



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER

“Mr. Mirasola always said, ‘You never get anywhere good by going somewhere bad.’ I always figured it was a famous aphorism, but I guess it was simply his wisdom with a bunch of unruly ten year olds!”

George Fox Forum moderator Neil Mufson quoting his 5th grade teacher

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Tenth Day Fourth Month 2016

Candace Shattuck, Co-Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:40 a.m. after a brief period of silence.



Attending: Twenty-three people attended: Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Debbie Danser, Eddie Danser, Jeanne Halpin, Marsie Hawkinson, Larissa Kitenko, Bill Lane, Connie Lewis, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Adrienne Rudge, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Robert Shattuck, Paige Tilghman, , Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Robert Wieland, Anny Williams, Mary Yancey, Ralph Young.

Comments on Fourth Query, Care for the Meeting Community (read at Meeting for Worship)

One member noted that mutations of words add to our consideration of the Query. Appreciation was expressed for the slow reading which enhanced deliberation.

Minutes for Third Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
approved.

From the Clerk's Desk

An all clerks meeting was held April 2 re: Long Range Plan; next meeting occurs June 11. This is an effort to create a brief version of Third Haven's vision, values and long and short range goals. Clerks are asked to discuss the results with their committees as we develop benchmarks for decisions in the future.

Treasurer's Report – *Cynthia Quast*- accepted with thanks



For the third quarter of our 2015/16 fiscal year we have the following results:

Our member contributions total just over \$37,400 which is 73% of our annual Member contributions budget. Our Attender contributions total almost \$7,500 giving us 136% of our Attender contributions budget. Our total income totals just over \$46,600 which is 78.5% of our total income budget. Our expenses total just over \$41,000 which is about 70% of our expense budget. This gives us a net income year-to-date of just over \$5,200.

On Balance Sheet as of 3/31/16, we had almost \$35,700 in our operating checking account and just over \$51,000 in our Invested operating funds at Friends Fiduciary. At the advice of the Budget and Finance Committee I have renamed and rearranged our scholarship accounts to better reflect the type of accounts they are. I have created "Restricted Assets" and "Restricted Liabilities" accounts and put both the Scholarship and Shoffner accounts in those categories. In comparing the third quarter of this fiscal year to the prior fiscal year, our Member contributions are down by over \$2,700 and our total income is down almost \$1,900. Our expenses are higher year to date over last year by almost \$3,500 and our net income is down by over \$5,000 over the prior year.

Detailed statements of Income and Expenses Budget vs. Actual Year To Date, a balance sheet, and a comparison to the prior year may be seen on our website.

Update from Trustees - *Adrienne Rudge*

Annual Report from the Trustees of Third Haven Monthly Meeting
April 10, 2016

I will begin my report with a short recap of the history of the Trustees of THMM. Since Marsie Hawkinson has covered the topic in past reports, I am going to quote her summary: In 1948, the Trustees of Third Haven Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends was incorporated with the agreement of the Third Haven Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends. Membership and activity was at a low point, and it was feared that the Meeting might be put down, in which the property and



grounds would revert to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Friends wanted to be sure that the care of Third Haven would remain with the people who had been involved through the years. The Trustees are the owners of the buildings and property.

The Trustees meet at least once yearly, usually in March. This year's annual meeting was held on April 1. The seven trustees, all members of the Meeting, include Kenneth Carroll, Larny Claggett, Marsie Hawkinson, Allan Mielke, Sumner Parker, Diana Rein and Adrienne Rudge. Most of the funds that have accumulated through legacy and other gifts are invested with Friends Fiduciary Corporation in Philadelphia. A small account is currently held at Wye Financial to facilitate paying bills locally. Due to Friends Fiduciary's recently changing their access to invested funds, consideration is being given to placing all of our investments with them.

Traditionally, the Trustees pay for major capital expenses such as a new roof, a new heating system or the removal of hazardous trees. The Meeting covers operational expenses. At our April 1 meeting, the Trustees read a minute from the Third Haven Monthly Meeting held March 13, 2016, which affirmed the Meeting's belief in the importance of handicap access to the Old Meeting House and its support of the proposed design for a ramp and railing. The Meeting accepted the estimated costs of \$15,500 and committed to spending funds to pay for the project. The Meeting invited the Trustees to join them in supporting the project. The Trustees decided that the Corporation would pay \$8,000, approximately half of the cost.

A report from the clerk of the Property and Grounds Committee detailed projects that have been accomplished recently, those that are in the works and those that are anticipated. The Trustees decided that the Corporation would pay for the following: \$5705 for the Common Room bathroom upgrades and tiles for the hall and kitchen; \$700 to replace the water heater in the caretaker cottage and \$1000 to repair the siding on the Old Meeting House. The Trustees are prepared to cover the cost of a heating and air conditioning replacement system for the caretaker cottage and will respond when financial projections are available. The Trustees commend the work of the Property and Grounds Committee.

This report is given for the information of the Meeting each year and requires no action.

Adrienne Rudge, President, Trustees of Third Haven Monthly Meeting

Meeting members gave thanks to the Trustees for the good care and all they are doing.

Property & Grounds – *Robert Wieland*



The meeting reaffirmed willingness to share Old Meeting House handicapped access ramp funding. Third Haven Corporation (Trustees) will pay \$8000 toward ramp.

Carriage shed sale money anticipated to be around \$2500 will go to ramp.

The balance of ramp funding will come from Property and Grounds ramp subaccount, noting the reason for being over budget if that occurs. The treasurer noted on the Balance Sheet the location of Trustee contributions.

Contractor Brad Duncan will start as soon as his schedule permits. Meredith Watters volunteered to oversee the project, an offer that was gratefully accepted.

Clean up day is April 16th.

Report on Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Continuing Sessions - *Lorraine Claggett*

This report reviewed the revised structure of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting as well as the events at the recent Continuing Session. Continuing sessions are held 3times a year in addition to annual sessions held once a year in the Summer, at Muhlenberg College July, 2016. Rather than representatives, all members of PYM can be involved. Around 400 people attended the recent session at Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Arch Street Meeting House. Currently Philadelphia Yearly Meeting includes a fiscal surplus. A growing six month reserve fund exists at 90% funding. Some money went to support scholarships to the White Privilege Conference. Worrisome is reduced contributions to the Annual Fund, especially a reduction in the number of contributions below \$100.



The nominating council of 15 members nominated 3 new members, all members of color. The administrative council of 15 members handles administrative and building maintenance issues.

The Quaker life council of 15 members handles worship, health and care of friends, and special projects as well as overseeing Thread and Collaborative groups. Threads and Collaboratives are established after Quaker Life Council approval and receive help beginning. Anyone may join. Threads gatherings are interest groups meeting around PYM based on topics of interest. Collaborative groups are Friends from several meetings around a particular purpose or topic, like Middle East or EcoJustice. A bridge connects across the Yearly Meeting community, perhaps a member who reports back to the monthly meeting.

Appointed Representatives represent PYM to national organizations like American Friends Service Committee.

PYM encourages Friends to send their information to PYM expressing interests in serving.

The General Secretary emphasizes Yearly Meeting's need to get connected at the roots, with better communications and inclusion of members from throughout PYM. Bulletins will come out 3x a year; online connections are being fostered and Friendly Eighties occur between meetings.

PYM Meeting for Business took the morning followed by lunch.

Lorraine attended Middle East Collaborative and heard what other meetings were doing with refugees and relief contacts since that was a topic of interest for our Testimonies and Concerns committee.

The Collaborative Training on undoing racism, decarceration group practiced scenarios helping people let go of preconceptions and hear the needs of others.

The evening presentation was the William Penn lecture on leadership.

Carriage Shed Sale - *Paige Tilghman and Susan Claggett*

Planning is under way with Asbury AME church to help finance their stained glass windows and our handicapped access ramp. Goals include raising funds and enhancing community connections. Plans include Winslow returning with Quaker Dogs and Asbury providing soup. Debbie Danser created new street sign suitable for repeated use.

Contents will include furniture, books, other items similar to previous sales, and a silent auction of nicer things.

Collecting April 24-April 28th. Items may be delivered to the Common Room.

Please pass around and post posters available in the Common Room.

Members are welcome at the Friday evening presale.

Volunteers are desired to help with collecting and Fri. pricing of objects as well as on the day of the sale. Contact Paige or Susan to participate.

Budget and Finance committee - *Bill Lane*

Preparations begin now for next years budget. The Finance committee requests committee proposals and notes the budget may be around \$60,000, so members and attenders are encouraged to contribute accordingly.

The Eastern Shore Land Conservancy event will be held at Third Haven May 12th 4-6 p.m. to share the history of Third Haven. All are welcome to help present Third Haven to the visitors.

Note: the Facilities Use committee is reviewing our building use policy, trying to make it clear and simple, including clarity on the purpose for the use of the buildings and fees. Originally the Common Room was seen as being built for the use of the meeting community

The meeting closed with Silent Worship at 12:25 p.m.

D. Rein, Recorder

Southern Quarterly Meeting of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

Sunday May 15, 2016

Coffee at 9:30am-Worship at 10am-Program at 11am-Lunch following

Located at Cadbury at Lewes, 17028 Cadbury Circle, Lewes, DE 19958

(directions available at camdenquakers.org/lewes)

Regional gatherings of Friends, such as that of Southern Quarterly Meeting, were first advocated by George Fox in 1661. Friends meet so that they may encourage and strengthen one another through worship, and to deal with matters of regional concern. The May Quarterly Meeting will feature a family friendly program. Children and families are urged to attend. The children will attend worship for a short period and then be allowed to adjourn to another location for some children's activities. They will rejoin the group for the program by Nadine Hoover, the editor of *The Power of Goodness: Art and Stories for a Culture of Peace*. This publication is a collection of short stories with children's art from around the world with peace themes. Nadine Hoover, founder of Friends Peace Teams in Asia West Pacific, will share stories of nonviolence and reconciliation from around the world and how they can be used to help children and families recover from violence and to create a culture of peace.

Cadbury will be furnishing a buffet lunch with soup (vegetarian and non), bread or crackers (some gluten-free), sandwiches, a sweet and drinks.

Please forward items for this meeting or questions to Sharon Hoover either at 17024 Cadbury Circle, Unit 236, Lewes, DE 19958 or at sleehoover@gmail.com. Items may also be forwarded to Recording Clerk Trudy Rogers at trudyqkr@gmail.com

In order to be better prepared for Southern Quarterly, we would appreciate receiving a number from each Monthly Meeting as to the number of children to expect. I will attach the announcement previously sent, so you can be better prepared for questions. Thanks.

Eileen Redden

Lewes Worship Group

Announcements

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

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

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

May 1 (Sunday)

First Day Conversations will meet Sunday May 1 at 8:50 am - 9:50 am in the Common Room. All are welcome.

The topic is "What does it mean that the earth is so beautiful? And what shall I do about it? "

May 5 (Thursday)

The Worship & Ministry committee invites you to attend a discussion group on Thursday, May 5, 2016 in the Friends Meeting Common Room. The discussion starts at 6:15.

The topic for this discussion will be:

"The Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Beatitudes"

We will be looking at the above three beatitudes called out in Matthew. We will be doing the remaining two Beatitudes in the following month.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness: for they will be filled." (5:6)

"Blessed are the merciful: for they will be shown mercy." (5:7)

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they will see God." (5:8)

A few references to consider:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beatitudes>

The Sermon on the Mount- Peter Fox- Available from Amazon

<https://bible.org/seriespage/7-beatitudes-matthew-51-12>

We encourage you to bring a friend.

May 7 (Saturday)

Multi-cultural festival

This year's multi-cultural festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, in Easton. Third Haven will be represented with two tables... one with outreach materials and the second will be for children's activities. There will be a gathering to plan the children's activities on May 1, during first day school in the Common Room. Anyone is invited to participate in this gathering. Volunteers are needed on the 7th from 9 - 3. If you are able to help for part or all of this time on the 7th please respond to Dona Sorce at dyesorce@yahoo.com

New attenders:

John & Monika Relman

Katrin, Eliza, Marina

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Leigh Anne Dodge's daughter Maggie introduces granddaughter Amelia Olivia to Third Haven at the George Fox Forum in April.

George Fox Forum Series Concludes

This year the Outreach Committee inaugurated the George Fox Forum, a series of four free monthly evenings designed to acquaint non-Quakers with the Religious Society of Friends, and specifically with Third Haven Friends Meeting. Each was held on a Friday evening in THFM's common room, and featured supper, an informative video, presentations by a panel of Third Haven members, and small-group discussions.

Attendance ranged from 60 to 75, and almost every seat in the common room was filled every evening. On one occasion, an extra table and chairs had to be deployed. While the majority of participants were Quakers, a substantial number worshipped elsewhere, or nowhere.

Each Forum focused on one of Quakerism's SPICES: Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality, and Stewardship. The videos included the following Technology, Entertainment & Design (TED) talks: "The Danger of the Single Story," by bestselling Nigerian novelist Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie; "I Am the Son of a Terrorist. Here's How I Chose Peace," by Zak Ebrahim, whose father was among those who bombed the World Trade Center in 1993; and "Fighting with Nonviolence," by peace activist Scilla Elworthy, a three-time nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize.

After the TED talks, three or four of Third Haven's members spoke for 10 or 12 minutes each about how they found their way to Quakerism and their ongoing spiritual journeys. Each presentation featured the role that the evening's Testimony – Community, Equality, Integrity and Peace – played in the presenter's own life.



The April event on the theme of Peace featured Neil Mufson as moderator with speakers Ralph Young, Leigh Anne Dodge, Candace Shattuck, and James Turrell.

When the participants broke up into small groups, each group discussed a question relevant to the evening's Testimony. At the fourth and final Forum, for example, they were asked "Specifically, how do I promote Peace in my life, my community and the larger world?"





Emboldened by the success of its maiden voyage, the “Quirky Quakers” are already making plans to host additional George Fox Forums in the fall and/or early next year. Topics under consideration are: Parenting, Grandparenting and Mentoring; Substance Abuse; Pros and Cons of Ubiquitous Technology; Sexuality; and the other two SPICES, Simplicity and Stewardship.

Peter Howell

Clean Up Day Success



Friends and friends



**Packaging Marilla's lunches
3rd Wednesdays of month, 9:30 a.m.
in the Common Room May-December
at Asbury AME January-April
All hands welcome!**



Overseers care for the meeting