

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Newsletter

Seventh Month, 2018

Monthly Query:

Do I examine myself for aspects of prejudice that may be buried?



Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee:

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

Upcoming Forum Schedule –

There will be no Fora over the summer. Weekly forum will resume on August 26th.

- Aug 26: "Justice United Housing Efforts." Led by Hank Elkins of the CHFM Peace and Justice Committee.
Sept 2: "Summer reflections and autumn expectations." Group sharing led by Dirk Kelder and Carolyn White.
Sept 9: "Parenting and education in the 21st Century." Led by Brad Kershner, head of the CFS Early School

5 ways to take action against family detention

Lori Khamala (AFSC) shares with Friends:

Here are 5 things you can do today to speak out against the Trump administration's inhumane immigration policies:

1. Tell Congress to stop funding ICE and Border Patrol!

This week, members of Congress are making critical decisions on appropriations for these agencies in the upcoming fiscal year. Our elected officials need to hear from you today. Email your senators and representative, and tell them to stop using our taxpayer dollars for ICE and CBP.

2. Call your senators: 202-224-3121.

Phone calls are an effective way to get the attention of your elected officials. Call the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121 to look up your senators. Once you're connected, use our talking points below to let them know where you stand:

- As your constituent, I am appalled at the Trump administration's detention and deportation of families who come to our country seeking refuge.
- ICE and Customs and Border Protection have a long history of tearing apart families and terrorizing communities.
- I urge you to stop funding these two agencies.
- Please work for policies that respect the dignity and rights of all people.

3. Urge your friends to take action on social media.

Share our graphic "Keep loved ones together. Stop ICE and Border Patrol" on Facebook or Twitter, and encourage your family and friends to speak out in this critical moment. You can also download graphics for social media here:

<https://www.afsc.org/document/keep-loved-ones-together-stop-ice-and-border-patrol-poster-and-social-media-graphics>

4. Download and use our "Keep loved ones together" sign for protests and actions.

Join actions in your city to show strong support for stopping ICE and Border Patrol. Use these signs to broadcast a message to elected officials, the media, and your community. <https://www.afsc.org/document/keep-loved-ones-together-stop-ice-and-border-patrol-poster-and-social-media-graphics>

5. Support AFSC's work for immigrant rights.

In cities across the U.S., AFSC provides legal services to immigrants facing detention and deportation; offers know-your-rights trainings to community members; works with communities to document abuses by ICE and Border Patrol agents; and supports immigrants in organizing for policies that welcome and respect all people. Please help us continue this vital work by donating today.

Recommended Summer Reading

Friends gathered at forum June 10 to share books that had touched, influenced, inspired and entertained them. The following is the list of those titles. We wish happy reading to all!

CHFM recommended titles 2018

Fiction

Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Saints for all occasions by J. Courtney Sullivan
Moby Dick by Herman Melville
Too like the lightning by Ada Palmer
Ahab's wife by Sena Jeter Naslund
Call me by your name by Andre Aciman
Art of hearing heartbeats by Jan-Philipp Sendker

Nonfiction/Memoir

Reading with Patrick by Michelle Kuo
The Fearless Benjamin Lay: the Quaker Dwarf who became the first revolutionary abolitionist by Marcus Rediker
Stamped from the beginning: Definitive history of racist ideas in America by Ibram X.Kendi
Dreamland: True tale of America's opiate epidemic by Sam Quinones
Not a crime to be poor: the criminalization of poverty in America by Peter Edelman
Books by Annie Dillard, Anne Lamott, Bailey White
Book of Joy: Lasting happiness in a changing world by Dalai Lama XIV and Desmond Tutu
The Common good by Robert Reich
No is not enough by Naomi Klein
My life on the road by Gloria Steinem
When breath becomes air by Paul Kalanithi
Peace like a monkey by Marya Plotkin
An Odyssey: a father, a son and an epic by Daniel Mendelsohn
Lit by Mary Karr
My stroke of insight: a brain scientist's personal journey by Jill Bolte Taylor
Directorate S: the CIA and America's secret wars in Afghanistan and Pakistan by Steve Coll
Trauma cleaner by Sarah Krasnostein

Chapel Hill Sanctuary Needs Volunteers Right Away

Church of the Reconciliation in Chapel Hill has opened its doors under the regional sanctuary program to host a woman going through legal processes to prevent deportation.

Considering supporting the Church of Reconciliation's sanctuary for Rosa?

You can designate your own volunteer preferences here (without committing to anything):
<https://churchrec.us17.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=2c039fb34ec4b04a1a6d2f00e&id=0eecf86d2e>

To give much-needed financial support for Rosa's legal expenses, go here:
https://www.facebook.com/donate/1545266602252455/?fundraiser_source=external_url

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting - Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB)
Minutes June 17, 2018 - Matt Drake, Clerk, and Jennifer Leeman, Recording Clerk**

Present: Jeff Fisher, Robin Harper, James Harper, Matt Drake, Jennifer Leeman, Buffie Webber, Tom Munk, Curt Torell, Gwynne Pomeroy, Thomas Hanford, Emanuel Kearney, John Hite, Ken Grogan, Karen Porter, Wendy Michiner, Carolyn White, Carolyn Stuart, Dottie Heninger, Kitty Bergel, Jan Hutton, Richard Miller, Tom Ludlow, Deborah Biggs, Hank Elkins, Lynn Drake, Julia Cleaver, Jeff Brown, Ronald Carnes, Christopher Morris, Monteze Snyder, Tom McQuiston

1. We opened with worship and the query: "How do I balance aspects of my life with the time and energy needed for my spiritual growth and service?"

2. We welcomed first time attender Thomas Hanford.

3. Minutes of the May 20, 2018 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business – **The minutes were approved with the inclusion of the following minute in support of Casey Webber which was approved in May but not included in with the minutes printed in the newsletter.**

MINUTE OF SUPPORT FOR CASEY WEBBER - The peace testimony is central to the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). It is the context within which Casey Webber was raised in our Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. Through our First Day School classes, the nurture and support of our religious community, and interaction with others both locally and beyond, Casey was taught, in the words of our founder George Fox, "you will come and walk cheerfully over the world answering that of God in everyone." When faced with conflict, Casey was taught not to disengage but to act non-violently respecting the rights and dignity of each person.

When Casey turned 18-years-old, he followed Federal law and registered for Selective Service, even though he was fundamentally against participation in any and all war. Consistent with our meeting's practices, Casey took an additional step. He wrote a letter to our meeting articulating his beliefs and establishing an initial claim as a conscientious objector (CO)—a classification acknowledged by Selective Service law but not determined until after a draftee receives an induction notice. Conscientious objection is a manifestation of the Peace Testimony.

Quakers brought this conviction to this land when they arrived in 1656. Pacifist churches forbade their members from the use of arms in warfare. Casey took this seriously. He requested and on January 4, 2007 met with a Clearness Committee (a small group of Quaker elders) to discuss and help him articulate his beliefs. He sought out others in the meeting for their guidance, assistance, and editing. He questioned whether being granted a CO deferment would cause another person to fill his void. As a sensitive and peaceable young man, Casey did not want to pass on the consequence of his actions and force another to be drafted in his place. (In reality, deferments are included in a local draft board's quotas.) Casey also recognized that if granted a CO, he would still be required to perform an equivalent period of alternate service in fulfillment of his national obligation. His letter beautifully expressed his religious, ethical, and moral stance against any and all war and his testimony to peace.

The process that Casey followed registering for Selective Service and writing his CO letter illustrates his adherence to Federal law while remaining true to his deepest beliefs and principles. Casey's time, effort, and deliberation showed his firm commitment and integrity regarding nonviolence and peace. In accepting Casey's CO letter on May 20, 2007, the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting affirmed and bore witness to his claim and commitment to live peaceably and true to his faith. Minute approved May 20, 2018, Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, Chapel Hill, NC

4. Jeff Brown, Meeting's appointee to Piedmont Friends Fellowship (PFF), reported on the PFF spring meeting, March 30-April 1, 2018, at Carolina Friends School. Friends asked that the report be revised to make clear that that "the moving statements" read by Grace Schneider and Finn James were their conscientious objector letters. **We accepted the report with minor revisions.** The revised report is included with the minutes. Gratitude was expressed for the work of Jeff Brown who currently serves as PFF Clerk.

5. Emilie Condon, Meeting appointee to Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting (PFYM), reported on the PFYM annual meeting March 31-April 1, 2018) at the Carolina Friends School. **We accepted the report with appreciation for our Meeting's representatives to PFYM: Emilie Condon, Naveed Moeed, and Alice Carlton.** The report is attached. Friends were encouraged to attend future PFYM annual meetings as they

are able, with a reminder that all are welcome to apply to the Mary and Claude Shotts Memorial Fund to pay their registration fees.

6. Gwynne Pomeroy, Co-clerk, Nominations Committee, presented the committee's recommended list of Meeting officers, appointees, and committee members, which was presented initially last month and held over to this MWAB. There are still four vacancies: PFF, Quaker House Board, Finance Committee, and Publications and Communications. Two corrections were made: Karen Porter has stepped off the Quaker House Board and Pat Mann is on the Friends School Board until 2020. In response to a question, Gwynne clarified that all positions have term limits cited. For most committees Friends can be re-nominated as many times as they feel led. For Ministry and Worship and Care and Counsel, nominations generally are limited to two consecutive terms. **We approved Nominations Committee's recommendations for Meeting officers, appointees, and committee members for 2018-19 with gratitude to the committee.**

7. Kitty Bergel, Co-clerk, Finance Committee, presented the committee's proposed 2018-19 budget, which was presented initially last month and held over to this MWAB. **We approved the Finance Committee's recommended budget for 2018-19 with thanks to the committee.**

Kitty also reported on the status of contributions so far this fiscal year. Our year-to-date contributions are more than \$3,000 short of what we projected. Friends were asked to contribute as they are able prior to the end of the fiscal year on June 30th.

8. Julia Cleaver, Clerk, Archives Committee, presented the committee's recommendation that the Meeting approve a 2017-18 benevolence of \$150 for the Friends Historical Collection at Guilford College. **We approved the Archives Committee's recommended 2017-2018 benevolence of \$150.**

9. Matt Drake reported for Don Hopper, Clerk, Buildings and Grounds (B&G) Committee, that a sink hole has opened near the low corner of the parking lot. B&G is considering removing the catch basin and creating a path there to move water along the ground away from the parking lot. Matt further reported that planning is underway to remove the meeting room ceiling tile and carpet. A date to do the work has not been set. Finally, he reported that the temporary storage shed loaned by Richard Miller has been removed and B&G members met with the concrete contractor who is scheduled to work on the ADA parking area this week.

10. Curt Torell presented a summary report on Casey Webber's trial. (See attached.) Casey was found not guilty on all counts of "Engaging in a Riot, Conspiracy to Riot, and Malicious Destruction of Property" in relation to his participation in the demonstration following the President Trump Inauguration. **We accepted the report.** We returned to worship to celebrate Casey's not guilty verdict and to also hold in the Light defendants still on trial. Buffie Webber highlighted the implications of this trial for our country and the administration's continued efforts to suppress the right to assemble and free speech.

The Meeting approved sending to Casey's attorney, April Downs, a letter of appreciation shown on the following page.

17th day Sixth month 2018

April L. Downs,
Attorney at Law
503 D Street NW Suite 330
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear April Downs,

With this letter we Friends of Chapel Hill Meeting endeavor to express the depth of our gratitude for your remarkable defense of Casey Webber on the six charges he faced, stemming from his participation in demonstrations on President Trump's Inauguration Day, a year and a half ago.

From members of our Meeting who were present in the courtroom 5-30 and 5-31, we received reports about your excellent defense as Casey's court-appointed public defender. It was noted that in your summation on the 31st, you characterized Casey's behavior at the demonstration as that of someone who was calm, peaceful, nonviolent, and helpful to injured protesters. This describes the Casey we know.

We share our deep gratitude with you for defending Casey so effectively and successfully.

We wish you well,
We hold you In the Light,
Peace be the journey,

Matthias C. Drake, Clerk

11. Announcements:

- The 9:45 a.m. First Day forums are on summer break; will resume at the end of August.
- Friends were encouraged to register for Friends General Conference Summer Gathering, "The Power of Truth," July 1 – 7, 2018 in Toledo, Ohio.

12. We closed with worship.

End of Minutes

Attachments to Minutes shown on following pages

Nominations Committee Report on Givers of Time and Service, 2018-2019

May 9, 2018 update

Position	Friend	Term End
Clerk	Matt Drake	2019
Recording Clerk	Alice Carlton	2021
Treasurer	Maura Murphy	2021
Meeting Trustees	Emilie Condon	2019
	Asta Crowe	2020
	Lloyd Kramer	2021
Recorder	Carolyn White	2019
Corresponding Clerk	Dottie Heninger	2021

Committee	Friend	Term End
Carolina Friends School Board	Faye Stanley	2020
	Buffie Webber	2020
	Pat Mann	2021
Third Tuesday at 7:00pm at CFS	Julia Cleaver	2020

Committee	Friend	Term End
Quaker House Board	Karen Porter	2020
	John Hite	2021
	Curt Torell	2021
Meets quarterly; irregularly on Saturdays 10-2pm in various locations within NC		

Committee	Friend	Term End
Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting	Emilie Condon	2019
	Naveed Moeed	2020
	Alice Carlton	2021

Committee	Friend	Term End
Piedmont Friends Fellowship	Jeff Brown	2020
	Lori Fernald Khamala	2020
	Vacant	

Committee	Friend	Term End
Adult Religious Education	Andrea Wuerth	2019
	Carolyn White	2020
	Chris Stanley	2020
	Dirk Kelder	2021
	Max Drake	2021
	Perry Martin	2021
	Catherine Alquire	2020
	Deborah Gibbs	2021
First Sunday at 1:00pm		

Committee	Friend	
Archives Committee Fourth Sunday at rise of late Meeting	Julia Cleaver	2021
	Buzz Borchardt	2021
	Lloyd Kramer	2020
	Carolyn White	2019
	Dottie Heninger-memorial book	2021

Committee	Friend	Term End
Buildings and Grounds Second Sunday at 8:15am in Schoolhouse	Don Hopper	2019
	Wendy Michener	2019
	Richard Miller	2021
	Tom Smith	2021
	Max Isaacs	2020
	Bill Cleaver	2020
	Dottie Heninger	2020
	Brad Kershner	2021
	David Schneider	2021
	Kurt Hein	2021
	John Hite Ex-Officio	

Committee	Friend	Term End
Care and Counsel 8AM second Sunday of month	Jasmine McKewen	2019
	Jennifer Leeman	2019
	Ann Miller	2019
	Lynn Drake	2021
	Tom Munk	2020
	Pat Mann	2020
	Karen Hurka-Richardson	2021
	Bonnie Raphael	2021
	Tom Ludlow	2020
	Clerk of Meeting-Matt Ex Officio	2019

Committee	Friend	Term End
Children & Youth Religious Education Fourth Thurs. of month at Kathleen's house	Carolyn Stuart	2019
	Stacey Seawell	2020
	John Hite	2020
	Simone Kerschner	2021
	Herbert Struemper	2020
	Jasmine McKewen	2021
	Laura Young	2021
	FDS Coordinator-Kathleen McNeil	Ex-Officio

Committee	Friend	Term End
Finance Second Wed. of month at 7:00pm in the Meetinghouse	Loren Hintz	2019
	Tom Ludlow	2021
	Monteze Snyder	2020
	Emilie Condon	2020
	Ann Miller	2020
	Ric Shepherd	2020
	Micheal Jokinen	2021
	Vacant	
	Treasurer-Maura Murphy	Ex-Officio

Committee	Friend	Term End
Hospitality Second Sunday, at rise of late Meeting	Joanna Selim	2019
	Annalee Harkins	2019
	Annette Broadwell	2020
	Hart Pillow	2021
	Lori Fernald Khamala	2020
	Buzz Borchardt	2019
	Ronald Carnes	2020
	Gwyn Hein	2021
	Nancy Fisher	2021

Committee	Friend	Term End
InterFaith Council Meets quarterly but no set date	Asta Crowe	2019
	James Bartow	2019
	Gwyn Hein	2021
	Emilie Condon	2020
	Ann Drake	2020
	Max Drake	2020
	Dottie Heninger	2020
	Carolyn Stuart	2020

Committee	Friend	Term End
Library Second Sunday, at rise of late Meeting	Lloyd Kramer	2019
	Allie Scales	2019
	David Curtin	2021
	Karen Hurka-Richardson	2020
	Jamie Jacobs	2021

Committee	Friend	Term End
Ministry and Worship First Monday at 7:00pm in the library	Alice Carlton	2019
	Jan Hutton	2020
	Leslie Rountree	2020
	Jeff Brown	2021
	Madelyn Ashley	2019
	Kitty Bergel	2021
	Faye Stanley	2021
	Clerk of Meeting-Matt Ex Officio	2019

Committee	Friend	Term End
Nominations Monthly as needed January-May	Gwynne Pomeroy	2019
	Elizabeth Taylor	2018
	Dottie Heninger	2018
	Micheal Jokinen	2019
	Carolyn White	2020
	Leslie Rountree	2020
	Annette Broadwell	2020
	Tim Fogarty	2020

Committee	Friend	Term End
Publications and Communications Much work done by email	Sean Chen	2019
	Jason James	2020
	Peter Malone	2020
	Ed Bowen	2020
	Cristóbal Palmer	2019
	David Curtin	2020
	Vacant	

Committee	Friend	Term End
Schotts/Leadership Fund Rarely meets	Asta Crowe	2021
	Lynn Drake	2021
	Ken Grogan	2021
	Monteze Snyder	2019
	Catherine Alguire	2020
	Susan Inglis	2021
	Roberto Quercia	2021

Committee	Friend	Term End
Coalition of Clergy	Carolyn Stuart	2019
	Dottie Heninger	2019

Committee	Friend	Term End
Peace and Justice Second Sunday at the rise of late Meeting	Nancy Elkins	2021
	Naveed Moeed	2019
	Karen Porter	2020
	Wendy Michener	2019
	Tom Munk	2019
	Max Drake	2019
	Hank Elkins	2021
	Jim Palmer	2019
	Tim Fogarty	2021

Committee	Friend	Term End
Returning Citizens	Jennifer Leeman	2019
	Asta Crowe	2020
Much work done by email	Nancy Milio	2021
	Richard Miller	2019
	Gwynne Pomeroy	2021

Committee	Friend	Term End
Transition & Support First Sunday after Potluck Meets again the last Tuesday of each month	Tom McQuiston	2019
	Richard Miller	2019
	Joyce Munk	2019
	Paul Munk	2019
	David Schneider	2019
	Maria Darlington	2020
	Hank Elkins	2020
	Asta Crowe	2019
	Kuldip Kuwahara	2021
	Byron Stevens	2020
	Nancy Fisher	2021
	Monteze Snyder	2021
	Tim Fogarty	2021
Bonnie Raphael	2021	

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Budget Proposal
2018-2019**

	Average FY 2014-2015 2015-2016 2016-2017	Current Budget 2017-2018	Suggested Budget 2018-2019
Income			
Building Rental	840.51	300.00	300.00
Contributions	71,875.61	70,600.00	67,535.00
Parking space rental	5,802.67	5,100.00	5,200.00
Total Income	78,518.78	76,000.00	73,035.00
Expense			
Total Benevolences	26,138.33	25,970.00	26,000.00
Committees			
Adult Religious Ed	117.33	100.00	100.00
Archives	145.19	100.00	25.00
Building and Grounds	7,869.58	11,000.00	11,000.00
Care and Counsel (incl Mtg for Suffering)	300.00	310.00	310.00
Children's/Youth Religious Ed	2,257.24	2,500.00	1,500.00
Finance (incl Contingency)	1,239.02	1,350.00	1,350.00
Friends Transition & Suppt-Yoke	837.89	1,700.00	1,700.00
Hospitality	209.85	300.00	400.00
IFC	83.33	200.00	200.00
Library	290.56	400.00	400.00
Ministry and Worship	1,000.00	800.00	800.00
Nominations	-	10.00	10.00
Peace and Justice			
National Quaker Service	1,127.14	2,000.00	1,500.00
Peace and Justice - Other	104.98	300.00	300.00
Total Peace and Justice	1,232.12	2,300.00	1,800.00
Publications and Communications	1,527.05	1,750.00	1,750.00
Total Committees	17,109.17	22,820.00	21,345.00
Obligations			
Bank Fee	29.97	50.00	50.00
FDS Coordinator/Childcare	5,954.85	6,000.00	6,000.00
Insurance	5,756.67	5,400.00	5,900.00
Software License Fee	229.92	860.00	1,000.00
UBIT, Storm Fees	1,178.45	1,100.00	1,240.00
Utilities	4,892.33	6,000.00	5,000.00
Total Obligations	18,042.18	19,410.00	19,190.00
Sub total expense	61,289.68	68,200.00	66,535.00
Transfers			
Care and Counsel	610.00	500.00	500.00
Leadership Development	2,000.00	2,000.00	200.00
Physical Plant	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Returning Citizens Financial Assistance	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
Youth Service Learning Fund	800.00	800.00	800.00
Total Transfers	7,910.00	7,800.00	6,500.00
Total Expense	69,199.68	76,000.00	73,035.00

Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting Representatives
Annual Report Fifth Month 2018

The third annual session of Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting (PFYM) met at Carolina Friends School the 31st day of Third Month 2018. We began with a roll call of members meetings which include Abingdon in Virginia, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Eno Friends in Hillsborough, Fancy Gap in Virginia, New Garden in Greensboro, Raleigh, Salem Creek in Winston Salem and Upstate Worship Group in South Carolina. PFYM relies on Piedmont Friends Fellowship (PFF) for programming and financial support for the Yearly Meeting.

CHMM Representatives attend the four PFYM Interim Meetings in June, August (jointly with PFF Reps), November, and February to take care of business and plan the PFYM Annual Meeting.

Dorothy Mason of New Garden brought words of appreciation for Marian Beane, Presiding Clerk, Julie Stafford, Recording Clerk, and Gary Hornsby, Assisting Clerk for their service as the first in their positions for the Yearly Meeting and for their earlier faithful service to PFYM Formation Committee.

Presiding Clerk, Marian Beane, read her message and review of Interim Meeting activity 2017-2018. Kathy Metz of Charlotte Meeting presented the statistics report. The PFYM statistics working group is interested to know what other statistics Friends would like to have reported. Sally Freeman read the summary of the spiritual condition of monthly meetings of PFYM which was received with gratitude. A period of worship sharing followed where Meetings spoke out of the silence responses to the query: *What has been most on the hearts of your meeting this year?*

We also remembered those who have passed from our midst during this year. Mary Jo Klingel of Charlotte shared the Charlotte Meeting minute of concern on climate change for our consideration. With some discussion and editing, we approved the PFYM Minute on Climate Change (attached). We appointed an Epistle Committee including Dorothy Mason and Paul Kleever with Recording Clerk Julie Stafford consulting to write a summary of PFYM Annual Meeting that will be shared widely with others in the Quaker World.

Naveed Moeed presented the report from the Peace and Social Concerns Witness working group which is seeking to learn how Friends wish to work together on peace and social concerns issues. Google Groups for areas of concern have been set up. The work is now to encourage the use of these groups with participation across meetings in PFY.M.

Jan Schmidt, the PFYM representative to FCNL brought up the feasibility for creating a state-based advocacy effort for strengthening Friends collective voice on legislation impacting North Carolina. A google group will be created.

Reports were also presented by PFYM representatives to the Quaker organizations with which we are affiliated: Lori Fernald Khamala for AFSC, Jan Schmidt for FCNL, Karen McKinnon for FGC, and Kindra Bradley, Director, for Quaker House.

Linda Goldstein from Charlottesville spoke of the difference it has made to their Meeting and community to receive the PFYM letter of support sent after the tragic events of August 11, 2017.

Gary Hornsby reported for the Naming Committee that Mary Louise Smith and Leslie Rountree have agreed to serve on the PFYM Nominating Committee. Sally Freeman was approved with gratitude to be Clerk of Nominating Committee.

At the rise of the third annual session, Gary Hornsby began his term as PFYM Presiding Clerk with Marian Beane as Assisting Clerk.

We ended again with a group photo.

In summary: the difference PFYM is making: a nascent PFYM is slowly growing into its purpose: to bring together the lives and witness of Quakers across our region. To have people join together in a spiritual heart. This center is forming around the community of PFYM, reflected in the active interest and participation of Friends in the joys and concerns of one another.

Over the last few years as Friends have met through the planning phases, yearly sessions and interim meetings, the difference made by being part of a larger community has shown. We are familiar with what is going on with Friendly groups with whom we had previously little or no contact. In turn this lifts up two things: it lifts up Chapel Hill Friends Meeting in the hearts and minds of those in our geography and it enables us to have greater voice in national Quaker organizations such as AFSC, FCNL and FWCC.

We have been empowered, through our participation in PFYM, with a voice which enables us to contribute to a larger witness. Our involvement in AFSC, lifted by our affiliation with PFYM, allows us to help in the work of the South Region and nationally on the Board Program Committee. Our tender and supporting voice has been heard in the Epistles and in letters of support to communities in suffering (such as the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina).

More importantly we are beginning to work together as groups focused around concerns; some international, some national and many local. This coming together, facilitated by PFYM, will bring about greater collective action and a larger impact in concerns personal to CHFM. We will be able to have the effect we hope to have in making the change we hope to be in the world.

PFYM is still just starting.

Already it is showing how valuable it is to be part of an extended family working towards a Beloved Community.

Submitted by Representatives: Alice Carlton, Emilie Condon, Naveed Moeed

PFF/PFYM Annual Weekend Retreat

Piedmont Friends Fellowship and Yearly Meeting Annual Retreat took place March 30 – April 1, 2018 at Carolina Friends School in Durham. The theme of the weekend was Peace and Alternatives to Violence. Attendance reached 90 including about 10 youth.

This year activities began Friday afternoon March 30th at 3:30, featuring presentations by Quaker organizations with updates of recent work—American Friends Service Committee, Quaker House, Friends General Conference, and Friends Committee on National Legislation.

Saturday, March 31 included a presentation on the Alternatives to Violence Project by Deborah Bromiley and John Shuford of Raleigh Friends Meeting, and a session on Conscientious Objection led by Curt Torell with CO letters read by Finn James, Grace Schneider, and John Hite. Friends were moved by the discernment of the youth and the support provided by Chapel Hill Friends Meeting and Quaker House.

Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting sessions took place in two sessions on Saturday afternoon. Also, singer/songwriter Steve Deasy from Ann Arbor Friends Meeting gave a songwriting workshop that produced a song that he performed Saturday evening in a free concert.

During the weekend, participants enjoyed information tables by Quaker organizations, a table for books from the FGC Bookstore, fellowship break-out sessions, and meals. The weekend concluded on April 1 with worship and the annual business meeting of PFF.

PFF will continue its programming role for a fall retreat and the annual spring retreat on behalf of the Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting and other Meetings and Worship Groups in the Fellowship.

Jeff Brown

PFF Clerk

June 17, 2018

Summary and Resolution of Casey Webber's Trial and Charges from Trump Inauguration Protest on January 20, 2017 Submitted to MWAB on June 17, 2018

Casey was linked with three other defendants whom the prosecution alleged committed several acts of destruction (breaking store and car windows, overturning newspaper stands, and using vulgar language and gestures, including “shooting the finger”) leading to a riot during the “J20” protest of President Trump’s inauguration on January 20, 2017. Casey was not part of the destruction but was charged, along with the other three, in “engaging in, inciting, and conspiring to riot.” The prosecutor’s evidence presented to the jury against Casey was:

1. A text sent to him on January 19th asking what his plans were for the next day. He responded, “Logan Circle” and the prosecution claimed he was at the initial rally then engaged in a march to the endpoint of Franklin Square.
2. Entries of discussion from anti-Trump demonstrators on a FaceBook page that Casey was a member.
3. Three photos of Casey with his face covered taken after the police had peppered sprayed the group and taken with two minutes of each other.

The prosecution charged that the defendants were linked together since a group of 500 to 700 marched together resulting in the “kettling” of about 300 protestors with 234 arrested; they planned the protest ahead of time; and all wore black clothing including hoodies, hats, and bandannas. The prosecution’s closing arguments presented to the jury a thorough summary of the case, including videos and audio streams of planning meetings, the protest, and the destruction.

Aside from lumping four different defendants together with up to nine different charges, the prosecution used questionable tactics that violated the Brady Rule, such as withholding complete evidence (editing out some video tapes and not making others available), and that raised the motion for a mistrial. The judge did not rule on that, but reserved her decision until after the case went to jury deliberation.

The closing arguments from Casey's lawyer, April Downs, were excellent. She illustrated that Casey's behavior was different from the other three, he was not part of the group that destroyed property, his movements were not entirely with the group, and he may have not known of the destruction. She used the prosecution’s pictures of Casey to show that he did not wear the bandanna until

tear gas and smoke bombs were used by the police (some thrown directly at him), that he poured water into a protester's eyes who had been sprayed with tear gas, that he dropped to the ground when smoke bombs were detonated, and that he cooperated with a police officer when confronted and arrested. Two sting grenades were lobbed at Casey knocking him to the ground followed by his standing up to assist demonstrators. When approximately 70 of the group charged a police line, Casey is shown on videotape separately with his hands up and unmasked. *Most critically*, after showing the pictures, she said to the jury, "what you glean from these pictures and Casey's behavior is someone who was calm, peaceful, nonviolent, and aided his fellow protesters who were injured."

Shortly after all closing arguments were made and the jury went into deliberations, the jury found Casey not guilty of all charges against him. Deliberations on the other three defendants continued after that.

We are grateful that Casey was acquitted and hold in the light the remaining defendants.

Mourning the Loss of Bill Schweke An Architect of Progressive Economic Development in the US:

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It is with great sadness and deep admiration that the Board and staff of Prosperity Now report the death of Fenton William Schweke II on July 3, 2018, otherwise known as Bill, after a courageous 18-year battle with Parkinson's disease. While Bill did not start or name the "Corporation for Enterprise Development", he was the first employee and credited as a co-founder. He played a singular role in defining and implementing a progressive vision of economic development that is his legacy today.

A proud native Texan, President of his high school Young Republicans, Bill came to Washington in 1979, a newly minted Masters of Public Policy from the University of Texas, to join Lee Webb at the Center for Alternative State and Local Policies, a progressive predecessor of ALEC. Two years later, he joined Bob Friedman at CFED, bringing his expertise in state and local economic innovation to define a new vision of the field. To accomplish this, Bill designed, researched, and co-edited the groundbreaking book, ***Expanding the Opportunity to Produce***, a robust review of the horizons for economic development policy and practice which is still relevant to this day.

His next step was to launch **The Entrepreneurial Economy Review (TEER)** to serve as chronicle of cutting-edge practices in the field of economic development – ranging from worker-ownership and sector-based development strategies to innovations in development finance and entrepreneurship. TEER helped to guide experimentation, connect policymakers and practitioners, and advance innovation at the state and local level. By the mid-1980's, Governors and other state policymakers were eager to adopt many of these new ideas and practices, and Bill consulted in Michigan, Ohio and South Carolina to design entrepreneurial economic development policies.

His experience working at the state level informed the publication of **Taken for Granted: How Grant-Thornton's Manufacturing Climate Index Leads States Astray** and **Bidding for Business**, which challenged traditional state economic development policies which sought to lure branch plants of manufacturing firms to low-wage, low-tax, low-union Southern states. He was a prime architect also of **Making the Grade: The Development Report Card for the States**, which consolidated the new economic development policies and practices into a framework for understanding and building state economies. The Report Card advocated for policies that focused on making investments in human capital, financial capital, infrastructure, and sound tax policy, all of which advanced broad-based economic well-being as well as home-grown businesses.

Bill was responsible for recruiting Prosperity Now's third President, Brian Dabson, whom he met while researching international development practices which could be adopted in the US. In the mid-90's Bill moved to North Carolina with his wife Lucy Gorham and son Nate, where he worked on local development initiatives, tax incentive reform and workforce innovations, while continuing to write and speak about issues and innovations, new and old, until Parkinson's made that impossible. Bill was a recipient of the "Defender of Justice" award from the North Carolina Justice Center, and upon his retirement, received the prestigious Order of the Long Leaf Pine from the Governor of North Carolina.

Bill's work for Prosperity Now was only part of his life. He played guitar and cultivated his library of American music. He was a voracious reader throughout his life and he and Nate collaborated on a biography of Bill's father and his heroic military career. He participated in the Quaker community and was a devoted father and husband.

But for Bill Schweke, Prosperity Now and much of today's vital economic development field would not exist, certainly in its full form and spirit. Bill will endure as a living expression of the values he held so dearly – economic justice and development, fairness, community, innovation, integrity, inclusion – through all of us.

Bill's family recommends that contributions to honor his memory can be made to:

The Charles House Association for Community Eldercare, which greatly enriched the last year of his life: online at <http://charleshouse.org/support.htm> or via mail to 7511 Sunrise Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

The NC Justice Center: online at <http://www.ncjustice.org/> or via mail to: Attn: Kim-Marie McLellan
PO Box 28068 Raleigh, NC 27611

Prosperity Now at https://www.classy.org/give/130570_blank/#!/donation/checkout or via mail to: Attn: Ana Maria Argudo-Lord 1200 G Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20005

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