



THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING

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April, 2023 Newsletter

“At dawn it is easier to feel the universe if one organic whole, held together by that Radiating Power of Love which flows through everything-including thee and me.”

Rachel Davis DuBois, Faith and Practice p.137

Third Haven Friends Meeting **Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business** **Twelfth Day Third Month 2023**

Opening silent worship: Clerk Molly Brian opened the Meeting with silent worship at 11:36 a.m.

Attending: (hybrid) Molly Brian, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, Marsie Hawkinson, Kristina Herold, Larissa Kitenko, Bill Lane Jr., Marie Leonard, Beth Mufson, Terry-Thomas Primer, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Bill Schauer, Priscilla Sener, Jonathan Slocum, Dona Sorce, Nancy Stanford, John Turner, Kevin Walsh, Winslow Womack, Mary Yancey.

Comments on Third Query reading Deepening our Faith: Spiritual Nurture - *Jonathan Slocum*

A member noted: someone at All Together Worship with Philadelphia Yearly Meeting today remarked on a low member participation rate. Attendance to Third Haven’s events dwindles with the same people attending and serving on committees. There are many reasons. These days Meeting or church is not central to life. How can we make it more central to our daily lives? How do we convince people it will make their lives more wonderful?

Another expressed gratefulness for experience with PYM continuing session yesterday, and today as well as being grateful for the spiritual personality of Third Haven.

Appreciation of hospitality was also noted.

Approval of minutes from February business meeting-Approved with amendment

One person asked to be recorded as having left prior to the unity decision.

Clerks Desk- *Molly Brian*

Third Haven library now has a copy of Matthew Moore’s book, [Post-Socialist Landscapes](#)

Friends Peace Team- Dona Sorce-Nadine Hoover, member of Friends Peace Team in Africa and Southeast Asia, is active with the Alternatives to Violence program. She requested a visit to Third Haven to share their work. Monday May 1 the Friends Peace Team group will visit here. They each will do an 8-10 minute presentation to share their stories, followed by questions and answers and facilitation of a group engagement activity. Date and evening time will be announced.

Spiritual State of the Meeting-will be compiled by the clerks and shared in announcements for comments prior to completion and submission to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

Facilities Use Annual Report 2022- Larissa Kitenko Accepted

<u>TYPES OF USAGE 2022</u>	<u>NUMBER TIMES ON CALENDAR</u>	<u>DONATION (per Treasurer)</u>
TYPE 1 Meetings		NONE
Third Haven Committees & Functions; Other Quaker Mtgs		
A Course in Miracles	40	
All Clerks	1	
Architect/Charette/Morgan State	7	
Blue Christmas	1	
Bulb planting	1	
Bridal Shower	1	
Caregiver Support	1	
Christmas Potluck Lunch, Carols	1	
Clean-up Day	2	
Clearness Comm	1	
Co-Clerk	4	
Coffee w/Susan	8	
Communications Comm	1	
Composting	1	
Dream Group	19	
Fundraising	3	
Land Use Comm (aka Grounds Planning)	11	
Happier Hour	39	
Internment	1	
Holiday Art Sale Planning	4	
Intro to Quaker Mtg	12	
Journal Group	51	
Journal Group #2	24	
Light Meditation	13	
Library Detention Ctr	1	
Meeting for Business	10	
Meeting for Worship	52	
Mtg for Worship (Wed)	52	
Mtg of "Six"	1	
Memorial Serv Rehearsal	1	
Native Plant Swap	1	
New Members & Attenders' Luncheon	0	
Nominating Comm	0	
Outreach Comm	12	
Pastoral Care Comm	12	
Planning Comm	15	
Planning & Finance	1	
Property & Grounds Comm	8	
Quaker Voice	1	

Spiritual Journey	8	
Testimony & Concerns	9	
T & C Luncheon	1	
TIS Meal Prep	1	
Treasurer	1	
Trust Circle Training	13	
Trustees' Meeting	2	
Worship & Ministry Comm	10	
Worship Sharing	1	
SUBTOTAL	457	N/A
First Day School		
First Day FDS	19	
Moving Up Day	1	
Christmas	1	
Bonfire Event	1	
Summer Camp	4	Tuition (per Treasurer)
SUB TOTAL	26	
TYPE 2 Meetings		DONATION
Garden Club	3	175
Holiday Art Sale	1	20
Improv Class	23	918
League of Women Voters	1	50
Mid-Shore Mediation	1	
St. Peter & Paul Students	2	
SUB TOTAL	31	1163
TYPE 3 Meetings		DONATION
Bus Tours (DAR)	1	100
BMH 2nd Floor rent	5	1500
SUB TOTAL	6	1600
TYPE 4 Meetings		DONATION
Memorials Mark Beck Joyce Ziegler	2	
Weddings Peel/Messick Claggett/Nowicki	2	600
SUB TOTAL	4	600
2022 TOTAL	524	\$3363
2021 TOTAL	580	\$1565
2020 TOTAL	291	\$170
2019 TOTAL	368	\$4734
2018 TOTAL	348	\$5303
2017 TOTAL	330	\$2517
2016 TOTAL	-----	\$1544
2015 TOTAL	-----	\$1596
2014 TOTAL	-----	\$1721

CONSIDERATIONS:

1 – Third Haven Meetings are being held in-person, hybrid format, or via Zoom.

2 - Scheduling on the Paper Calendar/Syncing with On-Line Calendar

Members are notifying Facilities Committee with plans for meeting times, Weddings, or Memorials.

This insures that each Committee has reserved space and/or on-line time.

Non-members leave a voice message for facilities' use on our answering machine or contact the web administrator.

All such requests are forwarded to Facilities Committee.

3 - Appropriateness of facility donations

The current system of categorizing meeting/event types had been working well and should be continued. This is listed on the webpage.

4- Donations

Donations have been forwarded by Facilities Comm/Friendly Presence to our Treasurer along with the event, date.

Continue with this.

5 – Recommendations from the Risk Control Consultant from Guide One Insurance to the Trustees (Sept 2022)

P & G Comm and Facilities Comm discussed these Safety Issues that applied to use of our buildings and property.

These recommendations have been included in the agreement document that prospective users of our property sign.

Planning Committee Update, *Tom Corl*

On Friday 3.3, members of the Planning Committee (PC) met with Joshua Kiehl of John Milner Architects (JMA), and Jonathan Ceci, and Ken Gignac of Jonathan Ceci Landscape Architecture (JCLA), for a "Conceptual Design Working Session" at the JMA office in Chadds Ford PA. The PC met again on Monday 3.7 to review and evaluate the 3.3 meeting presentations – new building locations and orientations, new common room (CR) floor plans and elevations, variations on landscape designs and related master planning concepts.

Access to and from the 2nd floor of the 1880 brick meetinghouse: Joshua Kiehl presented 2 alternatives for safe, code compliant access to and from the 2nd floor of the 1880 brick meetinghouse (BMH):

1. External staircase: Construction of a code compliant, external, metal staircase at the back of the BMH. This would entail (expensive) fire-resistant glazing over the northern window but would not much alter the light through the 2 windows on the back of the BMH.
2. Enclosed external staircase: Construction of a code compliant, staircase, enclosed by a building structure, at the back of the BMH. This would eliminate the northern window

Neither requires the alteration of the boiler enclosure at the back of the BMH. Both would continue the use of the front BMH staircase, which cannot be altered to be code compliant and is an historic feature of the BMH. The PC discussed these 2 alternatives very extensively. The PC concluded with general but not complete agreement that the external staircase is preferred. This will entail some needed improvements and renovations to the First Day School (FDS) space on the 2nd floor of the BMH.

Repurposing the existing common room: Continuing use of the 2nd floor of the BMH, with safe access for FDS, permits the repurposing of the existing CR. It is important to understand that the existing CR cannot be repurposed until a new CR is complete, so that committee meetings, hospitality, large gatherings and other CR uses can be relocated. As proposed, the existing CR

bathrooms and storage would be retained. The remaining large CR space could be allocated among more FDS space, a meeting room, an office, and the present kitchen. The PC did not reach further conclusions about the repurposing of the CR, other than it must follow the completion of the new CR building.

New CR building: The PC spent a good deal of time, continuing to explore some modest variations in the location and orientation of the new CR building, considering proposed floor plans, front, rear and end elevations.

- *Building mass:* The PC agreed that the new CR building needs to be in scale proportionate to the existing buildings, not be or appear to be too large.
- *Location:* The PC approved the Lawn concept location of the new CR building, fairly close to Annie's Cottage, allowing for some slight movement to the north or east, closer to the site of the existing caretaker's cottage.
- *Elevations:* The PC felt that the more traditional front elevation should face the lawn or green surrounded by the BMH, OMH, new CR and Annie's Cottage. PC members preferred the more traditional front elevation 1-2 doors, 4 9 over 9 windows. The PC liked the idea of more openness and glass on the meadow side elevation.

Caretaker's cottage: The caretaker's cottage is not a priority need. None of the proposed locations of the new CR require the removal of the caretaker's cottage. The PC agreed that upon completion of the new CR, the adjacency of the caretaker's cottage would be an obvious problem in need of a solution. Such decisions have to be deferred until we are much further along in the building program.

Trees: New construction will call for the removal of some trees. The Meeting loves and deeply values our mature trees on the grounds. We need to have a long-term tree stewardship plan and a plan for memorial trees, with species recommended and locations specified in advance.

Pathways and other areas: The PC considered separation of pedestrian pathways and vehicle traffic. The Lawn concept calls for some relocation of vehicle traffic, and separation of pedestrian traffic. The PC found that some of the extensive pathways proposed are likely to be deferred. Connecting our buildings safely, with better accessibility, is the present priority.

Annie's cottage: Annie's cottage is not a PC priority, and it cannot meet any of our priority needs. It needs a proper foundation, repair and restoration. The PC has recommended that it be made a visitors' center or kiosk.

Conclusion: The 2nd and final Meeting Workshop with JMA-JCLA will be on Saturday, April 15th. The next scheduled PC meeting is 4.19. There will be a 4th and final PC-JMA-JCLA Working Meeting in Chadds Ford PA on 4.21, to finalize the master plan and its documentation.

Comments:

One member expressed that one reason for expanding is to create more room for First Day School. She did not realize there was to be a decision at the February business meeting. She stood in opposition to creating more space.

Another two members agreed with the opposition. One person feared we are setting ourselves up for larger problems.

In contrast, a planning committee member noted previous estimates indicated a need for about 50% more Common Room space for certain events like luncheons, film series and other outreach activities. Current planning may address the Brick Meeting House fire escape issue to allow First Day School to continue upstairs in Brick Meeting House, with updating if that is their only space. First floor space would provide better accessibility.

Other members agreed and noted that the summer camp programs draw people to grow this Meeting. Our children and families are our growth opportunities. We have outgrown our current buildings. The planning process is addressing the grounds, which draw families interested in open space. This means more Quakers in the world.

Several people coming to look at the property for weddings were attracted by the mature trees. It was emphasized that a fire escape is incumbent upon us for any use of the Brick Meeting House.

The initial commenter returned to query: Does our planning process include an outreach plan to determine how more people will be attracted here, including people not traditionally represented here, to become members?

Another commented that outreach is best done in our community.

The Planning Committee clerk noted that the February meeting for business decision chose the lawn concept to develop. We are only a tiny way down the road to executing a plan. This is an uncertain process in a long journey.

People are encouraged to attend future meetings and contribute their thoughts. This Quaker process is a spiritual practice, different from conventional decision making.

Hospitality Annual Report- *Mary Yancey/Beth Mufson-Accepted*

The Hospitality Committee provides an opportunity for Friends to demonstrate their love and caring for one another through the sharing of food and fellowship following Meeting for Worship and on other occasions.

We provide a monthly calendar where Friends can sign up to set up, clean up, and/or bring food for these occasions. We also coordinate the provision of food for special occasions. This year we hosted several special occasions including holiday celebrations, a Family Meal and Movie Night in January, and a Secret Valentine gift exchange in February. These occasions allow Friends to stay connected to one another to increase our sense of fellowship and belonging.

We look forward to continuing to serve the Third Haven community by providing opportunities for Friends to gather together regularly.

Hospitality is an opportunity for everyone to “show up,” as commented during Meeting for Worship, and demonstrate our caring for everyone.

New Business

Summer Camp- Susan Claggett We have a tentative date for Summer Camp, June 26-29. We could fill two weeks with committed teachers and space here.

The scholarship committee clerk volunteered that the committee is willing to help finance teachers for another week.

Closing Silent Worship 12:35

D. Rein, Recording Clerk

Members and Attenders Luncheon

The luncheon honoring new members and attenders on April 2 was a huge success. Lorraine Claggett, a seasoned member spoke about her journey as active member of Third Haven. New members, Jonathan Williams, Terry-Thomas Primer and Kristina Herold added their thoughts. Organized by the Pastoral Care Committee, the Common Room was festive and the food, as always, varied and delicious. Those frequent attenders wishing to consider membership are invited to pick up a copy of the Pathways to Membership brochure in the front hallway of the Brick Meeting House. We welcome the full participation of all in the life of the Meeting!



Lorraine



Jonathan



Dona, Terry-Thomas and Bill



First Day School



Before the luncheon, the children talked about Community and began making weaving baskets with Heidi W.

EASTER is April 9. please bring 1/2 dozen hard-boiled eggs to share w First Day School. Egg hunt to follow Meeting for Worship. The children will be dyeing and hiding the eggs. All family members invited. Coming children's programs:

April 23- children's program around earth day

May 7, 21- children's program

June 5- children's program and Moving Up ceremony

June 26-29- Summer Camp!!!

Please let Susan or Sarah know if you have any questions or concerns about FDS. We LOVE having you worship and learn with us !! ❤️



Philadelphia Yearly Meeting offers weekly updates of activities at PYM for youth, adults and families. PYM would love to send email updates directly to your inbox!

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Third Haven Friends Meeting 2023 New Directories

The 2023 printed directories are now available. This year, they have a salmon-colored cover. Friends may pick them up in the Common Room. If anyone prefers to receive a directory in the mail, please email Marie Leonard at leonardworksdesign@gmail.com

Third Haven Welcomes Friends Peace Teams from Asia West Pacific ... where Quakers gather to support justice and peace ministries worldwide. Sharing Our Stories on Justice and Peace Worldwide (hybrid) **Monday, May 1, 2023 5:30 - 7:30 pm** Everyone Welcome – Come when you can! This Friends Peace Team <https://friendspeaceteams.org/awp> from



Indonesia and the Philippines works with children, parents, teachers, and communities recovering from war, colonization, and violence, and supports other peace and justice workers around the world. The team includes Quaker, Catholic, Muslim, and Mennonite Alternatives to Violence Project facilitators: Petrus, Mennonite from Central Java, Indonesia, Director of Peace Place, an Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) and Power of Goodness facilitator focused on interfaith collaboration, reduction of religious violence, welcoming teens and young adults to intern at a permaculture site for peace and justice training. Ruwaidah (Ida), Muslim from Yogyakarta, Indonesia, Education and Program Development Specialist of the Institute

for Interfaith Dialogue in Indonesia (Interfidei), an AVP and Power of Goodness facilitator focused on interfaith and intercultural collaboration for the reduction of religious violence. Nanik, Mennonite from Central Java, Indonesia, Director of Joglo Preschool focused on full inclusion in just, peaceful, regenerative education integrating AVP and permaculture. Alma (Kins) Aparece, Catholic from Tagbilaran City, Bohol, Philippines, Friends Peace Teams Asia West Pacific Coordinator and environmental and human rights attorney focused on people's movement, supports emerging leadership for peace and justice and communities in war such as Burma and W Papua, and inviting people to the Regional Peace Training in the Philippines in July 2023. Nadine Hoover, Quaker from Buffalo, NY, USA, an AVP facilitator, Friends Peace Teams AWP coordinator working with the Peacemakers on Buffalo's Eastside, Grey's Ferry in SW Philly, and refugee communities in the US. Author of Creating Cultures of Peace and Walking in the World as a Friend, and editor of The Power of Goodness (CourageousGifts.com). Contact Dona Sorce: 412-334-8185 / in advance to RSVP or get a Zoom link and plan the event. Walk-ins Welcome!

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Came to Third Haven

March 11th -12th, 2023 for Spring Continuing Sessions regional gathering at Third Haven Our Sessions theme this year was *“Living with our Neighbors, Growing into Beloved Community.”* Rather than



convening at just one Spring Continuing Sessions location, this year we had 6 regional gatherings to gather with Friends and neighbors. Third Haven was a local Meeting serving as a host to bring together Friends from other Quarterly meetings.

Living With Our Neighbors: Growing into Beloved Community.

Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center 10th Anniversary Party April 20-22



The Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a series of events at the Waterfowl Building in Easton from April 20th-22nd. In the last decade the organization has grown from a small office with a staff of two to a staff of six who has served over 6000 local residents from its building on Dover St. in Easton with a branch office in Federalsburg.

The celebration will include touring of multifaceted display boards which reflect the many people who have been served by ChesMRC, speakers

including Maryland Lt. Governor Aruna Miller, art displays, musical entertainment and food. Schools and other local groups will be invited for tours each day, and there will be an evening event on Friday. It will also be open to the general public on Saturday from 9-2.

For more details, please go to the organization's web site – www.chesmrc.org or contact Harvey Zendt at 302-528-5685 or hzendt@yahoo.com.

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. **Additional announcements** may be found at <https://www.thirdhaven.org/announcements.php>

News of Friends

Please hold in the light Robert and Tina Gladney on the loss of Tina's father, as well as Nancy Robbins on the loss of her mother.

April 13 [Thursday] Planning Committee Site Walkaround for Planning Committee

Third Haven Common Room and grounds, 4:30 PM

John Milner Architects and Jonathan Ceci Landscape Architects have provided the Planning Committee with an updated site plan. Meredith Watters and Mary Yancey will lead a walk around the grounds with the updated site plan to help the Committee get a better sense of proposed building siting and land use changes. Planning Committee members are strongly encouraged to attend in person, as the walkaround will be very difficult to follow on Zoom. Other Friends may attend. Meet in the Common Room at 4:30.

April 15 Meeting Workshop 2: Planning concepts participation opportunity for all April 15th (Saturday) Third Haven Common Room 10 AM



John Milner Architects and Jonathan Ceci Landscape Architects will facilitate a second Meeting Workshop to present their progress in concept development for the Third Haven master plan. All Third Haven members and attenders are invited to attend. Friends are encouraged to attend in person, as drawings, site maps and plan details will be difficult to follow on Zoom.

April 9 (Easter Sunday) Meeting for Worship 10 AM followed by children's Easter Egg hunt.

Meeting for Worship will be held in the Brick Meeting House from 10-11 a.m. with simultaneous virtual meeting.

NOTE: Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business POSTPONED to April 16th

April 16 (Sunday) Meeting for Worship 10 AM followed by Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Meeting for Worship will be held in the Brick Meeting House from 10-11 a.m. with simultaneous virtual meeting.

April 23 (Sunday) Meeting for Worship 10 AM

Meeting for Worship will be held in the Brick Meeting House from 10-11 a.m. with simultaneous virtual meeting.

Spiritual Journey talk by Harvey Zendt following hospitality.

April 27, May 25, June 15 Thursday Reading the Gospel as Friends The Third Haven Worship and Ministry Committee (WMC) will sponsor 4 sessions on “Reading the Gospels as Friends.” The idea of reading the Gospels together was inspired in part by *The Gospels: A New Translation*, by Sarah Ruden, a Quaker and scholar of Ancient languages. This is not the prescribed text. Participants may read any version of the 4 Gospels, that they prefer — King James Version (KJV), Revised Standard Version (RSV) or another version or translation. Comparing the texts, interpretations and meanings of the versions will be of interest. Terry-Thomas Primer, an ordained minister and new member, and Tom Corl, member of the Worship and Ministry Committee, will facilitate these discussions. Terry-Thomas is preparing an introduction to each of the Gospels. There will be 4 sessions, 1 for each of the Gospels, to be read in the order in which they were written: Mark probably CE (AD) 66–70, Matthew and Luke around CE (AD) 85–90, and John CE (AD) 90–110. John is sometimes called the Quaker Gospel. The 4 sessions will be on Thursday afternoons, 4:30 — 6:00 pm, in the common room or the brick meetinghouse at Third Haven as available. By the end of the program, we could meet in the 1684 meetinghouse. We do not plan to use Zoom, but can adapt if necessary. The dates are: 3.30, 4.27, 5.25 and 6.15. All Friends are welcome.