



FRIENDS AT THE SPRING
MARCH, THIRD MONTH, 2017



| DATE | WORSHIP LEADERS | MESSAGE | CHILDRENS MESSAGE |
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| 5th | Grim and Dottie Hobbs | Open worship | Grim and Dottie |
| 12th | Grim and Dottie | QLSP speakers | Grim and Dottie |
| 19th | Grim and Dottie | Grim and Dottie | Grim and Dottie |
| 26th | Chuck Fager | Clare Hanrahan, peace worker | Chuck Fager |

Announcements:



Representative Body will be held Saturday March 4th at Quaker Lake Camp at 10:00 . There is a called session of Ministry and Counsel at 9:15 prior to Representative Body. Lunch will be provided by Snyder Farms at a cost of \$10. Please notify the yearly meeting office if you are planning to attend in order to plan for information packets and/or lunch. Call 336-292-6957 – Judith Cranford .

The USFW (United Society of Friends Women) will meet at Spring Friends on March 13th, at 7:00 p. m.

In our last newsletter there is an announcement about the Piedmont Friends Fellowship and Yearly Meeting Annual Retreat that will be held March 10-12th at the Carolina Friends School Campus . For information about the retreat please refer to the February Newsletter.



Carolina Friends Emergency Consultation - March 25, 2017

"Any great change must expect opposition, because it shakes the very foundation of privilege . . . I had no idea of submitting tamely to injustice . . . I will oppose it with all the moral powers with which I am endowed. I am no advocate of passivity."

-- Lucretia Mott

Spring Friends Meeting-Snow Camp NC

Spring Friends Meeting, in Snow Camp, NC will host the CFEC, the "Carolina Friends Emergency Consultation" at the Spring Meetinghouse on Seventh Day Third Month (March) 25th , from noon to 4:45 p. m.

continued:

The CFEC will be a time when Friends in the region would be invited to gather and talk in a structured way about the times we're in, where issues of racial continued:

justice, Islamophobia, immigration, LGBTQ rights, climate change, real and fake news, degradation of voting rights, and much more are at a fever pitch.

The CFEC will be an opportunity for Friends to share what they're doing (or thinking of doing); network about projects, and have available concentrated action briefings from concerned organizations, both Quaker and others.

The goal would be to strengthen ties within the Friends community and connections among us to various efforts addressing our many urgent "challenges".

We're not intending to create a new organization, or deal with internal Quaker issues. The CFEC is a time for probing and strengthening Friends witness to the world in a time of growing tumult, starting here in North Carolina and reaching, as way opens, to the ends of the earth.

(Description by Chuck Fager)

Business Meeting March 19th at 9:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead:

On May 27, the Fellowship of Quakers and the Arts (fqa.quaker.org) will sponsor an event at Spring entitled "The Art of Fearlessness" featuring Scott Holmes and music by our own Osborne young people. More details forthcoming.





**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AND
ANNIVERSARY
TO OUR FRIENDS**

BIRTHDAY

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|----------|-------------------|
| March 2 | Judith Bush |
| March 7 | Page Smith |
| March 10 | Griffin Hobbs |
| March 21 | Elizabeth Osborne |
| March 23 | Jackie Adams |
| March 24 | Ellen Osborne |
| March 25 | Dillon Walker |
| March 26 | Dottie Hobbs |
| March 27 | Sarah McCombie |
| March 28 | Guy Smith |

ANNIVERSARY

Jennifer and Bruce Walker 16



Wishes come true, Peace within,
Contentment too, Love and good friends,
Smiles and hugs, Every – single – day
These are just some of the Birthday wishes
We're sending your way.



**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS
19th day of Second Month, 2017**

The Spring Friends Monthly Meeting for Worship With Attention to Business met in the Fellowship Hall on the 19th day of the Second Month, 2017. Elizabeth Osborne, Clerk, opened with a moment of silence and centering.

The minutes of the monthly meeting for first month were read and approved, as was the financial report for the first month.

The Winter Dinner was discussed, and suggestion was made about looking at options next year for the timing of the dinner. One-half of the collection has gone to India Cane and Danny Allen, the musicians, and the other half will be split between Southern Poverty Law Center and the American Friends Service Committee.

A brief discussion was held about immigration issues, including Yosseline, Leon and Jose.

Attached to these minutes are notes from our Threshing Session held 1/29/17. Friends welcomed the time to speak frankly, the diversity of opinion, the greater sense of calm, and less desperation, given the passage of time. Friends also discussed the effectiveness of letters, emails and calls to the offices of elected officials.

Chuck Fager discussed two events upcoming:

- (1) Friends approved a meeting on 3/25/17. Carolina Friends Emergency Consultation is a new group for sharing and networking. Volunteers came forward to assist with food and organization for this initial meeting at Spring.**
- (2) Friends approved a meeting on 5/2/7/17. Fellowship of Quakers and the Arts (FQA.quaker.org) will sponsor an event at Spring entitled “The Art of Fearlessness” featuring Scott Holmes and music by our own Osborne young people.**

Elizabeth Osborne also reported on YM reorganization. Chuck Fager attended a meeting on 1/28/17 at Quaker Lake of the “Autonomy Group” and he will attend the 2/25/17 meeting of that group prior to the 3/4/17 Representative Body. The essence of the plan is this: The Yearly Meeting will become the North Carolina Yearly Meeting Charitable Foundation (incorporated to oversee the YM Trust Funds) and two groups, the Authority, and Autonomy groups will conduct business for the specified respective monthly meetings. Quaker Lake will become another corporation and will receive funding from the NCYM Charitable Foundation for a period of time, until it become hopefully self-sufficient.

Discussion continued about the function of the groupings and the good things that the YM did in their prior iteration. Spring has chosen not to be divided into either group, but will wait until after the next round of meetings, and until after Representative Body on 3/4/17 to decide our direction. The benefits of the Piedmont Friends Fellowship were extolled and Elizabeth will send a copy of their recent accomplishments, received from PFF.

We adjourned in time for the 11:00 am Worship Hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Perry
Recording Clerk



No one has ever measured,
even poets
how much a heart can hold.

Zelda Fitzgerald

