

AMONG FRIENDS

Duluth-Superior Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

August 2003

1802 East 1st Street in Duluth
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First Day Meeting for Worship..Sundays 10-11 AM
First Day School.....Sundays 10-11 AM

CALENDAR

Meeting for Business: First Sunday of the month following Meeting for Worship

Adult Education : Second Sunday 9-9:45 AM

Potluck: Third Sunday of the month following Meeting for Worship

Youth Worship: Third Sunday of the month

Women's Gathering: Last Tues. of month 5:30 PM

Building Events:

Yoga with Bonnie Williams, Mon. 5:30-6:30

Dancers for Universal Peace, First Sat. of Month

FRIENDS COMMITTEES

Clerk: Lise Abazs

Treasurer: Michael Koppy

Recording Clerk: David Harper

Ministry & Counsel: Mary-B Newcomb, Gloria Piché and Drew Mannerter

First Day: Patti Harper, Lorraine Turner, Jacqui Welch

Peace & Social Concerns: Mary Alice Harvey and Suzanna Roetger

Building Committee: Dave From, David Harper, Michael Koppy, Jay Newcomb, Barry Hanson

Meetinghouse Committee: Dorthea Diver, Mary-B Newcomb, David Abazs

Adult Education: Konnie LeMay and Mary Dragich

Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday following Meeting for Business. To send items for the newsletter or to receive the newsletter via e-mail contact us by

Email: laksci@cheqnet.net; fax: 715-372-5105; call 1-800-945-5782. Mail to: Barry & Alice Hanson, 3194 S. Smith Creek Road, Maple WI 54854.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Sept 4-5 David and Virginia Woods, FGC traveling friends
Sept 14 Adult Education, Nicaragua's sweat shops, Dorthea Diver
Oct 4 Friend's Rummage Sale

RUMMAGE SALE OCT. 4

Start planning now for Meeting's fall rummage sale, Saturday, October 4. Last year's sale made about \$800, so please



take this opportunity again to share our material abundance. We will need many helpers, both before and on the day of the sale. The atmosphere is fun and friendly. Jobs will include organizing and pricing items, sitting at the cash table, keeping things neat during the sale, and cleaning up afterwards. Bake sale items are also wanted. There will be sign-up sheets at the Meeting House. Call Bonnie Williams 728-9942.

American Friends Service Committee Infant Care Kits

(<http://www.afsc.org/iraq/relief/kits.shtm>)

Parents around the world hope the best for their children: enough food to eat, clean water, education, the possibilities for a good and useful life. Mothers and fathers in Iraq are no different. In the aftermath of war, much remains unsettled and uncertain for families in Iraq. The American

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**Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Duluth – Superior Monthly Meeting of Friends
August 3, 2003**

Friends Present: Lise Abazs (Clerk), Mary Alice Harvey, Jonathan Harper, Jay Newcomb, David Harper, Michael Koppe, Dorothea Diver, Christine Glick, Mary Dragich, David Osborne, David Abazs, Mary-B Newcomb, Don Klaber, Joanne Spears, Northern Yearly Meeting Advancement and Outreach Ctte.

Meetinghouse Committee – David Harper

1. The upstairs bathroom is nearly finished. All that remains is to install the fixtures, do the main water connection, tape the drywall joints, and paint. This should be completed by the end of August.

2. Jonathan Harper presented a proposal to the Meeting that he undertake building a handicap access ramp as his Eagle Boy Scout project. He discussed some of the issues involved, such as timetable, cost, scheduling, and help. He plans to have the project completed before the winter. Michael Koppe and David Abazs agreed to oversee the project and design. Friends approved allowing Jonathan to take this on, and authorized spending up to \$1000 from the capital improvements budget for that purpose.

3. Michael Koppe obtained an estimate of more than \$10,000 to replace the furnace. Jay Newcomb is getting a second estimate and plans to present this issue to the September Meeting for Business.

Treasurer – Michael Koppe

1. The Meeting's cash balance has varied this year, but currently is up about \$1000 from January; it is now about \$18,700. Contributions year to date are about \$1000 below budget; July's contributions were particularly limited. Still owing for this year is \$3450 in loan repayments for the Meetinghouse.

2. There was considerable discussion about the Meeting's general finances, particularly in light of the \$15,000 balloon payment which is due in 2005. We revisited the question of what to do with money from fundraisers: this year that totals about \$1600, with about \$700 - 800 expected to be raised by the upcoming rummage sale. Questions included whether to designate these funds specifically toward the balloon payments, use part toward art-related improvements to the Meetinghouse (e.g. a better piano), save them for emer-

gencies, designate them toward a new furnace, etc. A budget committee was set up to discuss this and come to the September Meeting for Business with a proposal. David Harper, Mary Alice Harvey, and Michael Koppe will serve on this committee.

Ministry and Counsel – Mary-B Newcomb.

1. The Meeting will be hosting traveling Friends David and Virginia Wood, of the Dayton Monthly Meeting in Ohio, on September 4 and 5 (Friday and Saturday). On Sunday they will visit the Northern Lights Worship Group in Bemidji. They are visiting under the aegis of the Friends General Conference. Further information about meeting with them will be forthcoming.

2. The Committee will be reorganizing the welcoming table and will find a place where others can place materials to share. They will make a sign for the welcoming table making it clear that only Meeting-related items should be placed there.

3. The Committee has not yet addressed the question of posting "no guns" signs on the Meetinghouse.

Nominating Committee – Mary Dragich & David Osborne

1. The committee proposed the following names. Friends approved:

Recording Clerk, David Harper will continue
Ministry and Counsel, Bob McFarland, Gloria Piche will continue on the committee while Mary-B Newcomb is gone in Mexico

Adult Education, David Osborne will join
Konnie LeMay and Mary Dragich

Peace and Social Concerns Chair, Jay Newcomb, beginning in December

Adult Education Committee – Mary Dragich

1. Adult Education will begin again on the second Sunday of September, after Meeting for Worship. Dorothea Diver will present about her recent trip to Nicaragua, with emphasis on sweat shops and labor issues.

2. The committee is planning one or more discussions about membership.

First Day School Committee – no report

Peace and Social Concerns – Mary Alice Harvey

1. The committee proposed making a \$50 donation to the Clayton-Jackson-McGhee memorial. Friends approved.

Miscellaneous items

1. David Osborne is responding the county's property tax bill. He will file the appropriate forms for an exemption.

2. David Harper discussed inviting the Meeting's teens to join him and Jonathan in visiting churches of other denominations this fall. Mary Alice Harvey pointed out that we have some First Day School materials which are designed to inform young people about other faith communities.

3. Friends are reminded that the First Day School committee relies on helpers every week. Please sign up to help.

4. There was some discussion about the Mesaba Park retreat. Attendance was somewhat limited – about 24 adults and 12 children. Friends are encouraged to contact David Abazs or Mary Alice Harvey with responses to the following questions:

If you did not come, why not?

If you did come, what did you enjoy most?

What did you not enjoy?

Is this the most effective way for us to meet and establish connections outside of our regular worship?

5. The Friends rummage sale will take place on October 4. Bonnie Williams is organizing it.

6. The Greens will have a rummage sale at the Meetinghouse on August 23. They have reserved the building from 3:00 p.m. Friday until 5:00 p.m. Saturday.

Submitted by David Harper, Recording Clerk

Sara Manneter will be assuming the responsibilities of Recording Clerk with the September Meeting for Business. Our thanks to David Harper whose good work not only provided an excellent sense of Meeting for Business, but permitted us to deliver timely newsletters.

Friends Service Committee (AFSC) is continuing to provide material assistance to Iraqis with INFANT CARE KITS. The kits will be distributed to clinics, maternal wards and other places so that new mothers have a few basics to begin life with their new children.

How to Make an Infant Kit

To assure high quality and consistency for all recipients, each INFANT CARE KIT must include the following NEW items:

2 receiving blankets

1 pack baby washcloths

1 bar baby soap (such as Johnson & Johnson)

1 baby hair brush

Place the items in a gallon size ziplock bag.

Download the flier and delivery form for more information. Please send in the delivery form with your kits.

NOTE: To defray shipping costs and to purchase additional useful items such as vitamins, we request a contribution of \$10.00 per kit. Please do not send cash! Please write a check for the total amount – payable to: AFSC/EMAP, send check with kits to: AFSC/EMAP, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102-1479

The deadline for this kit campaign is October 31, 2003.

The Need for Infant Care Kits in Iraq

More than twelve years of economic sanctions, since the first Gulf war, adversely affected medical services for most Iraqis. Studies by U.N. agencies have shown a steady increase in the infant mortality rate.

At the Al-Batool Maternity Hospital in Mosul, which AFSC staff visited recently, 1,200 babies are born each month. A senior Iraqi pediatrician,

at the Al-Batool Hospital, expressed his support for this project seeing it as a way to help educate new mothers in the care of their infants. He also emphasized that distributing kits in hospitals serving poorer areas would be especially helpful.

More Information: For more information please contact Omar Ibrahim, Program Assistant for Iraq Relief at oibrahem@afsc.org or 215-241-5736.

Eco-Economy

by Lester R. Brown of the Earth Policy Institute is new in the Meeting Library. He has created a very readable book --- hard to set down--- that provides a vision of what an environmentally sustainable economy will look like and exactly how to achieve it. The book is also complete with bibliography and footnotes for those who want to pursue any part of the plan. Please read it! If you are feeling discouraged about the environmental future, this will restore your hope.




MEETINGHOUSE CLEANING

Thanks to everyone for their willingness to support Meeting House with their cleaning skills. We do have openings in the next six month list, so please check to see if you could help fill in some of the blanks. The master list is hanging on the bulletin board - you only need to fill in your name and you're hired! As a rule of thumb, most of us will need to help out three times a year. Please contact Dorothea Diver if you have any suggestions for improving this arrangement (218)724-2736).



MEETING HOUSE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE Summer/Fall 2003

Aug. 12 Jay & Maryb Newcomb	Nov. 4 Turner Family
Aug. 26 Mary Dragich, Sally Bujold	Nov. 18 Dorothea Diver, Bart Sutter
Sept. 9 Bob McFarland, Claer Detmers	Dec. 2 David Osborne,(Need Volunteer)
Sept. 23 Laura Jensen (Need Volunteer)	Dec. 16 Laura Jensen (Need Volunteer)
Oct. 7 Nancy Minahan, Gloria Piche	Dec. 30 (Need 2 Volunteers)
Oct. 21 Dorothea Diver, Bart Sutter	Jan. 6 Abazs Family
	Jan. 20 Nancy Bratrud, Drew Mannerter

Among Friends

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