

Chapel Hill

Friends Meeting Newsletter

Tenth Month, 2017



Monthly Query:

How am I a faithful steward of the environment?

Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee

~ Friends who set aside time each day for meditation, personal prayer, or reflection often find it strengthens and deepens their experience with the living silence of meeting for worship. Such preparation readies the mind and opens one's heart and spirit to engage in deep communion with others.

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Upcoming Forum Schedule

10/01: **“American Friends Service Committee - current events.”** Lori Khamala will discuss her work at AFSC involving immigrants.
Moderator: Carolyn White

10/08: **“Entering and Centering: Preparing for Meeting for Worship.”**
Join us for an exploration of some of the many paths for centering oneself in preparation for Meeting for Worship. “Miracles and wondering are often silently done. Only by listening carefully will we ever know they have come.” - from “Enter in the Meeting House” by Laurie Evans. Led by Ministry and Worship Committee. Moderator: Chris Stanley

10/15: **Meeting for Business**

10/22: **"Quakers Face the Challenge of the Trump Agenda."** Nancy Milio will talk about what FCNL and allies are doing to face “Trumpism”, as well as describe the political and international contexts in which this work is taking place. Moderator: Andrea Wuerth

10/29: **A Gift for the Animals:** This forum will NOT be about gloomy statistics or heartbreaking stories! The Ad Hoc Animal Welfare Committee brings good news: they will present their ideas for a new CHFM Benevolence recipient. YOU also have an important role to play in this forum--the committee wants to hear from Friends about the animal welfare issues that are closest to your hearts. They will make their presentation, and allow time to hear what speaks most to you. Presented by the Ad Hoc Animal Welfare Committee.

Notes from Carol Woods Quaker Worship Group

Allie Scales provides this update -

There are some eight Friends on the Carol Woods meeting roster, though rarely are all present on any given first day. The linch-pin of the group is Martha Gwyn, who has been a thread throughout the history of CHFM for many decades, with her husband Bob, first son Chris, and their large adopted family. Her daughter Hannah beautifully accompanies Martha on each First Day. I attended recently, and shared this month's query:

"In worship and after worship do I welcome visitors to our Meeting?"

Those attending were quite sure we would, and we DO!

So, please feel WELCOME to come join in Quaker worship at Carol Woods – which begins settling [at 11am](#) in the Audubon room (opposite the entrance doors), at Carol Woods Retirement Community, Weaver Dairy Rd. ~ *Allie Scales*

Minutes from Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Chapel Hill Friends Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB), Minutes for regularly schedule meeting , 09/18/2017

Attendance: Hangmin Ahn, Max Drake, Barbara Williamson, Tom Munk, Carolyn White, Monteze Snyder, Julia Cleaver, Faye Stanley, David Schneider, Chris McQuiston, John Hite, Emilie Condon, Bettie Flash, Lloyd Kramer, Carolyn Stuart, Kitty Bergel, Ben Ray, Joyce Munk, Asta Crowe, Naveed Moeed, Lois Ann Hobbs, Marion Warren, Jr., Rahmid Page-Bryant, Nellis Burton, Jeffrey Cates, Josh Cashel, Lynn Drake, Hank Elkins, Richard Miller, Ken Grogan, Don Hopper, Paul Munk, Wendy Michener, Curt Torell, Eddie Caldwell, Jennifer Leeman, Matt Drake

1. We opened with worship and with the query, "In worship and after worship do I welcome visitors to our Meeting?"
2. We welcomed three first-time attenders: Marion Warren, Rahmid Page-Bryant, and Eddie Caldwell.
3. Minutes of the 07/16/2017 MWAB - The July minutes were approved as written. No MWAB was held in August.
4. Archives Committee Annual Report. Julia Cleaver, Clerk of the Committee, presented the report (attached). Archives is an open committee and Friends were invited to join meetings at the rise of Meeting on the fourth First Day of the month. Julia thanked Robin and James Harper, who have rotated off the committee, for their contributions. In response to a question, Julia offered to meet with any committee that would like to use the Meeting Dropbox to archive their materials. **The report was accepted with appreciation for the work of the committee.**
5. Adult Religious Education Committee Annual Report. Carolyn White, Clerk of the Committee, read the committee's report (attached). In response to a question, Carolyn reported that the recordings of forums will not be posted on the website. She also noted that it was helpful if Friends would request forum time a few months in advance. **The report was accepted with appreciation for the work of the committee.**
6. Finance Committee Annual Report. Kitty Bergel, Co-clerk of the Committee, read the committee's report (attached). **The report was accepted with appreciation for the work of the committee.**
7. Building & Grounds Committee update on the meetinghouse lower level renovations. Don Hopper, Clerk of the Committee, reported that all the walls have been rebuilt. HVAC, electrical, and plumbing have been installed and inspections and approvals are nearly complete. Work currently is occurring on the floors, where unanticipated problems with moisture were encountered. Extra costs also will be incurred for wiring, which has been

more extensive than expected. We intended to upgrade power from 200 to 400 amps, so that we could install electric heat pumps but have decided to stay with 200 amp due to Duke Power's requirement that we shift to underground cable, which would mean digging a trench through the memorial garden and lots of rock, and would be expensive. The plan is to keep the gas furnaces and then prepare for possible future upgrades to 400 amps service. This will save us some money. We did not have the mold abatement costs we had anticipated. The anticipated move in date may now be as late as January. Our resident has housing through mid-December and has had plenty of offers for housing after that. Thanks were expressed for the work to date and specifically for the work of Don Hopper and Wendy Michener.

8. Building & Grounds Committee discussion on pursuing a meeting room renovation. Don Hopper, Clerk of the Committee, asked for Meeting members' input on developing recommendations for renovating the meeting room and parking lot to make them more accessible. Friends were invited to contact Don or other members of the committee with thoughts.
9. Peace & Justice Committee - Tom Munk. Committee Co-Clerk, presented the following minute on the US policy on torture on behalf of the Peace & Justice Committee. Kurt Torell further reported that the North Carolina Commission of Inquiry on Torture requested this type of endorsement from organizations supportive of their work. Kurt provided additional actions that individuals can take (attached). Naveed Moheed reported that all Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting (PFYM) members are pursuing similar minutes, and PFYM has approved a similar minute. Minute:

As Quakers, we seek a world at peace and free of cruelty. Torture is inhumane, immoral, illegal, and ineffective. The US policy on torture must be kept consistent with our nation's laws and stated values. The North Carolina Commission of Inquiry on Torture [<http://www.nccit.org/>] addresses the role of North Carolina in covert acts of detention and torture following the attacks on 9/11. The Chapel Hill Friends Meeting supports the faithful work of the Commission.

The meeting approved the minute which will be posted on the CHFM website, distributed to all PFYM meetings, and sent to the North Carolina Commission of Inquiry on Torture.

10. Ministry & Worship Committee report of the Clerks Retreat on Seventh Day, 09/16/2017. Faye Stanley, Co-Clerk of the Committee read a report on the retreat (attached).
11. Peace & Justice Committee - Naveed Moeed, Co-clerk of the Committee, requested approval to establish an ad-hoc committee to meet over the coming weeks to discern the questions of value about Sanctuary for our beloved community. There is a new sanctuary movement supported by American Friends Services Committee, Southern Poverty Law Center, among others, for faith communities to become sanctuaries or to support other faith communities who have done so. Chris McQuiston presented on the Church of

Reconciliation's decision to pursue becoming a sanctuary church, their creation of a sanctuary committee, and other steps they are taking to inform and engage the wider congregation. Bettie Flash reported on the Meeting's past experience with sanctuary and the importance of having this discernment before we commit to sanctuary. **We approved the creation of an ad hoc group to meet over the coming weeks to thresh what Sanctuary might mean to our Meeting.** Peace & Justice Committee will appoint at least one member to be on the ad hoc group. Concerned Friends were asked to contact Naveed if they are led to join the ad hoc group. (Additional information attached.)

12. We ended with announcements followed by closing worship.

Matt Drake, Clerk, and Jennifer Leeman, Recording Clerk

First Day School

Dear Friends of all ages,

We are excited to announce that the new First Day School Year starts next First Day on August 27th. This year we will have the nursery and lower, middle, and upper PODS. Students and parents are invited to consider which POD would be the best fit for each student.

The nursery will continue to serve babies and toddlers.

The lower POD will serve pre-school through elementary school age children who enjoy the structure of a circle time lesson followed by a craft or activity that is mindful of children's need to move and wiggle.

The middle POD will serve older elementary age through middle school age students as they become more peer focused and start to explore their values. This POD will focus on community building activities and be prepared to teach lessons in flexible ways that incorporate the strengths and interests of the group.

The upper POD will serve the oldest and most reflective of young adolescents through to those transitioning to adulthood. The group will be more conversational and reflective with most of the direction and planning coming from the students themselves.

Please mark your calendars for September 10th for the First Day School Welcome Back Picnic. Families, students, teachers, and community members are invited to meet on the porch of the playground at the rise of meeting to meet one another and talk about the year ahead. The Children and Youth Religious Education Committee will provide a picnic lunch.

May you all enjoy these last fragrant days of summer!

Kathleen

First Day School Coordinator

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

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Gene Roddenberry Fellowship

Jan Hutton shares with Friends:

"To chart a different course, we need talented individuals from all walks of life to play a role in promoting a more tolerant and just society that serves the many, not just the few. The Gene Roddenberry Fellowship has been created to support 20 of these individuals as they make strides to achieve this goal." <https://roddenberryfellowship.org/about/>

Quaker House shares this information about NCCIT:

The Board of the NC Commission of Inquiry on Torture (NCCIT)[1] is a new non-governmental project aimed at carrying out a visible, constructive public inquiry into North Carolina's important role[2] in the CIA Rendition, Detention & Interrogation program. It has a distinguished panel of 11 Commissioners, and they have set Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 2017, as the dates for high-profile public hearings on the U.S. torture program and NC's role. The hearings will take place at the Raleigh Convention Center, and all are invited.

NCCIT has gotten some good media coverage [3] already, and are reaching out to folks across the state accepting invitation to speak between now and the hearings. President Trump has promoted resuming torture and has named several prominent figures in the Bush-era torture program to high positions in his Administration. Given how centrally NC has been involved in the past, this could easily happen again.

For additional information, contact Christina Cowger, <http://www.nccit.org>

1 <http://www.nccit.org/>

2 <http://www.nccit.org/about/#background>

3 <http://www.nccit.org/nccitmedia/>

Quaker House News:

Quaker House welcomes Kindra Bradley, new Executive Director



Kindra Bradley, Executive Director, Quaker House

Quaker House in Fayetteville welcomed its new Executive Director, Kindra Bradley, who succeeds retiring directors Lynn and Steve Newsom.

The dual mission of Quaker House is seeking peace and providing healing resources for the wounds of militarism that are inflicted on military service members and their families.

Kindra, who has a daughter, Carmen, and who attended Spring Friends Meeting, spent the summer preparing for her new position by attending Quaker gatherings and by training with the Newsoms, who mentored her as she attended several local meetings. This summer she attended the Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting Association, Friends General Conference, and North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative). She witnessed Board Member Curt Torell teach youth and their parents about conscientious objection, as well as heard Quaker House Clinical Social Worker Joanna speak about her counseling to individuals and families whose lives have been affected by

destructive elements associated with war and combat readiness. She attended the GI Rights Network Conference and was immersed in its counselors' care and concern for service members.

Kindra was raised in a military family and understands the difficulties these families face. She was born during one of her father's two tours during the Vietnam War, one of her brothers was a Marine reservist in a specialized winter warfare unit, and her future son-in-law serves in the National Guard in North Carolina. Her family moved every three years and lived in different parts of the United States and in Germany.

Kindra leaves behind a law practice in Alamance County focusing on family law, representation of nonprofit organizations, and juvenile delinquency defense, all experiences that will contribute to her work with Quaker House. She also brings to Quaker House her experiences working as an immigration case manager, a Chapel Hill police officer and firefighter, a volunteer for the Red Cross, and owner/manager of a medical transcription business.

Everyone looks forward to working with Kindra for many years!

--Karen Porter, Quaker House Board

Benevolences Process

The Monthly Meeting for Business has a new benevolences subcommittee (Asta Crowe, Hank Elkins, Jamie Jacobs, Lloyd Kramer, and Tom Munk), and a new benevolences process. The subcommittee asks that all Peace and Justice benevolences begin with a nomination from at least one Meeting member or attender. If you have a strong leading to nominate an organization (whether it has been on the list in the past or not), please submit to tommunk@westat.com or any subcommittee member by November 15. Feel free to reach out to any of us with any questions. The form:

CHAPEL HILL FRIENDS MEETING – FORM FOR CONSIDERING BENEVOLENCES

and related instructions is posted on CHFM website, or a print copy can be found in the Meeting House. ~ *Naveed Moeed*

Nancy Milio: Letter to Editor to News & Observer: 'Young black boy'

I recently met a longtime prisoner named Ronnie Harris. The president had just urged police to not be "too nice" to suspects. His attorney general had recently instructed district attorneys to seek maximum penalties for non-violent crime. Congress, after coming close last year to passing sentencing and prison reform legislation, had introduced new harsh "law and order" bills that would add new crimes and steeper penalties under expanded control of the attorney general.

This demonstrates not only a lack of fairness in law by ruling out individual consideration, but also a lack of respect for human dignity, treating suspects and convicts as though they were less than human; in the words of the president, as "animals".

Ronnie Harris read a poem he'd written depicting his life and three decades behind bars. It reminds of the humanity of every person, that each deserves respect and has potential for transformation.

With his permission, here's a part:

Young Black Boy by Ronnie Harris

Young black boy: Why are you poor?

Young black boy: What do you want to grow up to become?

Young black boy: Why does your mother struggle?

Young black boy: Why do you live in a shack?

Young black boy: Why are you sad so much? ...

Young black boy: Where are your friends?

Young black boy: Why is your life so different from whites'?

Young black boy: Why do you not like school anymore?

Young black boy: What are the tears for?

Young black boy: Why is there no one to help you?

Young black boy: Can anyone see you?

Young black boy: Why won't the white teachers teach you?

Young black boy: Why are they laughing?

Young black boy: Why are you drinking so much?

Young black boy: Why don't you care anymore?

Young black boy: Why did you commit a crime? ...

Young black boy: Why are you in prison?

Young black boy: Why do they see you now? ...

Young black boy: Why go back to school? ...

Young black boy: Where is your family now?

Young black boy: Why do you feel abandoned?

Young black boy: Dry your eyes.

Young black boy: Men don't cry!

Young black man: Your pain and to tears have been heard

Young black man: You now have a new family and new friends.

~ *Ronnie Harris*

In recent months people at the highest levels of power and wealth have been suspect or charged with a range of unlawful behavior, of "mistakes." But they are being defended by the best attorneys money can buy. They want to be treated as individuals, their situations taken into account.

People like Ronnie Harris deserve the same individualized attention, not to be regarded as "animals." Fortunately, he will be released soon and will have Friends [Quakers] to welcome him. Every prisoner deserves the same opportunity for support during and after incarceration enacted in law and policy.

NANCY MILIO, CHAPEL HILL

Readmore here: <http://www.heraldsun.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article165975017.html#storylink=cpy>

Spiritual State of the Meeting

Please gather with us Saturday, October 21 from 9:00am until 11:00 to discern the spiritual state of our Meeting. What brings you to Meeting? What are your expectations in Worship? What are our Meeting's challenges? What have we to celebrate? These are a few of the questions we will reflect on as we seek to experience the working of the Spirit in our midst. Prepare for reflection, worship sharing, and light refreshments. We look forward to your participation on October 21! Your reflections on these queries will help us prepare our Spiritual State of the Meeting report for Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting.

Do you need childcare to attend? We are happy to provide it. Please contact Lynn Drake (linda.drake100atgmaildotcom) or Alice Carlton (amberalice47atgmaildotcom) before October 13 to request childcare.

Mike and Marsha Green to be Friends In Residence in Auckland, NZ

Mike and Marsha Green share with Friends:

We leave Durham next week to embark on a year-long adventure of being Friends in Residence in Auckland, NZ. We are blessed to have this opportunity, and remember fondly being in the Meeting in the 90s listening to stories from the Gwynns and Woodburys about their adventures as Friends in Residence in Hawaii. Back then we only dreamed of doing something similar -- now it is a reality.

Please hold us in the light as we undertake this service. You can follow our adventures and musings on our blog at greenedgesblog.wordpress.com.

The Orange County Department on Aging to form a Faith Group

The OCDA is working to form a Faith Group to share information, services and support to Orange County residents through their faith congregations. The group will also identify needs for seniors and suggestions for supporting our "growing wiser" population.

If anyone at the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting is interested in joining this group, please contact Yvette Missri at ymissri@orangecountync.gov or Shennae McPherson at shmcperson@orangecountync.gov Yvette or Shennae can answer questions about the Faith Group, meetings, and goals.

Update and Immigration Help for Afghan Refugee Family

Our Afghan mother and her children are well settled in Durham with their housing, work, school, health and mental health needs taken care of. As such we are winding down our 'official' support of the family, but the core group continues to support them and build on the relationships we have fostered. We will continue to provide updates on how they are doing.

They are progressing towards their Green Cards and as with all refugee applications have been offered travel documents. The new administration has changed the rules in this regard; whereas previously only the mother would need to pay for her documents (\$225 - an amount she can now afford), she now also has to pay for all four children. This inflates the cost to \$1,125 (\$225 each). An announcement was made at meeting in July and at last meeting and we have raised \$450 for them! Including her contribution we are looking for another \$450.

As mentioned above we are raising this outside the meeting's support structure so please contact Naveed directly (434-203-8709) or e-mail naveed.moeed@physics.org or alternatively there is a GoFundMe page <https://www.gofundme.com/help-refugee-mother-of-4-widow>

PFYM Survey on Peace & Social Witness concerns

Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting invites you to take part in a survey about peace and social witness.

For some time, the PFYM Working Group on Peace & social Witness has been holding a concern for strengthening the communication lines leading to action for those PFF/YM Friends who are concerned with Peace and Social Witness. To that end, the working group has prepared a 'survey' to collect information about peace & social witness concerns and those within our meetings who are led to participate in areas of concern. The PFF representative body has joined in support of this effort and thus the invitation/survey is being sent to all PFF/YM meetings.

At the PFF/YM annual retreat this past March the survey was completed by a good number of those in attendance. The Working Group is now seeking to expand participation by making the Survey available in electronic form for completion and submission.

Respond via the following link: <https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/WNyb4z> or use the paper copies now on the table in the foyer.

Adult Religious Education Committee Annual Report

September 2017

The Adult Religious Education Committee works to enhance the spiritual life of the Meeting community and to nurture the spiritual and intellectual growth of Meeting members. One of our main functions is to provide weekly forums on different topics connecting us to our Quaker faith and practice and to our role in the greater world. We ask committee clerks to suggest ideas for forum topics and also consider suggestions from members and attenders. We attempt to provide a rich range of topics and spend a part of each committee meeting analyzing them. Some forums fall into several categories. Over the past year, forums fell into these categories: personal sharing (5), Quaker Faith and practice (15), small group sharing (5), timely topics (10), outside speakers (6), social focus (9), wider community focus(12), and community nurturing (6). This year, at the request of Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting, we gathered attendance statistics for forums. Forum attendance ranges from 10 to 35 people with an average of 24 attending on a given Sunday.

The committee works with Publications Committee and Ministry and Worship Committee to ensure that forums are announced in a timely fashion. Forums are listed in the newsletter, on the Meeting's website and announced at the rise of both Meetings for Worship. Upcoming forums are also listed above the donation

box in the foyer. The committee tapes each forum and burns them to CD's, making them available for checkout from the library.

The committee welcomes suggestions for forum topics as well as suggestions for improvement. We thank the committee clerks and Meeting members for their forum suggestions as well as their willingness to prepare and lead. We invite Friends to attend the forums as a handy and valuable way to enrich their spiritual lives. Child care is available during forum time.

ARE members: Catherine Alguire, Max Drake, Dirk Kelder, Perry Martin, Carolyn White (clerk), Andrea Wuerth

August 28, 2016: "Summer Reflections and Autumn Expectations," a group sharing led by Wendy Michener and Dirk Kelder.

September 4: "FCNL Spring Lobby Weekend". Speakers: Tallulah Chen and Emma Hulbert. **September 11: "Matters of Choice".** Led by Bonnie Raphael and Eloise Grathwohl for Care Counsel Committee.

September 25: "What's New with IFC. John Dorward, Acting Director of Inter-faith Council

October 2: "Can we promote peace and justice when leaders seem willing to sell their souls?" Nancy Milio, presenter

October 9: Refugee Resettlement: CHF M Experience. CHF M Refugee Support Group presenting.

October 23: Personal Sharing by Madelyn Ashley.

Oct 30: "How can we make a difference in the way animals live and are treated?" The Animal Welfare Ad Hoc Committee

November 6 "How do we listen to the different ways people express faith in Meeting for Worship?" Led by members of Ministry and Worship.

November 13: "Coming to the Table." John Bell, Mariah Darlington and Monteze Snyder.

November 27: Sunday following Thanksgiving – FDS/Friends Day School - small group sharing on connections, family, giving thanks.

Adult Religious Education Committee Annual Report - continued

December 4: Personal sharing - Dottie Henniger.

December 11: "Honoring the Winter Solstice." Led by Faye Stanley and Carolyn White.

December 25: No Forum

January 1, 2017: A Proposal for Hope: Reaching the "Other" led by Nancy Milio.

January 8: Benevolences: Report from the ad-hoc Peace and Justice committee (cancelled because of snow)

January 22: "Eyes, Ears, Nose and Paws: nonprofit organization that trains and places assistance dogs. Maria Ikenberry and Deb Cunningham

January 29: "Voluntary Stopping of Eating and Drinking: A Little Known Option at the End of Life." Presenters: Susan and Elliot Schaffer.

February 5: Update on renovations to the Meeting House. Don Hopper, Building and Grounds.

February 12: Chaplain Jerry Love and the Orange County Correctional Ready Singers.

February 26: "Eldering for our time: its significance in this time of crisis and transition." led by Dirk Kelder and Max Drake.

Mar 5: Working with Refugee Children in Berlin. Milena Struemper

Mar 12: Linking Focusing Partnership and Quaker Process, led by Robert Lee.

Mar 26: Justice United. Devin Ross

Apr 2: "Dissent, Discuss, Deal in the Age of Trump." Presented by Nancy Milio.

Apr 9: "The Quaker Cooking Show," featuring the ingredients of the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. Presented by Matt Drake

Apr 23: Earth Day: Biodiversity:its importance to our planet and challenges. Presented by Peter White

April 30: Building and Grounds update. Led by Don Hopper.

May 7: Graduating seniors: Emma Hulbert, Grace Schneider, Emelia Stern

May 14: UNC graduation (no forum)

May 28: "Yesterday's Quaker Students, Today's New Leaders in Bolivia: Agriculture, Prisons, Health, and Education; The Work of the Bolivian Quaker Education Fund." Led by Hank Elkins, Pam Schwingl, Pat Mann and Barbara Williamson.

June 4: "FCNL Lobby Weekend: What we learned about how to make Quaker voices heard in DC."

Teen members of our Meeting

June 11: "Worship Sharing with Attention to Animals." The ad hoc Animal Welfare Committee

June 25: "Finding inspiration through reading." Led by Barbara Williamson

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE - Annual Report – 09/17/2017

The purpose of the Archives Committee is to collect, record, and store data pertaining to births, deaths, marriages, membership in the Meeting. It keeps a record of such events in the Meeting record book, the Memorial Book and the Memorial Garden Map. It also curates and preserves documents important to Meeting history. The Archives Committee is comprised, at minimum, of representatives from the Library, Publications and Communications, Ministry and Worship, and Care and Counsel Committees, as well as the Recorder and Recording Clerk. Other interested Friends are invited to join us. As with all Meeting committees, there is a generic committee email, archives@chapelhillfriends.org, which goes to all committee members. We meet monthly on the fourth Sunday at the rise of Meeting.

Our current members are: Eloise Grathwohl (Care & Counsel representative), Jennifer Leeman (Recording Clerk), Carolyn White (Recorder), Lloyd Kramer (Library representative), Pam Schwingl (Ministry & Worship representative), and Susan Inglis and Julia Cleaver (Clerk) as at large members. Currently we have no representative from Publications & Communications. We are so grateful for the huge contributions made by our departing Robin and James Harper. Without their tireless efforts, much of what is in this report would not have happened.

The work of our committee falls into two areas; 1) collecting and organizing and 2) policy setting. For the past year, we have structured our meetings so that every other month we would have a workday, sorting and filing the papers that have already been collected. On the alternate months, we worked on the policy issues of what and how to collect, as well as how our work overlaps with that of other committees.

Archives has been working with Eloise and the Care and Counsel Committee to develop guidelines for keeping better records moving forward. These include coordination around Memorial Minutes and the Memorial Garden Map. Archives serves in a recording capacity while Care & Counsel takes the lead on all activities following the death of a Friend. We will continue to refine these this year.

We are so excited that James Harper and Don Hopper have completed the lovely memorial plaque. It will be mounted on the side of the building listing the names and dates of loved ones memorialized in our Memorial Garden. We have a few recent additions that will be added in the coming month.

One area where we have not made progress this year, and which will be a priority in the coming year, is the Memorial Book. We have collected materials but the book has not been updated for quite some time.

The Meeting Recorder, supported by the Archive Committee, is responsible for maintaining a record of births, deaths, marriages, memberships, transfers and other changes in status of members of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. Historically, we have used a print record book and are in the process of entering all the historical information into Servant Keeper, the software program used by Publications and Finance committees. All new information is being entered into Servant Keeper which is easily searchable. Carolyn White, Recorder, attended a Servant Keeper training in the fall. The Recorder also compiles statistics (births, deaths, new members, total membership) for Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting.

In the process of entering our membership records into Servant Keeper, a number of questions arose around familial membership, and how we record grown children of Chapel Hill Friends Meeting members and attenders. These are people who have moved away without joining the Meeting, and who often consider themselves to be Quakers. Archives wrote some queries and a proposal which Pam brought to the Ministry and Worship Committee. As a result, Ministry and Worship has formed a taskforce to consider Familial Membership and what it means to our Meeting. This group, with representatives from Archives, Children and Youth Religious Education

(CYRE) and Ministry and Worship, has been meeting through the summer and hopes to bring a recommendation to Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business sometime this fall.

The Friends Historical Collection (FHC) at Guilford College has been the repository for our Meeting's records from the beginning. In October, we hosted a visit by Gwen Erickson, Archivist at FHC. Gwen was able to answer many questions about what they collect from the Meetings in NC, as well as what we might like to collect for our own records. We learned during her visit that the FHC depend on donations from Meetings, and that we have not been donors in the past. We requested, and Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business approved, that an annual benevolence, sponsored by Archives, will be added to the Meeting budget. Gwen also took the time to attend the High School First Day class to talk with them about her work and Quaker history.

In the last year, we have sorted and organized most of the existing records that we feel are of value; because they tell a story of the history of our Meeting. With the help of the Meeting community, we continue to collect valuable records. The Finance and Ministry and Worship Committees regularly upload the minutes of their meetings into the Archive online Dropbox. We collect notices about community member activities off the bulletin boards and file them. We periodically copy and print materials onto acid-free paper. We have collected old copies of Directories that will serve as a record of active participation of Members and Attenders over the years. We will be sending copies of these to the Friends Historical Collection. We would like to encourage everyone to think of us when you are tempted to throw away something that is related to the Meeting or to an individual Friend. Feel free to put items you find of interest or things that you feel tell the story of our Meeting in the Archives mailbox in the library.

We'd like to thank Curt Torell for his help in sorting through a large amount of Conscientious Objector and Quaker House documents, and making sure that we have all CO letters submitted to Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business on file.

In the coming year, we hope to get the Memorial Book and Garden Map refreshed and up-to-date. In addition, we will be focusing on creating a calendar and procedure document for our committee. We will continue to outline the role of the different representatives to Archives from other committees. We also hope to have the chance to meet with Lois Ann and other long time CHFM members to absorb some of the rich Meeting history they have in their hearts and memories.

For the Archives Committee, Eloise Grathwohl, Jennifer Leeman, Carolyn White, Pam Schwingl, Lloyd Kramer, Susan Inglis and Julia Cleaver (clerk).

FINANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 07/01/2016 – 06/30/2017

Your Finance Committee provides oversight of the financial affairs of the Meeting. We work closely with the Meeting Treasurer, Maura Murphy. Throughout last year, she reported to us monthly on income and expenses and other relevant matrices. We assisted her in the preparation of the 2016-17 fiscal year report, the quarterly reports to the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB) and the budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year. We also worked closely with the clerks of the Meeting's committees. They kept us updated on their committees' financial needs and expenses.

The financial condition of the Meeting is good. During the 12 months ending June 30, 2017, total income was slightly higher than expected and Meeting expenses lower than budgeted. The result was an "overage," which was placed in the Meetinghouse Renovation Fund. Friends contributed \$68,742.08 in regular contributions and \$119,139 was donated for the Renovation Fund. \$59,289 was spent during the fiscal year on regular expenses and \$27,471 spent on renovation expenses.

Approximately 20 % of the Meeting's financial assets are held in a Consolidated Mutual Fund managed by Friends Fiduciary Corporation in Philadelphia, PA. The Finance Committee monitors their returns and allocates our funds between our investment, checking, savings and Meetinghouse renovation accounts.

A primary function of the Finance Committee is to encourage contributions to support the budget. We have a process to accomplish this goal--inform the Meeting community about the Meeting's financial goals, invite Friends to contribute, thank them for their support and provide them with a contribution record for income tax reporting. Committee members were actively involved in the ongoing fundraising effort throughout the year. Projecting the amount of expected contributions is helped by Friends submitting a Giving Plan to the committee. Fewer plans were submitted this year compared to last year, so we strongly encourage Friends to complete a Giving Plan each fiscal year.

Maura provided monthly reports to the committee and kept on-going records to assist in our fundraising task. A change was made in the presentation of the budget to show specific ongoing funds under the heading of the responsible committee. We continue to use Servant Keeper to track contributions. The committee reviewed newer options for contributions (ie. - Electronic Funds Transfers or a "donate" button on the Meeting website) and decided against using these. The current Servant Keeper system works best with contributions by cash or check and some of the other methods charge a fee to administer.

In anticipation of a major renovation to the Meeting House, Finance committee regularly discussed the amount and availability of money to fund this undertaking. The Finance Committee coordinated with the Renovation Fundraising Sub-committee, clerked by Matt Drake, during the year. The latest projection of cost for the downstairs renovation is \$219,749, and work on this renovation started in June 2017. The balance in the Renovations account is equal to the projected cost of the project.

Our committee worked with the Peace and Justice Committee and their Refugee Sub-committee to support efforts to co-sponsor a Syrian refugee family and to help support an Afghan family.

We thank all who contributed for their generosity. We encourage Friends to support the work of the Meeting and to consider including the Meeting as a bequest in their wills.

The 2016-17 members of the Finance Committee were: Kitty Bergel (Co-Clerk), Annette Broadwell, Emilie Condon, Asta Crowe, Loren Hintz, Mike Jokinen, Tom Ludlow, Ann Miller (Co-Clerk), Ric Shepherd and Maura Murphy (Treasurer and ex officio member).

Forum 09/24/2017 – Casey Webber presenting

Casey provided this preface on the topic *“Quakerism, Anarchism and Pacifism.”*

...”anarchist political philosophy is a material ideology that Friends should look at when trying to follow the inner light within themselves and to uplift others.....the Sermon on the Mount is best politically served by anarchist views on direct action, rather than appeal to a violent establishment. (My talk will include) reference to Mary Dyer and Benjamin Lay, and how they influenced the American left.” ~ Casey Webber

The following are listener’s notes on Forum topic 09/24/2017 - *“Quakerism, Anarchism and Pacifism”* contributed by Samuel Leeman-Munk

In Forum on First Day, 09/24/2017, Casey Webber, son of Buffie Webber, who is currently facing charges that could amount to eighty years in prison for his participation in a protest against Donald Trump, spoke to the Meeting about what it means to be an anarchist and a Quaker. To start with, Casey exhorted us to forget about anarchists as the bomb-throwing terrorists of the twentieth century. Rather, he said, there are many similarities between Quakerism and anarchism. Casey is fond of saying that all of the jokes he learned about the Quaker process function equally well in anarchism, because the vast majority of the time in both communities is spent in meetings. Casey can consistently get a laugh from fellow anarchists when he suggests a committee be formed to discuss the forming of another committee. He then, he quips, often ends up in charge of said committee on committees.

When they are not meeting in committees or funding themselves with largely working-class jobs, the DC anarchists spend time in direct action to help the disadvantaged. Casey touched upon a number of different efforts in which the DC anarchists are engaged. "Basically all I know that the anarchists do is they read books, they make phone calls, they hand out food to the homeless." For his part, Casey organizes a free school in which experts volunteer time to teach advanced subjects to people who cannot afford a traditional education. His union helps organize childcare for workers who cannot take time off when a child becomes sick. Casey says this work is thirty hours a week on top of his full-time job. He does not mince words in describing what it's like to follow his calling, "Doing good works is not supposed to be easy. It's exhausting, it's tiring."

Although anarchism is not a violent philosophy in itself, Casey's work often brings him into contact with the sort of angry, disaffected people that have helped give the movement its negative reputation. People come to Casey's meetings eager to break windows and burn buildings. "Angry and hurt people curse me out," he admitted, "they don't like my worldview." Casey says that the terrorist strain of anarchism arose from the establishment's crackdown on peaceful organization, and the best way to move the anger away from violence into more productive channels is to recognize the validity behind many of these people's complaints. "It's very good to leave our comfort zone to help those who are hurting." "If you're going to leave this with anything," Casey said, "my hope is that you will look towards... supporting people directly and the community directly and those that are hurt directly, as Quakers inspired this political group to do."

People interested in contacting Casey may call Tom Munk at (919) 929-9135

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Reminder: Eno Friends Meeting of Hillsborough

The Eno Friends Meeting of Hillsborough meets on Sundays at 11 AM at the small building at 121 West Margaret Lane. There is parking next door at the library. This group has a minute of support from our meeting.