

**FRIENDLY
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State College Friends Meeting

**June 2018
Newsletter**



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May the richness of our diversity strengthen our community and our love

First Day (Sunday), 6/3/2018

9:00 am Meeting for Worship for Business

10:45 am Last day of First Day School

10:45 am Gather for Meeting for Worship

11:00 am Meeting for Worship

12:20 pm Ice Cream Social

► A Meeting for Worship is also held at Foxdale every first Day. All are welcome. Gather at 10:15 am in the Meeting room.

Next week, June 3, is our final day of FDS for this year. After class, during the Social Hour, will be our Ice Cream Social! Please join as we celebrate the end of a fun, enriching year of FDS!

► Rise Up Singing will take a break for the months of June and July and resume in August..

► Nominating Committee would like to hear from people who are interested getting more involved and working with Friends. Please consider volunteering to serve on one of our committees. Contact Katy Lumley-Sapansky (<mailto:KxL3@psu.edu> KxL3@psu.edu) or Lynne Grutzeck (<mailto:lynnebabs@gmail.com> lynnebabs@gmail.com) by <x-apple-data-detectors://1/> May 20th if you are interested. To see descriptions of what each committee does, go to: <<http://statecollegefriends.org/committees/>> <http://statecollegefriends.org/committees/>

► Read and share Quaker stories of action, history, events and community at: <<http://www.pym.org/news/>>
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► International Refugee Day Event, June 20, Sandy Spring Museum (Sandy Spring, MD). Join others on this day to commemorate the strengths, courage and resilience of those displaced from their homes. The estimated 65.6 million refugees worldwide make this the highest level ever on record, according to the UN Refugee Agency. Meet the artists of the exhibit “Uprooted: The Art of Refugees”. Hear the voices and stories of some of our new neighbors. Donation requested. Speakers from: CASA de Maryland (<<http://www.casademaryland.org/>> www.casademaryland.org), Lutheran Social Services (<<http://www.lsnca.org/>> www.lsnca.org) and others. All ages welcome. For more information: <<mailto:bettehoover@icloud.com?subject=International%20Refugee%20Day%20Event>> bettehoover@icloud.com.

► Upcoming events at Pendle Hill.

June 1-6 - <<https://pendlehill.org/events/continuing-revolution-2018-building-intentional-lives/#.Wt5Cbn9rwdU>>
Continuing Revolution: Building Intentional Lives - Calling Young Adult Friends and seekers (18-35) to Pendle Hill to look at creating lives of intention and integrity by exploring Justice, Love, Work, and Spirituality. Click the link in the title here, or contact Ross Henessy at <<mailto:rhenessy@pendlehill.org>> rhenessy@pendlehill.org for more information.

June 4 – First Monday Lecture: Openly transgender Quaker human rights activist Chloe Scwenke's lecture on <https://pendlehill.org/events/liberation-begins-with-being-there/#.Wv3dvH9rwdU> Liberation Begins with Being There. Chloe will be signing copies of her new book, SELF-ish: a transgender awakening. Free and open to the public. <https://pendlehill.org/events/liberation-begins-with-being-there/#.Wv3dvH9rwdU> Register online for livestreaming.

June 9 – Quaker musician Kate MacLeod offers an evening of music she composed at Pendle Hill as the 2018 Minnie Jane Artist-in-Residence.

June 10 – <https://pendlehill.org/events/t-r-n-s-f-o-r-m-t-o-n-poetry-coffeehouse-061018/#.Wv3oL39rwdU> Transformation Poetry Coffeehouse - Bring your poems to share or just come to hear others recite their verse. Art Studio, 2 to 4 pm.

June 16 – <https://pendlehill.org/events/open-studio-session-061618/#.Wv3oqH9rwdU> Open Studio - Arts and Spirituality Coordinator Jesse White will be on hand in the Art Studio, 1: 30 to 5:30 pm, to help folks find material and get started on their own creative projects.

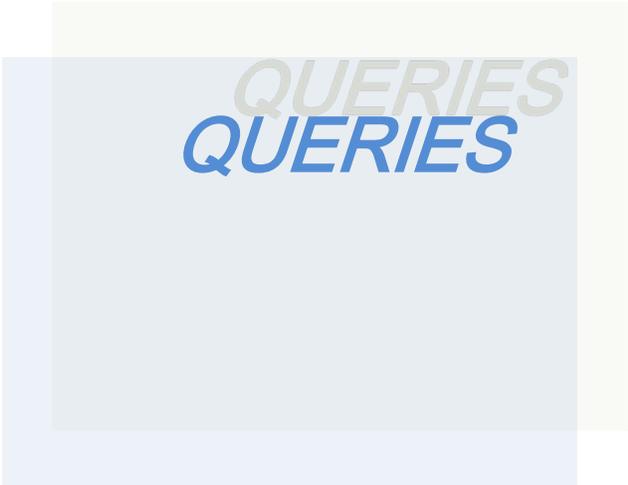
► Standing at the Gates for Justice every Monday at 4 pm at the Penn State gates at Allen St.

BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING (BYM)

JUNE

Home and Family

Do you make your home a place of affection where God's presence is felt? Do you practice family prayer? Do you share your deepest beliefs and interests with all in the family? Do you grow together through sharing prosperity and adversity? Can you keep a sense of humor and avoid taking yourself too seriously? Do you establish family standards including the mutual obligations of children and adults?



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Are you as children learning to be accountable for your own actions? Do you as parents help your children to grow in independence and responsibility? Do you consider the needs of grandparents and older members of the family circle?

PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING

JUNE

Equality

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How does our Meeting help to create and maintain a society whose institutions recognize and do away with the inequities rooted in patterns of prejudice and economic convenience?

Is our Meeting open to all regardless of race, ability, sexual orientation, or class?

What steps are we taking as a Meeting to assure that our Meeting and the committees and institutions under our care reflect our respect for all and are free from practices rooted in prejudice?

Do I examine myself for aspects of prejudice that may be buried, including beliefs that seem to justify biases based on race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, class, and feelings of inferiority or superiority?

What am I doing to help overcome the contemporary effects of past and present oppression?

Am I teaching my children, and do I show through my way of

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living, that love of God includes affirming the equality of people, treating others with dignity and respect, and seeking to recognize and address that of God within every person?

STATE COLLEGE FRIENDS MEETING
MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS

Fifth Month 6th, 2018

Meeting opened with a period of silent worship and a reading of the queries from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting on Education:

For the Meeting as a whole:

What is our Meeting's role in the life and support of Friends' education? If supporting or maintaining a Friends school, have we developed an appropriate relationship of Meeting and school? What is our role in the spiritual life of the school and its maintenance of Friends' principles?

What does our Meeting do to support education in the wider community?

What help do we provide for the children and adults in our Meeting to pursue the education they seek, whether academic, technical, or vocational? Do we make provision for children in our Meeting to attend a Friends school?

For the Individual:

How do I show my concern for the improvement of public education in my community and in the world?

Am I aware of what Friends schools are doing and of their plans for the future? How do I show encouragement and support?

One Friend shared that he had learned of a group trying to provide education for girls in Northern Nigeria who could not use photos of the girls in advertising their charity, as the girls were at risk of being kidnapped by Boko Haram. They live in an education climate we can't really imagine.

CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the change that Dorothy Habecker was unable to attend to lead a discussion on Out of the Cold.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Worship and Ministry

Renee Crauder reported. Martin Melville has completed the State of the Meeting report and will mail it to BYM this week.

Yuri Plowden and Lorna Arocena, who were recommended for membership last month, were accepted into membership.

Worship and Ministry will organize welcoming dinner(s) for them.

Campbell Plowden went to the hearing for the prisoner Mujahid, and he was released on parole. He is living with his mother in Columbus, Ohio and getting to know his children again.

Campbell believes he is not a big risk for recidivism. Mujahid has been asked to present an AVP program at Camp Crystal Lake this summer.

Gary made contact with Keith Pertusio, the SCI prisoner who wrote last month and continues to be in correspondence with him.

Worship and Ministry would like to try having one week in May at the rise of Meeting where people are encouraged to name the names of loved ones who have died in the past year. It was approved with the understanding that an explanation will be given at the time names are solicited.

Worship and Ministry recommends that Friends meet in the second floor Meeting room instead of in the auditorium for quarterly Meetings at Foxdale, except in December. Approved.

Currently the Foxdale Meeting for Worship meets from 10:15 - 11:00 am, but when Meeting meets quarterly at Foxdale, the Meeting runs from 11:15 - 12:00. W&M considered how to avoid the two groups meeting separately, as has occasionally happened. Any visitors or members who come to the door of the Meetinghouse at 11:00 cannot be redirected to Foxdale if Meeting there had ended at 11:00. Renee has contacted Jeanine Shade at Foxdale. She has agreed to see that people from Anthony and Darlington who normally attend Foxdale's 10:15 Meeting will be get to the 11:15 Meeting when it is held at Foxdale. The next all-Meeting worship there will be either June 17 or 24.

Building and Grounds

Bernie Hoffnar reported. Spring Cleanup was Saturday, April 28. Dorothy Habecker and Sunny Rehler were in charge and thirteen people helped with clean-up. One visible result is the clean windows in the Meeting room. Thanks to all who helped. Bernie explained that the conflict with the garage sale at Foxdale and the cleaning day at Friends School may have spurred

more people to be involved in the clean-up than just the older “regulars.”

The guttering and fascia replacement was completed for \$10,240. A window in an exterior door is broken in the basement and needs to be repaired. While it is not critical, we do not want to be in the habit of waiting until everything becomes critical to get work done. Louvered doors for the social room are still in the works so that equipment for our solar panels do not overheat and break down. Light fixtures in the social room are scheduled to be replaced soon. The parking lot will be resurfaced with spaces painted about 8' - 8.5' feet apart in June.

A larger shed to accommodate equipment that should not be stored in the basement is under consideration. Specifics are not yet available.

A memorial tree for Friends School teachers is still under consideration regarding type of tree and location.

The original estimates for the cost of work needed on the building ran to about \$60,000. However, inspections and bids that have come in have reduced that estimate to about \$15,000.

Finance Committee

Yuri Plowden reported. There is no treasurer's report for May, but we are currently on track for income and expenditures.

Finance Committee has been working on updating our policies, fees, and procedures for renting our facilities. Polly Dunn is now the Meeting contact for rentals. She can take inquiries between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm most days.

The new fee schedule will be on the Meeting web site and posted in the Social Room. It includes: Social room or Meeting room \$66 for a half day. There are slightly discounted rates for whole days, renting the entire facility, or regular short weekly use. Members get a 50% discount.

The trunk sale was not well attended and will be dropped. In the coming months the Committee will evaluate fundraising for ourselves once they see what income comes from facilities rental.

Childspace is set to move into the Religious Education building, replacing space used by Friends School.

Advancement and Outreach

Polly Dunn reported. The Muslim community will be breaking fast at Meeting on Saturday, June 2 from 8:30 to 10:30 pm for Ramadan. Meeting members and attenders are welcome to attend at no cost. We are not charging for the use of the Meetinghouse for Ramadan.

Polly shared the latest draft of the rack card that Gabrielle has made. There was general approval of the design with some suggestions made that Polly and Gabrielle will incorporate. Approval was given for publication once those changes are made.

Religious Education.

Becky Misangyi reported. First-day School students will be making crepes at the rise of Meeting next Sunday, Mother's Day -

for mothers and others in attendance. The following week the Upper and Middle Classes will visit residents at Foxdale. There is no First-Day School Memorial Day weekend, and there will be an ice cream social on June 3, the last day of classes.

There is an audibility problem in the space for the Upper Class in the otherwise nice space they have. Becky will investigate some sound-absorbing screen to place between that class and the Middle Class.

Becky is writing a report on Religious Education for the past year and will bring that to the June MFWFB.

Hana Wiessmann will be graduating from high school this year and will be recognized at the rise of Meeting.

Friends School

Lisa Gamble reported. The school currently is searching for an interim head of school and a permanent head of school. They have been advertising for the interim head to start in the fall, but have hired a consultant, Doug Jennings, to work over the summer and bring names for the board to consider for the following year. Most heads of school with experience would need a year's notice to leave an existing job. The goal, however, is to get the best person they can as quickly as possible.

Enrollment is looking good for the lower grades and has a wait list. Opening another classroom would mean class sizes would be too small, and is not being considered.

This is the season for field trips and many activities. Two plays will be put on at the school. If you would like to visit at any time, just call the school to set up a time.

The annual Fun Fair will be next Saturday, rain or shine. Last year it rained on the date and on the rain date, so rain dates are being dropped. The rain did not ruin anyone's good time.

State College Magazine featured teacher Michelle Raney as one of four local teachers recognized as their Teachers of the Year.

There will be a fund-raising macaroni and cheese dinner at Meeting to benefit the School next Thursday, May 17 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm.

The changes in State College Area School District start and end times will affect the school. The school day will still start at 8:30 but will end at 3:15. There will be morning child care for students whose buses arrive before 8:30 in addition to morning child care offered from 7:45 for parents who need to leave earlier for work.

There will be a farewell celebration for Dan Hendey and any others leaving on May 30th at the school, possibly a picnic.

Nominating Committee

There was no report from Nominating Committee, although major positions have been filled. Their report will be made at the June MFWFB.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bob Leonard, who lives in Watsonville CA, wrote asking to lay down his membership. He will always consider State College Friends Meeting to be his spiritual home, but he has lived in California for a number of years now and does not want to be a financial burden for Meeting. He would still like to receive the newsletter. Gary will write to him and explain, among other things, that PYM no longer has a head-count quota imposed on local Meetings.

Baltimore Yearly Meeting advertised that new attenders to BYM Yearly Meeting could attend for two days at no cost. They would like to receive registrations as early as possible.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for May were approved with no additions or corrections.

The next MFWFB will be on June 3, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Fosmire

Clerk

Recording Clerk

Laurie Jeffreys

Substitute

ATTENDANCE

Lorna Arocena

Renee Crauder

Polly Dunn

Lisa Gamble

Bernie Hoffner

Becky Misangyi

Campbell Plowden

Yuri Plowden

Connie Wheeler

Kerry Wiessmann

Claudia Wilson

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