

Atlanta Friends Meeting Newsletter

Atlanta Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). All are welcome.

Meeting for Worship
Each First Day (Sunday)
10:00 -11:00 a.m.
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Query:

“Worship is our response to an awareness of God. We can worship alone, but when we join with others in expectant waiting we may discover a deeper sense of God's presence. We seek a gathered stillness in our meetings for worship so that all may feel the power of God's love drawing us together and leading us.

Do you come to Meeting for Worship prepared in heart and mind to sit together with other Friends, and to yield yourself and your outward concerns to the guidance of Spirit within the gathered presence?” - *Submitted by Daphne Clement, Member of Ministry and Worship Committee*

Margaret Fell, Historical Excerpts:

Therefore, my dear hearts, be faithful every one in your particular measure of God's gift which he hath given you, and on the invisible wait in silence, and patience, and in obedience to that which opens to the mystery of God, and leads to the invisible God, which no mortal eye can reach unto, or behold.

-Margaret Fell, 'Epistle to Friends', 1654

[George Fox] went to Ulverstone steeple-house... and when they had done singing, he stood up upon a seat or form, and desired that he might have liberty to speak, and he that was in the pulpit said he might... And so he went on, and said, how that Christ was the Light of the world, and lighteth every man that cometh into the world; and that by this light they might be gathered to God, etc. And I stood up in my pew and wondered at his doctrine; for I had never heard such before. And then he went on, and opened the Scriptures, and said, 'The Scriptures were the prophets' words, and Christ's and the apostles' words, and what, as they spoke, they enjoyed and possessed, and had if from the Lord': and said, 'Then what had any to do with the Scriptures, but as they came to the Spirit that gave them forth? You will say, Christ saith this, and the apostles say this, but what canst thou say? Art thou a child of Light, and has thou walked in the Light, and what thou speakest, is it inwardly from God?' etc. This opened me so, that it cut me to the heart; and then I saw clearly we were all wrong. So I sat down in my pew again, and cried bitterly; and I cried in my spirit, to the Lord, 'We are all thieves, we are all thieves; we have taken the Scriptures in words, and know nothing of them in ourselves.'

-Margaret Fell, *The Testimony of Margaret Fox Concerning Her Late Husband George Fox: Together with a Brief Account of Some of His Travels, Sufferings, and Hardships Endured for the Truth's Sake.*

Let the Eternal Light search you, and try you for the good of your souls... It will rip you up and lie you open, and make all manifest which lodgeth in you... Therefore all to this come and by this be searched and judged and led and guided.

-Margaret Fell, 'Letter to Friends, Brethren an Sisters', 1656

News from Adrienne Lowe

This has been yet another busy week and I am thankful for the opportunity to get to relax and catch you up on some of the wonderful things that are going on for me this semester at ESR!

First, my classes: they're so much better than last semester. They're much more challenging/intellectually stimulating. I'm taking New Testament, History of Christianity I (to Reformation) online, Theology 336: Christian Ethics, Koine Greek II, and an independent study with Dean Jay Marshall on Quaker Leadership. I have attached the proposal that I wrote for the independent study to this email to give you a better idea of what I hope to accomplish in that course. Christian Ethics with Lonnie Valentine is my favorite class because it incorporates much of the philosophy that I learned and used in my undergraduate degree. There's a substantial amount of reading and weekly writing, and since I live for a challenge, I love it! Every week some students elect to do a presentation of the material for the next week--out of the past four weeks I have volunteered for three of those weeks' assignments. The subject material of ethics from a Christian theological perspective is fascinating in and of itself and it seems like Lonnie has chosen the best in the field for us to read, consider, and debate in class. (Plus he's just a wonderful guy!)

As for the others: Greek II is going well. I was saddened to learn that three of my former classmates decided against taking it this semester, paring our class down to three. It keeps me on my toes knowing that I will necessarily have to be a leader in every class, if only because there are so few of us! Taking an online class has been a bit of challenge. It's an entirely different world and I'm honestly not sure I thrive in it. I am doing my best and trying to keep up with the online forums. Most of the people in my class are Access Students and so they are old pros at the world of online learning--they are great examples for me! Thankfully the material is intrinsically interesting, despite the troubles navigating the Moodle courseware. :) New Testament is wonderful--the professor Dan Ulrich (Bethany) is a top-notch scholar and a rare one who can keep a three-hour-long course interesting all three hours.

Apart from academics, I am much happier in Richmond this semester, despite the cold! (It has been snowing on and off for the last few days.) I am doing more to integrate myself into the Earlham College community by taking advantage of all the cool events they have going on. Last week I

attended a lecture by Dr. Peniel Johnson on his book the Narrative History of Black Power in America, saw Wong Kar-wai's classic "Chunking Express" as part of the Earlham film series, and attended most of the lectures of the 8th Annual Meeting of the Foucault Circle that was gathering on campus this year. Surprisingly enough, that's just a little bit of the fun I've had in recent weeks! I have made many new friends and am feeling more apart of this community than before.

My living situation also helps my outlook. I have two wonderful roommates at the Cadbury House, where I am house manager. (House manager means I have some basic duties at the house and in return get rent reduced from \$500 a month to \$300 a month.) They are both pastors in their forties, Etienne from Rwanda and Benson from Kenya. They are a couple of the nicest and most positive people I have ever met and are truly a blessing to live with. The house is always a spotless and pleasant place to be.

At ESR I continue to work three days a week at the Barclay Center, covering Rita's desk during lunch and doing special projects as needed. I trained to be an AHA--Admissions and Hospitality Associate--and may take on more volunteer hours as part of my Cooper Scholarship for AHA later this semester. Also this semester I continue to be the only student on the Common Meal committee (with Tracy Crowe and Lonnie Valentine). This is a volunteer position unrelated to my Cooper scholarship; it mostly entails arranging for catering for some common meals and then helping with decorating and facilitating. I was especially proud of last week's meal--it was Chinese New Year themed, and we decorated with items I had picked up on Buford Highway while I was back in Atlanta for the Christmas Break. The speaker, Chinese himself and speaking on a topic of Christianity in China, was moved by the authenticity of the decorations and the warm welcome from all of us. Everyone was impressed with the decorations and seemed to have a great time--it was one of our best common meals this year!

Finally, I have changed my degree program from the three-year M.Div to the two-year MA in theology. I am going to graduate in May 2009 and plan on starting my second master's in student affairs administration somewhere in the beautiful South in the fall of 2009 (applying this summer). Because the Cooper scholarship is a 2/3 full scholarship, I only receive it for one year--it will end this semester. Therefore, I dearly appreciate the continued support of our meeting and of SAYMA! I am also going to try to live as cheaply as possible this summer and save as much as I can to put towards tuition and living expenses for the final year.

Well, I think that just about does it for now! Hope you are doing well and I am looking forward to hearing from you soon! – Love, Adrienne

On Conscientious Objection

By Perry Treadwell

Each year I dutifully fill out a 1040 and send it in with a letter explaining why I have withheld my estimated tax. I have explained that my social security is open for levy. Instead, penalties and interest have been added up to the maximum allowable before garnishment. This last year my bank account was frozen. When I called the IRS number, the responder had no documentation that I was a conscientious objector. I suspect that my letters of explanation have been discarded and are not part of my files. I have informed Congressman John Lewis of this suspicion. Thus, I am being persecuted for my religious convictions. Instead of sending the amount calculated that was due the IRS, last year I sent that amount to the Fisher House Foundation that supports the families of military personnel that have been maimed during this last fruitless war.

Announcements

“If War is Not the Answer, What Is?”

Joe Volk to Speak Here

Joe Volk, Exec. Secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), will give a talk at the Meetinghouse on Friday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m. He will discuss FCNL’s strategy for working to end the war in Iraq and promoting legislation that will provide the government with tools that prevent future wars through civilian peace building programs.

And that’s not all! Joe will also honor our own Jack Honderd and Tim Ralston, an Atlanta resident and LEED certified project manager of the new FCNL building in Washington, DC. Both helped bring this project to its award-winning conclusion, the first green building on Capitol Hill. No wonder 16 members of Congress joined hundreds of others to celebrate the building last year. (Jack is an architect, builder, and developer.)

The public is invited to this free event. Info: Sue May, 404-377-6326 or sdmay@mindspring.com

Excerpt on Pacifism

Joseph Hoag (1762-1846)

In his Journal, Joseph Hoag told of a conversation with a military general who challenged his pacifism. In a civil but serious debate, Joseph Hoag defended his beliefs as true to the teachings of Jesus. The general needed some time to think about the Quaker’s words, when one of his soldiers came to his defense. - The General made no answer, but sat and hung his head for some time. One of the company at length replied, ‘Well, stranger, if all the world was of your mind, I would turn and follow after.’ I replied, ‘So then thou hast a mind to be the last man in the world to be good. I have a mind to be one of the first, and set the rest an example.’ This made the general smile.



Atlanta Friends Service Committee STOP MAX - Campaign Conference

(5/30-6/1) Temple Univ., Philadelphia, PA

AFSC is organizing to Abolish Solitary Confinement and Torture in U.S. Prisons

We Need You!! Calling on families, formerly imprisoned people, youth groups, community activists, civic leaders, lawyers, researchers, mental health professionals and concerned citizens to attend this 3-day grassroots organizing event. Come learn, share skills, resources and help build a national movement to end human rights violations in prisons. Movements to end human rights abuses in prison must be informed and led by those most directly affected. Deadline for Registration: May 16, 2008.

If you cannot attend, but would like to support this conference, please call: 215-241-7137 or email Naima Black at nblack@afsc.org.

Volunteer Appreciation Pancakes 4/27

We love our volunteers! And to show how much, Care & Counsel will be dishing out a pancake brunch at the rise of Meeting on April 27. Come celebrate everyone who gives of time and energy to make everything happen in the Meeting.

As Mike Mykel has been known to say, Quakerism is a do-it-yourself religion; if you see something that isn't being done, it's because you're not doing it. The obverse of this truth is that when you see things done, shining light into all our lives, it's because you're doing it-- and you should definitely get pancakes for it. Free **if** you are a volunteer. If not, it'll cost you \$2.00. Sign up to volunteer at the table or on the easel

FGC Gathering (6/28-7/5)

2008 University of Pittsburgh at Johnston, PA
Come Join Us at the 2008 Friends General Conference Gathering of Friends, as we explore what it means to be courageously faithful. The Gathering will challenge you to draw inspiration from others' courageous acts of faith, reflect inward to see where you are now, and look forward to dream the future into being. We will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Martin Luther King's presentation to Friends General Conference in 1958. His words are as meaningful today as they were 50 years ago! Come hear his voice and reflect on his message. There are over 50 workshops to choose from, with scholarship assistance available. Check the greeting table for a copy of the Advance Program.

A Friendly Reminder J

Spring has sprung, and once again the Meetinghouse is abuzz with meetings. To make sure that your meeting goes smoothly, please remember to contact the office for scheduling. Thanks! Marlene 404-377-2474 or 404 551-8991.

Greetings Friends -

Wonderful news - Courtney Siceloff walked into his new home, and liked it right from the start! He is settling in there, getting

to know folks (and how to get to and from meals, a VERY important part of things). He has said repeatedly that he likes it and is happy there. John and I have been getting things fixed up and joining him for meals, and we all have giant smiles on our faces! The staff has been great, and C looks right at home in his new apartment. His phone still isn't hooked up, but will be soon. Thanks for holding us in the light - everything went WONDERFULLY! Much, much love, Mary

Stories, Reading and Discussions in Adult Religious Education - April

Stories of the Elders will feature a member of meeting on the first Sunday of each month with the rest of the time devoted to discussions of books selected by the group attending. April 6 will feature Bill Holland. During the rest of April, we will continue to read and discuss one chapter each week of *Listening Spirituality: Personal Spiritual Practices Among Friends* by Patricia Loring. You can buy copies from Bill Holland.

Stamps for Peace

"Thank you", to those of you who have saved your stamps for peace. If you are new to Meeting, perhaps you'd like to get involved. Here's what to do: clip the commemorative and foreign stamps from your mail and place them in the envelope hanging on the moveable bulletin board in the Greeting room. Be sure to preserve the whole stamp, including the perforations, when cutting them from the envelopes. Torn or damaged stamps are not useable. A Quaker Meeting in Massachusetts uses the money from selling these stamps to collectors for Quaker service projects, sponsored around the world, like Right Sharing of World Resources, Friends World Committee for Consultation and International Quaker Aid. If you are interested in learning more about this project, talk to Karen Morris. A recent update is that the new freedom bell stamp is now so numerous that no more can be sent. This is also true for the flag stamps. Foreign stamps and US commemoratives are still in high demand

Atlanta Friends Meeting – Meeting Responsibilities

Meeting Position			
Clerk of the Meeting	Steve Collins	Newsletter Editor	Stoph Hallward
Assistant Clerk of the Meeting	Georgia Lord	Newsletter Distributor	Karen Skellie
Recording Clerk	Bill Holland	Directory Editor	Nina Gooch
Treasurer	Pete McCaughan	Database Manager	Nina Gooch
Assistant Treasurer	Betsy Eggers	Listserv Manager	Nina Gooch
Archivist	Renda McCaughan	Web Manager	
Membership Recorder	Tom McGuigan	Office Coordinator	Marlene Finch

Committees		
Administration	Clerk	Karen Morris
	At-Large Members	Wendy Phillips, Jeff Evans
Advancement	Clerk	Tom Kenworthy
Atlanta Central American	Clerk	Bert Skellie
Care & Counsel	Clerk	Dwight Harriman
	Appointed Members	Nan O'Connor, Meg Harper
Committee on Undoing Racism	Clerk	Susan Firestone
Community Retreat Planning	Clerk	Dana Goldman
Educational Scholarship	Clerk	Harry Lefever
Fall Retreat	Clerk	Dana Goldman
Ferguson Cabin	Stewards	John & Sallie Carpentier
Finance	Clerk	Sue May
Fundraising	Clerk	Linda Hoopes
Gathered Meeting Retreat	Clerk	Althea Sumpter
Hospitality	Clerk	Carol Gray
Landscape	Clerk	Myrna Trapp
Library	Clerk	Cal Gough
Meetinghouse	Clerk	
Ministry & Worship	Clerk	Suzan Kenworthy(0)
	Members (n)=years served	Bill Jenkins (5), Tom Kenworthy (5), Cindy Berg (4), Daphne Clement (3), Jonah McDonald (3), Lissa Place (3), Carolyn Coburn-Allen (2), Joel Bowman (2), Georgia Lord (1), Steve McLaughlin (0), Heather Jeziorowski (0)
Nominating	Clerk	Sally MacEwen
	Members	Roland Heath, Hannah MacDermott, Angela Johnson
Religious Education	Clerk	Folami & John Prescott-Adams
Social Concerns	Co-Clerks	Julia Ewen &
Young Friends Support Committee	Clerk	Heather Barbour
	Coordinator	Laura Norlin

Appointed Representatives	
American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)	Susan Cozzens
Decatur Emergency Assistance Ministries (DEAM)	Marlene Finch
Decatur Cooperative Ministries (DCM)	
Friend Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)	Michael Allison
Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)	Bill Holland & Christina Repoley
Regional Council of Churches – Atlanta (RCCA)	Julia Ewen
Yearly Meeting (SAYMA) - AFM representatives	Mark Wutka &
SAYMA Ministry & Nurture - committee member	Beth Ensign

Atlanta Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship with an Attention to Business
As Recorded Pending Approval
Third Month 16, 2008

Bill Jenkins shared the query: “Is there discernment in our messages? Are our messages spiritually led, lovingly shared, and openly heard?”

In attendance were: Heather Barbour, Don Bender, Cynthia Berg, Muireann Brennan, Carolyn Coburn –Allen, Betsy Eggers, Julia Parker Ewen, Meg Harper, Roland Heath, Bill Jenkins, Suzan Kenworthy, Tom Kenworthy, Georgia Lord, Susan May, Jonah McDonald, Sally MacEwen, Peter McCaughan, Renda McCaughan, Steve McLaughlin, Karen terHorst Morris, Lissa Place, Erin Schroder, Bert Skellie, Karen Skellie, Ellie Soler, Jim Tolmach, Austin Wattles, Pat Williams, Woody Woodall, Steve Collins (clerk), and Bill Holland (Recording Clerk). (30 Friends)

1. Approval of Minutes of Second Month Meeting for Worship with an Attention to Business.

Minute 08-03-01: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the minutes for Meeting for Worship with an Attention to Business of Second Month 2008 with corrections.

2. Review of Business Meeting Guidelines.

Minute 08-03-02: Atlanta Friends Meeting affirms the Meeting for Worship for Business Guidelines approved February 1996.

3. Treasurer. Peter McCaughan reported income and expenses are typical for this time of year. As of the end of February our total income is \$7,783 with expenses of \$20,519. Contributions to the Raise the Roof Campaign are needed as at least one HVAC unit will need replacement.

Minute 08-03-03: Atlanta Friends Meeting accepts the Treasurer’s Report of February 29, 2008.

4. 2007 State of the Meeting Report. Sally MacEwen presented her draft of the 2007 report to the yearly meeting on the state of the meeting. Earlier drafts were circulated to committee clerks and the AFM discussion list for comment. Friends made several recommendations for changes in content, consistent use of abbreviations and the ordering of paragraphs.

Minute 08-03-04: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the 2007 State of the Meeting report with the changes recommended.

5. FCNL Announcement. Sue May announced that Joe Volk of the Friends Committee on National Legislation will be at the meetinghouse on the evening of Friday, May 16 to address the question “If war is not the answer, what is?” Jack Honderd will be honored at the event for his work advising on the greening of the FCNL national office building.

6. Finance Committee. Pete McCaughan reported that the Finance Committee was continuing to season recommendations for the surplus and will report at a future meeting.

5. Ministry and Worship. Suzan Kenworthy reported that Meg Harper and Rick Stoops have applied for membership. They have been found clear for membership and ministry and worship recommends the meeting approve their application. Approval will be requested in fourth month.

The meeting was asked to consider the request that the marriage of Steve McLaughlin and Meredith Reynolds be taken under the care of the Meeting.

Minute 08-03-05: On the recommendation of the Ministry and Worship Committee, Atlanta Friends Meeting approves taking the marriage of Steve McLaughlin and Meredith Reynolds under our care.

Minute 08-03-06: On the recommendation of the Ministry and Worship Committee, Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Georgia Lord, Laura Norlin, Hannah MacDermott and Lewis Fuller to serve as the support committee for the Marriage of Steve McLaughlin and Meredith Reynolds.

Suzan announced that the marriage is scheduled for June 14.

Ministry and worship has received a letter from Jonah McDonald and Dana Goldman reporting that they intend to marry and requesting a clearness committee.

A forum on Spirit led eldering will be held at the rise of meeting on March 23. In June a forum on Quakers and money will be held.

6. Naming Committee. Steve Collins asked the meeting to consider the recommendations of the Naming Committee from Second Month.

Minute 08-03-07: On the recommendation of the Naming Committee, Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Folami Adams, Elizabeth Tolmach and Tom McGuigan to a three-year term on the Nominating Committee.

7. Nominating Committee. Jim Tolmach circulated revised descriptions for the Database Manager, Directory Editor, and Ministry and Worship Committee. In addition, a new position, Web Manager, is proposed. Friends are asked to review the proposed changes and positions and share comments with Jim. If Friends are clear, approval will be sought in Fourth Month.

8. Ad hoc committee on resident. Peter McCaughan, Georgia Lord and Carolyn Coburn-Allen presented their proposal. Based on the results of a forum and questionnaire, the committee recommends that the resident position be restructured as a Friend in Residence who will provide support for the spirit and activities of the meeting. The position will be primarily programmatic in nature with work undertaken as a ministry. The position will be for two years, with a possible one-year extension. Meeting will approve the final candidate and their proposed program.

Members of meeting expressed strong support for the proposal. The potential for the meeting to support expanded work of social concern, ministry and worship or religious education was exciting. Several concerns were voiced about the property management aspects of the meeting, some felt they should be removed entirely from the proposed position, others wondered how opening the meetinghouse for evening groups could be handled. One possible approach would be to form an ad hoc group who would be available to open the building as needed. It was also suggested that some flexibility was possible. A friend expressed his hope that the meetinghouse would be open more time than at present for drop-in visits.

A member of the committee noted that moving in the proposed direction will require a change in the duties of the office manager and will probably entail additional cost to the meeting of the \$7,000-\$8,000 a year.

Minute 08-03-08: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the spirit and direction of the ad hoc committee on the resident and the Friend in Residence approach. We ask the committee to continue their work and bring a refined proposal further addressing the responsibilities of the Friend in Residence, the anticipated costs and the search process at our next meeting.

The committee welcomes additional comments from members of meeting.

9. Nurturing Young Friends. Karen terHorst Morris presented the recommendations of the ad hoc committee on Nurturing Young Friends. The group has been meeting regularly with average attendance of 15. Karen circulated a Proposal for Restructuring of Religious Education Committee Composition. They propose the committee to be composed of a clerk, three at large members and five lead teachers. Meeting through the nominating process will approve these members of the committee. Additional volunteer members would be welcomed. The clerk and at large members would serve three-year terms, the teachers' one-year renewal terms. In addition, the naming committee would be asked to designate one member of the Nominating Committee with a special responsibility for religious education liaison.

There was general support for the proposal. A member suggested that instead of using the term "at large," better to use "appointed member" to make it consistent with other AFM committees. A concern was raised that the person responsible for the nursery was not included as one of the lead teachers or on the committee. A fuller description of job tasks accompanies the proposal and includes a nursery liaison. This task will be included in the tasks carried out by appointed members.

Minute 08-03-09: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the Proposal for Restructuring of Religious Education with the changes suggested.

10. Social Concerns. Julia Ewen reported that the Social Concerns Committee recommended that the meeting support a Voter Registration and Gentrification Project proposed by Bert Skellie. Social Concerns further recommends that the meeting allocate up to \$6,000 from the Social Concerns Fund to support this project.

Bert Skellie described the volunteer work he has been doing in the East End Atlanta neighborhood. Several churches and a mosque in the area are interested in the project. The proposed allocation from the Social Concerns Fund will allow the hiring of a staff person to organize the project. A number of Atlanta Friends live in the area, and five members of meeting have volunteered to work with the project.

There was strong support for the project. A friend supported the time-limited and concrete goals. Another friend hoped that the project would reach out to other groups working on the issue and not duplicate other voter registration, or consumer education projects. Several friends sought to clarify that the proposed staff person would not be an employee of meeting. Bert clarified that the staff person would likely be an employee of one of the participating churches.

Minute 08-03-10: On the recommendation of the Social Concerns Committee, Atlanta Friends Meeting approves up to \$6,000 from the Social Concerns Fund to support the Voter Registration & Gentrification Project as presented in the proposal of March 15, 2008.

Julia reported that a forum on Human Trafficking has been rescheduled for a time when an appropriate panel can be assembled. A forum will be held on March 30 at the rise of meeting to celebrate Women's History Month and all Friends are encouraged to participate. On May 25, Margie Rece will host a forum on single payer health insurance, sponsored by Social Concerns committee.

Julia also reported that the committee has received thank-you notes from Quaker Earthcare Witness, the Friends Africa Great Lakes Initiative and Decatur Cooperative Ministries for financial contributions from the Meeting.

11. Ad hoc committee on web site. Jonah McDonald described the changes the committee proposes to the website. At this point the general look of the website is the same, but the information has been updated and navigation has been streamlined. The proposed home page now would provide updated information on places and times for worship. At this point, the committee asks the meeting to approve the posting of several aspects of the website. Once the basic format is established, additional comments from meeting will be needed to enhance the content of the meeting.

The implications of posting email addresses in our newsletter and announcement sheet are a concern of the committee. Those listing their address will need to be aware of the possible security concerns that arise. Posting the document in PDF form should help with most problems, but those wishing privacy will need to be aware of the possible problems. It was suggested that a note be placed in the announcement sheet and newsletter reminding friends with concerns about these problems.

Minute 08-03-11: On the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Website, Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the posting of the updated contact information, directions, and the weekly event schedule and navigation bar.

Jonah asked the meeting to provide personal examples of how they are living the testimonies today. These will be summarized as examples of how Atlanta Friends are living testimonies. Friends suggested that the specific requests be placed in the announcement sheet and newsletter. In addition, a Friend recommended that minutes approved by meeting might be posted.

12. Young Friends Support Committee. Heather Barbour reported that the Southern Appalachian Young Friends (SAYF) have planned a retreat for September 21, 2008 and are requesting the use of the meetinghouse at no charge.

Minute 08-03-12: Atlanta Friends Meeting, pending availability, welcomes the SAYF retreat to be held the weekend of September 21 and we offer the meetinghouse at no charge.

13. Clerk's Items. Steve reported that the SAYMA Census is due shortly and asked members of meeting to provide comments on some of the items requested. Steve expressed his appreciation to the meeting and the committees for the work they have been undertaking the last several months.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Collins, Clerk

Bill Holland, Recording Clerk.

Calendar for Fourth Month, 2008

Area Meetings for Worship

Every First Day, 10:00 a.m.— In the Meeting Room and a small meeting in the Library.

Every First Day, 2:30 p.m.— Friends Community Worship Group, Call M.J. Robinson, 678-217-4098.

Every 2nd and 4th First Day, 10:00 a.m. — Canton Friends Worship Group, 360 E. Marietta St, Canton, 770-720-4669 or wrldeas@mindspring.com.

Every Fifth Day, 12:10 p.m.— First Thursdays at AFSC office, 92 Piedmont Ave., Atlanta 30303, other Thursdays at East Lake Commons, 404-378-5883 or bertskellie@mindspring.com.

Every Sixth Day, 8:45 a.m.— Friends School of Atlanta, 121 Sams Street, Decatur, 404-373-8746.

Weekly Events

Every First Day (Sunday)

9:00 Adult Religious Education

9:15 Singing

10:00 Meetings for Worship

Every Third Day (Tuesday)

7:30 Silent Meditation, Meeting Room

7:00 Bible Study, Library

Every Fourth Day (Wednesday)

7:30 ORAIHARH (*childcare available*)

Every Sixth Day (Friday)

12:00 Vigil at Colony Square

Other Events

4/2, Fourth Day (Wednesday)

7:30-10:00 Administration Committee, Library

4/3, Fifth Day (Thursday)

7:30 Meeting for Peace, Library

4/4, Sixth Day (Friday)

6:00 SAYMA Rep Meeting, Mtg. Room

4/5, Seventh Day (Saturday)

SAYMA Rep Meeting Continued

4/6, First Day (Sunday)

11:15- Potluck

11:15-1:30 Green Friends, AB

4/7, Second Day (Monday)

7:00-10:00 Spiritual Nurture Group, Mtg. Room

4/10, Fifth Day (Thursday)

7:30-9:30 Social Concerns Committee, Library

4/13, First Day (Sunday)

11:15 Listening Ear, Jr. Teen Room

11:30-2:00 Care and Counsel, Jr. Teen Room

11:30-1:30 Ministry and Worship, AB

11:45-1:30 Finance Committee, Library

4/14, Second Day (Monday)

7:00-10:00 Spiritual Nurture Group, Mtg. Room

7:30 Meeting for Healing, Teen Jr. High Room

7:30 Meeting for Peace, Library

4/18, Sixth Day (Friday)

Newsletter Deadline

Newcomers Welcome Dinner Nan & Paul O'Connor will host the April welcome/new-comers dinner on Friday the 18th. Dinner @ 6 "old timers" please bring a dish to share. (< 1/2 mile from Mtg. house) 404-378-5026

4/20, First Day (Sunday)

11:45-2:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, Meeting Room (*childcare available*)

4/21, Second Day (Monday)

7:00-10:00 Spiritual Nurture Group, Meeting Room

4/27, First Day (Sunday)

11:15 Volunteer Appreciation Pancake Breakfast

11:15 Listening Ear, Jr. Teen Room

11:30-1:00 Young Friends Teen Business Meeting, Jr. Teen Room

4/28, Second Day (Monday)

7:00-10:00 Spiritual Nurture Group, Mtg. Room

Please confirm unique events by checking the announcements sheets and or contacting the Meeting.



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