



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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June 2017 NEWSLETTER

From the sixth query: *Equality* What steps are we taking as a Meeting to assure that our Meeting and the committees and institutions under our care reflect our respect for all and are free from practices rooted in prejudice?

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Fourteenth Day Fifth Month 2017



Opening Silent Worship Molly Brian, Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:35 a.m. with a brief period of silence following a reading on Spirit-led worship for business.

Attending: 18 attended: Molly Brian, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Benita Cooper, Doreen Getsinger, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Jim Herbert, Sandra Herbert, Bill Lane, Connie Lewis, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, Bill Schauer, Robert Shattuck, Candace Shattuck,

Comments on Fifth Query, on Education (read at Meeting for Worship)
Members noted the long term friendships from Quaker school experiences. A list of people who had attended Quaker schools might be useful. Some members and attenders are beginning to consider establishing a Friends school here, possibly beginning with pre-school. People interested may contact Susan Claggett and Amy Owsley.

Approval of minutes from Fourth Month business meeting-Minutes approved

First Day School Update – Susan Claggett
FDS propose erecting a tire swing under the old Magnolia Tree outside the Common Room after cleaning up that area in conjunction with Property and Grounds.
Action approved.

The moving up day picnic will be June 4 honoring graduates of high school and college as well as youngsters moving from grade to high school. The honorees receive a copy of Faith and Practice and the Overseers committee sends college graduates a Friends Journal Subscription.

Facilities Use – Larissa Kitenko-postponed

Testimonies and Concerns-Shoffner Fund update-Paige Tilghman-postponed

Common Room Committee Update – Candace Shattuck



Mark Beck, John Shreiner, Joan Wetmore, Bill Lane, and Candace have met bi-weekly since January. Their noon Wed. May 24th Common Room meeting invites clerks to attend to preview the proposal. A called meeting on Wednesday, June 14th at 4 p.m. may be scheduled for this presentation. For those who will be away the proposal may be available in another form. The outreach committee has already taken care of audio visual technology. WiFi is still a question. Its unclear when or whether Philadelphia Yearly Meeting will use a remote connection system for Continuing Sessions. Pendle Hill offers such connections for their events.

Charitable Contributions Committee- Lorraine Claggett presented for clerk Molly



Brian

Charitable Contributions Committee (CCC) Report - April 2017

On April 4, 2017, the CCC met to review last year's (2016) Third Haven Friend's charitable contributions, its beneficiaries and to make any adjustments.

We had three aims with the budgeted amount - \$3500:

- 1) We sought to be inclusive of our wider Quaker community, leveraging our contributions through their better fulfillment capabilities. Given our budget, our expressed recognition, appreciation and support, rather than the gift amounts were seen as important
- 2) We provided assistance to local organizations that are doing good work to address the needs of the less fortunate in the local community. In this case any small contributions significantly impact their abilities to function, given their limited budgets.
- 3) In meeting our directives, we wanted to provide integrity of oversight, good stewardship of our finances and to assist in informing Friends so they might have less reservation about making their individual tax deductible contributions to these worthy causes.

Last year we committed to keeping the same slate of organizations for a total of 3 years, changing amounts if we felt it necessary. This year, 2017, will be the third year with the

same organizations recommended. We kept the same slate and only slightly varied the amounts.

For next year we have several concerns. With the recent changes in national policies, we are deeply concerned about the need to take care of our most vulnerable citizens. We understand that the need of our local charities is great and would like to focus more on local groups who are doing much on shoestring budgets. We are requesting a \$5000 budget for our upcoming Fiscal Year July 2017 –June 2018. We recognize that our small budget will not solve the problems nor meet the needs, so in light of the good work being done by our T&C Committee, we are recommending a Fund For Suffering to be funded through a carriage shed sale. The proceeds to be administered by T&C Committee in support our testimonies by leveraging our resources through the work of the various local service organizations - Multicultural/Immigration... boarding shelter under Neighborhood Service Center, CMCRC? etc.

Report approved

Comments noted:

It was noted that the Senior Center is also soliciting contributions.

Discussion for the next carriage shed sale is ongoing with the proposal the results be used to support local organizations. Those organizations might be invited to participate and support the sale.

Fund for Suffering is an old Quaker term originally used for those in jail.

Praise was given for how carefully the organizations were vetted. Members and attenders are encouraged to use this list as a guide for giving as well. Friends were reminded that national Quaker organizations are also operating on shoestrings.

Originally the giving was 50/50 between national Quaker organizations and local organizations. Some holes were acknowledged in the list, including an environmental cause.

Trustee Report- Adrienne Rudge

Annual Report from the Trustees of Third Haven Monthly Meeting
May 14, 2017



Who are the Trustees of Third Haven Friends Meeting and what is their relationship with Third Haven Friends Meeting? The Meeting traces its beginnings to the Betty's Cove Meeting, which was established in the 1660's. Our beloved Old Meeting House was completed in 1684. Two hundred and sixty-four years later, in 1948, membership in THFM had dwindled to a few mostly elderly Friends and there was concern that the Meeting could be laid down. If that occurred, the normal practice would be that 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 and where generations of Quaker family members were buried. The Trustees were incorporated to insure that the property and grounds would remain in our control in perpetuity. The Trustees of Third Haven Friends Meeting are the owners of the buildings and property at Third Haven.

The seven trustees, all members of the Meeting, include Kenneth Carroll, Larny Claggett, Marsie Hawkinson, Allan Mielke, Sumner Parker, Diana Rein and Adrienne Rudge. When a

vacancy occurs, the Nominating Committee of Third Haven Friends Meeting is asked to propose new members.

The Annual Meeting of the Trustees was held April 11, 2017. The assets managed by the Trustees have accumulated through legacy and other gifts and are currently invested with Friends Fiduciary Corporation in Philadelphia as well as in a smaller account with Vanguard. We also maintain a checking account at Shore United Bank.

While there is no hard and fast line separating the financial responsibilities of the Meeting and the Trustees, traditionally the Trustees pay or help to pay for 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 11 meeting, the Trustees read a list from the clerk of the Property and Grounds Committee of maintenance needs for consideration by the Trustees. The list included repair and painting for the Brick Meeting House windows, which the Trustees will cover from the assets of the corporation. Other work to be done in the Brick Meeting House was addressed on a case-by-case basis and approval for total support was generally given. For the needed long-term fix of the wooden ramp at the back entrance of the Brick Meeting House, the Trustees agreed to split the cost with the Meeting.

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

Clarifications included:

This report is provided annually to facilitate communication between the Trustees and the Meeting community. The Property and Grounds committee is in frequent communication regarding property projects. A member asked about a railing for the north entrance to the Old Meeting House. Questions about such projects may be answered by the Property and Grounds committee.

Funds from the Trustees Corporation supporting project on the property go to the Meeting treasurer who pays the bills. The cash reserve of the Trustees is important to cover facility maintenance when major costs occur. Donations and bequests to the Trustees of Third Haven Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends, Incorporated for the care of the historic Old Meeting House and the property are welcome and may be mailed to PO Box 701, Easton, Md.21601.

Insurance through Philadelphia Yearly Meeting will be reviewed.

Budget & Finance: Presentation of Proposed Budget for FY 2017-18 – Bill Lane



The current budget balance sheet and the actual and proposed budget spread sheet are available on the website.

Our budget for the current fiscal year is \$62,320 but income to date is \$16,000 behind. It takes \$60-65,000 per year for operating expenses. Stewardship has been careful, but we run the risk of having to dip into

savings if we do not receive a good amount of contributions in the final 45 days of the fiscal year. A letter to this effect will be sent to all members and attenders requesting their support for meeting goals, necessary updates, and stronger outreach.

The proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-18 is \$62,220. During the next two weeks the Budget and Finance committee is looking for input on the 2017-18 budget. If you donate materials, please let the treasurer know with a receipt so it can be acknowledged and we can accurately calculate our operating expenses for a year.

The treasurer requests that contributions be sent to our post office box for efficient handling: Third Haven Friends Meeting, Box 2379, Easton, Md. 21601

Meeting closed at 12:50 p.m. with silent worship. *D. Rein, Recorder*

Contributions Welcome!

Please consider making a contribution in support of our annual budget:

Third Haven Monthly Meeting
c/o Treasurer, Third Haven
P.O. Box 2379
Easton, MD 21601

First Day School Easter

Susan Claggett writes, "Dear Friends

On behalf of all the families and our First Day School, I'd like to thank the Meeting for their wonderful support on Easter Sunday. We had a spectacular day with 5 families with 11 children in attendance. The kids and parents played a name game around the circle and shared their views of "how we grow." Also on Easter we held the annual Easter egg hunt which was a lot of fun on the beautiful Meetinghouse grounds. Thanks again for the terrific hospitality, for those members who brought in eggs to dye and especially to all the families that consider Third Haven their spiritual home. Blessings all, Susan Claggett, First Day School Clerk."

Announcements

online Third Haven Friends Meeting announcements:

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

online Third Haven Friends Meeting calendar:

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

Annual Sessions, July 26th to July 30th:

Dear Friends,

You are enthusiastically invited to join other Friends from four states and 103 monthly meetings for Annual Sessions 2017: Faith Magnified, July 26th to the 30th, at The College of New Jersey! For information visit the PYM website or call me, Tricia Coscia, 215-241-7238.

News from College

Katie Claggett writes,

“To the Third Haven Scholarship Committee,

It is crazy to think that I am halfway through my college career! I am writing to express my continual gratitude for the financial support I receive from Third Haven. Additionally, I wished to share about my academics as well as the activities that keep me busy and happy at Guilford College in Greensboro, NC.

I am pursuing a Sociology and Anthropology major with a minor in English. With excitement, I can report that with diligent work I have completed the majority of my required courses for my studies, putting me ahead of schedule to graduate. I plan to use my flexible course schedule to enroll in courses abroad. This coming fall semester I will be participating in the School for International Training’s Multiculturalism and Human Rights program in Morocco. I intend to study abroad also in the Spring of 2018, however that location and program are yet to be determined. I finished this semester with a 3.9 GPA, making the Dean’s list. I am grateful to my supportive professors and the academically rigorous, but supportive community that Guilford offers.

This semester was jam-packed with events, volunteering, studying, socializing, and learning. Most rewarding perhaps was volunteering with an organization called Every Campus a Refuge (ECAR). ECAR welcomes refugee families to college campuses and helps them transition into the local community. I befriended a refugee family from the Middle East this past semester, assisting them with English and playing with their children.

The Quaker Leadership Scholars Program continues to support and ground me spirituality, while enabling me to interact with other Quakers my age. This semester I clerked the Worship and Nurture committee, which is responsible for nurturing the community and planning worship every Friday. I clerked our committee’s weekly meeting to plan for our required QLSP weekly worship. This responsibility included planning and coordinating worship sharing activities, outdoor worships, and even spiritual singing. The QLSP community brings me joy. Additionally, the networks and resources available to me through Guilford’s Friends Center has opened many doors. I thoroughly enjoyed traveling to Belize with the Campus Minister, Frank Massey, to assist a “second-chance” school. The majority of the Belize group included other QLSP students. Most recent, Friends Center offered me financial assistance to attend the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) annual conference in Boston, MA. The conference finished today: I learned more about AVP, how to be involved, as connected with other facilitators from around the country and globe. Finally, this summer, I will be traveling to Israel and Palestine with the former director of Friends Center, Max Carter, to learn about the conflicting narratives in that area of the world. I am humbled and excited by the opportunities which surround me!

Another sub-community at Guilford that brought me joy this semester was the Ultimate Frisbee team. This group of people was fun, active, supportive, and competitive. During our spring break tournament my team voted me the Most Valuable Player, despite this being only my first year on the team. Simultaneously, I played #1 on the tennis team. The tennis team was not as successful this year, although we did suffer many injuries and poor coaching.

Overall, the Guilford College is a wonderful place for me. Despite suffering some infections and illnesses this semester, I felt incredibly supported by my friends, teachers, and other staff at school. I will continue to update THFM on my life plans, as I navigate through the remainder of my college years. Thank you always for your relentless love and support.”

Best,
Katie Claggett
Guilford College Class of 2019

Making connections



Multicultural Festival hit parade



Southern Quarterly Meeting at Camden **Go fly a kite!**

Chuck Jones of Chattanooga Friends Meeting gave a presentation on the spirituality of kite flying. He feels he is being led to incorporate the joy and the spiritual aspect of kite flying.

