



Friends at the Spring 12th month, 2018

- Dates: DECEMBER
- 2nd Worship Leader - Sarah Kennedy Farrell
- 9th Worship Leaders - Walker Family
- 16th Worship Leader - Katie Nelson
Program by Alice Tien, sharing piano and accordion music
- 23rd Worship Leaders - Ron and Elizabeth Osborne Family
- 24th Candle light Service 7:00 p.m.
- 30th Program Leader - Chuck Fager



Announcements:

Lori Phillips has organized our annual Food Drive with CORA (Chatham Outreach Alliance) which is from now until December 13th. Bring items of food and place them in the back of the Meeting house. A list is on the back table. Pam Barker of CORA reports that they have seen the need for help continue to rise.

A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 24th. The Vanhooser/Dodge family will host a simple gathering immediately following the service with cider and refreshments. The gathering will be in the Fellowship Hall.

A potluck lunch will be held following worship service on Dec. 23rd. After Meeting we will welcome new members Gaines Steer, Sarah Kennedy Farrell and Judith Bush with the right hand of fellowship.

There will not be a Monthly Meeting for Business in December.





Blessings
to
Friends with

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Jennifer Walker	7
Chuck Fager	11
Shaye Phillips	16
Grace Dodge	16
Jerry Barlow	21

Anniversaries

Judith and Christine Bush	21st
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May your memories be warm ones
May your cares today be few,
May your moments all be happy,
May your joy last all year through.



**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS
18th day of Eleventh Month, 2018**

The Spring Friends Monthly Meeting for Worship With Attention to Business met at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall on the 18th day of the Eleventh Month, 2018. Elizabeth Osborne, Clerk, opened with a moment of silence.

The minutes of Tenth Month were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved and is attached. In discussing year end giving, the Meeting approved \$250 for the Pittsboro Y's scholarships; \$250 for the Friends Disaster Service; \$250 for Quaker Lake.

The Meeting decided to hold a pot luck lunch on 12/23/18 for Sarah Kennedy Farrell and Gaines Steer having been accepted for membership, and the offering of the right hand of fellowship. This had not been done for Judith Bush. It was agreed that all three would be welcomed at that time.

Sadly, the Meeting noted that Chuck Fager had been dismissed as Chair of the Board of the Snow Camp Historical Drama.

Grim Hobbs reported that our recent contribution sent in care of El Paso Friends Meeting for immigration assistance at the boarder, had been matched by El Paso Friends, as per a thank you email.

Elizabeth Osborne read a thank you from the Poor Peoples Campaign for our recent contribution for Eastern North Carolina Hurricane Assistance. The note is attached.

A concern was put forward by Judith Bush on behalf of herself, Amy Lewis and Chuck Fager. An upcoming rule definition by the Federal Government could adversely affect transgender, transsexual and bi-sexual persons and their supporters. Judith discussed the film that was done regarding her partner, and the Meeting expressed support for showing the film in a public place for the wider community. Cindy Perry will investigate Sweet Bee Theater in Pittsboro, and other venues, such as the Haw River Ballroom, may be investigated. The Meeting discussed having this event in January or February.

Dottie Hobbs brought a concern about the now-divided North Carolina Yearly Meeting. Although Spring Meeting has not officially joined one or the other of the resulting split yearly meetings, nor affirmed or denied our status in Western Quarterly Meeting, Dottie felt that our Meeting was not carrying forward with a commitment to NC Friends Fellowship was unfortunate and unfair. NCFE has proposed an amount of \$50.00 per person per year for use in supporting entities like Quaker Lake, and other agreed upon causes which the old NCYM previously supported with Askings. Discussion and questions ensued. It

was agreed that the matter would be revisited in January of 2019 (there being no Monthly Meeting in December of 2018).

Elizabeth Osborne and Grim Hobbs summarized the cost quotes and status of the addition to the Fellowship Hut. on the building. After a lengthy discussion, with all minds being clear, and the cost estimates in hand, the Meeting agreed that two bathrooms, shower, storage and freshening of the two back rooms of the Meetinghouse should proceed. Grim Hobbs will make a final revision to the plans, including a window in the storage area for light and ventilation, and will submit the same to the County for the approval of the building permit. This coming together of the Meeting represents over two years of cooperation, alternatives, and thoughtful process.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Perry, Recording Clerk

May I embrace this day
Compassionate of heart,
Clear in work,
Gracious in awareness,
Courageous in thought,
Generous in love.

John O'Donohue

