



Friends at the Spring 2019

Fifth Month, April

The flower photos (above) were taken by Chuck Fager at Spring Friends. He is also the Worship Leader this month.

Dates:

Programs:

May 5th

Silent/Open Worship

May 12th

Chuck will talk about Martha Schofield, a woman Friend who built a school for freed people in South Carolina. She is an unsung hero for Mother's Day.

May 19th

Isaac Villegas will bring a message. He is the pastor of the Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship.

My 26th

TBA and Chuck will bring a message.





Announcements:

Chuck Fager announces that there is a blog post that sets out Lucretia Mott's views on Jesus and Easter, mostly in her own words. It has attracted several hundred hits from outside readers, and may be of interest to some Spring Friends. Just click the link:

Lucretia Mott's Quaker Easter Message, Still Good the Month After: <https://wp.me/p5FGlu-3A5>

The monthly meeting for business is the third Sunday, May 19th, at 9:30 a.m. Bring a breakfast item if you like.

Spring Friends will begin an adult First Day school on the second and fourth Sundays beginning with May 12th and May 26th at 10:00 AM. Ron Osborne will lead a Quakerism 101 class on May 12th and May 19th we will offer a discussion on spiritual journey.





Blessings to Friends
with a birthday
and an anniversary

Birthday

Steve Phillips 23rd

Michael Nelson 27th

Anniversary

Carol and Jerry Barlow
23rd

"On your special day we
wish you good luck,
We hope this wonderful day
will fill up your heart
with joy and blessings.
Celebrate your happiness
every day of your life."



MONTHLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS

27th day of Fourth Month, 2019

The Spring Friends Monthly Meeting for Worship With Attention to Business met at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall on the 27th day of the Fourth Month, 2019. Elizabeth Osborne, Clerk, opened with a moment of settling silence. Monthly Meeting for this month was postpone to the 27th since Easter fell on the regular Monthly Meeting date.

The minutes of Third Month were read and approved with one correction.

The Treasurer's report was approved and is attached.

Elizabeth Osborne read a thank you letter from North Carolina Poor People's Campaign. The letter contained a touching story about the use of our contribution to families who were recovering from the flooding.

As we prepare for the Fellowship Hall extension, it was noted that we have several trees down in the Meetinghouse yard and in the area East of the cemetery. The wood will be offered to community members who have expressed an interest in it. Any leftover wood will be disposed of by the company coming to clear the trees in the area of the Fellowship Hall expansion.

First Day School was next discussed. Ron Osborne has volunteered to teach a Quakerism 101 class once a month, and Friends are invited to share their spiritual journey or other compelling matters once a month. The group decided to meet in May on the 12th and 26th, with Ron Osborne teaching on May 12th and the 26th will be posted on the newsletter/website for a volunteer. Chuck Fager suggested Kendra speak on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Quaker House. In May, the class will be held at 10:00 before worship; in June-August, when we switch to our summer schedule, the class will be at 11:00 after worship, with a simple lunch.

Chuck Fager gave greater detail on the play based on Mary Dyer, called: Heretic. The author/actor and Chuck had sketched out a possible plan for activities for 5 days in September. The plans were initially discussed in light of the construction in the Fellowship Hall. More plans will be forthcoming at Monthly Meeting in Fifth Month.

Ron and Elizabeth Osborne had spoken recently with Gwen Erickson at the Guilford Historical Library about books we have at Spring Meeting. They will arrange for Gwen to review for any needed by the Historical Collection.

Ron Osborne spoke about meeting Sean Rogers, who is curator of the Mendenhall Plantation and who restores tombstones and recovers information. Ron will continue consulting with him about our cemetery.

On the matter of our affiliation with various groups formed after the NCYM split, Elizabeth Osborne

reached out to Frank Massey of North Carolina Friends Fellowship about funds expended by them over the last two years. The situation was reviewed, summarizing that the North Carolina Friends Fellowship was the result of the unfortunate split of North Carolina Yearly Meeting. Spring was put into the North Carolina Friends Fellowship, without our being asked, and without our request, and that currently Spring is discerning about affiliation. The matter before the Meeting was that funds were expended by North Carolina Friends Fellowship, thinking that Spring would be a member of that group.

Frank Massey provided information about the financial support North Carolina Friends Fellowship has from each meeting, as well as how they expend that support.

The Meeting extensively discussed the integrity issue, the sense of obligation, and the support for Quaker Lake, one of the organizations receiving those funds. Questions were asked about Quaker Lake's openness to all Friends, and several members assured that the North Carolina Friends Fellowship was interested in moving in the present and future, and not the past issues regarding Quaker Lake. The Meeting was urged to move forward from the late unpleasantness at Quaker Lake.

In answer to the question of how we go forward, the Meeting reached clearness as follows: Spring Friends Meeting will be independent of any yearly meeting affiliation for the time being; but that Spring feels it is a matter of integrity to reimburse North Carolina Friends Fellowship for past contributions they made on our behalf. Spring will continue to discern about membership and will keep a cordial relationship with all Friends. Dottie Alley Hobbs stated her disagreement with this path, but she stated her willingness to step aside.

The meeting adjourned as the Worship Hour approached.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Perry
Recording Clerk