



THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING

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*There is a way of living in prayer at the same time that one is busy with the outward affairs of daily living. ...
At the same time but at a deeper level of our minds, we are in active relation with the Eternal Life.
Thomas Kelly, Faith and Practice 2018 p.10*

THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING **Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business** **Thirteenth Day, Eleventh Month, 2022**

Opening Silent Worship: clerk opened meeting at 11:38am

Attending: (hybrid) 20 Molly Brian, Mia Brown Echerd, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Kris Herold, Connie Lewis, Charlie Miller, Priscilla Morris, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Jonathan Slocum, Nancy Stanford, John Turner, Kevin Walsh, Mary Yancey

Comments on Eleventh Query, Education (read at Meeting for Worship)

A Friend commented that our meeting has a strong response to this query. We have a strong First Day School and committee and are enriched by their contributions. Our Scholarship Committee's work makes important contributions toward Quaker and other higher education.

Approval of minutes from Tenth Month business meeting: Approved

Nominating Committee Preliminary Report – Jonathan Slocum

There are a few outstanding responses from members which the committee awaits. A Friend has agreed to serve on Facilities Use. Pastoral Care is waiting for several responses. If the Land Use Committee folds into the Planning Committee, some changes will be incorporated. Otherwise, the list is up to date. Thanks to the other 2 members of the Nominating Committee for their service. A Friend suggested that AFSC and other individual organizations be appended under Testimonies and Concerns. This would need a definitive decision by the Testimonies and Concerns Committee. Another Friend mentioned that the Detention Center Library Committee has a couple of other members.. Communications is looking for two tech support people and a photographer. Please let the committee know of any interest in joining or

leaving a committee. A Friend asked to be added under PYM due to her new position on Quaker Life Council. Another member mentioned that a fundraising committee will be formed for the planning/building process. No decisions have been made yet, but all are invited to attend an informational meeting on fundraising on 11/19. Also mentioned was the relatively small number of members and attenders doing the bulk of the work of the Meeting. More engagement and expansion are crucial to the ongoing work of the meeting. The final slate of committees will be approved next month.

Nominations for 2023, Draft

Third Haven Monthly Meeting

Co-Clerks of the Meeting: Molly Brian, Tom Corl

Recording Clerks:

Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins

Treasurer: Ben Tilghman

Assistant Treasurer: Bill Schauer

Record Keepers: Marsie Hawkinson, Larissa Kitenko

Caretaker: Clay Owens

Committees

Budget & Finance: Bill Lane, Clerk; Doreen Getsinger, Ben Tilghman (Treasurer of the Meeting), Bill Schauer (Assistant Treasurer), Steve Meixner

Burials & Memorials: Molly Burgoyne Brian, Tom Corl, Larny Claggett, Priscilla Sener, Dona Sorce

Communications: John Hawkinson, Clerk; Tania Hamboyan Harrison, website manager; Dee Rein, newsletter, phone, tech; Marie Leonard, directory; Mary Yancey, technical support

Facilities Use: Larissa Kitenko, Clerk; Anny Williams, Emerita, Lisa Kluepfel

First Day School: Susan Claggett and Sarah Hilderbrand, Co-Clerks; Kulveen Virdee, Terry-Thomas Primer

Hospitality: Mary Yancey, Clerk; Dona Sorce, Heidi Wetzal, Whitley Gray, Jonathan Williams, Kristina Herold, Jillian Murphy, James Womack

Library: Joyce Macijeski, Clerk; Whitley Gray, Nancy Robbins

Nominating Committee: Marsie Hawkinson, Clerk; Steve Meixner

Outreach: Joan Wetmore & Stephanie French, Co-Clerks; Lorraine Claggett, Matt Moore, Jonathan Williams

Pastoral Care: Dona Sorce, Clerk; Lorraine Claggett, Marsie Hawkinson, John Schreiner, Katherine Johnson, Bill Schauer, Terry-Thomas Primer, Susan Claggett

Planning: Tom Corl, Clerk; Susan Claggett, Bill Lane, John Hawkinson, Steve Meixner, Ben Tilghman, Marie Leonard, Sarah Claggett, Sarah Hilderbrand

Land Use Planning Subcommittee

Mary Yancey, Clerk; Dona Sorce (Recording Clerk), Priscilla Sener, Meredith Watters, Sarah Hilderbrand, John Schreiner, Liam Ewing, Susan Claggett, Sally Claggett, Molly Brian

Property and Grounds: Larny Claggett & Priscilla Sener, Co-Clerks; Clay Owens, Bill Lane, Winslow Womack, Nancy Robbins, Robert Gladney, Matt Moore, Ben Tilghman, Dan Sweeney

Scholarship: Marsie Hawkinson, Clerk; Bill Schauer (Treasurer), Sumner Parker, Joan Wetmore, Paige Tilghman, Lorraine Claggett, Doreen Getsinger, Marie Leonard, Judy Warder, Harvey Zendt

Testimonies & Concerns: Paige Tilghman, Clerk; Stephanie French, Mary Yancey, Harvey Zendt, Lorraine Claggett.

Worship & Ministry: Jonathan Slocum, Clerk; Steve Meixner, Janet Kemp, Tom Corl, Harvey Zendt, Kristina Herold

Liaisons & Representatives

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)- Lorraine Claggett

Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center (CMRC) Harvey Zendt

Detention Center Library-Molly Brian, Stephanie French, John Schreiner, Beth Thompson, Mary Young, Jeanne Halpin, Paige Tilghman, Beth Mufson

Food Link-Paige Tilghman, Winslow Womack
FCNL- Paige Tilghman

NAACP, Talbot County-Doreen Getsinger
P.E.A.C.E.-John Turner

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM)- Lorraine Claggett, Nancy Robbins, Susan Claggett

Southern Quarterly Meeting- Marie Leonard, Paige Tilghman, Katherine Johnson

Quaker Voice-Dona Sorce, Whitley Gray
TACL-Molly Brian, Nancy Robbins

Talbot Interfaith Shelter (TIS)-Sarah Sayre, Coordinator; Harvey Zendt, Heidi Wetzal

Land Use Planning – Mary Yancey

There is discussion of this subcommittee being laid down/merged into the Planning Committee. Ideas and drawings are being prepared for Tuesday's meeting with the architects. Land Use has been in touch with Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake (IPC), who may help with land management issues. The outreach coordinator will be coming on Thursday 11/17 at 10am to discuss items such as storm water, pollinator, composting, and other management issues that Third Haven might encounter. Their mission statement may be read below. The question is whether we would sign on to this statement or create our own similar minute. A decision can be made next month after everyone has had a chance to read it. Another Friend mentioned that signing on to the existing statement connects us to the similar missions of other congregations. Also brought up was the existing noxious smell emanating from the pumping station at the edge of the property and question about what will be done to address it. In support of signing the pledge of IPC, a Friend noted that signing on doesn't necessarily mean signing onto every single plank of their platform but does give us access to grant applications suggested by them. Their pledge would be posted, if supported, most likely on the Third Haven website. We learned about them because they reached out to us as a relevant congregation whose concerns include environmental ones.

Partner Congregation Pledge

As a community of faith, we are called to honor our sacred bond with our Creator, serve as good stewards of the land and waters of the Chesapeake, and sustain the life and health of all creatures. Through our words and actions, we pledge to: • Celebrate, respect, and revere the Earth's blessings • Demonstrate good stewardship in how we manage our land and facilities • Engage members of our community in the work of caring for the environment. • Embrace the mission of Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake to work together to protect and restore our shared watershed Rooted in faith and hope, we will: 1. Take actions to a. educate ourselves on ways to live in harmony with the Earth and teach our congregations to be faithful stewards of the Earth and thus magnify our impact, b. reduce our impact on the Earth at our facilities and within our institution, c. restore our watershed through cleanups, reducing pollution, and restoration, d. promote local, state, and federal policies that protect natural resources for generations to come. 2. Reinforce our commitment as part of our liturgical calendar. 3. Cultivate leaders among our members who will champion watershed stewardship. 4. Use our financial, volunteer, and other resources to help in this work to restore the Earth. 5. Build connections with our broader community and share the message of restoration and respect of the Earth beyond our congregation. 6. Advocate for all communities to have access to a healthy environment. 7. Display this pledge so community members and visitors are inspired to take action. We do all of this with gratitude for the creation which sustains all life. May we be guided by grace and compassion so that our actions may restore the beauty and balance of the Chesapeake Bay watershed – and all the Earth. May our efforts give inspiration to others, calling them toward a path of respect and reverence for all God's creation. We are an Interfaith Partner for the Chesapeake

Update Planning committee- Tom Corl

A note about the meeting with the architects on Tuesday 11/15, which will be attended by three members of the committee in person, while most will attend on Zoom. On Wednesday 11/16 the committee will meet to discuss what was learned.

New Business

Land Use Planning Pot Luck lunch for the Morgan State landscape architecture students, whose class created possible plans for Third Haven will occur next Thursday, November 17th at noon. The plans can be viewed at the lunch meeting. Those attending are asked to contribute to the potluck.

Closing Silent Worship 12:11pm

Nancy Robbins, Recorder

D. Rein, Recorder

Spiritual Journeys



Worship and Ministry continues to sponsor sharing one's spiritual journey at the following hospitality on the first First Day of the month. November saw Sarah Sayre share her spiritual journey, and in December Ben Tilghman, pictured here at the community Thanksgiving, shared his adventures into spiritual development. If you are willing to share your Spiritual journey in 2023, contact Tom Corl. Getting to know each other deepens our community.



Easton Holiday Parade

Third Haven Meeting paraded our Dove of Peace at the Easton holiday parade after the Tree Lighting. A trailer behind the Dove with Friends and Peace Vigil participants aboard celebrated Peace on Earth received exclamations of "There go the Quakers!"

Compliments go to Jeanne Halpin, Larny Claggett, Drew Gundlach, Brody Gundlach, Dan Sweeney, Nancy Stanford, John Turner and other participants who made this a success.

Community Thanksgiving Meals Members and attenders of Third Haven Meeting participated with the Interfaith Coalition working with Asbury Methodist Church, resuming preparation and delivery of Thanksgiving meals to 200 people in need in our community. Volunteers gathered Thanksgiving morning to receive roasted turkeys, mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing and pies which were then packaged as meals for other volunteers to deliver to prearranged addresses. Cynthia Quast led in organizing this successful effort.



Ben and community members dish up



Loretta resupplies turkey



Stephanie loads boxes and recycling



Meredith cleans up



Priscilla, Carlene and Dee man the gravy train

Third Haven Friends Art Show & Sale 2022

The Third Haven Art Show & Sale on Saturday, December 3rd from 11 am to 3 pm in the Common Room was a huge success. Over 80 visitors enjoyed Third Haven Friends Meeting affiliated artists displaying their artwork & crafts. Paintings, prints, pottery, glasswork, baskets, photography, knit items, holiday gifts, baked goods and more were for sale. There were many affordable handmade items, and the First Day School had made ornaments, repurposed candles and other items. By purchasing items at this event, supported the artists who donated a portion of their artwork sales to Third Haven. These donations will help fund the renovation of our historic buildings and grounds. Marie Leonard and the committee planned well and many Friends and friends enjoyed the event.



Heidi Wetzel



Chris Niles



"Wildfire" Sharon Stockley



Marie Leonard and husband Dave



Children's table, Lisa Kluepfel and Brody



Baked goods, Lorraine and Susan Claggett

Land Use Planning



Seven talented Morgan State University Landscape Architecture Master's Degree Studio IV students spent an entire spring 2022 semester creating a master plan for our property. Their work began with listening to our committee's uses of our property - indoors and out, performing extensive site analysis, researching our community environment and history, and finally, preparing a master plan. In lieu of an in-person

final presentation we met on Zoom where each student explained their individual approach and conclusions. This zoom presentation did not allow us the opportunity to thank them for all their hard work and creative input. Our Land Use Committee, guided by Mary Yancey, Clerk, assembled a thank you luncheon acknowledging the student's accomplishments, and presenting a nice gift of Ken Carroll's book on Third Haven Friends Meeting. Each student expressed their pleasure in this unique project. After explaining how THFM hired an architecture firm to complete an architectural master plan, we promised to share all their work with the firm, as well as sending the firm's end results. *Meredith Watters, MLA Landscape Architectural Designer*

Announcements

Our newsletter circulates during the first week of each month to enable readers to review the minutes of the most recent meeting for worship with attention to business.

Full list of announcements may be found at

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

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

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

December Fridays

Zoom Happier Hour 7 PM

Zoom happier hour conversation is scheduled on Fridays at 7:00 pm. Typically, about 7-10 people use the hour to reconnect, share news and again, offer fellowship. *Please consider joining our group this evening.*

December ? (Saturday)

Fall Clean-up Day Postponed

Due to weather clean-up day, originally Dec. 3, will be rescheduled. At that time the Property and Grounds Committee will hold cleanup from 8:30 to 11, in the morning. Please watch announcements for the new date and join us to help improve our beautiful grounds.

December 7 (Wednesday)

Wednesday Meeting for Worship 5:30 PM

Meeting for Worship will be held in the Brick Meeting House from 5:30 to 6pm with simultaneous virtual meeting hosted by Stephanie French.

December 8 (Thursday)

PEACE Vigil – Come join us Thursdays in front of the Talbot County Courthouse at 5PM. We really need more support from Third Haven.

December 17 (Saturday)

Talbot Interfaith Shelter Meal

We are supporting the donation and preparation of a meal once a month, for 16 people at the TIS. Our day is the 17th. In November First Day School children baked cookies for this meal. We will meet on Saturday, December 17th to prepare a spaghetti dinner for 16. There is a sign-up sheet on the refrigerator. We will meet at 3p.m. in the Common Room to cook, and then deliver the meal to TIS at 5 p.m. You can make a contribution, donate food items or show up to cook and/or deliver. In addition, the TIS is in need of volunteers at the two houses. See Sarah Sayre if you can help.



December 18 [Sunday]

Invitation to the Third Haven Holiday Children's Performance Potluck Celebration

After the Rise of Meeting & Annual First Day School Holiday Performance

Menu Ham and Quaker Made Potluck

Bring your favorite side, dessert, bread, etc.

🍪 Cookies from the First Day School Bakery

No RSVP required. Join the fun!

For more info contact Dona Sorce

December 22 [Thursday]

Blue Christmas Worship 5:30-6:00PM in the Brick Meeting House

December is filled with delight for many, but it can be a difficult time for some of us, especially these past years as Covid-tide stretches on and on. Please come and join us for a time of prayer and comfort as we gather to remember. With the lighting of candles, we will remember those whom we love who have died and other losses as well — losing a job, losing the opportunity to do some of the things we wanted to do, losing a dream. We will hold space for naming both struggles and gratitude. With the strength and comfort of community, we will share in opening our hearts to receive love.

Please bring a photograph or some other object you associate with your loss. We will place these on a bench as we name our loss. Electronic candles will be provided.

In lieu of hospitality in the Common Room, all are welcome to meet at the El Dorado restaurant, 201 Marlboro Ave, Easton, to share a meal together, following the service. Please send an e-mail to Bill Schauer if you plan to have dinner so he can make reservations.

Quaker Call To Action

In January 2023, we plan to re-convene the original group of Friends who issued the Urgent Call, along with several heads of Quaker organizations, and some additional voices for discernment about our collective call to this continuing work. We will share the news from that discernment as it develops. In the meantime, we encourage you to offer your thoughts using the “Contact Us” feature of the Quaker Call website or by posting on the Quaker Call Community Forum. If you are not already subscribed to the Forum, you can request a subscription link [here](#).

First Day School

Christmas is fast approaching! We will hold our annual holiday program for the kids on Dec 18 from 10-12. The program will center around the Godly Play story of the First Family and how each child connects to the characters in that story. We'd love to have the children dress in festive wear or bring a costume from any character (human or animal) from the First Family story. We are also enjoying a potluck lunch after the program with some Christmas music and fellowship in Common room. Please bring a dish, salad or cookies to share on 12/18. Feel free to call or text Susan anytime. Looking forward to a joyous holiday!

On December 4th at the Children's program the kids read a story together called the Snow Tree about how the animals used the colors of nature to decorate their Christmas tree. The hospitality folk were serenaded by some holiday clarinet music played by Damien Kessler.

The Talbot County Detention Center Library needs an additional volunteer. It involves one session of about two hours a month. The time is somewhat flexible - what you and your partner decide. The work involves checking books in and out for the guards to distribute to the inmates. Contact Stephanie French



Peace on Earth, Good Will to All Mankind