



## Third Haven Friends Meeting

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## JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

Our doors say, "welcome;" do we?

### **Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Thirteenth Day 12th Month 2015**

Candace Shattuck, Clerk of Meeting, gathered all present to meet for worship with attention to business at 11:30 AM after a brief silence.



Present: Twenty-eight Friends attended. Dawn Atwater, Gwen Beegle, Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Monique Cook, Benita Cooper, Tom Corl, Jeanne Halpin, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Catherine Johnson, Bill Lane, Beth Mufson, Cynthia Quast, Candace Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Ben Tilghman, Paige Tilghman, Bob Wack, Dolores Wack, Robert Wieland, Winslow Womack, Mary Yancey, Ralph Young, Frank Zeigler, Joyce Zeigler.

**12th Query- Simplicity and Integrity:** The Query, read during meeting for worship, generated several more comments. One Friend remarked that in the upcoming revision of Faith & Practice, he hoped to see these two fundamental values separated because both virtues are so important. A short discussion followed regarding knowing the truth and seeking the truth. One Friend reminded all that often those who are economically disadvantaged have a difficult time living simply as their lives are quite complicated by lack of resources.

**Minutes 11th Month:** The Meeting approved the minutes from the 11th Month.

**Clerk's Desk:** On the back of today's agenda, the Clerk has printed a letter from Westfield Monthly Meeting addressing ways Friends may actively address some of the social concerns of today's world and in particular, our response to the refugee crisis. This letter of action will be in the newsletter and online.

Hopefully, our Meeting may use this as a starting point for action on these issues.



**Carriage Shed Sale Update:** Paige Tilghman and Susan Claggett will co-clerk the next CSS on Saturday April 30, 2016. Paige and Susan plan to talk with members of Asbury United Methodist Church in the hope their congregation will join as co-hosts of the sale. They see this as a way to reach out and engage this community. The Meeting approved this date and their plans.

**Overseers:** Overseers recommends the approval of membership for Susan Dickinson and Bill Schauer. The Meeting approved this and looks forward to getting to know Susan and Bill better as in a short time they have been lovely additions to our Meeting. A welcoming committee with Paige Tilghman as convener, Beth Mufson and Mary Yancey will get together with the couple in the near future.

**Proposal to Pay for Website Services:** During the 11th Month meeting for business, we discussed paying Tania Harrison \$800/year for her time in maintaining and supporting our website. Friends have been given this past month to let this issue season or to ask questions and make inquiries directly to the Clerk or to the Communications Committee. We briefly discussed the precedent of paying members for their service to the community. It is the sense of the Meeting that the service Tania provides is not only extraordinary but would be much more costly if we had to pay for a professional of her caliber. The Meeting approved paying Tania \$800/yr divided into quarterly payments. This year the money will come from the contingency fund. Bill Lane and John Hawkinson will get together to discuss the particulars of the payment process.

**Budget & Finance:** Our Treasurer gave a brief end of year report of our finances as of December 12th. Thus far, 36% of annual member contributions and 39% of our annual income have been received. We have spent about 41% of our budget so far. This is about the same as last year. We usually receive a large number of year -end contributions during the last two weeks of the year.

**Nominating Committee Final Report:** The Meeting reviewed and made minor corrections to the completed report from the Nomination Committee. The meeting approved this report. The report will be available online and in announcements.

**Worship & Ministry Annual Report:** The annual report, accepted by Meeting with thanks to Tom for his years of service as Clerk, is as follows:

Third Haven Friends Meeting

Worship and Ministry Committee 2015 Annual Report

Approved by the WMC 12.9.15 for the 12.13.15 meeting for business

Purpose

The purpose of the Worship and Ministry Committee (WMC) was approved at the 10.3.11 meeting for business. The (abbreviated) purpose is:

- Meeting for Worship – The WMC cares for the meeting for worship.

- Spiritual Nurture – The WMC nurtures and supports the Spiritual life of the meeting, and the Spiritual journeys of members and attenders.
- Adult Religious Education – The WMC provides opportunities for the Meeting community to learn about our Faith and Practice, the Religious Society of Friends, and Quaker and other Spiritual practices. The Committee offers teaching and learning opportunities to support the meeting for worship, and the Spiritual journeys of members and attenders.

#### Worship and Ministry Committee

The participating members of the WMC for 2015 were: Mark Beck, Gwen Beegle, Tom Corl, Catherine Cripps, Katherine Johnson, Connie Lewis, Valerie Sypula and John Turner. In addition for the WMC, Peg Walbert cares for the midweek meeting for worship and Mike Pullen facilitates the Course in Miracles. Tom Corl clerked the WMC this year. The WMC met monthly at the rise of meeting for worship on 4th day, except for 7th and 8th months. Members attended WMC meetings regularly and actively supported many WMC programs and activities.

#### Meeting for Worship

All the members of the WMC attend the meeting for worship as regularly as possible, listen, experience and appreciate the meeting for worship, silence and vocal ministry. The WMC considers and discusses the meeting for worship and vocal ministry at each WMC meeting. The WMC often discusses the rise of meeting for worship. The WMC finds the meeting for worship consistently meaningful, spiritual, rich and nourishing for members, attenders and visitors.

Newcomers and visitors frequently acknowledge the meaningfulness of the meeting for worship in attracting them and leading them into participation in Third Haven Friends Meeting. The Third Haven meeting for worship, and participation in it, are blessings, appreciated by members, attenders and visitors. The Third Haven meeting for worship is a great gift from each of us to all of us. The WMC seeks to nurture and sustain our blessed meeting for worship.

The WMC provides greeters before the meeting for worship to welcome members, attenders and visitors. Greeters offer various pamphlets, brochures and information to visitors and those new to the Third Haven and our Quaker meeting for worship. Members of the WMC read the 12 Queries on the First Day of meeting for business and the 4 Advices in meeting for worship during the year.

The attendance at meeting for worship varies from week to week and month to month. Based on regular counts by Robert Shattuck, attendance averages 60-70, slightly less than 2014.

Attendance at a few meetings for worship approached 80. In 7th-8th months, attendance drops to around 50. This count includes children and adults who go out for First Day School. The meeting for worship continues to attract visiting Friends, non-Friends, and seekers curious about Quakers and our way of worship. It seems that Third Haven averages 2-3 visitors each First Day.

Members of WMC, the Outreach Committee, Overseers and other Friends often greet visitors at the rise of meeting for worship and follow-up with visitors as may be appropriate.

Peg Walbert reports that 5-7 people consistently attend 4th day meeting for worship, with up to 8-10 on dates that coincide with other meetings, including monthly WMC meetings.

Late arrivals and coming and going during meeting for worship continue to be problems. The WMC reminds Friends – to “come with heart and mind prepared for worship” and arrive on time.

## Worship and Ministry Programs

The WMC offered a variety of adult religious education opportunities, programs and activities in 2015:

### Monthly Discussions

Mark Beck facilitated monthly discussion sessions, open to the wider local community (starting at 6:15 pm, lasting for 1 hour and 15 minutes). Topics for discussion offered opportunities for personal and spiritual understanding and growth. These discussions were much appreciated by many different Friends and others. Mark Beck facilitated most all the discussions. The 2015 discussion topics were:

- 1.25, Siddhartha, by Herman Hesse, facilitated by Bob Wack, with 8 participating
- 2.26, “Spiritual Evolution and Transformation” with 10 participating
- 3.26, “Respect” with 6 participating
- 4.30, “Dualism and Non-Dualism” facilitated Mary Yancey, with 8 participating
- 5.28, “Meaning, the Creation of” with 9 participating
- 6.25, “Habits” with 7 participating
- 7.30, “Worship and Prayer” with 5 participating
- 9.24, Pathways to Spiritual Realization” with 5 participating
- 10.29, “Divine Qualities of God” (from chapter 16 of the Bhagavad Gita) with 9 participating
- 11.19, “Hope” with 5 participating
- 12.29, “Who do I want to be when I grow up?”

Since 7th month 2013, 45 different people have participated in these discussion groups. The average attendance is 7.8. Attendance varies from as few as 4 to as many as 15. Ten people have attended 6 or more sessions. Attendance totaled 210 person-sessions. Most are from Third Haven. The WMC is grateful to Mark Beck for organizing and facilitating these valuable discussions.

### Carl Jung Study Group

Catherine Cripps organized and facilitated the Carl Jung Study Group, under the care of the WMC. The group studies and reflects on texts by Carl Jung and works inspired by him.

Catherine Cripps facilitated most of the discussions:

- 1.13, Inner Gold by Robert Johnson with 7 participating
- 2.10, “Seven Tasks of the Second Half of Life” (Hollis), with 7 participating
- 3.10, Jeremy Taylor’s piece on the “elements of dreams,” with 7 participating
- 4.7, “Synchronicity” facilitated by Lee Nelson, with 6 participating
- 5.2, Synchronicity” continued, with 7 participating
- 5.12, Rune Stones” with 5 participating
- 6.9, “Rune Stones” continued and a discussion of the sense of purpose of the Jung Study Group, with 4 participating. The group had an excellent discussion of its sense of purpose and direction – “to explore, as co-creators, Jungian concepts and how they apply to Spirit and our deeper selves.”
- 7.14, “Symbol of the Circle Mandala” with 4 participating
- 9.1, Tarot Cards and Readings” facilitated by Katherine Johnson, with 14 participating

- 10.17, “Imagery and Symbolism in Fairytales and Dreams: Workings of the Mythopoetic Mind” facilitated by Dr Alden Josey, with 16 participating. Several WMC friends helped advertise and promote this program.

- 11.10 “Water” facilitated by Amy Isaacs, with 10 participating

- 12.8, “Jung's Model of the Psyche” (Gad) with 8 participating

About half of the participants are from Third Haven. Several new names have been added to the email list. The Jung group is proving to be a good outreach program for the Meeting. Some in the group are practicing psychologists or therapists with very great experience with Jungian approaches to psychology and Spirituality. The Jung Group will continue in 2016, with Catherine facilitating. The WMC appreciates Catherine’s work to organize and facilitate the Jung Group, a valuable addition to WMC programs, serving the wider local community.

#### Inward Bound

Katherine Johnson and Candace Shattuck organized and facilitated Inward Bound on behalf of the WMC. Inward Bound is a silent retreat or quiet day held 4 times a year – 3.18 with 8 participating, 6.18 with 10, 9.22 with 7 and scheduled for 12.15. Sessions run from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, including silent reflection, other silent activities, potluck lunch and worship sharing at the end.

Inward Bound provides the opportunity for a weekday retreat and time for silent reflection for members and attenders of Third Haven Friends Meeting, members of Southern Quarterly Meeting, and occasionally participants from the wider community. Participants are encouraged to find Spirit-led activities that encourage listening for the Light within, reflection, reading and enjoying the grounds of Third Haven. Inward Bound will continue in 2016. The WMC is grateful to Katherine Johnson and Candace Shattuck for organizing these silent retreats.

#### Course in Miracles

A Course in Miracles is an individualized, self-study curriculum that leads towards knowledge. Knowledge, as used in the Course, comes of itself when we meet its conditions. The condition of knowledge is peace, which can be taught and is the goal of the curriculum. The Course includes both a metaphysical framework and daily lessons for practical application. It uses forgiveness, to lead us beyond our own mistakes, our misperceptions, and ultimately our own misidentification towards acceptance of others and ourselves, as we truly are, brothers and sisters sharing the same journey, “a journey without distance to a goal that has never changed.” The weekly discussion group meets Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm in the common room following silent worship. The group has been meeting for several years and is open to anyone with an interest in the Course. The group typically includes 3-4 members and usually takes summers off. Mike and the WMC encourage new participation.

#### Speakers

The WMC invited Anne Harper and Jeff Dudiak, from Pendle Hill, to speak at Third Haven on 3.22.

#### Singing

John Turner convened singing opportunities before meeting for worship, 9:15-9:45 on First Days 3.15 with 8 participating, 6.21 with 9 and 10.4 with 7. Carol singing is scheduled for 12.20.

### Sharing Spiritual Journeys

Beginning on 12.6, the WMC resumed the sharing of Spiritual journeys, with Susan Dickinson sharing her Spiritual journey. This was very well received by the 18 attending. Mark Beck is organizing these and has scheduled Bill Schauer for 1.3.16.

### Conclusion

Third Haven Friends Meeting has a long tradition of Spirit-led practice in its WMC, caring for the meeting for worship and the Spiritual journeys of members and attenders. The WMC encourages all members and attenders to come to meeting for worship as often as possible, with heart and mind prepared, at the appointed hour of worship. Friends should participate in and support the meeting for worship, in expectant silence or with vocal ministry, as moved by the Spirit. Third Haven is blessed with a deep, rich and nurturing meeting for worship, and a vital and growing Meeting community. The WMC is grateful for the opportunity to help nurture and support the meeting for worship and the Spiritual life of the Third Haven Friends Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tom Corl*

Clerk, Worship and Ministry Committee  
Third Friends Haven Meeting

**New Business:** The Clerk of Property and Grounds, Robert Wieland, received an approval from the Maryland Historic Trust for the handicapped ramp on the Old Meeting House. We may now seek approval from the Easton Historical Society. P&G will work to obtain bids for the project. After bids are obtained, the Meeting will need to discuss how the project will be paid for and have all of this in place hopefully by spring.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting closed after a period of silent worship.

*Molly Burgoyne*

### IMPORTANT POINTS

- The Carriage Shed Sale will be held on April 30, 2016 and may involve Asbury United Methodist Church
- Susan Dickinson and Bill Schauer are approved as members.
- The Meeting approved paying Tania Harrison \$800/yr for her services on our website.
- Nominating Committee report approved
- Worship & Ministry Annual Report accepted
- Approval from Maryland Historic Trust for handicapped ramp noted

### Talbot Mentors Opportunity

*Meredith Watters* writes, "We are reaching out to churches and asking them to publish in newsletters the following: Talbot Mentors has matched Talbot County at-risk youth with caring adult volunteers in long-term supportive relationships since 1997. Currently we provide one-on-one mentors to over 60 Talbot County students at no cost to the families or the County. However

in Talbot County there are over 400 students that may need a mentor. You only need to spare a couple of hours a week to be a mentor.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QB-pK0BXL48>

Please watch our short video above to see the positive impact mentoring has for not only the students, but also the mentors. Thank you for taking the time to watch the film. Please reach out to Natalie Costanzo to apply to be a mentor or to find out more information at [natalie@talbotmentors.org](mailto:natalie@talbotmentors.org) or 410 770 5999.

Would you accept the role as the contact person, perhaps adding your own and Pete's experiences as mentors?"

**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>

### **Letter from Westfield Monthly Meeting**

From our clerk, *Candace Shattuck* writes, "Many among us have expressed deep concern over what is going on in our country and the world we live in, and the question raised is, 'What can we do?' Although it can be tempting to become discouraged, because we cannot 'solve it all' most agree there are things we can do. This is an attempt to begin a dialogue about how we can move forward to effect positive change. There are two attachments: the first, a letter from Friend Elaine Zickler, is meant for all of us. It offers four ideas of things we can do, as a starting point. Please read, brainstorm, talk with friends, add more ideas. The second from Zachary Dutton of PYM, concerns a conference call which [took place] December 14 concerning much the same topic. Unfortunately this communication was not prepared for attachment. Right after the holidays we will get together at Third Haven, so examine what we can do to build a safer world."

Elaine Zicker writes, "Dear Friends, I know I am not alone in my concern for the refugees from war and terrorism in the Middle East and the increasingly xenophobic rhetoric in our own country. Indeed, President Obama has already begun to speak out against this anti-immigration hysteria, but at the same time, our national commitment to taking in refugees is woefully inadequate and disproportionately small compared to the burden that European and Middle Eastern countries are shouldering. Although our own AFSC, according to their website, writes in support of resettlement for refugees, in fact, there is no initiative that I can find. People who flee their countries cannot wait for long-term strategies, such as AFSC supports. Of course, the war must end; of course, the US must assume responsibility for repairing the damage it has inflicted on the populations of Iraq and Afghanistan, but I doubt that anyone in the desperate straits of these refugees can wait for such solutions, if indeed they are ever forthcoming. I would like us to begin to act as Friends have historically acted in the face of humanitarian and political crises, to organize to help immediately and effectively; to bear testimony to peace and community by outreach at whatever level we can to these refugees. Indeed, the crisis of our times is the crisis of the refugee. People all over the globe are fleeing war, terrorism, and environmental disaster. What can we do? We can do something. Here are some ideas I am thinking about:

1. We can make our testimony known by making public our spirit of welcome. I propose that Meetings and Schools and individual Friends take up the following verse from the Bible in whatever form possible—banners, bumper stickers, pins, e-mail signatures, facebook, instagram, lawn signs: "Be not inhospitable to strangers, lest they be Angels in disguise."

2. We can begin to investigate the possibility of private sponsorship of refugees, as groups of individuals, as Monthly, Quarterly and Yearly Meetings. This effort has begun already in Toronto; it was done for Soviet Jews in the 1980's and '90's; it may be done now. We can extend this invitation, or ally ourselves with other churches who may already be making these initiatives, in an interfaith effort.

3. We can write to our Congressmen, Senators, and President to affirm our support of an open-door immigration policy and a dramatic increase in our quota for Syrian immigrants in particular.

Editor's note: in Maryland it is the Governor who has refused emigres - perhaps he is the one to address.

4. We can publicly shame and confront politicians who are trading in the fears of their constituencies by letting them know in very public ways that there are religious, moral, ethical and historical reasons why we cannot once again, as we did in previous wars, contribute to the slaughter of innocents by closing our doors to immigrants and refugees. We might take out advertisements in big city newspapers, for example.

I invite you to add to this list and to join with me in beginning to do something, as Friends, to address this crisis, which constitutes a crisis of conscience for all of us."

In Friendship, *Elaine Zickler*, Westfield Monthly Meeting of Friends

## Planning for George Fox Forums





## **THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING 2016**

## **CLERKS**

Co-Clerks Monthly Meeting Candace Shattuck, Molly Burgoyne  
Co-Clerks Recording Dee Rein, Paige Tilghman  
Treasurer Cynthia Quast  
Membership Recorder Marsie Hawkinson

## **COMMITTEES**

Budget & Finance: Bill Lane—clerk; Doreen Getsinger, Neil Mufson, Sumner Parker, Cynthia Quast (Treasurer of the Meeting), Bill Schauer, Bob Wack, Winslow Womack.

Charitable Contributions: Molly Burgoyne, Clerk; Leigh Anne Dodge, Lorraine B. Claggett, Norval Thompson, Sally Vermilye.

Communications: John Hawkinson; Clerk, newsletter editor; Tatiana Harrison, website manager, Dee Rein, Newsletter & Telephone, Ralph Young, photographer

Facilities Use: Ann Williams, Clerk; Adrienne Rudge, Larissa Kitenko

First Day School: Susan Claggett, clerk; Dawn Atwater, Mark Beck, Catherine Cripps, Alyssa Ehrsham, Beth Mufson, Amy Owsley, Katie Theeke, Sally Claggett & Cathy Thompson (story tellers).

Hospitality: Dona Sorce, Clerk; Heidi Wetzel assistant Clerk; Catherine Cripps, Susan Dickinson, Beth Mufson, Adrienne Rudge, Katie Theeke, Dolores Wack, Jennifer Williams, Helen Womack, Winslow Womack, Mary Yancey.

Library: Joyce Macijeski, Clerk, Ted Corbett, Susan Dickinson, Dona Sorce, Frank Zeigler

Nominating Committee: Adrienne Rudge, Paige Tilghman, Dona Sorce

Outreach: Dawn Atwater, Clerk; Lorraine B. Claggett, Jeanne Halpin, Peter Howell, John Schreiner.

Overseers: Adrienne Rudge, clerk; Paige Tilghman, Molly Burgoyne, Laurence Claggett, Jr. , Marsie Hawkinson, Connie Lewis, Nancy Robbins, John Schreiner, Dona Sorce, Joan Wetmore..

Property and Grounds: Robert Wieland, clerk; Laurence Claggett, Jr., Bob Day, Susan Dickinson, Robert Gladney, Norman Hackland, William Lane, Priscilla Morris, Anna Ossler, Clay Owens, Amy Owsley, Nancy Robbins, Robert Rowe, Phil Sayre, Ben Tilghman, Bob Wack.

Scholarship: Marsie Hawkinson, clerk; Lorraine B. Claggett, Benita Cooper, Debbie Danser, Doreen Getsinger, Peter Howell, Neil Mufson, Sumner Parker, Sally Vermilye, Joan Wetmore.

Testimonies & Concerns: Leigh Anne Dodge, Clerk; Ralph Young, Assistant Clerk; Cynthia Browne,; Katie Claggett, Lorraine B. Claggett, Susan Claggett, Ryan Ewing, Jeanne Halpin, Nancy Robbins, Sarah Sayre, Dona Sorce.

Worship & Ministry: Gwen Beegle, clerk; Mark Beck, Tom Corl, Catherine Cripps, Debbie Danser, Jeanne Halpin, Katherine Johnson, Valerie Sypula, John Turner, Mary Yancey.

## **REPRESENTATIVES**

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC): Leigh Anne Dodge

Detention Center Library: Ralph Young, Leigh Anne Dodge, Robert Wieland.

Food Link: Heidi Wetzell, Winslow Womack

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL): Frank Zeigler, Norval Thompson, Brandt Bethke

Interfaith Housing Corporation: Laurence Claggett, Jr., Dona Sorce.

Interfaith Coalition Against Hunger: (Marilla's Lunches )Ralph Young

NAACP, Talbot Co: Doreen Getsinger

P.E.A.C.E.: Ralph Young

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM): Dee Rein (Coordinator), Dawn Atwater, Lorraine B. Claggett, Catherine Cripps, Dona Sorce.

Southern Quarterly Meeting: Connie Lewis, Winslow Womack

Talbot Assoc. of Clergy & Laity (TACL): Leigh Anne Dodge

Talbot Interfaith Homeless Shelter (TIS): Peter Howell (Point of Contact), Lorraine B. Claggett,

On-Line Library: Tatiana Harrison

## **Carol Singing**



## **Godly Play Nativity Story**



## **Remembering**



**First Day School Christmas  
with Joseph, Mary and the new baby Jesus,  
shepherds, angels, animals and wise man with myrhh.**



