



FORT MYERS MONTHLY MEETING

OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Newsletter, Ninth Month, 2002

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- Potluck luncheons are once a month, the first First Day of the month.
- Deadline for inclusion in the next newsletter is Ninth Month 11, 2002

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QUERIES FOR THE NINTH MONTH

How do Friends meet their responsibilities outside the Meeting?

Extending Our Message

- What are you doing as individuals or as a meeting to carry your share of responsibility in the governments of your community, state and nation?
- Are you conscientious in fulfilling all obligations of state and society which are not contrary to the leading of God?
- do you do all in your power to assure freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and equal educational opportunities for all?
- Are you free from the use of judicial oaths, thus emphasizing by simple affirmation that your statement is only a part of your usual integrity of speech?
- What are you doing as individuals or as a meeting to understand and remove the causes of war, and develop the conditions and institutions of peace?

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Seventh Month 21, 2002

The Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business opened with a reading of the query that asks us to focus on our social and economic relationships. The Clerk spoke to the point that every person in our Meeting is involved in some social concern in which they are interested. Other Friends responded they were intimidated by the enormity of the tasks addressed in this query. We were reminded that our goal is to make progress in areas where we can, not to eradicate all needs and injustice. It was noted that Friends in our Meeting are there for each other, as well as others outside our Meeting, when needs or concerns arise.

The clerk shared mail and articles of interest with the eleven present.

Ministry and Counsel reported on their continuing work on outreach. Discussion followed and suggestions were made by those present. The Committee asked us all to think of ways that we may serve our community as Quakers, and identified as such. The book Grounded in God, by Patricia McBee, was recommended for all of us to read.

The Clerk read the Treasurer's report in Al Webber's absence. The report was accepted.

George Cummings advised us that our rent arrangement with the Nature Center is in good shape at this point in the year. We currently have many more volunteer hours to our credit than we have rent debt.

The Properties Committee reported that the estimate for the addition of a ramp to Iona House comes to approximately \$1100. A letter to the Director of the Nature Center, outlining our proposal and stating our commitment to this project, was read and approved.

02MM18. The Meeting approved the donation of the expenditures for the construction of an access ramp attached to Iona House.

A letter was read to Friends from Joe Beebe telling us of his current circumstances and granting permission for the Meeting to use Joe's drawing of Iona House for other than direct Meeting purposes.

The Meeting for Business closed with worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Fennell,
Recording Clerk



Betty DeWitt will be undergoing colorectal surgery on August 23 at the Cleveland Clinic in Naples, 6101 Pine ridge Road, Naples, 34119 (I-75, exit 107). Family members will be with her; messages can be left on her home telephone: 239-543-4994. At this time, doctors estimate that her hospital stay will be seven days.

But first, Betty and Charles will fly to Frederick, Maryland on July 31. There they will celebrate Charles' birthday. Later Betty will join former classmates to celebrate their 60th class reunion.

On Betty's return to Ft. Myers, Charles will remain in Maryland with his family. We know the devotion between this couple. Emotionally the medical necessity of this separation will be extremely difficult for them. All who come to Quaker meeting are saddened, but we look forward to Betty's successful surgery. On her return to her home, in addition to family members' care, visiting nurses will call on her regularly.

Prayers are powerful and healing. Please hold Charles and Betty in the Light in the days to come.

Ann de Nevers



Address Correction Requested

Eighth Month 2002

Eighth Month Calendar

8/4/02	Discussion Group	9:15 a.m.
	Meeting for Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Pot Luck	After rise of Meeting
8/11/02	Education Committee	9:30 a.m.
	Meeting for Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Meeting for Business	After rise of Meeting
8/18/02	Discussion Group	9:15 a.m.
	Meeting for Worship	10:30 a.m.
8/25/02	Peace & Social Concerns	9:15 a.m.
	Meeting for Worship	10:30 a.m.

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