



## Third Haven Friends Meeting

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## March 2015 NEWSLETTER

Love is the absence of judgment.

*Dalai Lama*

### **Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Second month 8<sup>th</sup>**

**In attendance:** Dawn Atwater, Loraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Jack Coady, Mary Coady, Bonita Cooper, Deborah Cox, LeighAnn Dodge, Doreen Getsinger, Robert Gladney, Cynthia Gurne, Marsie Hawkinson, Larissa Kitenko, Bill Lane, Jr., Joyce Mazelike, Sumner Parker, Dee Rein, John Schreiner, Robert Shattuck, Brian Shean, Sally Vermilye, Bob Wack, Dolores Wack, Rob Wieland, Winslow Womack, Ralph Young, Frank Zeigler, Joyce Zeigler. Clerk: Candace Shattuck; Assistant Recording Secretary, Paige Bethke

THFM Business Meeting opened with a silent worship. The Second Query was read at Meeting for Worship and there were no comments. The First month 2015 Minutes were approved with one typo correction to the Budget Report on page 7 at the end of the first paragraph "...our net income was down by almost 4700 over the prior year." to read, "...our income was down by almost \$700 over the prior year."

**From the Clerks Desk:** On March 17<sup>th</sup>, THFM will be welcoming 18 to 20 young friends from Sandy Spring Meeting. Interim Meeting will be held in Philadelphia February 14<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in driving

**Southern Quarterly Meeting Report**, Larissa Kitenko: January 18, 2015

“Friends representing all four Meetings in Southern Quarter plus from the Lewes Worship group convened at Cadbury at Lewes on January 18th.

Meeting for Worship was held at 10:00 a.m. followed by Meeting for Business and a luncheon. Three Friends were present from Wicomico River Meeting, three from Chester River, six from Cadbury, twenty from Camden and five from Third Haven. Each Meeting presented their Annual Report. Once Billingsley of Camden Meeting, a member of the FCNL Board and has been appointed to the "Visiting Friends Program". He would be glad to visit Meetings to speak about their work.

Christie Duncan-Tesmer, PYM's new General Secretary was also present. Christie talked about the long range message of PYM which is "We are us. We are the Yearly Meeting - All Of Us!". She shared the four main endeavors of PYM:

1. From our center:

We live from our center, our Quaker values. Living in this manner informs and guides our entire lives.

2. How does the truth fare with thee?:

Quakers are careful with their words. In former times, they wanted to know about each others' spiritual condition and relationship with the Divine. They would greet each other with phrases like "How does the spirit live in thee?" "Has truth favored thee?" She urged us to try this approach and observe the difference in the encounter as opposed to "Hi, how are you?" said in passing. She developed a collection of cards with a variety of phrases for greeting that would appeal to all, e.g., "Are you being truthful to yourself?"; "What gives you joy?" and "Is your heart free?" Additional queries are attached.

3. Intervisitation:

Friends in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting are invited to visit two meetings each year as a way to know one another better and experience the breadth and diversity of our faith community. They are also invited to share a snapshot report of their experience on the PYM website as a record of the travel amongst ourselves.

4. Quaker Life Stories:

Friends have an impact on this world. Let people know you are a Quaker and share your story about your spiritual or temporal journey. Stories can be posted on the website. “

[http://www.pym.org/general-secretary/files/2014/11/Truth-Query-cards.PYM\\_.pdf](http://www.pym.org/general-secretary/files/2014/11/Truth-Query-cards.PYM_.pdf)

**Membership Recorders Report** –

Third Haven Friends Meeting  
Annual Report – Recorder

There has been very little activity for the Recorder in the calendar year 2014. The year began with 153 members – 131 over the age of 21 and 22 children. Sadly, on January 1, 2014 we lost our member Lila Line after many years of illness. As there have been no new members either by application or transfer, the total at year's end is 152.

It should be noted that two members, Andrew Watters and Sarah Claggett will turn 30 during this year, and another 13 are between 20 and 29.

The year 2015 promises to have a little more activity for the Recorder.  
Martha L. Hawkinson, Recorder

Marsie Hawkinson; reported a total of 152 Members at THFM with 131 adults and 21 children. Member Lila Line passed on First month 01 January 2014. There was little change in membership from 2014. The Clerk asked if there was report of all the Meeting Memberships in PYM and commented that THFM was in the top ten of large and growing meetings. Marsie Hawkinson agreed to request a copy from PYM.



**Overseers Clearness Committee** met with Jack Coady and recommends him for Membership. The Meeting agreed and welcomed Jack. A welcome committee, convened by Robert Gladney, with Ralph Young and Robert Wieland was assigned to meet with Jack.

**Outreach Committee Annual Report** - Dawn Atwater: reported on last year's activity and thanked John Schreiner for his leadership as Clerk. The Committee completed the pamphlet, "Pathways to Membership" which describes the basic tenants of Quakerism and the Meeting for Worship to those interested or visiting. Extra pamphlets can be



**John Schreiner's latest outreach!**

found in the drawer of the small table in the Meeting Room. The Committee also had a large durable banner made that can be used at festivals and events to identify Quakers from Third Havens Friends Meeting. The banner will be kept in the Common Room. Several other initiatives were shared and the Committee Clerk shared goals for the year ahead.

### **Charitable Contributions Committee – Brian Shean**

"THFM Charitable Contributions Committee Report to meeting for business  
Second Month, 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Committee Members: Molly Burgoyne, Lorraine Claggett, Leigh Anne Dodge, Brian Shean, Norval Thompson and Sally Vermilye

The committee met three times in January. Since much progress has been made discussing our giving process, we wanted to share our thoughts with Meeting at this point and welcome your questions and feedback.

First and foremost, we wanted to come up with a "process" or guidelines that were simple, easy to understand, responsible and replicable each year. After much discernment and realization that the needs in our world are great, we decided on a simple

way to divide our donations. We suggest dividing our donations in half, giving one half to Quaker organizations and one half to local organizations. We define ‘local’ as the Mid-Shore area. This addresses the Quaker organizations many of us think are important and many of the local ones our Meeting members and attenders volunteer with. We discussed whether or not to give a large amount to one or two charities or to give less to more charities. We recommend that we give only to 5 -7 Quaker groups each year and 5-7 local groups each year. This allows us to do a better job of overseeing the work of these groups and still gives to a fair number of groups that we at THFM have consistently felt are important and meaningful.

With this basic structure in mind, we discussed what would be of importance in choosing each charity. The most important quality in choosing a charity to give to is to easily understand the value and Quaker testimony they are trying to fulfill in their mission. Each person on our committee took two charities to review; one Quaker and one local. We had the task of investigating the mission of the charity, what testimony and value they represent and how well they are doing their job both in outreach and financial stewardship. In a roundtable format, we discussed all these institutions separately. We have made a chart of these groups. The Quaker organizational chart is included in this report. We are not completely through the charting of our local organizations. This simple charting system will be available in the Common Room throughout the year and updated at the end of the year. We hope to highlight a charity each month in our newsletter and perhaps conduct programs in FDS or after rise of meeting for some of our chosen charities. Each year, we will review our groups and make a new list of recommendations. We believe flexibility as well as Meeting input in this process is important. Depending on how this first year goes, we hope to rotate at least one charity off the chart each year and put a new one in its place. This will insure that we “spread the wealth” and continue a learning process for our Meeting.

Each year we will discuss our potential charities in January, present our initial recommendations in February or March and be able to approve the final list no later than April each year. This gives our Meeting time to consider our selection.

As always, we welcome any input from others. We respectfully request that if you have a charity you would like for us to consider, please contact one of our members in order to understand the information that needs to be given to us in order to discuss a group. We would like information regarding the group’s mission, a bit of their history and current organizational structure, information regarding their financial situation and a reason why we should give to them. Our next committee meeting will be held on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 PM in the Common Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Burgoyne

## **New Business:**



This past week clerk Candace Shattuck met with Property & Grounds Committee to discuss how to move forward with Common Room improvements approved in principle in late 2012. Some improvements have been made, and the way is clear to move ahead. The clerk asked for approval to form an ad hoc Common Room Design committee to come up with drawings and specific recommendations for room layout and

materials, building on the report approved in 2012. She proposed inclusion of John Schreiner as convener, Mark Beck as architect, as well as representatives from P&G, Hospitality and Testimonies & Concerns as they have particular needs they would like to see included. A Friend also suggested coordination with Trustees. The Meeting approved formation of this committee, which will bring their proposals to the meeting at large as soon as feasible for input from the meeting community.

It was also noted that, Kelley Remo, [kelleymemos@gmail.com](mailto:kelleymemos@gmail.com) has moved into the area with her husband and child and is interested in attending.

The Overseers will be hosting the New Members and Attenders luncheon on Third month, first day at the rise of Meeting for Worship. All are invited to attend.

*submitted by Paige Bethke, assistant recording secretary*

## **Talbot Interfaith Shelter**

Third Haven has just completed its second week as the lead dog on the volunteer sled at the Talbot Interfaith Shelter's new home. Pete Howell wishes to thank all the Friends who pitched in to bring food and supervise the shelter during the particularly frigid week of February 8-14: Lorraine B. Claggett, John Schreiner, Heidi Wetzell, Mark Beck, Don and Lee Schatz, Bob Day, Ralph Young, Dona Sorce, and Norval and Cathy Thompson. Your support and generosity of spirit were invaluable. Without you, the shelter could not have operated efficiently during the past week.



Please hold Norm Hackland in the light. Norm stepped up to volunteer for no fewer than three shifts. But illness sidelined him, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

## Announcements

Announcements <http://www.thirdhaven.org/announcements.php>  
Calendar of Activities <http://www.thirdhaven.org/calendar.php>  
Online direct <http://www.thirdhaven.org/members/dir.php>

## Pendle Hill conference: Ending Mass Incarceration and the New Jim Crow

April 29 - May 3, 2015 at Pendle Hill is a conference for inspiration, education, networking, and action.

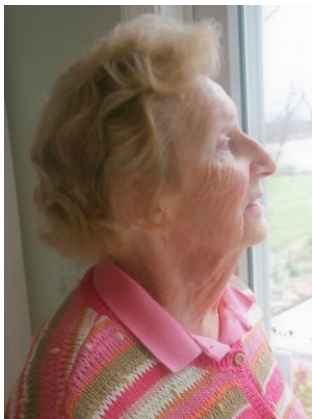
**Keynote speaker: Author and Professor Michelle Alexander**

The United States imprisons 2.4 million men, women, and children—one out of every 100 Americans. The U.S. has largest prison population in the world, both in total numbers and as a percentage of its population. With only five per cent of the world's population, the United States accounts for nearly a quarter of all prisoners in the world.

These alarming incarceration rates disproportionately affect people of color. Representing only 30 per cent of our population, people of color comprise almost 60 per

cent of those imprisoned. One in 15 African American men and one in 36 Hispanic men is incarcerated, and one out of every three African American men in this country can expect to go to prison at some point during his lifetime. Details may be found at the Pendle Hill website.

## Remembrance



Third Haven lost a long time member with the death of Betty Jean Wheeler on February 19, 2015. She had spent most of her 97 years in Easton with her husband, Charles, and children, Adrienne, Lindsley, Susan and Charles. Active with the Junior Auxiliary of Memorial Hospital, the Garden Club of the Eastern Shore, the Academy Art Museum and the Harbor Club, she was also a trustee of Third Haven Friends Meeting. Betty Jean's adventurous spirit, enthusiasm for travel, gardening, tennis and golf, and wisdom shared in our committees will be missed. We extend our condolences to her family. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be sent to Talbot Hospice, 586 Cynwood Dr., Easton, Md 21601.

## Life of the Meeting



**P.E.A.C.E. Vigil for peace in all weathers**



**Happy recovery and return!**



**Worship and Ministry meets**



**Testimony and Concerns ponders**

**and thanks to the ever popular Hospitality Committee!**

