

ATLANTA FRIENDS MEETING NEWSLETTER

August 2016



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

Suffrage: Not Just a Rich White Woman's Movement *Submitted by Julia Ewen*

August 26 is Women's Equality Day, the annual celebration of the 19th Amendment that gave women of all colors the right the right to vote. On August 28 Atlanta Friends will mark the occasion with a "birthday cake." Join in the celebration!

Ever since the Seneca Falls convention in 1848 Quakers have been active in the movement for Women's Civil and Human Rights Women constitute over 51 percent of our population, and the other 49 percent have all had mothers and many have wives, sweethearts, sisters or daughters whom they love. There is no one who is not directly impacted by women's rights. The women's vote has been pivotal in accomplishing many things we now take for granted in our communities, among them the abolition of child labor, establishing compulsory free education, women's inheritance and property rights, right to custody of our own children in divorce, right to control our own fertility, right to advanced education and admission to law and medical professions, the public library movement, the suspension of the draft. Women of every color have been active on our own behalf and for the benefit of our sisters, black, white, Latina, Native American, Asian. For more info regarding Friends and Women's Right to Vote contact Julia Ewen, jewen@bellsouth.net.

Excerpts and summaries from *Women of the Suffrage Movement* by Lydia Bjornlund Lucent Books 2003
From Chapter 5 African American Women in the Suffrage Movement pp 65-77:

Frances Harper was a leader in the American Equal Rights Assn. (formed 1866, lasted for three years). She was born a free woman in Maryland, orphaned as a child, attended the school where her uncle taught, then earned her living as a sales clerk in a bookstore, as a teacher and as a domestic servant. She was active in the Underground Railroad. She wrote poetry based on her life experiences which appeared in anti-slavery publications and was a lecturer for antislavery societies.

Meeting for Worship
Each First Day (Sunday)
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
701 W. Howard Ave.
Decatur, GA 30030

QUERY

Do I treat conflict as an opportunity for growth, and address it with careful attention? Do I seek to recognize and respect the Divine in those with whom I have a basic disagreement? Do I look for ways to reaffirm in action and attitude my love for the one with whom I am in conflict?

– Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

After the Civil War the women's suffrage movement was divided over whether suffrage for women should be tied to suffrage for black males. Although white women also struggled over this issue, African American women were in the midst of a serious philosophical debate that reached to the very heart of their identity: They were discriminated against both as blacks and as women. Frances Harper, for example argued that black women should "let the lesser question of sex go" and get behind the Fifteenth Amendment, which would give their husbands and sons the right to vote. She "would not have black women put a single straw in the way if only the men of the race could obtain what they wanted."

Other women were committed to universal suffrage—for women as well as men—at any cost. Mary Ann Cary, who had gained stature as the editor of an abolitionist newspaper before the war, withheld support of the Fifteenth Amendment because it included the word male. She believed that the time was ripe for change and that women should take advantage of the opportunity to protect their constitutional rights by insisting that the Fifteenth Amendment right to vote be extended to all citizens.

The debate took its toll on black organizations that formed to support women's suffrage. In 1869 the AERA disbanded and Harper joined the AWSA, and Cary joined the NWSA. African Americans also joined state suffrage associations and sometimes rose to leadership in their ranks. Charlotte Redmond Putnam, the daughter of a prominent abolitionist family in Salem MA, helped found the Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association in 1870. Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin, a Bostonian of mixed color who got her start in the woman suffrage movement in the MWSA in 1875 was a prominent leader in the movement for women's emancipation.

In these and other organizations, African American women fought alongside their white sisters to gain the right to vote. They went on the lecture circuit and published articles in African American journals to gain African American support for women's voting rights.

Mary Ann Carey argued before the house Judiciary Committee that she had the same obligations—including paying taxes—as her male counterparts. In 1871 she became one of the few women to successfully register to vote, but like many others she was turned away when she tried to actually cast her vote.

In South Carolina during Reconstruction, the Rollins sisters, Frances, Louisa, Kate and Charlotte ("Lottie") served in the leadership of South Carolina Woman's Rights Association and other women's clubs. Louisa led a meeting at the state capital in 1871. Lottie, who worked for Congressman Robert Brown Elliott, pleaded the case for universal suffrage before the S.C. house of Representatives in 1869—likely the first black woman to do so in any Southern state. In 1870 she argued at the South Carolina Woman's Suffrage Convention that suffrage was a right due to women: "We ask suffrage not as a privilege, but as a right based on the ground that we are human beings, and as such entitled to all human rights." It was the same argument that many white men had used to get the vote, but many African Americans took it a step further." As much as white women need the ballot, colored women need it more," Frances Harper declares at an AWSA conference. She argued that black women, particularly in the South were subject to the arbitrary legal authority of "ignorant and often degraded men." She believed that women's votes were vitally necessary to turn back the Jim Crow laws and racist practices that were growing more and more in Reconstruction. Many African American women who were trying to join women's suffrage organizations were being barred or were met with hostility. Ruffin called on African American women to organize on their own behalf and joined with others at convention of clubs in Boston in 1895 to establish their own organizations—"colored" women's clubs—and a national association the National Association of Colored

Women, whose founding members included Harriet Tubman, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Margaret Murray Washington and Frances Harper. Mary Church Terrell was elected its first president. Terrell was born to a slave mother in Tennessee. She was a graduate of Oberlin College. Under her leadership the NACW grew quickly representing thousands of black women's clubs from all over the country, publishing its own literature and hosting its own speakers bureau.

Jim Crow took its toll on the women's suffrage movement, dividing white women from black women. There were several attempts to draft a constitutional amendment that would limit women's votes to white women only, and some white suffragists attempted to sell women's suffrage to Southern Congressmen by asserting that there were more white women's potential votes than there were all blacks, men and women, in the South.

When women did get the right to vote records show that African American women voted more often than did white women. Of the 1,373 black voters in Denver CO in 1906 almost half, 45.2 percent, were women. But the same discriminatory laws and voting practices that legal and de facto barred African American men from exercising their right to vote also kept African American women's votes from being registered or counted.

In Chapter 6 there is more history about African American and White women being set against each other, and about the backlash from males, across the color line, but mainly from white men. The "race card" was also played by anti-suffragists—those who opposed women's voting rights.

In researching info re votes for women, it was difficult to find info about Native Americans, Latinas and Asian Americans because when these ethnic groups, both men and women, attempted to vote based on the 13th, 14th, 15th and 19th Amendments they were denied registration and voting not only on the same grounds and using the same exclusionary tactics as were used against African Americans, but their rights to CITIZENSHIP were also disputed. Not a citizen? No vote! There will be some information at the Meeting House about the struggles of these women as well as European American and African American women. Please browse the literature while enjoying a piece of cake!

Emergency Contact Information

Atlanta Friends Meeting wants to have on file an emergency contact for regular attenders and members in case you have an emergency at the meetinghouse. The information can be submitted by filling out a paper form available at the meetinghouse or at AFM website; www.atlanta.quaker.org. Click on the link to the Emergency contact form. If you have any questions or if you want a paper form please see any C&C member or contact Clive at cmgord28@gmail.com.

Women's Weekend at Lake Burton Cabins – August 4-7

Join other women for a weekend of hiking, swimming, kayaking, canoeing, sharing meals, playing games, reading, sunning and conversation in a mountain cabin on a beautiful lake gifted by Dwight and Irene Ferguson. Cost is \$20 a night in the newer cabin (Irene) or \$13 for the original cabin or any of the other bunkhouses. Come for any part of the weekend Thursday August 4 through Sunday, August 7. Pick up a cabin brochure at Meeting for more information and contact Karen Skellie at 404-378-5883 or kskellie@gmail.com to reserve your space at the cabin.

Become a Doorkeeper – Workshop August 28

Have you noticed all the young Friends at AFM? Have you wondered about what they are up to every First Day? Would you be interested in sharing in their worship experience every now and then? Become a doorkeeper! The work is easy and important. We need doorkeepers EVERY first day. You can volunteer once a month or several times a year and you don't have to be on a committee to do it! The Religious Education Committee will offer a DOORKEEPERS WORKSHOP on Sunday, August 28 following the rise of Meeting. Join us for one hour of fun and instruction on just what a doorkeeper does and how you can help enrich the lives of the children of this Meeting. Snacks will be provided.

Immersed in Prayer: The Fourth Annual Gathering of Friendly Mystics – Sept 30-Oct 3

The retreat, at the Cenacle Center in Chicago IL starts at 5:30 pm Friday, September 30th. Small and large groups will be held for the first two days, followed by extended worship on Monday morning. The gathering will end after lunch on Monday, October 3rd. Activities Highlights include the Mystics' Open Mic and an Art Fair. To Register, contact Michael Resman at reesmanmh@aol.com for a registration form, to be completed and received by September 1st, 2016. Participation is limited to the first 25 registrants. Questions regarding scholarships can be directed to Mike at resmanmh@aol.com.

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business – July 17, 2016

Recorded pending approval

Attendance: Mike Aland, Micheal Allison, Noah Hungerford, Don Bender, Muireann Brennan, Beth-Ann Buitekant, Tina Chiang, Steve Collins, Cheryl Cowhere, Mary Ann Downey, Julia Ewen, Sally Ferguson, Julie Foster, Larry Foster, Nina Gooch, Clive Gordon, Zihne Gordon, Gabrielle Hammons, Bill Holland, Jack Honderd, Suzan Kenworthy, Tom Kenworthy, Chris Kohler, Shahina Lakhani, Lynn Leuszler, Georgia Lord, Becky Lough, Paul Mangelsdorf, Carolyn Manley, Alison Mawle, Jonah McDonald, Kelsey McNicholas, Caroline Morris, Karen ter Horst Morris, Steve Morrison, Bethany Nanamaker, Ann Ritter, Kelly Singer, Bert Skellie, Karen Skellie, Rebecca Sullivan, Elizabeth Tolmach, Jim Tolmach, Myrna Trapp, Sarah Walton, Ashley Wilcox, Pat Williams, Betsy Eggers (Clerk), Elizabeth Lamb (Recording Clerk) (49 Friends).

Query: Sally Ferguson presented the query: "How does our Meeting work to overcome social, legal, economic, and political injustices, locally and in the wider world? Does our Meeting encourage those seeking clearness for their convictions of conscience to hold up such convictions with prayerful openness to the Light?"

Minutes of April, 2016:

- **Minute 07-17-2016-01:** *The Minutes of the April 2016 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business were approved as amended.*

Discernment

Ministry and Worship Committee: On behalf of Ministry and Worship Steve Collins brought forward the marriage of Bethany Nanamaker and Steve Morrison, to be celebrated August 6, 2016 at 2 PM at the Meetinghouse.

- **Minute 07-17-2016-02:** *On the recommendation of the Ministry and Worship Committee Atlanta Friends Meeting approves taking the marriage of Bethany Nanamaker and Steve Morrison under the care of the meeting.*

A marriage committee is currently being formed. The members so far are Ashley Wilcox, Mark Watson, and the couple's non-Quaker friend Katie Sparks. See Steve Collins or Sally Ferguson if you would be interested in serving on this committee.

Finance Committee: On behalf of the Finance Committee Paul Mangelsdorf presented the Policy on Donations. It was suggested that a bullet be added stating what would be done with the funds in the event that the special, restricted fund to which money was donated was laid down prior to disbursing all of the funds.

- **Minute 07-17-2016-03:** *Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the Policy on Donations with the understanding that an amendment will soon be presented to address the above stated concern.*
- **Nominating Committee:** On behalf of the Nominating Committee Elizabeth Lamb brought the following names forward for approval.
- **Minute 07-17-2106-04:** *Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Angie Love as a religious education teacher for the 2016-2017 school year.*
- **Minute 07-17-2106-05:** *Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Carol Gray as a religious education teacher for the 2016-2017 school year.*
- **Minute 07-17-2106-06:** *Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Elizabeth Valera as a religious education teacher for the 2016-2017 school year.*
- **Minute 07-17-2106-07:** *Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Blake Williamson as a religious education teacher for the 2016-2017 school year.*
- **Minute 07-17-2106-08:** *Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Kacy Brubaker as a religious education teacher for the 2016-2017 school year.*
- **Minute 07-17-2106-09:** *Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Brittnay Thornbury as a religious education teacher for the 2016-2017 school year.*
- **Minute 07-17-2106-10:** *Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Gwen Davies as a religious education teacher for the 2016-2017 school year.*
- **Minute 07-17-2106-11:** *Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Beth Ensign as a religious education teacher for the 2016-2017 school year.*
- **Minute 07-17-2106-12:** *Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Maggie Hasbrouck as a religious education teacher for the 2016-2017 school year.*
- **Minute 07-17-2106-13:** *Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Katie Smillie as a religious education teacher for the 2016-2017 school year.*

Reports

Nominating Committee: On behalf of the Nominating Committee Elizabeth Lamb brought forward Sally Ferguson as a religious education teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. Her name will be brought forward next month for approval.

Jonah McDonald then brought forward the need for teachers in the 3 & 4 year old class. He presented two options: a) recruit volunteers to cover this class or b) have the assistant nursery caregiver (a paid position) be responsible for this class. The Finance Committee will look into this possibility with the Religious Education Committee. It was suggested that perhaps a combination of those options would work: the consistency of a paid employee present every week with rotating volunteers to lead spiritual activities. The need of space for this class was also discussed. Jonah will take these suggestions to the Religious Education Committee for consideration.

Administration Committee: On behalf of Administration Committee Steve Collins reported that the exterior building repairs are underway. Jim Williams, Clerk of Meetinghouse has purchased replacement siding and repair work began July 11. When the repairs are completed the building will be painted and then the gutters will be replaced.

Mike Aland, Personnel Liaison, then reported that a very good candidate for the nursery caregiver position has been found. The committee is currently checking references. The committee is still seeking someone for the assistant/substitute position.

Care and Counsel Committee: On behalf of the Care and Counsel Committee Clive Gordon reported that the committee has recognized the need to have emergency contact information on file for members and attenders. This information would only be available to the Clerk, the Friend in Residence and members of Care and Counsel and would remain confidential. The committee has designed a form which will be available online and in paper form. Care and Counsel members will announce this method of caring for our community at upcoming worship services.

FLGBTQC: On behalf of FLGBTQC Nina Gooch reported that the meeting is registered to march in the Pride Parade on October 11, 2016. She then stated that they have become aware that rainbow flags may not necessarily make it clear to transgendered people that the meeting welcomes them and that they are considering exactly what we should be doing. If you have suggestions, see Nina.

Social Concerns Committee: On behalf of the Social Concerns Committee Bert Skellie clarified that the Social Concerns Fund was established when AFM moved to the current location, in order to have funds available for meeting-wide projects when the Meeting felt called to them. The fund currently contains about \$6000. The Social Concerns Committee is tasked with discerning projects and bringing them to the Meeting for approval before spending these funds. (Note, this is not the Social Concerns Committee's budget.) The Social Concerns Committee has considered Sarah Walton's ministry concerning the policies and practices of local law enforcement and together with Sarah's Support Committee (a care committee under Ministry and Worship comprised of Bert Skellie, Clerk, Susan Firestone, Eric Glenn, Kelly Singer, Austin Wattles and Diana White [New England Yearly Meeting, lives in Montgomery, AL, and attends AFM about once a month as able]) have discerned that her proposal for a meeting-wide project regarding use of force and bias-based profiling in law enforcement would provide an opportunity for AFM to become more involved in the Civil Rights Movement of our time.

- **Minute 07-17-2016-14:** *Atlanta Friends Meeting approves disbursement of \$1000 to Sarah Walton from the Social Concerns Fund. The purpose of this grant is to offer support for Sarah's leading to develop a proposal for a Meeting project. This project will include developing and testing a tool kit for bringing about changes in the "use of force" and "bias-based profiling" policies and practices of local law enforcement agencies. The proposal will include goals, timeline of project, specific objectives, how the work will be managed, and what kinds of volunteer opportunities there will be for Meeting community members. The Meeting encourages Sarah to bring this detailed proposal back as soon as possible for consideration for further funding.*

The Social Concerns Committee anticipates that once Sarah Walton, working with Gabrielle Hammons, has completed an outline of the project and the Social Concerns Committee has reviewed it, they will request that an additional \$5000 of the Social Concerns Fund be made available to this project. The Finance Committee will determine how the transfer of funds should be handled – as a gift to Sarah, treating her as a contract worker or an employee or some other method.

The last request from Sarah Walton for assistance from the Special Leadings Fund was in early 2014. Since then, the Fund has been closed and a line item of \$2000 per year has been added to the general budget for Special Leadings. Today, through her Support Committee, Sarah is requesting up to \$5000 from this fund again. At present, Sarah's policy advocacy ministry has included consulting on police policy, with notable success in Cobb, Fulton and DeKalb Counties. As a volunteer consultant to officials of these counties, she is seen as a credible source for recommending changes to make police policies more fair in the areas of racial profiling and in de-escalation of violence. Her other main work currently for her ministry is serving as a human rights attorney for cases which are gross violations of fairness under the law. She provides legal services at a discount to families who can barely afford to pay anything for legal representation. She makes visits to jails, prisons and juvenile detention locations, and she also assists clients with pre-trial release.

- **Minute 07-17-2016-15:** *Atlanta Friends Meetings supports Sarah Walton's leading to work for racial justice in the criminal justice system. The Meeting approves disbursement of \$2000 to Sarah Walton, to be drawn from the line item for Special Leadings in the AFM budget.*

The Social Concerns and Finance Committees will work out the details to make this an ongoing mission.

Bert Skellie then reported on Frank Cummings' bequest to AMF.

On February 7th after Meeting for Worship, Lynn Leuszler and Paul Mangelsdorf met with Frank Cummings to discuss his proposed bequest to Atlanta Friends Meeting. Frank indicated that he planned to leave approximately \$140,000 to the Meeting for the Suchitoto Fund. He stated that he intended to leave the money from certain of his TIAA-CREF accounts. He expected that members of the meeting along with his sons would oversee the distribution of the funds. He wanted the funds to be used for education in El Salvador, continuing along the lines they have since the creation of the Suchitoto Fund (formerly the El Sitio Fund) Lynn and Paul expressed the meetings gratitude for the donation to this ministry and for all of his work in El Salvador over the years.

The following issues /concerns were addressed with Frank:

- Paul stated that it is the practice of the meeting that any income earned from special purpose funds is credited to the general fund and is not credited to the special purpose fund. Frank indicated his agreement
- Lynn asked if the donated funds could be used to cover any extraordinary expenses required to support the distribution of the funds (e.g., wire fees, bank fees, legal expenses etc.). Frank agreed that the funds could be used for such a purpose at the discretion of the Meeting.
- Paul inquired what would be the disposition of the funds if at some future date the meeting could not legally send funds to El Salvador or if at some future date the Meeting didn't feel it could support the ministry of the fund. Paul proposed that under those circumstances that the Meeting would not retain the funds for its own use, but rather would be permitted to donate the remaining funds to a charity of comparable purpose selected at the discretion of the meeting. Frank agreed that this was an acceptable alternative.

In order to manage this contribution, Don Bender and Bert Skellie propose that a new committee be established. Please see below a draft description of the new Suchitoto Fund Committee. Assuming this is approved next month, we will also be closing the "Atlanta Central America Committee."

THE SUCHITOTO FUND COMMITTEE (proposed)

Approved XX/2016

Purpose: This committee is responsible for stewardship of a fund established by a gift from Frank Cummings. The purpose of the fund is to support youth development in the Suchitoto, El Salvador, area. The goal is to turn over the funds to an El Salvador-based entity before 2021.

Membership: Members and attenders of the Atlanta Friends Meeting. The committee has at least three members/attenders including the Clerk of the Committee, and one member of the Committee nominated and approved by the Monthly Meeting. In the absence of the Clerk of the Committee, the appointed member will serve as Clerk.

Meetings: Scheduled as needed, at least once a quarter. Meetings are open to all, with time and location announced at least a week in advance.

Duties:

1. Works with Cummings family members, former youth scholarship recipients and others to help establish or discover an entity in El Salvador which will be capable of responsibly administering a Youth Development Program in the Suchitoto area.
2. Approves expenditures of up to \$2000 per year associated with establishing the entity described in duty #1 above.
3. Requests approval of Monthly Meeting for any expenditures larger than \$2000 per year.
4. Prepares a narrative and financial report annually for the Meeting for Business.
5. Recommends to Monthly Meeting turning over remaining funds once an entity in El Salvador is determined by the Committee to be ready to accept the funds. Or recommends to Monthly Meeting an alternate course of action if no responsible entity has been found or established by December 31, 2020.

This proposal will be brought forward next month for approval. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please see Bert Skellie or Don Bender.

Finance Committee: On behalf of the Finance Committee Paul Mangelsdorf presented the 2016 Income Statement and Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2016. He reported that we are on budget at this time.

Minutes of June, 2016:

- **Minute 07-17-2016-16:** *The Minutes of the June 2016 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business were approved as submitted.*

Announcements

The Clerk requested that the Ferguson Cabin Committee provide a report to the Meeting Meeting closed with Silent Worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Lamb, Recording Clerk

Betsy Eggers, Clerk



Please Hold in The Light:

The victims of police violence,
the police who were victims of violence
and all who work for peace
and justice.

*Those wishing to have requests for
Holding included in this monthly
newsletter may give the names to a
member of Care & Counsel.*



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Calendar for Eighth Month (August) 2016

Area Meetings for Worship

Every First Day (Sunday)	10:00 a.m. – Meetinghouse, with a smaller group in the Library.
Every Third First Day	12:30 p.m. – Carrollton Friends Worship Group. St. Andrew's UMC Youth Center, 1106 Maple St.; contact Jean Hudson, jhudson30116@yahoo.com or 678-378-3368; carrolltonfriends.org .
Every Second First Day	10:30 a.m. – Macon Friends Worship Group. Contact Diana Day, 478-227-8892; maconquakers.org
Every Fifth Day (Thursday)	12:10 p.m. – East Lake Commons, Decatur. Contact Bert Skellie at bertskellie@gmail.com or 404-680-4799.
Sixth Day (Friday)	(Mid-August through May), 9:00 a.m. – Friends School of Atlanta. Community Meeting Room, 862 Columbia Dr., Decatur, 404-373-8746.

Regular Events at the Meetinghouse

Every First Day (Sunday)	9:00 - Adult Religious Ed, Library 9:30 - Singing, Classroom A/B 10:00 - Meeting for Worship 5:00 - Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, Meeting Room
Second Day (Monday)	Every other Monday at 6:30 - Spiritual Nurture Group, Library (contact Lewis Fuller for info on how to join)
Third Day (Tuesday)	6:00 - Alex Zinnes Yoga, Nursery Second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 - Deep Waters Center for Prayer & Exploration, Meeting Room
Fourth Day (Wednesday)	8:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Library First and third Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m. Worship at David & Freer Jarvis' home
Fifth Day (Thursday)	7:00 p.m. Bible Discussion, Library
Sixth Day (Friday)	Every third Friday, Meeting for Business, Meeting Room
18 th of Each Month	Newcomers Welcome Dinner, rotating location

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