

# Friends at the Spring Second Month 2019

# Worship leaders this month are Robert and Ellen Osborne

### Dates:

Feb 3rd..... Program by Betsy Blake

Feb 10th . . . . . Musical Program by Sarah and Austin McCombie/ Chatham Rabbits

Feb. 17th.....Program by Deborah Shaw

Feb 24th..... Program : <u>Black History Month</u>
Diane Faison

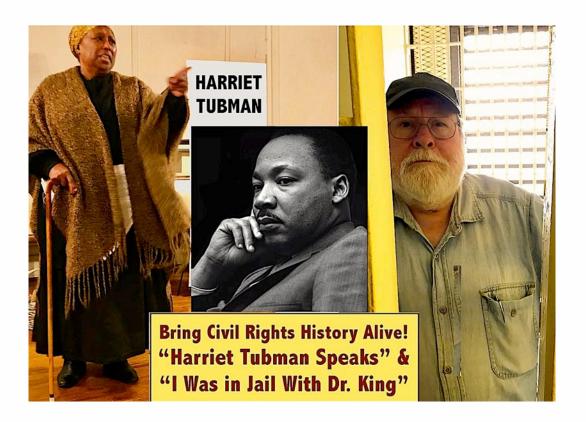


#### Announcements:

There will be a business meeting on the third Sunday, Feb 17th, at 9:30 am in the Hut. You are welcome to bring a breakfast item.

On Jan. 17th Spring members Diane Faison and Chuck Fager performed "The Long Road to Freedom," at a senior center in Chapel Hill. Diane appeared as Harriet Tubman, and Chuck recounted his experience in jail with Dr. King in Selma, Alabama in 1965. The capacity crowd cheered the performance

(If there is interests in having them perform, email us at: (longroadtofreedom88@gmail.com) Below is a photo.



"We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us.

When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies".

Martin Luther King, Jr.



### BLESSINGS TO FRIENDS

WITH
A BIRTHDAY
AND
ANNIVERSARY

Happy Birthday to Eric Smith, February 28th

Happy Anniversary to Larry and Sheila Wilson February 29th

Wishing you a day Filled with sweet moments And wonderful memories To cherish always.



"Acknowledging the good that you already have in your life is the foundation for all abundance." Eckhart Tolle

## MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS 20th day of First Month, 2019

The Spring Friends Monthly Meeting for Worship With Attention to Business met at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall on the 20th day of the First Month, 2019. Elizabeth Osborne, Clerk, opened by reading from writings by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He would have been 90 years old this week.

The minutes of Eleventh Month 2018 were read and approved, with a clarification as stated below. There was no Monthly Meeting in December of 2018.

The minutes were clarified as to Dottie Hobbs' financial concern about North Carolina Friends Fellowship (NCFF). Discussion ensued regarding the NCFF and how Spring was put into that entity by default after the split and dissolution of NCYM. Spring Meeting expressed strong support of the vitality of Quaker Lake, one of the entities funded by NCFF. Some spoke that they were not interested in membership in a yearly meeting, given the history of past relationships. Chuck Fager asked that the Meeting consider membership in North Carolina Conservative YM which has a history without pastoral association.

The Meeting postponed any decision until February, and Friends were urged to review and study the matter.

The Treasurer's report was approved and is attached.

Elizabeth Osborne reported on the person who disturbed our yard during a December storm and resulting in downed trees blocked the roadway. Chris Carter called Elizabeth Osborne to report that he had attempted to circumvent the road blockage by coming through the Meetinghouse grounds, and that he was willing to pay the meeting for the damage. Dan Perry will check with Byrd's Lawncare to see if they can fix the damage, and if so, the amount will be passed to Chris Carter.

Dan Perry suggested sending a thank you note to Wendell Woody who has removed the downed trees from that December 2018 storm. Wendell has taken the firewood, and has, in return, cleaned up the twigs and branches.

The Meeting next discussed the showing of the film regarding Judith Bush's family. Several members of the Meeting attended a showing of the film in Chapel Hill, and the Meeting had previously discussed showing the film in Saxapahaw or Pittsboro for the education of the community regarding transgender issues. Cindy Perry will get in touch with Judith Bush to more clearly understand the mission.

Diane Faison-Mckinzie has requested membership at Spring Meeting, and the assembled members approved the request. Contact will be made with Philip Raines, the former pastor of Winston-Salem meeting for a letter of transfer As to the renovation and addition to the Fellowship Hall, Grim Hobbs reported that he had a meeting scheduled next week with the Building Inspector of Alamance County. The project is moving ahead, albeit slowly.

Elizabeth Osborne read an email from a member objecting to the placement of the two antique lamps which Dan Perry and Ronald Osborne installed in the front of the Meeting house for the Christmas Eve service. Various speakers expressed opinions and Dan Perry gave a brief history of the lamps, which pre-dated him in the Meetinghouse. The Meeting agreed to let the matter season until February's Monthly Meeting for Business.

Gaines Steer came into the Business Meeting at that point to invite Friends to lunch at the restaurant on the corner at the close of Meeting.

Elizabeth Osborne made an announcement that a folk dance group will be in the area between February 28 and March 8, and that it could be an excellent outreach. Other church and community groups would be invited and it would be an opportunity to weave us together in the

community of dance. Elizabeth Osborne will work toward inviting them for March 9 or 10.

Chuck Fager and Diane Faison-Mckinzie reported on their meeting with Barrett Brown of the Alamance NAACP to connect with the Lynching Museum Memorial in Alabama. The goal is to create a memorial in Alamance, and perhaps Chatham County, to bear witness to the violence which occurred in the African American community post Civil War. The matter was briefly discussed, and the Meeting agreed to continue to season on the ideas.

The meeting adjourned as the Worship Hour approached.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Perry Recording Clerk