit to implement this initiative in a purposeful way by forming a small ad hoc committee, under the care of Peace and Social Concerns, that will:
 - a) Develop an inclusive outreach outline or plan that explores opportunities among secular and religious Muslim organizations, as well as other disenfranchised groups, for collaborative work, while gaining an understanding of shared truths;
 - b) Interpret, support, and report on progress of this initiative to our Meeting.

The ad hoc committee could help each of our committees explore ways it might link up with its Muslim counterpart. The outreach outline or plan could also supply contact numbers of a variety of Muslim and other diverse groups for longer term outreach efforts, relevant websites, and other background resources.

3. By the end of 2010, fold the ad hoc committee into the normal fabric of Peace and Social Concerns so that this effort becomes an ongoing part of its work and that of the Meeting. Individual friends and committees are asked to discern personally how it will live in our lives.

Calendar

(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)

- Sun. 11/4** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:45am Forum: "Do you believe in God?, Do you pray?" (see page 1)
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
12:30pm Potluck & IFC donations, also new members welcomed
- Tue. 11/6 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
- Wed. 11/7 10:30-11am CFS All School Meeting for Worship (see page 4)
- Fri. 11/9 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
- Sat. 11/10 8:30-4:30pm Retreat with Ben Pink Dandelion (see page 3)
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- Sun. 11/11** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:45am Forum: Ben Pink Dandelion - a follow up
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
- Tue. 11/13 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
- Fri. 11/16 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
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- Sun. 11/18** 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
noon Families and Friends Affected by Mental Illness - Schoolhouse
- Tue. 11/20 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
- Fri. 11/23 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
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- Sun. 11/25** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:45am Forum: tbd
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
12:30pm Environmental Concerns Com. - Schoolhouse
10pm Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!
- Fri. 11/30 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
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- Sun. 12/2** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:45am Forum: Iranian Theocracy (see page 2)
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
12:30pm Potluck & IFC donations – Schoolhouse
- Tue. 12/4 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
- Thur. 12/6 9am-1pm CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
- Fri. 12/7 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

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