

FRIENDS AT THE SPRING

7TH MONTH
YEAR 2015



DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	MESSAGE	CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
July 5th	TBA	Open worship	TBA
July 12th	Daryl Walker	TBA	TBA
July 19th	Elizabeth Osborne	Emily Albert	TBA
July 26th	TBA	TBA	TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Friends Home Forum will be on **July 12th**, starting after worship at **11:00 a.m.** It's estimated that this will be an hour to an hour and a half so that there be time for questions. Please bring a sandwich or snacks, not a full meal, but enough to keep us interested in the speaker! **Mark Farlow** will speak to us on the possibility of ownership transitions at Friends Homes, what it may mean for the residents and the Quaker community.

Also on **July 12th**, starting after worship, **Ministry and Counsel** will meet to draft a very brief letter regarding the proposals before Y.M.

The **monthly meeting for business** will be on the **3rd Sunday, May 19th at 11:00** after meeting. We will have a potluck after meeting. Bring a dish to share for lunch during the Monthly Meeting for Business

The Western Quarterly Meeting will meet at South Fork Friends Meeting on Saturday, July 25th starting at 9:30 a.m. For those of you who have not attended a Quarterly Meeting, Cindy has described it for us in four components. 1) Ministry and Counsel meets at 9:30 a.m.; 2) There is a program (usually a pastor from the Quarter preaching,) starting when Ministry and Counsel finishes; 3) The general business session is roughly from 11-12; and 4) A meal is served by the host meeting which is South Fork. Participation by members is encouraged.

The Next Yearly Meeting Event:

There will be a called meeting of Representative Body on **Saturday, August 2nd at Holly Springs Friends Meeting in Ramseur in Randolph County.** The YM Ministry and Counsel meets at **9:00 a.m.** Then at 1-5:30 p.m. is the called meeting of Representative Body to discuss alternatives on splitting or unity. Friends interested in this topic may wish to read the most recent epistle from the YM available on the YM website.

Spring Friends will continue to collect a special offering each **3rd Sunday during Worship** until December to assist the residents of Nepal who were effected by the devastating earthquake.



The first Sunday in June, Daryl Walker opened the Meeting with the following quote which she heard on NPR. It is a thought provoking statement:

“Fear is a way of knowing what we don’t yet understand.”

Query for July:

“Do you maintain an appropriate balance between work, service, worship, family and recreation? Are you ready to rest if God asks it of you?”
(From New England Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice Revision Committee)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kaitlin Phillips	11
Marianne McIver	14
Elizabeth Buckner	22
Lori Phillips	25
Cindy Perry	29
Jane Engleman	31

Many Blessings to Friends
with Birthdays and an
Anniversary

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Robert and Angie Osborne 24



Wishing Friends a Beautiful Day
Hopes and dreams to be sent your way,
May all be good and all come true
On this very special day for you.



MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS 14th day, Sixth month, 2015

The Spring Friends Monthly Meeting for Worship With Attention to Business met in the Fellowship Hall on the 14th day of the Sixth Month, 2015. Dottie Hobbs, Assistant Clerk, opened the meeting with a reading from Richard Rhor titled "We must Love Them Both" concerning loving those whose opinions we share as well as those whose opinions we reject.

The minutes of the Fifth Month Monthly Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report for Fifth Month was approved.

- * NCYM Askings are current as of this date.
- * The next installment of NCYM Askings will be paid at the end of Sixth Month.
- * The Treasurer was requested to check on the accuracy of the bank charges for checks.
- * The draft of a letter to the NCYM explaining how Spring Friends Meeting apportions its payment of Askings was read and amended. The amended text will be returned to Ron Osborne for a final edit. The letter was approved to be submitted with the next installment of Askings.

Western Quarterly Meeting will be held at 9:30 AM on the 25th day of Seventh Month at South Fork Friends Meeting. An appointed representative is needed and participation by other members was encouraged.

Committee Reports:

Ministry and Counsel: The Chairman of Ministry & Counsel read the NCYM questionnaire that was filled out by M & C. It was approved by the meeting to be forwarded to the NCYM.

Worship and Music: No report

Finance: No report

Peace and Social Concerns: No report

Building and Grounds: No report

The special collection for Nepal earthquake relief will continue on the Third First Day in June and through the end of the year. Funds will be sent to the Mennonite Central Committee, since they have a presence there and will share our values about the use of the funds.

A called NCYM Representative Body meeting has been scheduled on the First Day of Eighth Month at Holly Springs Friends Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to seek unity on a recommendation for the future of the NCYM prior to the 2015 Yearly Meeting. Participation by members was recommended.

Information was presented from the recent Representative Body Meeting addressing three choices by which the Yearly Meeting can remain as it is currently structured or can be restructured. Options #1 and #3 presented structures for the Yearly Meeting to divide along doctrinal lines. Option #2 retained the current NCYM structure with additional autonomy for each month meeting to govern itself. In Option #1 and #3, the centralized Yearly Meeting would play a fiduciary role to the member meetings.

Several members expressed concern that the time and energy spent responding to the ongoing conflicts within the Yearly Meeting may be taking away from other more important matters that need attention. The meeting agreed to continue the process and work toward unity. This discussion will continue.

After lengthy discussion, the meeting approved Option #2 and directed Ministry and Counsel to write a letter explaining this choice prior to the called Representative Body meeting on First Day, Eighth Month.

The meeting ended with spoken prayer by Dottie Hobbs.

Respectfully submitted,

Grimsley Hobbs, Acting Recording Clerk

