



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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February 2018 NEWSLETTER

How does our meeting learn of members' needs and offer its assistance?

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Fourteenth Day, First Month 2018



Opening Silent Worship Molly Brian, Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:40 a.m. with a brief period of silence.

Attending: 19: Molly Brian, Benita Cooper, Tom Corl, Connie Crow, Larissa Kitenko, Jeanne Halpin, Marsie Hawkinson, Martha Holthausen, Bill Lane, Marie Leonard, Joyce Macijeski, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, Candace Shattuck, Bob Wack, Ralph Young, Harvey Zendt.

Comments on First Query (Deepening Our Faith: Meeting for Worship-from new Faith and Practice) This query version now has open ended questions requiring greater reflection than a yes or no answer. We might wish to have a discussion on each Query that First Day. Friends considered options for discussions of the new Faith and Practice.

Approval of minutes for December meeting for business-Approved

Clerk's Desk

Memorials: Two memorial plaques for nonmembers Syd Mahendra, Bob Sharp's sister, and Phillip Kemp, brother of Butch Kemp are now on the wall. Both these families gave generous donations. Ted Peck's family Peck foundation also made a donation.

Threshing Session on Talbot Boys statue discussions: This was based on Pete Howell's leading. The group intends to create a palatable solution to as many Talbot citizens as possible.



A threshing session does not make decisions but facilitates everyone airing their feelings and thoughts. Pete had suggested himself as representing Third Haven on that committee. The Clerk noted a lack of unity on this topic among those at the session. Pete may again address meeting seeking a decision on THMM representation to the Talbot Reconciliation Committee.

SMART Recovery - Dee Rein



SMART stands for Self Management and Recovery Training. We want to thank Third Haven for supporting our efforts to help people with compulsive behavior problems like drugs, alcohol, gambling, overeating, sexual behavior and other behaviors. By allowing us to use the Common Room for our weekly meetings on Wednesdays you have touched many lives and families. We offer the SMART meeting for people choosing recovery as well as a Family and Friends support group. We emphasize the power of choice by teaching cognitive behavioral tools that help people choose rational behaviors that are in their long-term best interests. This applies to overcoming drug and alcohol problems as well as to everyday relationships and decisions. Our 4 point program covers maintaining motivation to abstain, coping with urges, managing thoughts feelings and behaviors, and life style balance. SMART people attend until they have accomplished their goals and then leave us for happier, healthier lives. Thank you for helping SMART help our community.

Approval of THFM 2017 Annual Report – Molly Brian-Accepted

Third Haven Friends Meeting 2017 State of the Meeting Report

THMM continues as a vibrant community. This year we added three new members, lost three well-loved members, and received two membership transfers, bringing THMM total membership to 162. Meetings for worship offer strong spiritual nurture, and weekly attendance is stable (40-65/First Day). Our historical significance and rich spiritual life continue to draw Quaker visitors as well as seekers from many places and backgrounds.

The Meeting is strong financially, with adequate reserves, and finished the fiscal year with a healthy surplus. TH committees continued to function well, enabling us to fulfill the work we are called to do.

Ongoing programs include:

- Inward Bound Spiritual Retreats
- First Day Conversations
- PEACE vigils
- Marilla's Lunches
- Weekly Donations to local Food Pantries
- Talbot County Detention Center Library
- A Course in Miracles
- Spiritual Journeys
- Talbot Clergy and Laity meetings
- Midweek Meeting for Worship
- SMART Recovery group

Annual events including:

- New Member and Attenders Luncheon
- Participation in a Multicultural Fair
- Easter Egg Hunt
- "Moving Up" Day
- Wreath Decorating and Children's Christmas program
- Spring and Fall Clean Up Days

One of the more visible projects this year was a "functional update" of the Common Room, built in 1983. Highlights include sound control in the main room, conversion of lighting to LED, and updating the kitchen. The result is a more useable and attractive space that should serve us for many years to come.

In addition to ongoing programs, we had several special events this year.

January: 25 members participated in a Clerking Workshop with Arthur Larrabee.

February-March: Worship & Ministry held ongoing sessions discussing revisions in Faith and Practice

February: THMM hosted the Friends General Conference nominating Committee Annual retreat.

March: Marcelle Martin spoke to us kicking off our nine month Spiritual Formation Group in which 18 members and attenders of THMM participated.

March: Property & Grounds began work on boundary restoration clearing of overgrown vegetation with environmentally sound land and stream work.

Summer: Outreach held a series of Family Fun Nights at a local park for the community at large. First Day School placed a tire swing in our old magnolia.

September: Revised the Facilities Use Policies for clarity and consistency.
Outreach and Overseers family picnic.

October: Scholarship awarded grants to nine of our Quaker students throughout the year.

November: The Shoffner Education Fund continues to support Susana Ramirez's medical school education in Bolivia for the 5th year. We approved an increase in our annual charitable giving and sent checks to 13 different organizations. Testimonies & Concerns helped us pass a minute to stand for Nuclear Disarmament that we forwarded to FCNL. Over 200 trees planted!

December: The Easton Christmas parade Peace float held Third Haven members and attenders. We have finished out our year by holding our Christmas Eve Day worship in our 333 and 1/3 year-old meeting house (with no heat) complete with a wonderful First Day program and a hot and hearty luncheon. This was a perfect way for us to appreciate our blessing especially that of our community of THMM.

Discussion: A member noted that Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is encouraging the state of the meeting report evaluate the spiritual health of the meeting. Many committees and member efforts support these activities. The Meeting is much more active than it was ten years ago.



Overseers Annual Report – Dona Sorce presented by Nancy Robbins-Accepted

The 2017 Overseers Committee included the following members: Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Marsie Hawkinson, Connie Lewis, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, Dona Sorce (Clerk). These same members will continue to serve in 2018 and the following members will be joining the committee in 2018: Dawn Atwater, Tom Corl, and Bill Schauer. Nancy Robbins serves as Co – Clerk with Dona Sorce.

In 2017, Overseers met on the last Sunday of each month during the months of January, February, March, April, May, August, September, October, and November. The December meeting was held on January 7th due to holiday plans.

The primary focus of monthly committee meetings was the sharing of concerns for individual members and discussion regarding how Overseers might reach out to offer support and expressions of care.

During the year, Overseers members reached out to individual members with phone calls, cards, and home, hospital, and nursing home visits.

Two meetings for clearness were held for new membership requests from Dolores and Bob Wack and Connie Crow. Three clearness meetings were held for reasons other than membership or marriage.

Overseers assisted the Zeigler family with planning the memorial service for Frank Zeigler on July 16th. Overseers members, primarily Larny Claggett, assisted families of other members who died during the year with making arrangements for memorial plaques to be placed on the wall in the churchyard.

Overseers organized and/or assisted with efforts for the following membership activities in 2017:

- The New Members and Attenders Lunch on March 5th that was well-attended and supported by the membership at large.
- The annual Fall Community Picnic on September 17th.
- The annual Holiday celebration on December 24th.
- The Friendly 8s gathering that will take place in the Winter of 2018.
- The purchase, creation, and distribution of new name tags for members.
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Overseers began planning the program for the May 20th, 2018 Southern Quarter Meeting. The topic of this program is developing Care Teams for members and attenders who are unable to attend Meeting for Worship due to prolonged illness, disability or end of life issues.

The Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia reminds us that the John Martin Trust provides financial grant support to members of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and its affiliated Monthly Meetings for “necessitous Friends.” Typically these are elderly persons on a fixed income or families with expenses beyond their means created by illness, accident or long term care. Grant limits per 6 month term are \$7500. Ongoing assistance or loans may also be given. Requests from 3rd Haven members in need can be made to the Overseers Committee. Further information is available at pym.org under Friends Funding Directory/Grants.

The Clerk of the meeting commented that Overseers were a big help with the Mufson funeral and continue to support the family. The John Martin Trust financial aid has been used in the past to help our members.

2nd Quarter Treasurers Report – Cynthia Quast-Accepted

For the first half of our 2017/18 fiscal year we have the following results:

Our member contributions total just over \$25,200 which is almost 50% of our annual Member contributions budget. Our Attender contributions total \$4,800 giving us 87% of our Attender contributions budget. Our total income totals over \$39,000 which is 63% of our total income budget. Our ordinary expenses total almost \$35,000 which is about 56% of our expense budget. This gives us a net ordinary income year-to-date of just over \$4,100. Our Common Room Remodel expenses total about \$4,300 which brings our Net Income to minus \$168.

On Balance Sheet as of 12/31/17, we had over \$41,300 in our operating checking account and over \$64,000 in our Invested operating funds at Friends Fiduciary.

In comparing the first half of this fiscal year to the prior year, our Member contributions are down by over \$1,200 and our total income is up by over \$5,000 and our ordinary

expenses are down about \$5,000 higher giving us a net ordinary income about equal to last year.

As of Dec. 31st, 50% through fiscal year things are looking up. See spreadsheets on website for details.

New Business

Spring Carriage Sale? Susan Claggett is willing to co-facilitate with someone. Potential dates in May and April were discussed.

Meeting closed at 12:45 p.m. with silent worship.

D. Rein, Recording Clerk

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

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

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

February 7 (Wednesday) 7 to 9 PM

'Responses to Active Shooters'

Late last year Lt. George Paugh from the Easton Police Department made a recommendation that faith communities have plans in place to respond to active shooters and other disturbances. He offered that the department could provide training on safety practices. They offered one session in December, and will repeat the training presentation by Easton Police Department: 'Responses to Active Shooters' at the Presbyterian Church of Easton, 617 North Washington Street.

WHO MAY WANT TO ATTEND? Clergy, faith leaders, church administrators, sextons, building managers, board leaders/trustees, other leaders and ushers many find this of use. Please share this invitation as you see helpful with leaders and members in your community. Talbot Association of Clergy and Laity

If you have questions, please e-mail talexcom@gmail.com

February 9 (Friday) 6 to 9 pm

The Outreach Committee continues with it's Film/Discussion series on race on Friday, Feb. 9, 2018 from 6-9 in the Common Room. After kicking off our series with Coming To The Table to help us get started, we are shifting the remainder of our series to Friday evenings from 6-9pm on Feb. 9, Mar. 2, and Mar. 23. Please join us on Feb. 9 for a documentary fresh from the front pages of last year's news: Whose Streets? (2017, 90 minutes, rated R for language), a closer look at what happened in Ferguson, MO in the wake of the police shooting of Michael Brown, an unarmed man of color. Full of cell phone videos and news footage, this film has an immediacy that puts the viewer right in the middle of the action. It was nominated for the Best Documentary Award at Sundance in 2017, and won it at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Film Festival. Soup, bread, and beverages will be served before we view the film. Space is limited, so please RSVP to Pete Howell at 410-924-5752 or e-mail piratepete@goeaston.net

We hope to see you there!

February 11 (Sunday)

Meeting for business follows meeting for worship.

February 18 (Sunday)

Spiritual Journeys

John Turner will discuss his own personal spiritual journey at 11:30 AM in the Common Room. The sharing will last about 20 minutes including some time for questions. This will be the fourth in a series offered by Worship & Ministry, of monthly presentations by individuals sharing their own personal spiritual journeys. If you would like to share your own journey please email Mark Beck. mb4833@aol.com

February 25 (Sunday)

Quaker spirituality and meditation

At the rise of meeting and after hospitality, Bob Denison from Chestertown Friends will provide a session on Quaker spirituality and meditation. Bob studied at Pendle Hill with Rex Ambler, author of the book Light to Live By: An Exploration of Quaker Spirituality. Ambler's book describes a meditation method described by George Fox, which Ambler studied, applied and later taught to others. Bob will share this way of meditation and talk about its effect on his spirituality and the value it has for Quaker practice.

2018 Directory

New Printed edition is nearly ready

The Third Haven Website Directory has just been updated with the corrections you have sent in. We ask you to review your address, telephone and e-mail data on the website as soon as possible. Here is the direct link for this directory.

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

The username is 3rdhaven the pass word is friends

Please address e-mails to 3rdhaven@gmail.com

Scholarship Committee

Letter from Nathan Mullen

"I am grateful to Third Haven for many things that I cannot hope to enumerate fully in this note, and its support of my education is only the tip of the iceberg. With this scholarship I am able to acquire the tools I need to learn how better to uphold the testimonies I hold dear in this chaotic time. Thank you for your continued support."

Sincerely, Nathan Mullen

Letter from Laurence Claggett

"Thank you for your contribution to my Spring Semester! Once again, it means a lot to have a community supporting my effort to become educated. I've settled into St. Mary's College very much over the past semesters, making many friends and good relationships with professors. I'm sure I will continue this trend in the Spring. This Fall I earned a 3.9 GPA, and my efforts have not gone unnoticed by the Biology Department. This Spring I will be a Principles of Biology II teacher's assistant for the Freshman class. I was also invited to participate in one of my professors research relating to Wolbacia density in

mosquitoes and their genetic influences. Wolbacia is a bacteria that makes mosquitoes less likely to carry viruses. (very cool stuff)”

Thank you for your support! Laurence Claggett

Discussions on Race

Alyssa Ehram writes, “I am so grateful for the work you did to bring CTTT and Cracking The Code To Third Haven and Easton. I have had such great experiences with the organization and specifically Rusty and Lynda. I loved the article in The Star Democrat. I am forwarding a message from Lynda along with something she passed to me about scholarships for training. I am not able to participate at this stage of my life, with my daughters at their ages and my career responsibilities it is not possible and although I am disappointed I know my day will come. If any of you or anyone you know is interested, I think it would be a worthwhile experience. Two friends and I started a monthly dialogue group in Harford County in Dec. if you are interested in keeping the dialogue going after your film series is over I am happy to share our experience with you. It is relatively easy to set up and I am sure Lynda would facilitate the first three or four sessions or find someone who would. I would even facilitate once I am there for the summer because by then I will have had the opportunity to do at least a few on my own up here in Harford County. Thanks again and I look forward to my next visit to the eastern shore and Third Haven.”

Please see information and opportunities below regarding scholarships for courses at the Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) Center for Justice and Peacebuilding (CJP)’s Summer Peacebuilding Institute (SPI). I took one of these classes in 2016 and loved the experience. I am hoping to take the course on “Truth-telling, Racial Healing and Restorative Justice” this summer. If you have any questions, let me know. CTTT Info: EMU Summer Peacebuilding Inst (SPI) Scholarships Available

To date, we have received just one application for a scholarship to attend SPI this summer. Hence, this reminder to please forward this message to everyone in your Local Group email lists. Coming to the Table has \$7,500 dedicated solely to award to CTTT members who take SPI classes.

Those of you who have taken SPI classes know what a wonderful opportunity this is. The highest priority is to encourage Local Group facilitators/leaders (YOU all), and Local Group members to take SPI classes. Last year, we were able to support eight CTTT members from seven different Local Groups take SPI Classes. It will be great if we can support even more participants in 2018 Please help us spread the word to your local group members!

There are several classes relevant to the Vision, Mission and Approach of Coming to the Table. A few examples: In Session 1, classes include Forgiveness & Reconciliation and Modern Slavery and the Prison-Industrial Complex. Session 2 classes include Restorative Justice and Circle Process. Session 3 includes STAR, Level I (Strategies for Trauma Awareness & Resilience; so-facilitated by CTTT member Donna Minter) and Truth-telling, Racial Healing and Restorative Justice (co-facilitated by CTTT Board President

Jodie Geddes). Session 4 takes place at the same time as the 2018 CTTT National Gathering.

Learn more about SPI and how to apply for the Coming to the Table scholarships [HERE](#). Deadline to apply is February 9. Please let me know of any questions. Thank you! Tom DeWolf, Executive Director tom.dewolf@comingtothetable.org

Coming to the Table

Third Haven hosted the first of four film/discussions about the persistence of racism in our society.



Southern Quarter

Third Haven members attended the Southern Quarter Meeting for Business at Lewes, Delaware along with Christie Duncan-Tressher, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting General Secretary.

