



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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April 2015 NEWSLETTER

If you could sit on this bench and chat for one hour with anyone from the past or present, who would it be?



Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 8th Day 3rd Month, 2015

Candace Shattuck, Clerk of Meeting, gathered the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:30 AM after a brief period of silence.

Attending: Twenty-nine Friends were in attendance. Dawn Atwater, Paige Bethke, Mark Beck, Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Benita Cooper, Catherine Cripps, Debbie Danser, Ed Danser, Doreen Getsinger, Robert Gladney, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Pete Howell, Larissa Kitenko, Bill Lane, Sumner Parker, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Robert Shattuck, Brian Shean, Joan Wetmore, Winslow Womack, Mary Yancey, Ralph Young.



Comments on the Third Query: No additional comments were added at this time.

Minutes from Second Month Meeting for business: Approved.

Clerk's Desk: There will be four groups visiting THFM in the near future. The first group will be 18-20 High School students coming from Sandy Springs School next First Day. They will



join us for worship, and then Mary Cotton will conduct a tour of the Old Meeting House and answer historical questions from the group. Anyone interested in conducting future tours may want to join Mary and learn what information is included. A group of seniors from North Carolina will be touring our grounds on May 21st. Dockside Express is also planning to bring two bus tours, one April 21 and one late September.

We need to decide on possible dates for our next Carriage Shed Sale. We usually conduct this sale every 18 months. No one has come forward to oversee the next sale. We will put this concern on the agenda again for the 4th Month meeting for business and perhaps consider dates for the sale in the fall of this year.

Recently, a descendant of the Lane-Dixon-Bartlett family has donated 6 blue THFM plates, plus a booklet produced for the 200th anniversary of the Old Meeting House. These plates have good value and we appreciate the family's consideration in giving these to our Meeting. Joan Wetmore and Debbie Danser have volunteered to curate all the important historical items currently in our possession.

Communication Committee Annual Report: The Clerk of Committee, John Hawkinson gave the following report:

Communications Committee Annual Report Sunday March 8, 2015

Functions of our committee continue to encompass the meeting newsletter and Internet website with periodic announcements by e-mail.

Monitoring of the recorded messages received on the meeting's telephone. We get an average of two e-mails per week: requests for ancestral records, offers of Third Haven memorabilia, requests for guidance from people seeking to relocate to this area. Each inquiry is answered, and in most cases referral is made to an appropriate Third Haven committee or clerk. Our goal is to provide prompt evidence that there is a responsible person at (410) 822-0293 and at 3rdhaven@gmail.com

Tatiana Harrison has kept our website sparkling. The directory of attenders and members is up to date, allowing each of us to telephone, mail or e-mail to stay in touch. That said we depend upon everyone to maintain this list.

Ralph Young's photographs enhance the website and the newsletter. Whenever I am at a loss for words or a story for the newsletter he has an image to take up the slack.

Molly Burgoyne and Paige Bethke record and compile the minutes of the meetings for business. These minutes are the essence of what we have circulated in the newsletter for the past ten years, recording the official transactions of the meeting in time for review prior to the next session.

Dee Rein edits the accumulated text and images producing a beautiful newsletter each month.

In regard to ancestral questions, information about individuals linked to Third Haven since 1668: most of our records are maintained by the Maryland State Archives located on the north-east side of Rowe Boulevard at the crossing of Herbert Sachs Blvd. in Annapolis. It is worthwhile to preview their website: <http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/homepage/html/homepage.html>
Some Third Haven material is also kept at Swarthmore.

I am truly thankful for the help of each committee member.

John Hawkinson
Clerk

John also mentioned that the committee would like to eliminate some information from the Directory, which is due to be updated. Many items in the directory, including weddings and spiritual unions, memorial services, clearness committees and request for membership are completely reviewed on our website and can be referenced in the directory rather than reiterated. Friends agreed that leaving out these portions made sense. We will continue to include information on donations. The Meeting accepted the Communications Annual Report with gratitude.

Charitable Contributions Committee: This committee submitted recommendations for THFM donations this fiscal year. This slate of organizations and the amounts donated to each are below. The full slate can be found on the website. Friends approved these recommendations without changes. The committee is in the planning educational programs for the Meeting throughout the year so everyone will learn more about these charities.

Quaker organizations:

FCNL- \$500, AFSC- \$350, FGC- \$250, Friends Journal- \$200, Pendle Hill- \$100 and William Penn House- \$100.

Local Organizations:

Talbot Interfaith Shelter (TIS)- \$300, Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center (CMRC)- \$300, ESS CarePacks -\$150, Neighborhood Service Center (NSC), -\$150, Good Samaritan Fund (GSF)- \$500, and Building African American Minds (BAAM)- \$100. This complete report is posted on the website. <http://www.thirdhaven.org/cc2015.php>

Facilities Use Annual Report: Larissa Kitenko has graciously stepped in to help this committee while Anny Williams and Molly Bond are out. She read the following report.

THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING
FACILITIES USE COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT for 2014 given March 8, 2015

THFM continues to provide a welcoming, quiet and reflective space for many local

organizations.

Non-THFM Space Usage by THFM Member (12)

DONATION

(checks only)

- Smart Recovery
- Alternatives to Violence
- Peace Study Group
- Talbot Interfaith Shelter
- Easton Meditation Group Retreat
- Garden Club
- “Y” Kids
- Kelly Cox Group
- Basket Bunch
- Spiritual Discussion Meeting
- Jung Group
- Candidates’ Forum

Non-THFM Space Usage by Non-Member (9)

- Talbot Partnership Board
- Evergreen Cove y
- Court Mediators y
- For All Seasons Board Retreat y
- Shore Harvest Pres. Retreat
- Presbyterian Church
- Chesapeake Film Festival y
- Eastern Shore Writers’ Assoc (ESWA) y
- ALL Tour (Dockside Express ?) y

Memorial Services (2)

- Lila Lane
- Keyworth “Buddy” Birch y

Weddings (1)

- Aiyana P. Zinkand and Rick King y

Donations Rec’d but No Calendar Entry (1)

- Mankind Project y

Current Facilities Use Request Fees

- General Use: \$500 for non-members not under care of Meeting
- Memorial Service: \$300 for non-members “ “ “ “
- Wedding: \$500 for non-members “ “ “ “

SUMMARY of Usage (excludes Standing Committee Meetings)

1- Space Usage

- Non-THFM Usage by Member (12)
- Non-THFM Usage by Non-Member/Organizations (9)
- Memorial Services (2)

Weddings (1)

2 - Donations

11 donations from Non-Member/Organization Usage - \$1721

(Range: \$10-\$300)

Noted: All of the donations were less than currently requested fees.

3 – Facilities Use Request Fees

Recommendation: Meeting to clarify the current fee structure

Report Submitted: Larissa Kitenko, Facilities Use Committee

Friends accepted this annual report. We currently have a discrepancy between our fees listed on our website and our directory. There is also a lower amount collected than we currently budget collecting. This year's budget was \$2250 and the Treasurer estimates we have only collected 40% of this. Larissa will be looking into comparable fees with other similar meeting places and reporting back her findings.

Overseers: Clearness committees from Overseers have met now with three families totaling eight people requesting membership. All eight are highly recommended for membership and include; Christine Brooks and Ted Corbett; Amy Owlsley and Ryan Ewing and their two children, Liam and Finley; and Jen Coleman and her son Giuseppe. Friends expressed delight in having so many new members come to us at one time. Welcoming committees are set up for all these new members. Welcoming Christine and Ted will be Joan Wetmore (convener), John Schreiner, and Robert Gladney. Welcoming Amy and Ryan and their children will be Larny Claggett, Paige Bethke (convener), and Dawn Atwater. Welcoming Jennifer and Giuseppe will be Nancy Robbins (convener), Robert Gladney and Catherine Cripps. Ralph Young would like to know when the welcoming committees are taking place so he can come and take pictures.

Scholarship Committee Clarifications: The Clerk of Scholarship, Marsie Hawkinson, read the following:

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE STATEMENT

We believe that Quakerism and education stand hand-in-hand.

Scholarships represent our response to the Fifth Query on education.

“What help do we provide for the children and adults in our Meeting to pursue the education they seek, whether academic, technical or vocational?” Our Yearly Meeting has a long history of providing scholarship aid for members who wished to do so attend a Quaker School.

Our committee was formed after a discussion of the Fifth Query in 2007-8, when we learned that both the Yearly Meeting and Quaker Schools looked more favorably on requests for tuition assistance from applicants who receive financial aid from their own Meeting. Since that time Third Haven has provided eighteen school and college students with partial financial support. These grants are available to members and attenders regardless of need or level of achievement. Though the amount given to these students is small, they all say it makes a difference when expressing their appreciation.

Initially the scholarship funds were managed by the Meeting Treasurer, but since 2010, the Scholarship Committee has done this. The Meeting agreed and approved the Committee's recommendation that the funds be placed with Friends Fiduciary Corporation as separate endowment and operating accounts. Since it was not feasible to use FFC to disburse grants, an operating account was opened at The Talbot Bank in February 2012.

The first grants were made in 2009-10: we agreed that those attending a Friends school would receive \$1,000 per school year and those in other organizations would receive \$500. Post secondary grants would normally be paid one half for the 1st semester and one half at mid-year. The amounts have not increased, although in the first year there were a couple of exceptions.

The Scholarship funding began with gifts to the committee totaling just over \$24,000. Received from members and attenders and other friends, most of which went into the endowment fund. Third Haven granted \$2,000 annually (\$4,000 in 2013-4) while Trustees granted \$1,500 annually (phased out over 3 years ending with \$500 in March 2014). All Meeting and Trustee annual contributions have supported current grants. In addition there have been several large gifts to the endowment: \$10,000 from the Schoffner bequest, \$5,100 from a Carriage Shed Sale proceeds as well as individual gifts. The larger gifts stipulated that they would go into an endowment to provide continuous support of the scholarship program,

At year-end 2014 the endowment was \$83,549.04, from which a distribution of \$3,100. is planned based upon spending no more than 5% of its value each year. We are unable to maintain or increase scholarship amounts on this distribution alone.

The Scholarship Committee members would like the Meeting to commit to an ongoing level of support for educational assistance for Meeting members and attenders seeking to pursue their educational goals. We believe the present level of \$2,000/year is one that confirms the meeting's commitment to the aims of the Fifth Query.

We believe that Quakerism and education stand hand-in-hand. Committee members expressed the importance of supporting our children in their educational pursuits and not turning anyone away. Although the amounts of money are rather small compared to overall education costs, the support of our Meeting has sometimes allowed students to find matching grants from their schools in more substantial amounts. The amount THFM gives the scholarship committee each year allows this committee to supplement their endowment money and not use principle. The committee hopes to grow the endowment to \$100,000. Several asked questions regarding future expectations of endowment growth and whether or not this committee would be able to support their giving without THFM allocating additional funding. Some Friends feel it is time to look at renewed efforts to grow the endowment. These Friends will work along with the Scholarship Committee to help make this possible. In the meantime, Friends would like to make sure the important work of this committee continues and funding is provided for and will be looked at yearly as part of our overall budget planning process.

After a brief silence, the meeting for business concluded.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Burgoyne

IMPORTANT POINTS

- Carriage Shed Sale dates will be discussed again 4th Month
- Communication Committee Annual Report accepted
- Charitable Contributions Committee annual recommendations approved
- Facilities Use Annual Report accepted
- Membership approved for 3 new families (8 people); welcoming committees named.
- Continued meeting support for Scholarships approved.

Announcements

The printed directory for 2015 is now available during Hospitality

To see all announcements:

<http://www.thirdhaven.org/announcements.php>

Calendar of Activities <http://www.thirdhaven.org/calendar.php>

Online directory <http://www.thirdhaven.org/members/dir.php>

Username is 3rdhaven Password friends (all lower case)

We welcome notes, photos, questions and address information at 3rdhaven@gmail.com

April 11 (Saturday) Spring Clean Up: This is to announce an opportunity to clean up Third Haven's property and grounds on a fine April morning or early afternoon, as you are led. There will be windows and benches to clean in the old Meeting House. There will be gardening and pruning to do. There are likely to be raking opportunities. We will continue to develop plans as we approach the date and if you have ideas for things that you would like to see done, please share those with Property Grounds Committee. Meanwhile, save the date. Saturday, April 11. Rain Date, Saturday April 18.

April 12 (Sunday) Meeting for worship followed by meeting for business.

April 30 (Thursday) 6:15 pm Dualism Worship & Ministry will host a one hour discussion group in the common room facilitated by Mary Yancey. references:

<http://www.allaboutphilosophy.org/dualism.htm>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dualism>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dualism_\(philosophy_of_mind\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dualism_(philosophy_of_mind))

The program is open to all. Feel free to bring friends. Call Mark Beck, 410-822-6481, if you have any questions about the program or this meeting. Feel free to suggest a topic that you would like the group to share in. For those who have joined us in the past we thank you for your prior participation and a hearty welcome to those who will be joining us for the first time. We look forward to seeing all of you. Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts & understanding on this stimulating topic.

Mark Beck

April 19 (Sunday) **Aguayuda** :Jean Waagbo, the president of Aguayuda will present the latest news from Columbia, SA, where the Meeting has sponsored a water truck to the village of Cachaca II for the last three years. The truck visits the villagers twice a month with fresh water in an area of the country where wells have not been established and drought has severely affected the region. Jean visited last year (and again in February) with pictures of the children at Third Haven and returned with pictures of the children and their school there that can help us form ties of friendship with the people. The cost of another year of the water truck is proposed for the Shoffner (SEIF) fund this year. Please join us for a brief talk on Aguayuda and its work in providing water and education to people in underserved regions, and a chance to talk together with Jean on her corporation and our joint work in South America. A simple soup will follow the talk. The pictures we have are priceless - be sure to see them.

New members and Attenders Luncheon

Despite inclement weather, hearty folks managed to brave the roads and enjoy the annual luncheon honoring new members and attenders. Sponsored by Overseers, the potluck and good camaraderie celebrated the Third Haven community.



Quaker Faith Series: more to come!

To help explain the history, beliefs and practices of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Third Haven Friends Meeting in Easton is offering a four-part program titled “Essentials of Quaker Faith and Practice.”

Guest speakers make presentations and facilitate discussions at noon Sundays March 30, April 6, April 27 and May 4. The public has been invited.



On March 30th we were joined by Linda Chidsey — “Worship and the Spiritual Journey”

Chidsey is a member of Housatonic Friends Meeting in New York and former head clerk of New York Yearly Meeting. She is a longtime teacher in the School of the Spirit and leads retreats and workshops on spirituality.

April 6th we welcomed John Andrew Gallery —
“Testimonies, Witness and Action”

Gallery is a member of Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting in Philadelphia and the author of several articles and pamphlets on Quakerism, among them “Reflections from a Prayer Vigil for Peace” and “Living in the Kingdom of God.”

He formerly was the executive director of the Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia. He wrote “Sacred Sites of Center City.”



As a compliment to these events, Friends enjoyed light fare and conversation.



Common Room Renovation project under discussion

At the request of the Meeting, John Schreiner and Mark Beck with help from the Clerk, Larny Claggett, Joan Wetmore and other members are considering renovations of the Common Room with the goal of making the space productive for the purposes of the Meeting community. They welcome thoughts from members and attenders.

