



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

“Violence is never a choice that a man should make.”

Patrick Stewart

THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING **Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business** **Eleventh Day Tenth Month 2015**

After a brief period of silent worship, the Assistant Clerk, Tom Corl, gathered the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:30 AM.



Attending: Twenty-one people attended. Dawn Atwater, Molly Burgoyne, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Monique Cooke, Benita Cooper, Tom Corl, Susan Dickinson, Jeanne Halpin, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Martha Holthausen, Connie Lewis, Joyce Macijeski, Cynthia Quast, Adrienne Rudge, Joan Wetmore, Rob Wieland, Ralph Young, Frank Zeigler, Joyce Zeigler.

10th Query: No one offered further comments on the 10th Query; “Stewardship of the Environment”.

Minutes: The Meeting **approved** the minutes for the Ninth Month meeting for business.

Clerk’s Desk: The Clerk received three letters of request for membership and read these aloud to all present. These individual letters came from John Turner, Susan Dickinson, and Bill Schauer respectively. The Assistant Clerk handed these letters to Clerk of Overseers. Overseers will appoint Clearness committees for these three.

Request to take Bethke-Tilghman Marriage under the care of the Meeting: Paige Bethke and Ben Tilghman have requested their marriage be taken under the care of the Meeting. A Clearness committee, composed of Molly Burgoyne, Marsie Hawkinson and John Schreiner met with the couple on Friday October 9th. The committee heartily recommended the couple's upcoming marriage under the Meeting's care and the Meeting, **happily approved**. It is the couple's plan to be married in the Brick Meeting House on November 28th at 10:30 AM. The Oversight committee for the couple will be comprised of the same three people as on the Clearness committee.

Treasurer's Report - End of last Fiscal Year and 1st Quarter current Fiscal Year: The full reports will be available online and in the newsletter. In brief summary, the last fiscal year ended favorably. Our income came in a little over 99% of the budget estimate while our expenses came in around 89%. This gives us a surplus of \$6,150 for the year. Our cash reserves are also in good shape. The total amount in our Scholarship Fund is over \$104,000.

Although our FY15 surplus is not as great as our surplus in FY14, our member contributions are almost identical and expenses are similar. For the first quarter of this fiscal year our income is 16.56% and our expenses are 24%. This is to be expected at this point in the year. Our income so far this year is a little higher than at this time last year but we've also spent a little more. The first quarter balance sheet will be published with the above but did not get completed by the time of this meeting. The Meeting **approved** this report with thanks to our Treasurer and the Finance Committee.

Property and Grounds Annual Report: The meeting **approved**, with hearty appreciation, the following report.

Third Haven Property and Grounds Committee Annual Report, 2015

The property and grounds at Third Haven are in generally good repair. At the start of 2015, Property and Grounds got a new clerk and a largely new membership. The legacy issues that we started the year with were the Common Room renovation, and a handicap access ramp for the old Meeting House. The new committee took up the handicap access ramp and asked that a group be convened to more closely specify what was intended for the Common Room renovation. The Meeting convened an ad hoc committee for that purpose.

Our committee member, Bob Wack, undertook a review of the regulatory constraints on "Green Burials" in Maryland and the County at the request of a Third Haven member. He found that there do not appear to be regulatory constraints and that if one wished to have a green burial at Third Haven, if Third Haven Monthly Meeting agreed to such a burial, there are no apparent reasons for this not to happen.

We identified repairs to the Brick Meeting House which Third Haven Trustees agreed to help us with, including: plaster work in the Meeting Room and entrance stairwell, replacing the wainscoting on the south wall of the meeting room and replacing some of the equipment in the BMH toilet room. These repairs were made by Daffin Builders who did an excellent job on all of them with the possible exception of the sink in the BMH toilet room. In that event, our friend Winslow Womack finished the repair. Winslow had previously done a lot of plaster repair in that room. In fact, Winslow has helped to maintain several different parts of our property. His help is acknowledged with gratitude.

In the Spring, we had a clean-up day that focused on getting the old Meeting House ready for use, cleaning the grounds of winter debris and working on the vines. This clean up was well attended and included visitors from Adelphi Meeting who want to create a common room for their meeting. The Adelphi Friends worked right alongside us clearing vines and detritus and their help is much appreciated. After our work, we ate together.

Over the summer, the committee came to agreement regarding the ramp for the OMH and handicap accessible bathrooms in the Common Room. We adopted a design for the ramp that was very similar to what had been agreed earlier by P&G but which had languished over the interim. We took that plan and a design for making the Common Room bathrooms handicapped accessible to Meeting for Business in September. The Meeting agreed that we should submit our plan for the ramp to Maryland Historic Trust for approval and that we should obtain bids for doing the alterations to the CR bathrooms. We have since submitted a request for alteration to MHT and solicited bids for the work in the bathrooms.

Meredith Watters and Mark Beck did the layout and design work for the OMH ramp. Mark Beck did the work on the design and layout for the Common Room bathroom renovation. Their drawings and assistance were essential to the progress that we have made. Additionally, Larny Claggett solicited bids for the bathroom access and Robert Gladney did the early research on what was required under the ADA. Everyone's contributions are appreciated.

In the fall, following completion of the repairs to the BMH, we had a clean-up day dedicated to cleaning residual effects of the summer repairs and cleaning the windows. The rain broke for this event. It was well attended and it was just in time for us to hold Meeting there the following day.

Going into the next year we will continue to advance the handicap access issues and we will continue to work with the Meeting and the ad hoc committee on Common Room renovations to figure out what the next step is, there. We have also taken up the issue of the plant assemblages behind the row of hollies, asking whether we do not want to better manage this space as a more amenable natural area. –Rob Wieland-



New Business: We are reminded that next month we will have the preliminary report from the Nominating Committee.

After a brief silent worship, the meeting ended at 12:35 PM.

Molly Burgoyne

IMPORTANT POINTS:

- Three letters requesting membership read and given to Overseers
- Approval given to taking the marriage of Paige Bethke and Ben Tilghman under the care of the Meeting.
- P&G Annual Report approved

Looking Ahead

November 1 (Sunday)

Daylight Saving Time Ends at 2 AM

November 7 (Saturday)

Friends Historical Association Annual Meeting

You are invited to the Friends Historical Association's Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 7, 2015. Attached are a flier and registration form. We hope you will plan to attend and also share this information with others. The lecture is free and open to the public. Reservations and \$12 payment by October 28 are required for lunch. Details below:

Saturday, November 7, 2015, 11:30 am

Arch Street Meeting House

4th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, PA

November 12-13

Friends Committee on National Legislation

I'm writing to ask if you'd be willing to coordinate bringing group of Friends from Third Haven Friends Meeting to FCNL's Quaker Public Policy Institute and Lobby Day this November.

Get details and register at www.fcnl.org/lobbyday Sincerely,

Julia Neumann, Strategy Assistant: julia@fcnl.org

Third Haven Contact: Norval Thompson - norval@nethompson.com

November 15 (Sunday)

Pancake Breakfast

First Day School would like to host their annual pancake breakfast on Nov 15 starting at 9am in the Common Room. Please come and bring your appetites. The children will look forward to serving and getting to know the members. All are invited. Contact: FDS Clerk, Susan Claggett susan@dmv.com 410-200-6345.

Thanksgiving November 26 (Thursday)

Third Haven will again be participating the interfaith Thanksgiving meal campaign, led by the same people who put together Marilla's Lunches. This year we hope to feed 150 people who would otherwise not have a hot meal on this Day of Thanks.

We are responsible for 2 turkeys, 2 pans each of sweet potatoes and green beans, 1 pan of stuffing and 2 pies. The turkeys should be cooked and carved (with the carcass saved for soups prepared at Asbury UME over the winter) but not necessarily still hot; vegetables and stuffing should be prepared in a large, disposable lasagna pan, and the pies are either apple or pumpkin.

We are also looking for a small group of people willing to help serve these meals, meaning working at Asbury that morning at 9, moving food from large pans into individual containers. Another group of volunteers will then deliver the meals around town.

There are ten different places of worship working together to make this happen again this year. Third Haven Friends Meeting has always played an important part in this meal and we hope to again in 2015.

Contacts to volunteer to cook or serve for the Thanksgiving meals:

Robert Wieland at robert.wieland@gmail.com Leigh Anne Dodge at lad.dodge@gmail.com

(both at 410-822-5998)

Letter

Dear members and attenders of Third Haven Monthly Meeting,

I am very disturbed by the use of the term White Privilege in Friends' discussion of racism.

The term was coined by Peggy McIntosh in 1988 as part of her campaign to bring attention to both racism and male supremacy. Since that time, many of the problems she attributed to racism have been dealt with via the law and a much more enlightened culture, both black and white. Due in part to ongoing civil rights legislation and in part to a massive influx of Asians and Latin Americans, housing, education, and the media now reflect a very diverse population. Even colors of crayons and band-aids -- one of the items on her list -- have neutral names and many more shades than the peachy-beige that used to be called "flesh."

Today the branding distinctions that remain-- mode of dress, manners and mannerisms, speech and grammar, values and diet --- are more traceable to economic class and, to some extent, age, than race. Jeh Johnson is not going to be picked up by the police while walking through his own neighborhood, though my white brother Jeff, raised in Chevy Chase but an unkempt, aging hippie by choice and appearance, could very well be -- and in fact once was.

Unless we want to feed the racism that we so gladly continue to give up, accuracy demands that we modify the term White Privilege. Perhaps we could substitute White Upper Middle Class Privilege? But what about Asians, who send their children to the best schools they can afford? Maybe Upper Middle Class Educated Asian Privilege? Or spoiled teens? White/Asian/Black Youth Charge-Account Privilege? You can see how silly this can get.

But it isn't silly. Using the term White Privilege is racist. It ignores the impoverished white students I had when I taught in a Philadelphia junior high years ago, who had the same problem-ridden parents, sub-par housing, dreadful diets, and erratic lives my black students had. And the white kids I briefly went to school with when my father was transferred to a rust-belt state. One friend didn't even live in a whole house-- his family lived in a basement - while another had no toilet, so shared a chamber pot and outhouse with her many brothers and sisters. Though white, it's hard to believe they would characterize themselves as Privileged.

Can't we find a better way to talk about the immense problem of poverty, lack of jobs, poor urban schools, drugs, and other factors that contribute our country's multi-racial underclass? As Friends who claim to believe in equality, I hope we will at least begin by giving up this unfortunate term.

Best regards,

Joan McInturff Wetmore

The George Fox Forum

January 22, 2016 –Engagement to Build an Inclusive Society

New and Exciting Inreach/Outreach Program

The Outreach Committee wants you to put the date of January 22 at 6:30 PM on your 2016 calendar. Each month January through April the Forum will focus on one of the Quaker testimonies or SPICES-Simplicity, Peace, Integrity , Community and Service.

The first of a four part series will focus on “community” on Friday night January 22. The program will begin with a TED talk by Chimamanda Nogozi Adichie called The Danger of the Single Story followed by panelists Adrienne Rudge, Larny Claggett and John Schreiner presenting their stories as to how they arrived and continue to grow in their Quaker spiritual beliefs. They will then dialogue with people in the audience who are searching for answers on their own spiritual quest.

This series is not a theological discussion but a very human exchange recognizing that each person has their own story.

Make it the first event to put on your new 2016 Calendar! And bring a friend.

Charitable Contributions committee and members met local nonprofit organizations to which Third Haven contributes:



Left to Right:

Matthew Peters of the Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center;

Megan Cook of Carepacks;

Molly Burgoyne, committee clerk;

Derrick Daly of BAMM;

Walt Johnson of the Good Samaritan Fund;

Marilyn Neal of the Neighborhood Service Center;

and Julie Lowe of the Talbot Interfaith Shelter (TIS).

Fall Clean Up Day

with Friendly volunteers:



Opportunities for Thought:

Presentation by Byron Sandford of the William Penn House in DC



Program on the 39 Questions for White People

