



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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January 2020 NEWSLETTER

“I expect to pass through this world but once, any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.”

attributed to Stephen Grellet c. 1800

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Eighth Day Twelfth Month 2019

Opening Silent Worship – 11:39am

In Attendance: Gwen Beegle, Molly Brian, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Tom Corl, Catherine Cripps, Connie Crow, Doreen Getsinger, Whitley Gray, Jeanne Halpin, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Bill Lane, Marie Leonard, Steve Meixner, Priscilla Morris, Nancy Robbins, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Jonathan Slocum, Dona Sorce, Joan Wetmore, Bob Wack, Kevin Walsh, Winslow Womack, Harvey Zendt

Comments on Twelfth Query, “Witnessing in the World – Witness & Civic Responsibilities” (read at Meeting for Worship) – a Friend commented on preparing for Meeting by reading the Query ahead of time. Mentioned were the general applicability of this query that addresses how we take care of each other in the world, and how we always have opportunities to be of service to others, regrets about the polarization that exists in our world’s society, and polarization even within our own community, which is not obvious but may evidence itself during the approaching election year. Answers are not forthcoming immediately but the concern is compelling. Also mentioned were an organization that addresses the policy of endless war of the US Government, a Meeting-wide search for a cause we could all rally around, that many of us frequently connect with people with whom we have disagreements and can use this opportunity to find common ground, the ties between polarization and disinformation and propaganda along with ways to delegitimize propaganda, and meeting providing information to our community. Baltimore Yearly Meeting’s coalition has asked for THFM’s participation in the upcoming legislation season.

Approval of minutes from Eleventh Month business meeting - APPROVED

Clerks Desk Hosting Southern Quarterly Meeting, January 19, 2020 – we need to form the meeting agenda. The committee will let the Meeting know what is needed for that event.

The clerk asked that an all-clerks meeting be convened in January to address what the Meeting is doing and can do in the upcoming year. She asked that we find a convenient Saturday to meet 9am – 12pm.

Nominating Committee Final Report – Bill Lane – corrections and additions were requested and noted. An amended report will be available in announcements and on website, 3rdhaven.org. APPROVED.

Worship & Ministry Annual Report - Gwen Beegle – The Worship and Ministry Report with details can be seen on the website and as distributed attached to announcements. The committee, comprised of Mark Beck, Gwen Beegle, clerk, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Connie Crow, Catherine Cripps, Susan Dickinson, Jeanne Halpin, Katherine Johnson, asst. clerk, Nancy Robbins, John Turner, and Jonathan Slocum, met to further meeting for worship, spiritual nurture and adult religious education. Programs included Quakerism 101, Spiritual Formation 2, Spiritual Journey, First Day Conversations, Inward Bound Quiet Days, Course in Miracles, Jung Dream Group, Spiritual Formation Retreat, Worship Sharing, Decision-Making in the Manner of Friends, and Discernment of the Guidance of the Spirit. The committee seeks feedback from the Meeting at large, with an emphasis on asking what the Meeting would like the committee to consider in the future. ACCEPTED WITH GRATITUDE.

Treasurer's Report- Cynthia Quast – Bill Lane – Bill noted it is the season to consider contributions the Meeting. He noted that we are behind in contributions by about \$6,000 at this point, which isn't insurmountable but asks members make some end-of-year contributions. Total income for this fiscal year to date is \$26,336 with expenses \$32,559. Full financial information is available on the website. The generosity of our community was noted with gratitude.

Contributions Welcome!

Please consider making a tax deductible contribution in support of our annual budget to:
Treasurer, Third Haven Monthly Meeting
P.O. Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601

Pastoral Care Reports:

1) **Recommendation for membership** for Steven Meixner – Dona Sorce - Pastoral Care recommends Steve's membership, which was APPROVED. A welcoming committee was formed.

2) **Memorial Intentions Form**-Dona Sorce- The intentions form has been revised slightly. Forms will be distributed attached to announcements and by mail. Members are asked to submit their intentions. A suggestion was made to the committee that housing for seniors be an issue to be explored.

3) **Burial Grounds Policy** Tom Corl – The ad hoc Burial Grounds Committee was formed to explore the use and care and policies regarding burial on the THFM property. Among other things discussed was the authority regarding who is to be buried where, the map of available burial and plaque locations, and associated costs. A policy change was made to accommodate cremation remains only from now on. There was a question about establishing a designated area

where more individuals could be interred. Additional changes to policies and landscape are not precluded from being made. with subsequent laying down of the ad hoc committee. A detailed report with background, documentation and current conditions will be attached to the announcements. The Burial Committee named John Hawkinson archivist to keep track of both space available and pending requests by and Marie Leonard is designated creator of an editable grounds map. Burial Grounds Policies as below APPROVED,

Burial Grounds Policies

1. Eligibility

Members and regular attenders, and members of their immediate family (parents and children), may be buried in the burial grounds, have grave markers and/or have plaques installed on the wall. In general, the Meeting expects members and regular attenders to attend meeting for worship, participate in doing the work of the Meeting and financially support the Meeting. Such members, regular attenders and members of their immediate family shall be *eligible* to be buried, have grave markers or have plaques on the wall, in the Third Haven burial grounds, subject to the approval of the Burial Committee.

Those who ask to be buried in the Meeting burial grounds or have plaques installed, but do not have current or recent, meaningful involvement in the life of the Meeting, as set forth above, may be deemed *ineligible*, by the Burial Committee.

2. Requests

All requests – including *Memorial Intentions* filed with the Pastoral Care Committee, for burial in the burial grounds, grave markers and/or plaques – shall be communicated to the standing Burial Committee of the Meeting. The Burial Committee consists of the clerk of the Meeting, the clerk of the Property and Grounds Committee and the clerk of the Pastoral Care Committee. The Burial Committee will receive and respond to each request for burial, grave marker or plaque, as set forth by the deceased, in Third Haven Memorial Intentions, or as requested in writing by the surviving family members. The Burial Committee decides on the eligibility for the burial, grave marker and/or plaque, and supports the arrangements for the burial, grave marker or plaque.

3. Costs

All costs associated with a burial, grave marker or plaque shall be borne by the estate of the deceased, or his or her surviving family members.

4. Cremated Remains

The *cremated remains* of members, regular attenders, and their immediate family members may be buried in the Third Haven burial grounds. Unless a member or regular attender has requested a casket burial in Memorial Intentions, filed with the Pastoral Care Committee, prior to December 31, 2019, all burials must be of cremated remains in a container. As of December 31, 2019, only cremated remains may be interred in the burial grounds. As of that date no more casket burials will be allowed.

5. Grave Markers and Plaques

Most existing grave markers are marble. There are some granite markers. All new grave markers must be in keeping with the Quaker testimony on Simplicity. Grave makers must be of a size,

scale, form and composition that is consistent with the existing historic grave markers, present in the burial grounds. Those requesting a grave marker or plaque shall secure the approval of the Burial Committee for the grave marker or plaque to be installed.

6. Grave Sites

Members and regular attenders may request and reserve specific sites in the burial grounds for their internment in their Memorial Intentions. The request for a specific grave site or plaque location shall be done in consultation with a member of the Pastoral Care Committee, so that the reserved site location can be properly documented. The Pastoral Care Committee shall record and maintain records of reserved burial sites, as set forth in Memorial Intentions. The Burial Committee shall approve all burial sites not previously reserved in Memorial Intentions.

Testimonies and Concerns – Bob Wack – the committee has created a guide for giving for members. They have decided to give larger donations from the Meeting rather than several smaller ones. They also submitted to the Meeting their recommendations for the Meeting's donations to organizations. A discussion occurred regarding the Meeting's support of national Quaker organizations. The committee distributed funds according to a different policy this year – one more guided by the Testimonies. A suggestion was made that additional funds be acquired from savings so more can be given away. A Friend remarked that the committee be trusted to make the decisions regarding the Meeting's contributions. If people wish to augment the gifts with their own money, that is always possible. Disbursement of the funds was APPROVED.

In keeping with our Quaker values and Queries, Testimonies and Concerns recommends that contributions, identified in the 2019 - 2020 Third Haven Meeting Budget, be made to the following organizations, for a total distribution of \$3,000 as follows:

\$500 to Friends Committee on National Legislation for the overarching importance of their work in supporting national and state legislation that promotes peace, and the humane integrity of all individuals in order to build a more fair and equitable world.

2 awards of \$250 each to Talbot Hospice/Compass Regional Hospice for their efforts to support our end of life transition.

\$500 to the Chesapeake Multicultural Center for their work to empower people from different cultures to become successful and engaged members of our community.

\$500 to the Talbot Interfaith Shelter for providing a safe place for those families who are without housing and for providing programs and resources to promote economic stability.

\$500 to Habitat for Humanity Choptank for offering a path to home ownership through work contributions and programs to ensure home ownership is a reality.

\$500 to Shore Rivers for their stewardship in providing programs and projects that ensure clean water for the major river systems of the Mid Shore region.

Third Haven Meeting 2019 Giving Guide

Recommendations to Third Haven members for contributions to organizations that support the values and priorities in keeping with our Queries:

Meeting for Worship: *To support a place where friends can wait in silence and open themselves to the Spirit; the opportunity for all present to be connected in community.*

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting info@pym.org As members, we are asked collectively and individually, to contribute to PYM which provides support for the monthly meetings

Friends General Conference fgcquaker.org Nurtures spiritual vitality of the Religious Society of Friends by providing programs and services for meetings and seekers

Friends World Committee for Consultation: fwccamericas.org — encourages fellowship among all branches of the religious Society of Friends

Pendle Hill pendlehill.org - A Quaker retreat and conference center

Simplicity: *Avoiding over dependence on possessions and self indulgence would better enable us to open ourselves to God. "... a way of organizing one's life and setting of priorities." Earlham College Community Principles and Practices*

Third Haven Friend Meeting: 3rdhaven@gmail.com to contribute to Meeting work

Trustees of Third Haven Friends Meeting: Treasurer 9249 High Banks Dr. Easton, Md 21601 to maintain our historic site

Peace - *Peace can only last when human rights are respected, where people are fed, and where individuals and nations are free. "The place to begin acquiring skills and maturity and generosity to avoid and resolve conflicts are in our homes, our personal relationships, our schools, our workplaces and wherever decisions are made." Yearly Meeting of Aotearoa, New Zealand, 1987*

American Friends Service Committee: afsc.org convening power to mobilize for a big response in communities working for change

Friends Committee on National Legislation: fentl.org nonpartisan Quaker Lobby for public interest based in Washington DC

Friends Peace Teams: friendspeacetams.org develop long term relationships with communities in conflict for healing and peace building

United Palestinian Appeal: upaconnect.org provides clean water, food & medicine

Mid Shore Mediation Center: midshoremmediation.org free service to manage conflict

Integrity: *Our devotion to truth, honesty, authenticity and wholeness is made apparent in how we conduct our life. "Integrity asks the individual to consider how, our outward lives bears witness to the truth discerned inwardly." William Cooper, The Testimony of Integrity, Pendle Hill 1991*

THF Scholarship Committee - provides assistance to THF children to further their education and attend Quaker led schools and colleges:

Quaker Schools: Sandy Spring Friends, George School, Friends School, Friends Select; **Quaker**

Colleges: Earlham College, earlham.edu ; Guilford College guilford.edu

Talbot Hospice Foundation: info@talbothospice.org

Compass Regional Hospice: info@copassregionalhospice.org

Quaker House: quakerhouse.org assistance to military personnel, their families and those contemplating military services

Channel Markers: channelmarkers.org mental health and wellness support

Community - A discipline in which we practice the other testimonies. Community is the field in which we work. We know ourselves as we are reflected in the faces, actions, and attitudes of each other. Janet Scott 1980

CASA: casa@midshore.org court advocates for children in the Mid Shore region

BAAM: baamboys.com after school program for African American males

Habitat for Humanity Choptank: habitatchoptank.org helps families build places to call home in exchange for sweat equity.

Maryland Food Bank: mdfoodbank.org provides food security to 8 counties

Neighborhood Service Center: nsctalbotmd.org services for low income and elderly

Talbot Interfaith Shelter: talbotinterfaithshelter.org S4 Program for families w/o a home

Global Vision 2020: gv2020.org Uses new innovation to make vision possible globally

Chester Wye Center: chesterwye.org Life enhancements for adults with disabilities

Chesapeake Center: chesapeakecenter.org Human Services for disabled adult

Equality: How can we be human together? "My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together." Desmond Tutu 1994

Right Sharing of World Resources: www.rswr.org fair distribution of world resources

NAACP: naacpmd.org to ensure political, education social and economic equality

Mid Shore CASA: www.casamidshore.org court advocates for children

Mid Shore Pro Bono: midshoreprobob.org legal services to underserved people

Chesapeake Multicultural Center: chesmrc.org provides resources to immigrants

Stewardship: That we care for and make wise use of the world's resources. To be good stewards in Gods World calls on us to examine and consider the ways in which our testimonies for peace, equality, and simplicity interact to guide our relationships with all life. OPYM 1997, 2002

Quaker Earthcare Witness: quakerearthcare.org spirit led address of ecological and social crises of the world

Chesapeake Bay Foundation: info@cbf.org to restore health of Chesapeake Bay

Shore Rivers: shorerivers.org promotes resources for cleaner Eastern Shore rivers

Eastern Shore Land Conservancy: eslc.org promotes land conservation

New Business – A friend raised the issue of having a facilities-use (part of the long-range planning question) *worship sharing*. The long-range committee is waiting for responses to newly-issued Request For Proposals, and is hoping to move along with planning. The RFP will be attached to announcements for perusal.

Closing Silent Worship – the meeting closed at 12:59pm.

Aging as Friends

Pastoral Care Committee will sponsor three Aging as Friends Programs beginning in late January in 2020. We are all aging and throughout life may face varied situations. These programs are designed to help us plan ahead and make appropriate preparations. All are welcome to attend.

1. **January 26**, 11:30 – Advocate Choice. An interactive session led by Dee Rein designed to help identify family members and friends as possible Health Care and/or Financial Powers of Attorney as well as helpers providing other assistance.
2. **February 16**, 11:30 - End of Life Planning: Presentation by Connie Crow and Tom Corl. Presentation and discussion centering around the forms for Health Care Power of Attorney, 5 Wishes, and the Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatments (MOLST). Participants will gain a better understanding of which forms apply to their circumstances.
3. **March 15**, 22:30 – Housing Options: Presentation by Dee Rein and Adrienne Rudge. Presentation for people interested in exploring a variety of housing options suitable for different life circumstances.

Announcements

To see all Meeting announcements, calendar and charitable contributions information:

<http://www.thirdhaven.org>

January 5, 19 [Sunday]

First Day Conversations meet on first and third First Days, from 9AM - 9:45AM in the Common Room. Join in for thoughtful, stimulating conversations!

January 12 [Sunday]

Meeting For Business

January 16 (Thursday)

Thursday Evening Book Group

All are invited to join the Thursday Evening Book Group. On January 16 at 6:30, we will discuss chapters 4-7 of Ben Pink Dandelion's book, *The Quakers: A Very Short Introduction*. Next meeting dates are: February 13 and March 19 (next readings to be announced). Contact: Gwen Beegle for more information and feel free to join us.

There are one or two additional announcements here including

January 18 [Saturday]

All-Clerks meeting

There will be a meeting of all Third Haven clerks from 9:30 am - 12 noon in the Common Room on Saturday, January 18, 2020.

**January 19 [Sunday]
Southern Quarterly Meeting**

There will be a meeting of the Southern Quarter at Third Haven on First Day, January 19, 2020. This includes provision of a potluck meal for Third Haven and visitors. All contributions are welcome!

**January 21 (Tuesday)
Light Meditation Group**

All are invited to join in a Light Meditation at 7-8 pm in the Common Room on the following dates: January 21, February 6, February 18, March 5, and March 17 (first Thursdays and second Tuesdays). This is a guided meditation based on Rex Ambler's Experiment with Light (see more here: <http://www.experiment-with-light.org.uk/about.htm>). Contact Gwen Beegle for more information, and feel free to join us.

Outreach Film Series

The Outreach Committee is planning a new film series for late January. The themes for our first two film series were Race Relations; and Environmental Stewardship. This year's theme will be Immigration. A tentative slate of documentaries has been selected. But the committee is also eager to hear your ideas. Please feel free to suggest specific movies (documentaries or feature films) that follow our theme. *Please share your ideas with one of our committee member.*

Leaving a Legacy at Third Haven Friends Meeting

The pride that each of us takes in our historic campus of buildings, trees and graveyard owes a great deal to the far sighted and generous individuals who have worshiped here since 1684. The building and restoring of the old meeting house, as well as the building and maintenance of the brick meeting house and the Common Room have meant that today we can meet for worship, fellowship or committee work in attractive and functioning spaces.

Each of us can be a part of this legacy by supporting the work of the Trustees of Third Haven Meeting. The Trustees manage funds that are designated for capital improvements and the long-term maintenance of our property. Gifts to the Trustees of Third Haven Meeting are vital for maintaining and improving our buildings and grounds. (In contrast, gifts to Third Haven Monthly Meeting are essential to sustaining our operating budget.) Please consider an outright gift or a planned gift, such as a bequest, to the Trustees of Third Haven Meeting. These gifts may be made payable to: Trustees of Third Haven Meeting, % D. Rein 9249 High Banks Drive, Easton, Maryland 21601. Thank you.



Christmas Festivities at Third Haven

On Saturday, Dec 7 with the help of FDS Third Haven's refurbished dove was mounted and readied for the Easton Holiday Parade. Co-

sponsored with P.E.A.C.E., the float carried 10 adults and two German Shepard's and featured a dove of peace and wished all Peace on Earth in both word and song (Let There Be Peace on Earth). The re-furbished dove is designed to make it easy to mount and we expect it to feature in many more Holiday Parades to come! Many thanks go to all who helped and to all those who braved the cold to ride on the float; the crowd loved it!

The First Day School annual Christmas pageant was presented on December 22nd at the rise of meeting. The performance included a retelling of the story of Christmas, with some very special guests as the Holy Family and other characters. Friends followed with "hearty hospitality" combining the talents of Outreach, Pastoral Care and First day School, which was savored by all.

On December 29, FDS hibernated until we beginning again in the new year. Spring schedule will be announced soon!

Christmas Caroling topped things off on Friday evening, led by Nancy Robbins and Jonathan Williams. A pot luck dinner energized the crowd, drawing guests as well, and Quakers proved they too can sing!





Third Haven now....and then....

