



## Third Haven Friends Meeting

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## March 2017 NEWSLETTER

### *Query 3: Spiritual Nurture, Ministry, and Religious Education*

*In what ways do we support each other in order to seek God's will and act upon our understanding of truth? Is there opportunity in our Meeting to share the excitement of religious discovery and the possibility of religious transformation?*

Learning to Live Together: "To me the really defining question of our humanity and of our civil society right now is not can we agree. That's kind of idealistic, and it's not helping us. It's more about how can we live together while we disagree about these things that are so personal. This requires much more of us spiritually and practically than the illusion that we'll force agreement." —Krista Tippett, "Talking with the Other Side"

### Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Twelfth Day Second Month 2017

**Opening Silent Worship** Paige Tilghman, Co-Assistant Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:30 a.m. after a brief period of silence. A reading quoted by Arthur Larrabee about meeting for worship for the purpose of doing business was read. Comments noted the importance of Quaker education workshops like the clerking workshop with Arthur Larrabee to keep in touch with Quaker process.

**Attending:** 32 attended: Gwen Beegle, Molly Brian, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Benita Cooper, Connie Crow, Doreen Getsinger, Jean Halpin, Marsie Hawkinson, Martha Holthausen, Bill Lane, Connie Lewis, Joyce Macijeski, Beth Mufson, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, Bill Schauer, John Schreiner,



Candace Shattuck, Dona Sorce, Ben Tilghman, Paige Tilghman, Bob Wack, Dolores Wack, Robert Wieland, Winslow Womack, Mary Yancey, Ralph Young, Harvey Zendt.

**Comments on Second Query** (Meeting for Worship) - none

**Approval of minutes from Twelfth Month business meeting** Minutes Approved

**Clerk's Desk-**

All Clerks Meeting will be held Feb 18, 9:30 a.m.in Common Room.

**Annual Membership Report – Martha L. Hawkinson, Recorder**

Third Haven experienced a slight decrease in membership during 2016. While we gained one new member by application, we lost two by death and one by resignation.

Our lifelong member, Frederick Rossiter had lived in Cambridge, England for most of his adult life. He died on March 16, 2016. He is survived by his wife and children and by his sister, Deborah Rossiter Cox. A memorial service was held at Third Haven and his ashes are buried here.

Another lifelong and beloved member, Robert L. Kemp (Bob) died on May 23, 2016. A well attended memorial service was held in the old Meetinghouse led by his son, Dick. Sadly, his and Ann's only daughter also died during the summer. She had been an active member of Third Haven, but transferred her membership to Anchorage, AK when she moved there to be near her children. In conjunction with Joyce Zeigler, Holly had produced the Meeting's newsletter for many years. A son, Robert L. Jr. (Butch) also died during the summer. Though he was not a member, he was active on the Property & Grounds Committee for many years.

There was one resignation – Jack Coady.

In November of 2015 the Meeting was happy to take under its care the marriage of Paige Bethke and Benjamin Tilghman. In 2016 we welcomed Ben as a new member.

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP –**

December 31, 2016 – 160

Report Accepted



**Outreach Committee Annual Report – Jeanne Halpin/Mary Yancey, co-clerks**  
and members Lorraine Claggett and Pete Howell. The revised version of Faith and Practice currently under review describes outreach as follows:

“Outreach for a meeting involves being visible in the community—through effective signage, website and social media presence, and other publicity—and inviting all to worship. It includes sharing the unique message of Friends through informational and educational events the meeting hosts for the community,



through printed and online material, through public witness and service projects in the community, and through collaboration with other faith groups on projects of common interest. Effective outreach involves the willingness of individuals to identify themselves as Friends and use accessible language in spoken and written communication. Friends can become more comfortable and confident in speaking about the Quaker way by periodically taking time in their meetings to share stories of their faith journeys, to study and discuss materials that invite deep reflection, and to seek common language that describes these experiences and the core beliefs and practices of Friends.” p. 39

We are using this vision of outreach to guide our committee’s efforts at building relationships with the wider community, so we may be better known as who we are and how we live the Quaker way. In 2016 we focused on increasing our visibility in the online community and offering an informative series of presentations in the form of our George Fox Forum.

Our efforts in 2016 were focused primarily on producing the George Fox Forum series. We’d like to acknowledge and thank our then clerk, Dawn Atwater, for her vision and energy in championing this momentous series. This effort ended up directly involving at least 70 people in the staging and presentation of our four forums, including individuals from beyond our Meeting’s circle of members and attenders. As Dawn loves to say, it truly took a village.

This effort began in 2015 and culminated in our hosting four separate forums, each one highlighting one of our core Quaker values: Community, Integrity, Equality and Peace. Each forum began with a simple supper followed by a short video (when technology cooperated), then a panel of presenters, and concluded with small group discussions. Our presentations consisted of Third Haven members sharing stories of their personal spiritual journeys in discovering Quakerism, living within its tenets, and how their experiences related to the topic of the evening. These deeply felt and authentic presentations were received in a wonderful spirit of community which helped engage and inform the following small group discussions. The forums were well attended by Quakers and the wider community with anywhere from 60 to 75 people in attendance at the individual forums. People who came felt nourished in body and soul, and valued the opportunity to gather together and have deep, meaningful conversation. They were troubled, however, by the size and acoustics of the Common Room, which made it hard to hear and be heard and caused overcrowding.

The preparation for the series gave us the opportunity to add to our online presence with the creation of a Facebook page for Third Haven Friends Meeting. We thank Tatiana Hamboyan Harrison for her assistance with setting up the page, and we encourage our committees to use it to announce their activities, thus helping to tell the wider community who we are, what we value, and to welcome them to join us in our activities.

As part of our promotion of the forum, we created print and radio advertising, and we were able to get articles about the forum printed in the *Star Democrat*, online at *Talbot Spy*, and in PYM's quarterly newsletter "faithinpractice."

We also took the opportunity to create magnetic nametags for our forum presenters, to help those new to Third Haven recognize and approach a Friend. We look forward to expanding on this initiative and making it an integral part of our welcoming of visitors and new attenders.

Our final effort for 2016 was co-hosting with the Overseers a picnic in September for our members and attenders and their guests, with special emphasis on inviting those with children to join us for an outing of food and games. While many Quakers joined us for the picnic, we had less success in attracting families with children. This year we will focus on encouraging Friends to participate in local service projects where we can make ourselves known to the wider community and then invite those other volunteers to join us at our picnic to acknowledge and celebrate their community service. Our goal is to make ourselves known as the social activists we are and to encourage others in this meaningful work.

We will continue to review and reprint our visitor and attender literature to ensure we have something available for people to take home with them and to help them understand something of our ways. We will be working with other committees at Third Haven to promote outreach efforts in conjunction with our internal events to broaden the reach of our offerings and to help Friends feel comfortable in reaching out to newcomers to acknowledge and support their presence amongst us.

We recognize that outreach is a community-wide effort, and we will endeavor to offer opportunities for Friends to serve in our larger community and encourage each of us to feel comfortable witnessing to our values and our desire for social justice. We are looking forward to initiating projects in support of healthy family activities, such as family game nights, and working with other faith groups on projects of common interest to help grow our presence in the larger community and demonstrate the relevance of faith in the world today. We seek to strengthen faith and our relationships with the Divine, ourselves, our community of Friends, and our world so that our light may shine brightly and be a beacon of peace for all.

Report Accepted

#### **Southern Quarterly Meeting Report - Connie Lewis**

Southern Quarterly Meeting for Business was held at Wicomico Meeting on Sunday, January 15, 2017. Meeting was at 11 pm. 24 people were present. A delicious lunch was served after rise of meeting.

Camden Meeting was given a grant of \$10,000 for Little Creek burial ground and Camden raised the rest of the money for the walls to be redone around the grave site.



Chester River Meeting has changed their time to 10 am. There is a meditation group that meets there and some are attenders at First Day worship.

Lewes Meeting held an Islamic night and had 85 people attend. Three Islamic people were also there. Cadbury is now a 5 star facility. Sharon left brochures on Peace and gave a story book to Third Haven that was written and illustrated by Russian and Czechoslovakian children on peace and getting along with others.

At Wicomico Meeting Buddhists meet on Monday night to use their facilities. They have also added solar panels at the cost of remaining on the grid and get a check for power not used. Susan Holt will be the new Clerk taking the place of John Bowers. Dana Kester-McCabe mentioned there is a film coming out called "Walking While Black - a Movie". She will be e-mailing me a link to information on this, which I will pass on.

Trudy from Chester River has been looking for someone to take her place as recording clerk for Southern Quarter. Sharon Hoover from Lewes, DE volunteered, only if a younger person helped her.

It was announced that a Clerking session would be given at Third Haven Meeting by Arthur Larrabee on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Anyone interested needs to contact Third Haven. Also a Spiritual Formation Program will be held at Third Haven from March 2017 till November 2017. The fee is \$50.

We were introduced to Roy Zatcoff who is PYM Quarterly Representative. If the Quarter needs help with anything, he can be contacted at rjzatcoff@gmail.com or his phone number is 1-215-760-8273.

It was mentioned that anyone interested in classes at Pendle Hill can call and see if there are matching funds available to help with the cost.

There was mention of Millington Burial Grounds reverting back to PYM. Evidently there are some graves in a small area surrounded by a fence. This was something no one had recently been notified of. Roy Zatcoff will be looking into this situation and reporting back to us.

One member suggested we write a Minute about "What a Beloved Community Would do". The concern was homeless, hungry people in our own communities, and the severe drug epidemic. There were 5 volunteers: Tom from Salisbury, Lorraine Claggett, John Schreiner and Susan Holt.

The issue of Bail Reform was discussed.  
The meeting adjourned. Next meetings will be May 21, 2017 at Camden, and October 15, 2017 at Chester River and 1-21-18.

Report Accepted



**Common Room Committee Report**- *Candace Shattuck, clerk*  
This new committee was approved at the September 2016 M4B, and the following members were approved as part of the Nominating Committee's report in December 2016: Mark Beck, Bill Lane, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck (clerk) and Joan Wetmore. At the September meeting, the monthly Meeting defined their tasks as follows:

- 1) Consider usage needs and priorities of all committees
- 2) Form Interior renovation plan that is unified and cohesive

- 3) Rank components of plan by priorities, possibly in stages
- 4) Work with Budget & Finance to develop a reasonable budget
- 5) Present options/alternatives to Meeting
- 6) Allow creative work and unconstrained ideas for the future as part of process
- 7) Work with Property & Grounds on implementation

The committee met twice in January and will continue to meet frequently to bring forward concrete proposals as soon as possible. The first step was to solicit input from committees that use the CR most: Hospitality, Worship & Ministry, Outreach, Overseers, and Testimonies & Concerns. The input requested emphasized functionality and related to that particular committee's use of the space: how often does your committee use the CR? For how many people? What changes would help you do what you do (and want to want to do) better? Then more general comment, not necessarily linked to that committee's work, was also invited.

We have already heard from all but one of these committees, and have an informal read from the last. What we are hearing is that the most important issue is sound control. Other issues noted are electronics (Wi-Fi, ceiling mount for the multimedia projector, speakers, microphone); communications, including literature display, mailboxes and bulletin boards; furniture and storage needs; kitchen and serving areas; and lighting. Their input is meant as a starting point, and we hope to be in a position to bring this to Meeting next month. Then other committees and Meeting members will be invited to add their thoughts.

Moving forward, the plan is to offer alternatives where we can, include regular decision points and opportunities for input from the Meeting, and generally create an open and inclusive process. We are well aware this space is meaningful for all of us; thus we want to create an updated facility that feels right to all.

Report Accepted



#### Wi-Fi Use Discussion- Molly Brian

1. For the Friends General Conference people who were meeting at Third Haven February 10-12, a temporary solution was used: Molly set up her iPad as a “mobile hotspot” which enabled them to have the access they need, while drawing on her data.
2. Long term, the question needs to be brought to business meeting because it will involve a continuing financial commitment. At this point, two options seem most promising:
  - A. Have Easton Utilities run a line to the CR, probably from the end of Trippe Avenue. The estimated cost for standard installation is around \$250-300, plus the cost to purchase a router. The ongoing cost would be \$50/month. Some felt the installation estimate may be low due to the distance involved and the fact the line would need to go through or under the brick wall surrounding the property.
  - B. Extend the signal from the Caretaker’s Cottage, possibly by putting a range extender in Sarah’s Cottage. The equipment cost would be minimal, and a way to

share costs would have to be worked out with the caretaker. Concern was expressed that due to squirrels and dampness, Sarah's Cottage might not be a great place for equipment of this type.

C. Use cell phone hot spots as Wi-Fi.

D. Other options?

Think in view of Queries: Do we need and want Wi-Fi here at Third Haven, Why yes or no? How do we use technology in a mindful fashion consistent with Quaker values?

Discussion ensued with some seeing merits to technology for young families and First Day School as well as events like the George Fox Forum. Others sought to preserve a sacred space of peace and attention to God within. Questions about a technology policy and the experience of other meetings arose.

The clerk suggested further investigation in the care of Molly Brian, along with Property and Grounds, followed by a report with attention to the benefits, detriments, costs, policy and retention of sacred space.

### **Overseers Membership and Clearness update -Nancy**

*Robbins/Dona Sorce*

Marsie Hawkinson, Adrienne Rudge and Nancy met with Bob and Dolores Wack and recommend their membership.

Membership Approved. Welcome committee: Lorraine Claggett (convener), Susan Claggett, and Adrienne Rudge.

Larny Claggett, Adrienne Rudge, and Dona Sorce met with Connie Crow, noted her familiarity with Friends and deep spiritual commitment, and recommended her membership.

Membership Approved. Welcome committee: Nancy Robbins (convener), Molly Brian, and Dona Sorce.



Harvey Zendt has transferred his membership from Wilmington Meeting to Third Haven. Welcoming committee: Candace Shattuck (convener), Ben Tilghman, and Paige Tilghman.

### **New Business**

**Property and Grounds:** Bob Wack has found a prefabricated metal spiral staircase that will meet the needs for a second floor egress at the Brick Meeting House eliminating the need to hire an engineer. However, the Fire Marshall has not evaluated the egress we currently have. Willow construction indicates a wooden structure is not necessarily prohibited. After discussion, those present felt emotionally and morally we must seek to get what is safest for the children and others upstairs. Property and Grounds will report back after speaking with the Fire Marshal.

**Proposal:** A social concerns activity organizer, proposes using our website as a funnel to post social concerns activities information. The proposal was referred to Testimonies and Concerns committee for consideration and a report at our next meeting for business.

Spiritual Formation Letter: The Meeting gave its support for Gwen Beegle, Clerk of Worship and Ministry, to send a letter inviting the PYM Spiritual Formation Collaborative to facilitate Spiritual Formation at THFM.

Meeting closed at 12:45p.m. with silent worship. *D. Rein, Recorder*

## Announcements

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

Calendar

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

Directory

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

### March 5 (Sunday)

New Members and Attenders Lunch

Third Haven will host the annual New Members and Attenders Lunch on Sunday, March 5. The time is 11ish AM after the Rise of Meeting. The highlight of the event is the opportunity to welcome five new members to Third Haven as well as hear what 3rd Haven Committees are planning for 2017. Good food and fellowship are guaranteed. The lunch is pot luck, and existing members are encouraged to bring a dish for the table. RSVP's to Dona Sorce at [dyesorce@yahoo.com](mailto:dyesorce@yahoo.com) are appreciated.

### March 23 (Thursday)

Inward Bound Quiet Day

Join us for a day of peace and inward renewal at the Common Room and grounds of the meeting 10am to 3pm (pot-luck lunch at 12 noon). Join Third Haven Friends in a silent retreat that offers a day of listening for the Light within, contemplation, reading, walking the grounds, writing, and self-chosen art activities. We enjoy a shared, silent potluck lunch, and end our session with a short sharing session. Come for all or part of the retreat.

Information and/or RSVP: Candace Shattuck [candace.shattuck@gmail.com](mailto:candace.shattuck@gmail.com)  
Katherine Johnson [katherinekai@goeaston.net](mailto:katherinekai@goeaston.net)

### March 24-26 (Friday to Sunday)

#### Spiritual Formation Program

Information about this program has been posted on the home page of the Third Haven website: the link is [http://www.thirdhaven.org/spiritual\\_formation.php](http://www.thirdhaven.org/spiritual_formation.php)

Is there anyone who would be willing to loan the books used in our 2011 Spiritual Formation program to someone in the program now? If so, contact Gwen Beegle.

[gwenpb27@gmail.com](mailto:gwenpb27@gmail.com)

## **March 26 (Sunday)**

Marcelle Martin Special Guest Speaker



Quaker Teacher and Author of *Our Life is Love*, The Quaker Spiritual Journey

12noon – 1:30 pm at the rise of Meeting for Worship, after a light lunch  
at 11:30 am Sponsored by Worship and Ministry Committee  
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Spiritual Formation Collaborative. This is  
a special event for all Third Haven Friends.

Marcelle Martin is a member of Swarthmore Friends Meeting (PA). Her best-selling book *Our Life is Love* explores the ten essential elements of the Quaker spiritual journey. She has led retreats at Quaker meetings across the country and for four years was the resident Quaker Studies teacher at Pendle Hill, sponsored in part by scholarships provided by Third Haven member, Ken Carroll. She is the author of two Pendle Hill pamphlets, *Invitation to a Deeper Communion* and *Holding One Another in the Light*. Her blog, “A Whole Heart,” is at [www.awholeheart.com](http://www.awholeheart.com)

## **2017 assignment roster for Overseers.**

Overseer	Responsibility
Dona Sorce	A – Coleman
Marsie Hawkinson	Cooke - Escher
Lorraine Claggett	Ewing - Johnson
Connie Lewis	Kabler - Molloy
Adrienne Rudge	Montgomery - Rowe
Larny Claggett	Rudge - Vermilye
Nancy Robbins	Wack - Zinkand



## **Digital Photo Frame**

Communications plans to exhibit photo images in the Common Room during Hospitality each Sunday. These slideshows are intended to help build our community. Members and attenders may submit their images on a SD card or an USB thumb drive. The digital photo frame displays images stored on these media. We can accept up to 50 phot files at one time. These files need to be of medium size (150Kb to 250 Kb) so that the display duration of the slide show is not too long. In the beginning, please consult with Ralph Young and give him you SD memory card or USB thumb drive so he can prepare images for showing, which takes about a week.

## **Peace, Social Justice, and Environmental Causes Call**

Harvey Zendt writes. "As a long time Quaker peace activist, who has just moved to the area. I am anxious to support the peace/social justice movements here. I have met a number of wonderful local folks who are doing great things and in our discussions we have identified two needs which I am glad to help with. I welcome your response to the following requests, which I feel will enhance all our efforts during this important time.

1. Establishment of a network of organizations, noting areas of focus, so that people can partner and help each other as time permits. To do this I encourage you to send me the following which I will organize and have available for everyone's use. Please include the name of your organization, contact information and area of focus. Here are some examples -

Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center - Contact Matt Peters - [info@chesmrc.org](mailto:info@chesmrc.org) - assists non English speaking community.

P.E.A.C.E. Peace Education And Community Effort - Contact Nancy Sajda - [nansajda@goeaston.net](mailto:nansajda@goeaston.net) - supports a variety of peace/social justice causes

Third Haven Contact: Ralph Young [rmyoung@goeaston.net](mailto:rmyoung@goeaston.net)

Testimonies and Concerns Committee - Third Haven Meeting -

<http://www.thirdhaven.org/index.php>- Contact Paige Tilghman - [prt1313@earthlink.net](mailto:prt1313@earthlink.net) - coordinates peace/social justice efforts for the meeting

2. Organization of an action network to enhance awareness of all that is happening, and a core advocacy team. Organizations can send announcements of efforts/events etc. to me and I will pass them on weekly to anyone who chooses to join this group. Please send me your email address and I will add you to the list. When doing so, please note if you would like to be a part of a core advocacy team that would lead efforts to lobby and enhance peace/social justice/environmental causes in other ways.

I appreciate your willingness to take one or both of these steps to enhance our important work on a local, national and international level. Feel free to email ([hzendt@yahoo.com](mailto:hzendt@yahoo.com)) or call (302-528-5685) me with any responses/thoughts/questions." Harvey Zendt .

## **Socializing**



## **The Friends General Conference Nominating Committee met at Third Haven during Feb. 10-12.**

Friends General Conference committee members traveled from all parts of the United States to meet for their nominating task. Hospitality provided by Third Haven members and attenders included transportation, lodging and meals, and internet access. A potluck on Saturday evening allowed the Third Haven community to meet the committee. Nominating committee members expressed their appreciation for all of the accommodations afforded them.



## **Good Fellows and Good Fellowship**



## **Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business March 12**

Join us for an opportunity to participate in the unique Quaker decision making process.  
Meeting convenes following Meeting for Worship and some hospitality.

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Meeting for Worship  
Sunday 10-11 a.m.  
Wednesday 5:30-6 p.m.  
Everyone welcome