

Piedmont Friends Fellowship

**Annual Business Meeting
April 1, 2018 – 10:15 AM**

Carolina Friends School, Durham, NC

Attending

Meeting

David Haines	Durham
Nancy Haines	Durham
John Hunter	Durham
Linda Hunter	Durham
Dylan Buffum	Durham
Laura Lipps Buffum	Durham
Jeff Brown	Chapel Hill
Ruth Zalph	Chapel Hill
Marian Beane	Charlotte
Martin Doherty	Charlotte
Marcel Soopal	Charlotte
Mary Jo Klingel	Charlotte
Karen McKinnon	Eno Friends of Hillsborough
Sally Freeman	Eno Friends of Hillsborough
Paul Klever	Eno Friends of Hillsborough
Jeff Applewhite	Eno Friends of Hillsborough
Jim Henderson	Five Rivers
Lori Fernald Khamala	Friendship
Marshall Eddleman	Fancy Gap
Virginia Driscoll	New Garden
Robert Mers	New Garden
Joyce Mers	New Garden
Mary Luckhaus	New Garden
Bill Moore	Raleigh
Jan Schmidt	Raleigh
John Schmidt	Raleigh
Gary Hornsby	Salem Creek
Dick Connell	Salem Creek
John Cardarelli	Salem Creek
Melissa Meyer	Wilkes County
Ted Edgerton	Wilkes County
Linda Goldstein	Friends General Conference
Kindra Bradley	Quaker House & Fayetteville

The meeting opened after a period of silent worship.

Jeff Brown, Clerk of PFF, welcomed attenders and visitors to the 51st annual meeting of PFF. Jeff reported that John Geary of Boone Friends passed away in the past year.

Clerk's Report

The quarterly meetings of PFF representatives have been fruitful. PFF had a fall retreat at Seven Springs in the fall of 2017 which was very successful and enjoyable. Friends who have been involved in this weekend's annual retreat and the Friends General Conference were named and appreciated. The motel situation worked out better this year. The Carolina Friends School was also much appreciated for their support and help with logistics. Other topics were suggested for consideration during this afternoon's meeting of PFF representatives.

Friends accepted the Clerk's report (attached). Traveling Minutes from Friends who attended this year's annual retreat were later shared by the Clerk.

Friends General Conference (FGC)

Linda Goldstein reported that Friends General Conference is enriched by the contributions of Friends: both their talents and finances. Please consider serving on Central Committee (FGC's Board). It is a wonderful way to deepen spiritual lives and expand friendships as we work to build an organization that will be here for our children and grandchildren. Linda encouraged Friends to attend the Gathering this summer in Toledo, Ohio, and that financial assistance and resources are available from monthly meetings PFF and FGC. Linda reminded Friends that registration for the FGC Gathering will open tomorrow on April 2nd. She urged Friends to plan for it and attend. The Gathering is but one piece of a large organization, and FGC offers many services to monthly meetings. With gratitude, Friends accepted the FGC report.

American Friends Service Committee Report

Bill Moore shared a report written by Lori Fernald Khamala on national and local current activities of AFSC. Friends expressed appreciation and accepted the report (attached).

Fayetteville Quaker House Report

Kindra Bradley reported on the staff and many activities of Quaker House during the last year, using a slide show. Quaker House continues its free counseling services and support for military personnel and families, for example, over 250 calls per month are handled on the GI Rights Hotline by Steve and Lenore. The Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Moral Injury free counseling service is led by Joanna, a licensed social worker. Quaker House sponsored a one-man play from England on conscientious objectors during World War I, entitled This Evil Thing, a reference to the draft in England. Dean Holland, a soldier who was in the process of becoming a conscientious objector, hitchhiked to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting in 1969, and attended the first Piedmont Friends Fellowship meeting later that year. Quaker House will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year. Friends were reminded that PFF meetings founded Quaker House in 1969 and PFF continues to support its vital activities.

Friends accepted the report (attached) and presentation with appreciation.

Friends Committee on National Legislation

Jan Schmidt submitted a written report on FCNL and expressed her appreciation for being included in the PFF/PFYM retreat, and for being the representative from PFF/PFYM.

Treasurer's Report

Co-treasurer Dylan Buffum reported on the PFF balance of accounts. Dylan also discussed some itemized expenses during the past year. A detailed report on the PFF budget is available and will be attached to these minutes. Friends discussed how to report the income from our member meetings.

Friends accepted the report from the Treasurers (attached).

Report of the Yearly Meeting

Marian Beane reported that the third annual meeting of the Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting (PFYM) was held yesterday (March 31), including the nine member meetings and worship groups as well as PFF Friends. Marian expressed gratitude for the fourth PFYM meeting. Friends were able to reach unity around the climate change issue, a vital concern brought forward by the Charlotte meeting, and a minute on behalf of the yearly meeting was approved for publication. PFYM invites all meetings and representatives to participate in the Google groups organized around Peace and Social Witness, as well as legislative action in North Carolina. PFYM has appointed representatives to AFSC, FCNL, and FWCC. PFF helps to financially support these representatives attend meetings. Marian spoke of the dynamics between yearly meeting and PFF, and how this presents challenges which help us to grow as a community of Friends.

Friends accepted the oral and written reports with gratitude (attached).

Nominating Committee Report

The PFF Nominating Committee—Karen McKinnon and Virginia Driscoll— reported on the need to discern replacements for two PFF/PFYM representatives to serve on FGC Central Committee. These are three-year terms, and usually involve committee work. Member meetings are encouraged to discern and bring forward names of Friends to this Nominating Committee. A description of responsibilities will be put together for meetings to consider.

Friends accepted the report.

Minute of Appreciation for Carolina Friends School

Friends expressed appreciation for Carolina Friends School for the use of the facilities

this weekend and recognized the value of Carolina Friends School in Quaker education. This afternoon the Representative Body will consider a donation with gratitude.

Retreat Recognitions

Friends recognized with much gratitude Karen McKinnon for facility coordination, Durham Friends Meeting for children's programming, Eno Friends Meeting of Hillsborough for meal planning and preparation, and Salem Creek Friends Meeting for registration.

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

John Cardarelli,
Recording Clerk

ATTACHMENTS
PFF Annual Business Meeting
04/01/2018

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PFF Clerk's Report

Piedmont Friends Fellowship

Clerk's Report on the State of the Fellowship

4/1/2018

In the last year, Piedmont Friends Fellowship has continued to build its relationship with the Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting. The second joint meeting of the PFF Representative Body and the PFYM Interim Meeting in August was valuable and appreciated. The Meeting membership in PFF remained constant.

PFF tried a new approach to a fall retreat by gathering at Seven Springs Retreat Center near Winston-Salem in September. The weekend emphasized fellowship and free time to enjoy the lodge, pond and lovely outdoor setting. Friends had a worship sharing on the topic of building community on Saturday afternoon. Camping and simple meals were satisfying.

PFF Representatives, from an analysis by the co-treasurers and in consultation with the PFYM Interim Meeting, developed an annual budget to guide spending with more clarity.

This 2018 Annual Meeting and Retreat has been successful, with outstanding efforts by many to plan and carry out the programming. In addition to the PFYM sessions, engaging programs led by John Shuford and Deborah Bromiley and by Quaker House, Curt Torell and Chapel Hill Friends as well as sessions by AFSC, FNCL, Quaker House, and FGC helped make the theme of Peace and Alternatives to Violence more compelling and experiential. The display tables by Quaker organizations including Quaker Earthcare Witness, Quaker Bolivian Education Fund, and William Penn House along with breakout meetings discussions were very informative.

We were fortunate this year to have Steve Deasy join us for an inspired songwriting

workshop and a fine concert that brought the joy of music to the weekend theme.

We did our best on this busy weekend to reserve time for Friends to enjoy fellowship over meals and evening activities.

Special thanks to key local Friends from Durham for programming, youth support, and hosting the weekend, to Salem Creek Friends for registration, and to Eno Friends Meeting of Hillsborough who so well organized the food this year. In addition to on-site activities, youth assisted with a meal at a local soup kitchen.

Multiple Friends from PFF continue to be active and provide leadership in the work of Friends General Conference. Our members serve on several key national FGC committees. Our present representatives to the FGC Central Committee are Karen McKinnon, Lori Fernald Khamala and Ida Trisolini. In addition, John Hunter, Marian Beane, Karen Stewart, and Judy Purvis have been serving in other leadership and committee roles with FGC. We will continue to encourage our member meetings to send their member/attender lists to FGC as supportive members.

PFF continues the tradition of inclusiveness and working successfully together across the multi-state region. With an equally inclusive yearly meeting as part of our organization we look forward to continue to meet the needs of Friends in the wider Piedmont.

Jeff Brown, Clerk

American Friends Service Committee Report Carolinas Office

NATIONAL & REGIONAL UPDATE

As the American Friends Service Committee moves into its 101st year the organization is embracing both change and resistance. That change has brought Joyce Ajlouny to the organization as the AFSC's first Palestinian-American General Secretary. Joyce joined the AFSC at the end of its Centennial year and is excited to share her vision for our work at a future Palmetto Friends Gathering in the future. In 2017, AFSC worked in 17 countries and 35 U.S. cities. Every day, courageous individuals are coming together to demonstrate the transformative power of love to overcome violence, discrimination, and oppression. AFSC is honored to partner with communities around the globe in pursuing peace and justice. We hope you enjoy these highlights of our accomplishments from the past year and meeting some of the constituents, volunteers, partners, staff, and supporters who make our work possible. This report focuses mainly on activities in the U.S. South as that is the region in which INSERT AREA NAME are located.

The election of Donald Trump and the further right-wing shift of most state legislatures in the South region has driven much of AFSC's work in the region over the past year. These political changes have resulted in immediate threats to the communities that we work in predominantly: Latinx, African-American and low-income communities. Additionally, the pronounced growth and increased visibility of forces of white-nationalism and white-supremacy has been more pronounced in the South region.

In order to protect and defend the rights of the communities that the AFSC is working in we launched several national initiatives including the Communities Against Islamophobia campaign and the Sanctuary Everywhere network. People are pushing back against the rising tide of hateful policies that target immigrants, Muslims, and communities of color—and AFSC is providing them with the tools and training to succeed. Our Sanctuary Everywhere and Communities Against Islamophobia initiatives help everyday people work together to keep each other safe. Through webinars, in-person trainings, and online resources, people are coming together to resist state violence and interrupt acts of hate and fear. The results are impressive. More congregations are now well-equipped to offer sanctuary to those facing deportation, more community members understand how to respond to public harassment, more immigrants and allies know how to exercise their rights, and more schools and municipalities have adopted policies that improve safety for all.

We come to this gathering prepared to support you and your meetings in implementing these strategies as individuals and in our communities. A principal resource we would ask that Friends consider in their local social justice work is the **Quaker Social Change Ministry** (afsc.org/qscm). AFSC's Quaker Social Change Ministry (QSCM) serves as a model for congregations and other groups interested in engaging in Spirit-led activism while following the leadership of communities most impacted by injustice. This year, AFSC provided training and resources to more than 125 people in congregations using QSCM tools in their efforts.

Our eight individual programs in the South are working diligently to protect, defend and vision a future without oppression with communities in the region. In **Miami** and **Greensboro** we continue to accompany immigrants in their struggle to bring justice to immigrant communities. In **West Virginia** and **Atlanta** our economic justice initiative are organizing from community centers to state capitals to ensure that the economic futures of our most vulnerable communities are protected. And our youth organizing programs in **New Orleans, Washington DC, Baltimore, Atlanta, Miami and West Virginia** continue their work to nurture future generations of active, educated and empowered leaders through their youth organizing activities. We encourage friends to learn more by visiting our website at www.afsc.org or pulling someone from the AFSC aside during this weekend's gathering.

NORTH CAROLINA UPDATE

Last summer, our office moved into the New Garden Friends Meeting, which has been a wonderful partnership and for which we are so grateful!

We also announced a shift in our programming to more intensely focus on local community organizing and leadership development of undocumented immigrants in the NC Triad. This work includes: Developing undocumented leadership by supporting small groups of immigrants meeting to identify their own issues and plan how to address the; Holding direct actions on issues identified by undocumented immigrants; Expanding political education of immigrant communities; Connecting local undocumented leaders to the immigrant rights movement statewide and nationally; Supporting needs of immigrant families facing detention and deportation and organizing public campaigns to stop deportations; and Supporting Sanctuary congregations. We have a Community Organizing coordinator (Andrew Willis Garces) and an Organizing Fellow (Laura Garduño Garcia) who are carrying out this important new work.

AFSC NC has been a leader in congregational sanctuary efforts in the state, leading the launch of two Sanctuary cases in Greensboro and providing support to others. North Carolina currently has more people residing in public Sanctuary than any other state in the nation.

Lori Fernald Khamala continues as the director of the NC Immigrant Rights Program, but has also

taken on a new role of Sanctuary Everywhere national coordinator. Sanctuary Everywhere is an AFSC initiative that equips people with tools to increase safety for communities targeted by law enforcement, including Black, Muslim and undocumented communities. We are developing tools for youth and parents to know and defend their rights, holding regular webinars for allies to better understand these issues and gain effective accompaniment skills, and we are also lifting up non-traditional “Sanctuary Spaces” to highlight creative ways that targeted communities are creating safety for and by their own communities. Learn more about this project at afsc.org/SanctuaryEverywhere.

RESOURCES & WAYS TO CONNECT

We also invite Friends to join us in utilizing the following resources and opportunities to become active in their meeting and community:

- Please join us at this year’s FGC gathering: www.afsc.org/fgc
- Join our Sanctuary Everywhere webinars: www.afsc.org/sanctuaryeverywherelive
- Utilize Quaker social change ministry for your ongoing social change work: www.afsc.org/qscm
- Read Acting in Faith regularly: www.afsc.org/friends
- Visit our Friends Engage pages with many ways for Quakers to get involved: www.afsc.org/friendsengage

Thank you for all that you do. The AFSC stands ready to work with you to achieve the needed change in our country and in our world. Please do not hesitate to ask us how you might get further engaged.

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Quaker House Repot



March 2017 – March

2018

Dear Piedmont Friends Fellowship and Yearly Meeting,

Thank you for your support in the past year. You have been part of providing free services of healing and help to those bearing the heavy burdens placed upon them by a militarized society and in supporting our efforts to make this a more peaceful world.

Quaker House successfully navigated a transition between directors in September. Many of you know and love Lynn and Steve Newsom. They retired at the end of August, and I have

stepped into their shoes, buoyed by faith, hope, and knowledge of your support.

Mission: Counseling/Support to Service Members and Their Families and Education

GI Rights Hotline: Quaker House provides two counselors, each with 17 years of experience, to the Hotline, which takes calls from anywhere service members are stationed in the world. As we continue in unabated war and conflict since 2001, calls to the Hotline have been increasing. This year, our two counselors answered an average of **255 calls/month**. When our counselors have permission from the service members they help, their moving and courageous stories of moral conviction are shared in our newsletters. These articles can also be found on our web site as blog posts.

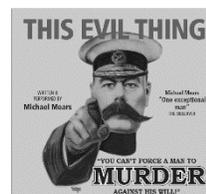
Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Moral Injury Counseling: We have a licensed therapist who provides in-person counseling at Quaker House to members of the military and their families. We rely on donations to continue providing this important service free of charge. Working part time, our counselor has spent **1,860 hours with clients** over the past four years. Earlier this month, our counselor was recognized as one of Fayetteville's community leaders in her selection as one of this year's 40 Under 40. We receive referrals from the GI Rights Hotline, community organizations, and from Ft. Bragg victim advocates, and Quaker House has participated, by invitation, at several mental health and victim advocate summits on Ft. Bragg.

Moral Injury Education: Quaker House continues to provide educational presentations on moral injury and insights into methods that help with its healing. This October, I have been invited to participate in a two-day conference in Wilmington, NC, dedicated to moral injury education and understanding of healing therapies.

Bowe Bergdahl: Bowe Bergdahl is the soldier who left his post in Afghanistan in an attempt to report problems he saw in his chain of command. He was immediately captured by a hostile group and tortured for almost five years. After his return to the United States, he was court-martialed and faced the possibility of life in prison. Quaker House was at his sentencing hearings on Ft. Bragg as a presence of compassion to Bowe amid widespread hate and condemnation, as well as to witness and share the proceedings with the rest of the world. Please see the newsletter article and blog posts for more detailed accounts, found on our web site.

Mission: A More Peaceful World

Conscientious Objection Education and Support: Quaker House continues to conduct workshops geared toward youth, parents, and meetings about conscientious objection, and an article written by Board Member Curt Torell on the topic was published in the October *Friends Journal*. On March 16, we hosted a play at Guilford College, *This Evil Thing*, that was on tour from England and portrayed the experiences of WWI conscientious objector. I will also be leading one of the new "sampler" workshop sessions this summer at Friends General Conference, addressing the spiritual connections between the Peace Testimony, conscientious objection, and moral injury.



Peace Advocacy: In February, I attended the first public listening session of the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service. I spoke to that Commission about Quaker House's concerns regarding the Selective Service, any potential draft, the need for a registration option for claiming conscientious objection, and the courage and service of many pacifists. Quaker House encourages everyone to make their thoughts and concerns known during the public comment period (ends April 19, 2018, according to the Federal

Register site), which can be submitted through the Commission's web site at inspire2serve.gov under the "Share Your Thoughts" tab.

In the past year, I also attended and reported on the public hearings in Raleigh of the North Carolina Commission of Inquiry on Torture (NCCIT) that presented evidence of North Carolina's connection to the CIA torture program after 9/11. In addition, we attended the Johnston County Commissioners meeting earlier this month in support of members of the NCCIT asking the commissioners to pursue an investigation into the involvement of the Johnston County Airport in extraordinary rendition flights.

Quaker House Hopes:

Writing Program: I would like to start a monthly **Warrior Writers** group at Quaker House. Warrior Writers is a well-established and respected program, and this would be a beneficial and healing program within the military community. I need to be trained as a facilitator (building on my degree in English), which would be the only expense of adding this program to Quaker House services.

50th Anniversary: Quaker House will turn 50 years old in 2019! We hope you will help us commemorate 50 years of helping to heal the invisible wounds of war and advocating for peace. Thank you for hearing and discerning the message delivered by Dean Holland in 1969 and for continuing to support this important work now!

Kindra Bradley

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SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS
Friends Committee on National Legislation
A Quaker Lobby in the Public Interest

2018 Report to Yearly Meetings

Since the early days of the Religious Society of Friends, God's spirit has led Friends to take action in the world. As Friends, our faith and experience convince us to work for the peaceful, just, equitable, and sustainable world we seek. This year we celebrate our 75th anniversary. Founded in 1943 in Richmond, Indiana, FCNL has been bringing the concerns, experiences, and testimonies of Friends to bear on policy decisions in the nation's capital for the past seven decades.

Setting the Legislative Priorities for the 116th Congress

One of the distinctive features of the Friends Committee on National Legislation is our practice of asking Quakers around the country to help shape our collective work. Every two years, FCNL asks Friends and their meetings, churches, and worship groups all over the country to discern which public policy issues they feel are most pressing for the next Congress.

The core question as part of this process is, where is the spirit leading us? How are Friends called to influence government today? Your discernment is the foundation for the lobbying priorities that FCNL will establish at our annual meeting in November of 2018. This summer, FCNL's Policy Committee will read all the responses and consider a set of priorities to bring to the annual meeting.

Learn. Lobby Lead. Update on Annual Meeting 2017

FCNL's Quaker Public Policy Institute and Lobby Day drew some 450 people to Washington, DC to lobby against huge increases in Pentagon spending. More than 300 of that number stayed for FCNL's Annual Meeting which celebrated the successful conclusion of our World We Seek Capital Campaign, affirmed the direction of the Forward Plan outlined by staff, and showed off the first materials prepared for celebrations of FCNL's 75th Anniversary in 2018.

One of the most exciting moments of the 2017 Annual Meeting was the celebration of the successful conclusion of FCNL's five-year capital campaign and opening of the new Quaker Welcome Center at 205 C Street. On October 5, we held a ribbon cutting event attended by



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Washington, DC Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, as well as FCNL's Executive and Education Fund Board. In the past few months, we have begun hosting conversations and programs to promote the world we seek. We are excited to offer the Quaker Welcome Center as a meeting space where lawmakers and staffers can have quiet conversations and speak across political divisions. FCNL has always been known as a place where people across the political spectrum feel welcome, and the Quaker Welcome Center will help us continue that tradition.

Every aspect of this building's construction minimized environmental impact and furthered the goal of creating a carbon-neutral building. FCNL was honored to be able to open the first LEED-certified building on Capitol Hill in 2005, and we're glad to continue our legacy of lobbying for an earth restored with this new Quaker Welcome Center, located next door to our office. The convenient location means that partner organizations working for peace and justice can easily take part in workshops and trainings as part of their lobbying efforts, and we look forward to welcoming FCNL supporters and activists like you before your visits with congressional offices.

We invite you to visit the Quaker Welcome Center and enjoy our expanded presence on Capitol Hill.

The Critical Role of Young Adult Friends

As we look to sustain FCNL's persistent and prophetic advocacy for another 75 years, we know how critical it is for young adults to play a central role in both FCNL's advocacy work and its governance. We are glad to report that FCNL's Standing Committees are stronger because of young adult participation. We are blessed to have these young adults playing leadership roles in the governance of FCNL.

We are also grateful to the 25 Yearly Meetings that have appointed members to serve on FCNL's General Committee. Thank you for sharing the nurturing gifts of these wise and committed Friends. With their guidance, we seek to remain open to where God's spirit leads us.



With gratitude for your partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget Moix".

Bridget Moix
Baltimore Yearly Meeting
Clerk, FCNL General Committee

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Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting Report

Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting Report to PFF Annual Meeting, April 1, 2018

Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting held its third annual sessions on Saturday, March 31st. Friends in attendance included representatives of our nine affiliated meetings and worship groups - Abingdon Friends (Virginia), Chapel Hill Friends, Charlotte Friends, Eno Friends of Hillsborough, Fancy Gap (Virginia), New Garden Friends, Salem Creek Friends, Raleigh Friends and Upstate Friends worship group under the care of Charlotte. Also attending were Friends from other PFF meetings, Five Rivers Meeting and Columbia Friends Meeting (SAYMA), Sandy Spring Meeting (Baltimore) and representatives of Quaker House-Fayetteville, Friends House of Washington, FGC and AFSC. During annual sessions we received our second status report on the life of our meetings and out of the silence received responses to the Query: What has been most on the hearts of your meeting this year? Peace & Social Concerns Witness working group spoke to the progress made with development of google groups around PFF/YM Friends collective witness and we heard about the formation of a working group under the care of IM to explore interest in strengthening Friends collective voice on legislation impacting North Carolinians. Friends serving on the working group are: Dorothy Mason (New Garden), Vernie Davis (Raleigh), Dylan Buffum (Durham), Helene Hilger (Charlotte), and clerked by Jan Schmidt (Raleigh & PFYM FCNL representative). We also considered a minute of concern from Charlotte Friends on climate change and came to unity on a yearly meeting minute on climate change that will be shared widely among Friends. Including PFYM/PFF.

Interim Committee (IM) continues to hold a concern of meetings for more youth programming in conjunction with PFF and in February IM began a conversation on how the yearly meeting might extend fellowship to other Friends in North Carolina, who have been separated from their yearly meeting.

The work and witness of PFYM continues to be enriched through its relationship with Piedmont Friends Fellowship (PFF). We continue to be grateful to the PFF Representative Body that provided spiritual grounding during the birthing of PFYM and for its ongoing financial support and programming activity. Interim Meeting appreciated the opportunity to meet again with PFF Representative Body in August for worship, sharing of goals and directions, and considering common concerns including identifying the best platform for the PFF/YM website. In February following receipt of the jointly appointed working group's report on the PFF/YM website, Interim Meeting minuted its support for moving to the Quaker Cloud platform as we are able, for the benefits and advantages to PFF/PFYM, and for support of FGC. IM recommends that the PFF budget be adjusted to meet the related financial cost. IM has also welcomed the interest of Five Rivers Monthly Meeting, located in the Conway-Myrtle Beach area of South Carolina and along with PFF invited the Meeting to appoint an observer to representative meetings. We are grateful for the presence of Jim Henderson with us this weekend.

It has been a joy and blessing to serve as clerk of Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting during its birthing and now blooming years. As we have sought to be faithful to spirit's guidance on this journey I am encouraged by Friends' individual and collective spirit of enthusiastic commitment to the Yearly Meeting and the openness to serve and lead. At the rise of the 2018 annual sessions I completed my three years of service and look forward to assisting Gary Hornsby as he steps into service as Presiding Clerk.

*Report prepared by Marian Beane
Presiding Clerk 2015-18*

Treasurer's Report

Piedmont Friends Fellowship
 Treasurer's Report
 April 1, 2018

	3/12/17	1/28/18	4/1/18
PNC (checking acct)	\$7,177.41	\$6,009.65	\$6,209.65
Self-Help (money market)	\$11,354.27	\$13,477.16	\$13,505.95
TOTAL	\$18,531.68	\$19,486.81	\$19,712.60

Self-Help Money Market Transactions 1/28/18 to 4/1/18

DATE	Transaction	Purpose	Amount
Beginning Balance			\$13,477.16
1/31/18	Dividend 1.27%		\$15.12
2/28/18	Dividend 1.27%		\$13.67
Ending Balance			\$13,505.95

PNC Checking WITHDRAWALS 1/28/18 to 4/1/18:

DATE	Recipient	Purpose	Amount
NONE			
TOTAL			0.00
PENDING	<i>Weaver St. Market</i>	<i>Spring Retreat Food</i>	<i>\$1,271.28</i>

PNC Checking DEPOSITS 1/28/18 to 4/1/18:

DATE	MONTHLY MEETING	AMOUNT
2/6/18	Eno Friends of Hillsborough	\$200.00

Treasurer's Narrative: In the past quarter we have had no expenses and received one contribution in the amount of \$200.00.

In 2017 we received a total of \$9,133.68 in contributions. Our overall balance is \$1,180.92 more than we had at this time last year.