

*Simplicity \* Peace \* Integrity \* Community \* Equality \* Stewardship*

**OAK PARK FRIENDS**  
**NEWS**  
**June 2013**



*King Richard's Faire, Bristol, Wisconsin  
Photo taken by Pam Timme*

Oak Park Friends Meeting – Religious Society of Friends  
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VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [www.oakparkfriends.org](http://www.oakparkfriends.org)

**Meeting for Worship each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

Clerk – Helen Dickinson  
Recording Clerk – Judy Erickson  
Treasurer – Valerie Lester  
Newsletter Editors – Pamela Timme and Bob Southworth  
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Submission deadline – 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations and best wishes to Kelly and Rick on their wedding which will be held under the care of Oak Park Meeting at the Morton Arboretum on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Thanks to Valerie for her participation in the CROP walk this year.

Third Sunday Sing-alongs - Join Friends every third Sunday of the month at OPAL at 9:40 am for fellowship through song

The Ministry and Care Committee want you to be aware that there is a suffering fund for those that need. Contact a committee member for details.

Paz is available for hire for jobs such as stenciling, signwork, yardwork, tuckpointing, brickwork, stonework, interior and exterior painting, and other odd jobs. Please contact him at 773-844-2977 for more information.

OPFM welcomes donations for the needs of the meeting which include the meeting space, activities and charitable giving. Donations can be mailed to Oak Park Friends Meeting, PO Box 3245, Oak Park, IL 60303.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Please see the meeting website at [www.oakparkfriends.org](http://www.oakparkfriends.org) for further information.*

**Wed-Sun, 6/19-23, Illinois Yearly Meeting, McNabb.** <http://www.ilym.org/>

**Sun- Sun, 6/30-7/6, Friends General Conference, 2013** Theme: At the Growing Edges of Our Faith, University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, CO, Registration info here: <http://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering>

**Sun, 7/6, following Meeting for Worship,** All are invited to bring a bag lunch to take to the Garfield Park Conservatory and walk the labyrinth. Children are welcome to attend as well.

## NOMINATIONS

Many thanks to Cossy Ksander, John Muhlenberg and Bob Southworth of the Nominating Committee for their efforts in finding volunteers for Meeting positions for 2013/2014.

The Nominating Committee Report is listed below. If anyone is willing to fill any positions that remain unfilled, please contact Cossy, John or Bob.

	<u>12-13</u>	<u>Jun 1, 2013-2014</u>
Clerk	Helen Dickinson	Judy Erickson
Asst Clerk	Sarah Shirk	Sarah Shirk (Cossy help w/ opening)
Recording Clerk	Judy Erikson	Sarah Shirk
Treasurer	Valerie Lester	Valerie Lester
Ministry & Care Clerk	Ann Chase	Ann Chase
Ministry & Care Committee	Adrian Fisher	Adrian Fisher
Ministry & Care Committee	Pam Timme	Pam Timme (back up M&C Clerk)
Ministry & Care Committee	Burke Shipley	Judy Erikson
Ministry & Care Committee	Helen Dickinson	Helen Dickinson (back up Pam)
Peace & Justice Clerk	Kelly Maynard	Kelly Maynard
Peace & Justice Committee		Bob Southworth
Peace & Justice Committee		
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Trailside Garden Green Network Rep	Donna Cech	Kelly Maynard
Children's/Teen Religious Ed Clerk		
Children's/Teen Religious Ed Committee		
Children's/Teen Religious Ed Committee	Pam Timme	
Children's/Teen Religious Ed Committee	Sara Shirk	
Adult Religious Ed Facilitator	Kelly Maynard	Kelly Maynard
Adult Religious Ed Committee	Adrian Fisher	
Adult Religious Ed Committee	Cossy Ksander	Cossy Ksander
Queries	Helen Dickenson	Helen Dickinson
Finance Clerk	Valerie Lester	Valerie Lester
Finance	Judy Erikson	Judy Erikson
Finance		

	Finance Audit	Phil Weigrich Phil Weigrich	Will Ksander
Nominating Committee Clerk		Cossy Ksander	Cossy Ksander
Nominating Committee		John Muhlenberg	John Muhlenberg
Nominating Committee		Bob Southworth	Bob Southworth
ILYM rep		Judy Erikson	
ILYM rep		Valerie Lester	Valerie Lester
ILYM - ecc/site		Adrian Fisher	Adrian Fisher
ILYM State of Society Report			Kelly Maynard
IL YM membership recorder		Pam Timme	Pam Timme
CFG		Helen Dickenson	Helen Dickinson
Newsletter		Bob Southworth	Bob Southworth
Newsletter		Pam Timme	Pam Timme
website		Judy Erikson	Judy Erikson
website		Bob Southworth	Bob Southworth
website			
Answering Machine answering		Angela McElwain	Angela McElwain
Librarian		Judy Erikson	
co-librarian		Leann Beckman	
Holiday F&G Basket Liaison		Sue Beckman	Sue Beckman
Holiday F&G Basket Liaison		Sarah Shirk	Sarah Shirk
Food Pantry Liaison		Sue Beckman	Sue Beckman
Pads coordinator		Valerie Lester	Valerie Lester
Pads co-coordinator		Christina Timme	John Muhlenberg
Crop Walk Coordinator			
Community of Congregations			
Community of Congregations		Valerie Lester	Valerie Lester
OPAL Liaison			Valerie Lester
Contact List		Helen Dickinson	Helen Dickinson
Greeter coordinator		Sue Beckman	Sue Beckman
Stock coffee/tea/cocoa		Sarah Shirk	Sarah Shirk

## BUSINESS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Please see the meeting website at [www.oakparkfriends.org](http://www.oakparkfriends.org) for further information, including reports from individual committees.

**May 2013**

**Finance Committee.** Val reported that Will Ksander is willing to do the audit for 2011/12 and for 2012/13. Work on the budget will happen after the new committee clerks create their budgets.

Year-to-date income is \$10,430 and expenses are \$9771. If we give all the donations recommended by the Peace & Justice Committee last fall, expenses will be \$10,371, still below our income. We approved making all the recommended donations.

**Ministry & Care Committee.** The Arrangements Committee for Kelly & Rick's wedding plan to meet at the Morton Arboretum on June 6. A gift card was purchased for an expectant mother who grew up in our Meeting.

**Adult Religious Education Committee.** All are invited to bring a bag lunch on July 7 to take to the Garfield Park Conservatory and walk the labyrinth. Children are welcome to attend as well.

**Old Business.** The State of Society Report was reviewed and changes were made.

**New Business.** We decided to not participate in A Day in Our Village this year.

## QUERY QUOTATIONS

Rooted in the history of Friends, queries reflect the Quaker way of life, reminding Friends of the ideals we seek to attain. We approach queries as a guide, using them not as an outward set of rules, but as a framework within which we assess our convictions and examine prayerfully the direction of our lives and the life of the community. Here are a few selections from Faith and Practice, published in 1997 by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends:

### Equality

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 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?*

## AND IN CONCLUSION...

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;  
For now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come,  
And the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.  
The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom;  
They give forth fragrance.  
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

*Song of Solomon, 2:10-13*