



## **Third Haven Friends Meeting**

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## **March 2011 NEWSLETTER**

"The veneer of civilization is thin."

Edgar Rice Burroughs

### **Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 2nd Month, 13, 2011**

1. Call to order: John Schreiner, Clerk of Meeting, called the meeting for business to order at 11:36AM after a brief period of silence.
2. Attending: Mark Beck, Gwen Beegle, Molly Burgoyne, Cynthia Browne, Debbie, Danser, Jamie duHoffman, Robert Gladney, Marsie Hawkinson, Connie Lewis, Nancy Mullen, Sumner Parker, Connie Pullen, Michael Pullen, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Meredith Watters, Margaret Wickel, Rob Wieland, John Winterbottom, Ralph Young.
3. Minutes: The minutes for the 1st Month were approved.
4. Query: The Query, "Meeting for Worship with attention to Business", was read during meeting for worship. The Clerk reminded us that the "spirit" of dealing with issues of business often has to do with listening to others particularly those who have worked hard in committee to bring their deliberations to us.
5. Recorder's Annual Report: (see attached). As of December 31,2010, we have 149 members. This is up from 142 members in 2009. In 2010, there were no births, one death, one transfer to us from another Meeting and two transfers out of our Meeting. This report will be submitted to PYM. The Meeting approved the report with thanks to Candace and Marsie.
6. Consideration of a Minute re: the Shoffner bequest: (see attached). With a few minor corrections, the Meeting approved the minute. A question was raised by the Treasurer that the quarterly reports from Friends Fiduciary Fund will need to be reviewed by a member of Meeting and then forwarded to him. The person responsible for this will be discussed at the next business meeting. This fund will appear on the balance sheet as a line item in liabilities and titled the Shoffner International Education Fund.
7. Consideration of a minute revising the Facilities Use guidelines: (see attached sheet). After minor changes were made, the Meeting approved the minute. The Trustees are "owners" of the property and they will also need to review and approve this minute before it is finalized. The Trustees meet in March. The current minute, as approved by Meeting, will be printed in our new directory with a footnote that it is subject to approval by the Trustees. Any changes made

by the Trustees will be brought back to the Meeting during the May or June meeting for business.

8. Carriage Shed Sale: Traditionally we conduct a carriage shed sale about every 18 months. This puts our next sale taking place in the Fall 2011. We decided to put the idea for a fall sale in the newsletter, ask for volunteers for a committee and put this on next month's agenda to talk about in more detail. It is a labor intensive activity that will take much planning ahead of time.

9. May 1, 2011 event honoring Ken Carroll: The annual meeting of the Friends Historical Association will take place on May 1st and honor the years of Ken Carroll's service as he steps down from his position on the board. We have been asked to host the event. It will involve about 30-40 people coming in by bus and participating in meeting for worship. After rise of meeting, Ken will give a presentation followed by brief remarks from one of our members. A luncheon will follow. We will be responsible for hospitality. The Meeting approved this and recommended that we come up with a way to honor Ken at the time of the service.

Meeting for business was adjourned at 1:00PM

Addendum: The Trustees have met regarding the minute on Facilities Use. They have approved the minute. These policies, approved for one year by The Third Haven Meeting for Business and The Third Haven Trustees, are to be reviewed based upon the Meeting's experience February, 2012.

Respectfully submitted, *Molly Burgoyne*

IMPORTANT POINTS:

- Recorder's Annual Report approved.
- Minute regarding Shoffner Bequest approved
- Minute revising Facilities Use guidelines approved
- Hosting event for Friends Historical Association, May 1, 2011 approved.

### **Shoffner Bequest February 12, 2011**

The Testimonies and Concerns committee has, over the past several months, come to clearness and proposes the following division of the Shoffner bequest for approval from Meeting for Business.

\$11,772.00 toward the creation of the Shoffner International Education Fund.

DIRECTION

We believe that Third Haven Meeting desires to have a close and on-going relationship with people who may benefit from this fund. This close connection can be established through visiting, exchanging letters, and personal interactions. We also believe that Third Haven wishes to join with other Quakers and Quaker organizations' work. Members can create opportunities for faith in action through a yearly (or multi-year) theme that would address the mission, outcomes, and queries. This is dealt with below.

PEACE MISSION

The Fund's primary purpose is to support world attainment of peace through education and support of people in underdeveloped countries. Additionally the funds will serve as points of reference to stimulate the development of international connections within the Meeting and in the community at large.

Emphasis will be placed on the First Day School curriculum having components that develop deeper understanding of world issues and how they affect the achievement of world peace.

Direct connections between the Meeting and people from international communities will be encouraged.

#### OUTCOMES SOUGHT

- Have a positive impact on the lives of beneficiaries.
- Strengthen the international outreach of the Meeting, informing adults of international concerns and providing a conduit for meaningful actions in support of the peace testimony.
- Provide for long-term stewardship and action by strongly involving First Day School.
- Strengthen the Talbot County community's commitment to international actions.

#### AUSPICES

Fund would be placed under the auspices of the Testimonies and Concerns Committee in concert with its role in the Meeting. Gwen Beegle will act as point person for the committee at this time.

#### PROCESS

The T&C Committee envisions that each year a designee from appropriate Third Haven Committees would meet to evaluate and review the past year's efforts and to offer suggestions for the coming year. This process is designed to be inclusive of the Meeting's committee structure. Communication with Members through committees will assist in interaction and communication within the Meeting. T&C will then bring the plan for the next year's proposal to be approved by Meeting for Business.

#### INVESTMENT OF MONIES

Funds entrusted would be invested in the Friends Fiduciary Fund. Five per cent (5%) of the funds balance on June 30 of each year would be withdrawn for distribution as determined by the Committee process.

Further, \$3,000 of the total would be directed at once toward the Fuller Center for Housing for rebuilding of homes in Haiti..

The remaining \$3,000 will be entrusted to the Committee, to be discussed for further clearness at the next Committee meeting. The committee moves forward with the intention of discerning by the April meeting for business the allocation of these remaining funds between the three causes:

\* Greg Mortensen's Central Asia Institute,

\*Aquayuda,

\*or the creation of an outreach program targeted at the local Hispanic population.

#### ACTION

Following deliberation and answering questions, Testimonies & Concerns Committee asks for unity and approval of Third Haven Friends Meeting.

**Recorder's Report: 2010 membership statistics:**

0 Births	1 Death
1 Transfer in	<u>2 Transfers out</u>
<u>9 Applications accepted</u>	
+10	- 3
+3 Net Change in number of members	
2009 total membership	142
2010 net change	+7
Total for year-end 2010	149

**First Day School Hosts Stackpoles, Migrant Worker Ministry Coordinators**

Mariann Stackpole explained about migrant workers to the younger First Day attenders while Terry Stackpole discussed migrant worker issues with the older FDS young people.



**Third Haven Monthly Meeting Announcements**

Meetings for Worship

First Days 10am      Fourth Days 5:30pm

March 13                      March 16

March 20                      March 23

March 13 (Sunday)              Daylight Saving time begins.

10 am Meeting for worship followed by meeting for business. Annual reports to be presented: Hospitality, Facilities Use, and Friends Committee on National Legislation.

March 18-19 at Friends Center in Philadelphia.

The following event is part of a series of local gatherings leading up to the 2012 Sixth World Conference of Friends and offered by Friends World Committee for Consultation Section of the Americas. Being Salt and Light: Friends living the kingdom of God in a broken world  
 What is it like to be the only two publicly-declared Christians living in a city in Iran that is the education center for Shiite Muslim clerics? You are invited to hear Linda and David Kusse-

Wolfe, recorded Friends ministers from Wichita, tell their story about feeling led to live and study in the holy city of Qom, Iran at the FWCC gathering Being Salt and Light: Friends living the kingdom of God in a broken world. Linda and David will provide opportunities to relate their experiences to current issues of 'brokenness' that Friends face in our own communities. We hope all will take away something that is relevant-both practically and spiritually-to our lives today. Contact: <http://saltandlight2012.org/thinking.html>

March 19 (Saturday) 11:30 am Training session for Talbot Interfaith Shelter in the common room: Third Haven guest week starts March 20. A sign-up sheet is posted in the common room for overnight shelter volunteers for that week. Please list your name in the day and hour time spaces. We especially need volunteers for the overnight hours, 11:00 pm to 7:00 am. Contact information: Talbot Interfaith Shelter, P.O. Box 2004, Easton, MD 21601  
[www.talbotinterfaithshelter.org](http://www.talbotinterfaithshelter.org)

Friendly Eights: The groups for shared dinners are posted in the common room as well as found below in this newsletter.

The Neighborhood Service Center has an ongoing pantry to help those less fortunate than we with food for their families. Each week Ralph collects non-perishable items which we bring in and takes them to the Center. Please notice the gray tubs at the entrances to the meetinghouse and add something to them. We don't want him to go empty handed! Thank you.

April 13 to 16, 2011 The White Privilege Conference in Bloomington, MN

In 2010, nine Quakers attended the White Privilege Conference and took advantage of a 5% discount on registration. Several of those Quakers believed that the conference was so meaningful to them and could be so worthwhile to other Friends and their meetings, that they began work on bringing at least 60 Quakers to the WPC in 2011. Such a large group that registers through FGC will qualify Friends for the following cost savings:

ITEMREGULAR FEESFEES for FGC GROUP in 2011

- Conference Registration \$315 (in 2010) \$144 if 60 or more Friends
- All-day institutes \$115 (in 2010) \$30 if 20 or more Friends
- Shabbat dinner \$30 non-negotiable
- <http://www.fgcquaker.org/cmr/2011-white-privilege-conference>

To qualify for FGC's group discount, you MUST pre-register with FGC first. Once you pre-register, you will be sent a discount code to be used in the WPC registration. If you register through WPC's website first, you will NOT be eligible for the FGC discount.

PYM 2011 Session - July 27 - 31 at De Sales University

Please review your information at <http://www.thirdhaven.org/> - the meeting's website: the online directory remains protected: please e-mail [taniaharrison@gmail.com](mailto:taniaharrison@gmail.com) or [hawkjm@goeaston.net](mailto:hawkjm@goeaston.net) if you need the password. If you have corrections for the Directory, please send them to [3rdhaven@gmail.com](mailto:3rdhaven@gmail.com)

## **Egypt and Peace**

We pacifists have been told we're living in a dream world.

We've been told we're idealistic, that nonviolence isn't powerful enough to really exhibit change.

We've been told that violence and oppression are more powerful than peace.

To the doubters I say:

How many nonviolent revolutions have to occur until the world realizes that "There is no way to Peace, Peace is the way"?

The Egyptian people have done what the United States military has, in many cases, failed to do: they pulled down an oppressive government. And they did it without violence. They did it with dignity, with their hearts yearning for peace and freedom. They did it with integrity, and with equality: men, women, children, Muslims, Christians, all standing together.

As a Quaker, I stand with Egyptians today. I stand with Tunisians. I stand with everyone everywhere who is working for the true meaning of peace: not the cessation of conflict, but the sense that everyone everywhere has rights, that these rights must be respected...

That there is that of God in everyone, though those exact words may not be the ones used.

*Tatiana Harrison*

## **Third Haven Friends Meeting Worship and Ministry Committee Essentials of Our Quaker Faith and Practice 2.10.2011**

### **Purpose**

This sets forth essentials of the Quaker faith and practice of Third Haven Friends Meeting. Its purpose is to facilitate understanding, communications and outreach to visitors and the broader community. That of God in each person is the core belief of our faith from which our practices – silent worship, testimonies and community – flow. Together these 4 constitute the essentials of our Quaker faith and practice.

### **1. That of God in Each Person**

Third Haven Quakers believe that there is That of God in each and every person. Quakers refer to That of God in each person in many ways – the Inward Light, the Christ Within, Divine, God and Spirit.

Quaker faith and practice provides for a direct and unmediated relationship with God. Worship and prayer does not need to be led by clergy. Quaker faith and practice allows and requires substantial individual responsibility for one's faith, religious practice and spiritual journey. The notion of That of God in everyone entails essentially no doctrine, and little church hierarchy or institutional authority.

Quakers value the "life and teachings of Jesus" as a primary source of our understanding and expression of how to love God and live in the world. The Quaker way is not the only path to the

Divine. The Religious Society of Friends and Third Haven Friends acknowledge variations in Quaker faith and practice. See Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Faith and Practice, 1997, pp 16-17.

## 2. Silent Worship

In Quaker worship, we listen in silence to hear leadings of the Spirit inwardly. During the meeting for worship, individuals discern leadings from the Spirit and are sometimes led to offer these messages as vocal ministry. Some leadings are for the individual alone, some for the meeting for worship. The spiritual discernment of vocal ministry in the meeting for worship is an essential Quaker practice. Listening for leadings collectively in worship is a powerful way to invite such leadings. God has spoken in all times and ages, not just Biblical times, and continues to speak to us today – as continuing revelation.

Quakers have worshiped in the silent or “un-programmed” manner for over 350 years. Third Haven, like many other Quaker meetings, worships in silence – waiting silently and expectantly for the leadings of the Spirit. The gathered silence provides as an opportunity for spiritual reflection, discernment, insight and understanding. The meeting for worship has been called a “meeting for relationship with God.” Friends honor the enormous continuity and the enduring tradition of silent worship. However, Third Haven Friends strive to make the meeting for worship and Quaker faith and practice contemporary and relevant. See Faith and Practice, pp 17-21 and 100-128.

## 3. Testimonies

George Fox, the founder of the Religious Society of Friends, set forth a first principle of our faith – “Let Your Life Speak.” Quakers believe that we should live our faith in our daily lives, in witness, in action in the world. The life and teachings of Jesus inspire and guide us to live our lives in faithful witness.

Our Quaker Testimonies express our beliefs and guide us in living our daily lives, as we accept responsibility, make decisions and take action consistent with our faith. The Testimonies express our shared values and commitments in the Religious Society of Friends, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) and Third Haven. Testimonies have changed over time and vary among yearly meetings. Yearly meetings have different Testimonies and different numbers of them.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Testimonies are – Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality and Stewardship. These are remembered as SPICES.

It is important that as Friends we live our daily lives led by God. Spirit consistently leads Friends to value and express these Testimonies. Quaker beliefs and Testimonies help us set priorities, avoid self-indulgence and achieve a spirit of humility. A life lived in the Spirit leads to an enlightened conscience, gratitude, harmony and peace. See Faith and Practice, pp 145-174.

## 4. Community

Third Haven is a community in how we worship, how we do the work of the Meeting, and how we care for one another. A loving and nurturing community of Friends provides companions on the spiritual journey and community support for individuals, families and children. We welcome visitors, seekers, newcomers and new members. We are eager to share our faith and practice with seekers.

The Meeting community cares for the wellbeing of members and attenders, especially children, those not well and aging Friends. We are ready to offer assistance and to receive it. We conduct weddings, same sex spiritual unions and memorial meetings for worship in the manner of Friends.

Quakers are distinguished by our method of making decisions and conducting business. Our meeting for business is a meeting for worship with a concern for business. Business meetings and matters are to be led by the Spirit and conducted in a worshipful manner. Others sometimes call this consensus, but consensus is secular, not Spirit-led. Most Quakers call this method – decision-making in the manner of Friends. This “Quaker process” is based on clearness (understanding) and unity (agreement). Decision-making in the manner of Friends is deliberate, sometimes slow, but very powerful in its clarity and binding Friends together in direction and action.

Third Haven Friends are responsible for corporate (collective) discernment in the meeting for worship, the meeting for business and the Meeting community. Importantly, when leadings or courses of action are not clear or cause disquiet, we share these concerns with other Friends in worship, worship sharing, discernment, clearness committees or meeting for business.

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*Tom Corl*

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## **First Day School Presentations**

On Sunday February 13 Tatiana Harrison gave a well developed presentation to First Day School concerning the Middle East peoples and conflicts. Her talk centered on the history of the Israel-Palestine Conflict: comparisons between the two populations, the wars and annexations, and the peace efforts of the Ramallah Friends Meeting and School as well as the American Friends Service Committee. The following Sunday, Marsie Hawkinson met with the same group and discussed the activities of the American Friends Service Committee in China during the 1940’s, when her father, Griffith Levering, served in the Friends Ambulance Unit.

## **Parable (based on a dream)**

Thursday, February 17th in Quakerism, speak and listen with love, peace, ministry by Tenzing Chödron | No comments (Edit)

Each spring, there would be war between the village shepherds and the wolf-men. Each spring, the village shepherds would watch in fury as the wolf-men would steal their sheep. Each spring, many would die: villagers and wolf-men alike.

One spring, the villagers decided they’d had enough. A village council was called where all in the village could speak.

“Those no-good rotten thieving wolf-men!”

“Who do they think they are, that they can walk into our pastures and steal our sheep?”

This continued for quite a while until a young woman found the courage to speak.

“But... what if they don’t that what they’re doing is stealing?”

Silence rocked the village council until a belligerent voice called out, “But how could they not know? It’s obvious those sheep are ours!”

More angry voices rang out, but the young woman, now that she had found her courage, would not be silenced.

“But what if they don’t know? What if we’re killing each other over a misunderstanding?”

The village council decided this question was worth investigating and decided to send an ambassador to the wolf-men. The young woman was chosen as the ambassador, marked with a



brown stripe down her chin, and given a bucket of mutton chunks to carry with her to attract the leader of the wolf-men.

She set out into the woods, fear leaping out at her from every movement. Yet she kept on walking, deeper and deeper into the forest, until she no longer knew her way back.

Lost, and tired of smelling the mutton chunks, she tossed the bucket away and sat down to rest.

As she sat leaning against a tree, she noticed slight movement in front of her. Scared but resolute, she didn't run away when the leader of the wolf-men approached her.

"Why have you come out this deep into the forest? Are you lost?" He asked.

"Yes, I'm lost."

"But why have you come?"

"To ask a question."

"What question?"

"Why do you steal our sheep each spring?"

Taken by surprise at her question, the wolf-man paused a moment before answering.

"Steal? You think we are thieves?"

"Well, yes. Those sheep belong to us."

"But they are outside. Does this not mean they are free for anyone?"

"No, we keep them outside because... well, because it's easier than keeping them in our houses."

Now it was her turn to pause as a new question came to her.

"Wait—if you didn't know you were stealing, why did you think we were attacking you?"

The leader of the wolf-men shrugged. "We just thought it was something you humans did each spring, like some kind of weird ritual. Like, 'Oh, now it's March, time to kill the wolf-men!'"

After another moment, during which both collected their thoughts, the leader of the wolf-men dared to ask, "If we stop... stealing... the sheep, would you stop attacking us?"

"Yes!"

And they lived happily ever after.

*Tatiana Harrison*

## Friends in Action



Third Haven people help bag Marilla's lunches at Asbury UMC



First Day School committee plans for our youth



Lorraine and Nancy organize for Talbot Interfaith Shelter sign up.



Candace and Cathy prepare Godly Play on the Testimonies, Living in the Spirit

**I SPY...**How much do you know about fellow Friends?

Do you know a Friend who had a radio program as a child?

Do you know a Friend who was a tennis All American in college?

send your ideas for **I SPY** to the newsletter editor.

(answers page 11, a chance to share a life experience with a Friend!)

## **FRIENDLY EIGHTS** **March-June 2011**

The **first people in the group are the conveners**, not necessarily the first hosts. They will contact the others and get things going. Usual procedure is the host household/partners (Single individuals may want to team up to host a dinner) provide an entrée, a place to meet (which could be a prior reservation to use the Common Room), and decide on the presence of children. Other members of the group bring dishes. If someone can't make a particular event, invite someone else from the Late Sign Up sheet in the Common Room or from the meeting in general to fill in. Enjoy our wonderful Friends!

### **John Schreiner and Heidi Wetzel**

Aiyana Paterson Zincand and Joe Akeret  
Doreen Getsinger  
Eric Neil and Luisa Adelfio

### **Marsie and John Hawkinson**

Lorraine B. Claggett  
Ann Womack  
Debbie and Ed Danser

### **Dona Sorce**

Helen and Winslow Womack  
Denny Bliss  
Larissa Kitenko and Buddy Birch  
Nancy Robbins and Earl Greason



**Taking time to know each other.**

I Spy answers: Radio show: Adrienne Rudge; tennis All American: Susan Claggett