



## **Third Haven Friends Meeting**

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## **DECEMBER 2006 NEWSLETTER**

"People who know little are usually great talkers, while men who know much say little."

Jean-Jacques Rousseau

### **Third Haven Friends Meeting for Business**

**11th Month 12th, 2006**

Attending: Anne Rouse, Nancy Mullen, Meredith Watters, Marsie Hawkinson, John Hawkinson, Norval Thompson, Cathy Thompson, Tania Harrison, Sumner Parker, Doreen Getsinger, Cindy Browne, Jim Rouse, Winslow Womack, Ralph Young, Ann Williams, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Frank Zeigler, Candace Shattuck, Owen Baynham

The Meeting for Business, clerked by Anne Rouse, opened at 11:37 am with a period of silent worship. The 11th query on Stewardship of Resources was read aloud. The clerk asked for reflections; a Friend offered thoughts on the population and use of resources, and of the need for individuals to be accountable for the amount of resources they use.

Approval of Minutes -- No corrections were offered to the minutes of the 10th month meeting minutes; the minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report for October, 2006

Income

Member Contributions 1,625.00

Attender Contributions 100.00

Sales & Cash Box 93.00

Use of Facilities 400.00

Total Income 2,218.00

Expense

Property & Grounds 1,483.18

Child Care 40.00

Communications 108.30

Contingency 11.17

First Day School -5.20

Hospitality 43.81

Resale Items Purchased 416.00

Memberships 25.00

Total Expense 2,122.26  
Net Income 95.74

The clerk turned to the subject of the use of the Common Room by outside groups. Attender Amy Haines had asked for use of the Common Room by her Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) group; originally this request was not accommodated as, under Common Room policy, the group was considered an outside group. Members subsequently asked for a re-examination of this issue, thinking that requests from groups with agendas in sympathy with Friends' testimonies might be accepted. It was thought that in these instances there could be a meeting member designated as liaison between the Meeting and the group. Friends discussed feelings on this subject from the time the building was first in use, emphasizing that the original intent for the policy was to avoid making the Common Room a money-making venture; it was meant for use by Friends. One Friend offered to be the liaison for the AA group in question. Friends offered support for use by Amy and her group as she has some connection to the Meeting. A Friend commented on the need for clarity on what exactly a liaison's role would be. Friends remarked that there would be times when even approved groups would have to go elsewhere when the Meeting had need for use of the space for pre-planned events such as the Carriage Shed Sale. Several Friends voiced the desire to reach out to community members who need help and support. A new policy, the clerk reiterated, might be made to apply to all outside groups, not just AA. Another Friend referred to existing Common Room policies, found in the Handbook, and how they seem to be paid little attention. The question was raised as to whether the policy extends to attenders. It was commented that questions like this should be referred to the Common Room Committee. The question was raised as to whether a member must be present at each meeting of a group in the Common Room. A Friend recommended adding to the existing policy to include this specific point. It was suggested that the Common Room Committee return 12th Month with an appropriately amended policy statement. Discussion of the particulars of the existing policy ensued. It was agreed that the Common Room Committee would review the existing policy, recommend any changes, and review the particulars of Amy Haines' request.

Overseers had nothing to report.

The report of the welcoming committee for Tania Harrison was delivered by Marsie Hawkinson. She, Cathy Thompson and Anne Rouse had met with Tania at the Rouses' house. They welcomed Tania on behalf of the meeting, and it was mentioned that Tania would like her own name tag.

Nominating Committee – A preliminary report was delivered by Meredith Watters. There are only a few open positions, she said: recording clerk, and clerk(s) for the Hospitality Committee as well. There remains the question as to Joe Davis' continuing as the Treasurer. Several friends offered thanks and gratitude for Joe's excellent work to date, and hopes were expressed that he would remain.

Lorraine Claggett gave the Annual Report for Testimonies and Concerns. (See attached) Additionally, Lorraine noted that Third Haven is slightly out of touch with AFSC, but that she personally is the liaison for FCNL. A Friend expressed interest in re-establishing better contact with AFSC.

The Annual Report for TACL was given by Ann Williams. (See attached) The Meeting APPROVED the report.

Candace Shattuck delivered the First Day School report. She announced that November 26 would be a wreath-making event, and requested greens and berries to be brought in.

Candace also delivered the Southern Quarterly Meeting report for Susan Claggett. An E-mail had been received by Third Haven requesting our portion of the salary for Dana Kester-McCabe. The Treasurer has explained that Third Haven has not contributed to her salary since 2004, when we sent \$500. A Friend remarked he thought that we should pay our portion through PYM. Discussion ensued regarding the confusion as to how Dana's salary is really meant to be paid. Norval volunteered to clarify through PYM what our role is. Friends agreed that the Treasurer would pay the due amount, up to \$500, upon receipt of accurate information. It was noted that Dana's contract will be completed soon and she will be leaving her job. A Friend asked for clarification as to what the job of the Quarter's Coordinator entails. It was answered that the Coordinator puts together information and activities involving the Meetings of the Quarter, and that she is the Quarter's representative to PYM.

Cathy Thompson delivered the Report for Interim Meeting (see attached). In response to a question, Cathy stated that in attempts to find a General Secretary, 40 names have been submitted. These names will be shared with the Monthly Meetings for input.

In Other Concerns, Frank Zeigler reported that a new shipment of Faith and Practice volumes was ordered, and Third Haven was given a discount of \$2 per book. Frank also reported that Library and Outreach held an Open House at Third Haven during Waterfowl Festival, and there were 25 visitors. The Clerk announced the expected visit of Joan Broadfield from the Social Action Committee of PYM on December 3. The Meeting was told that anyone wishing to discuss particular issues with Joan is to inform Lorraine Claggett.

After a period of silent worship, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Nancy Mullen*

**Southern Quarterly Meeting** Those present at the Southern Quarter Planning and coordinating committee were (from front of picture) Howard Van Breenen (Wicomico); Ruth Johnson (Camden); Barbara Harrison (Chester River); Michael Richards (Camden); Ralph Johnson (Camden); Dana Kester-McCabe (Wicomico); Susan Claggett (TH); Allison Richards (Candem); Joann Scott (CR); Cheri Clark (Wicomico) Agenda items included Discussing the 2006-2007 annual budget, hearing a report from our coordinator, Dana Kester-McCabe and considering her role in the life of the Quarter and discussing the upcoming Quarterly gathering at Third Haven to be held on January 21, 2007.



**Library Committee** solicits your help! Not only are the shelves full, but also the cabinets under the shelves. We want to get new books for the Meeting but we lack space on the east side of the room. We have sent lists of our old books (on the West side) to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Library. They informed us that they already have those books. We coaxed the local library to take any or all of these old books. They finally selected some for their Maryland Room.

These old books (one printed in 1817) continue to deteriorate. Many have leather bindings coming apart because of the humidity problem. If we do nothing, in only a couple of years, the old books will be next to useless and no one will be interested in them. For our two problems – lack of space and old deteriorating books – we have no answers. Therefore, we appeal to the Meeting for help and a solution that satisfies everyone.

Please give any member of the Library Committee your thoughts and recommendations because we have to take action. Frank Zeigler, Library Comm. member

### **Announcements**

December 3 (first day) 10am meeting for worship followed by a talk by Joan Broadfield of PYM

December 6 (fourth day) 5pm Property & Grounds Committee meets in common room.

December 6 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

December 10 (first day) 10am meeting for worship followed by meeting for business. Committee reports will include Nominating, Property and Grounds, and Worship and Ministry.

December 13 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

December 17 (first day) 10am meeting for worship followed by the First Day School Christmas Program. After the program there will be a cookie exchange in the Common room. Please bring a dozen cookies (homemade or not) with an empty tin so you can take some samples home with you.

December 20 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

Norval and Cathy Thompson will host hospitality on First Day, December 24th. If anyone would like to join us in the effort, or bring something in, it would be wonderful and festive.

Third Haven members and attenders may participate in the winterization project. It is easy to do and only takes some demonstration to learn to make doors and windows weatherproof for the winter for home owners who need the help. Please contact Paige Bethke [prbasso@goeaston.net](mailto:prbasso@goeaston.net) or Ralph Young [ramayoung@verizon.net](mailto:ramayoung@verizon.net) The Social Action Coalition, Neighborhood Service Center, Easton Utilities and Lowes are leading a program to install weather stripping, seal windows, cover air conditioners, etc. for those who can not afford to or are unable to do these things. The cost is being covered by Easton Utilities. Please volunteer to help with this work on Saturdays through Dec. 16.

Someone is needed who can commit to providing six lunches, once monthly, to the Neighborhood Service Center Shelter. The lunches are to be delivered to the Shelter after 4p.m. on the Tuesday evening preceding the fourth Wednesday of each month. For further information please contact Ralph Young, 410-819-0050.

January 21 (first day) Southern Quarter meets at Third Haven Meeting in Easton, MD  
A multigenerational shreshop is planned along with meeting for worship, meeting for business of the Southern Quarter, and midday lunch.

KidsQuake is a website dedicated to children everywhere who are learning about Quakerism.  
[www.friendsmedia.org/kidsquake/](http://www.friendsmedia.org/kidsquake/)

#### Reminders

- Send a contribution payable to: Third Haven Monthly Meeting  
Mail to Third Haven Treasurer, PO Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601
- Send a contribution payable to PYM Annual Fund (mention Third Haven)  
Mail to PYM Development Office, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102.
- Please submit all newsletter articles to [hawkjm@goeaston.net](mailto:hawkjm@goeaston.net). Notices of committee meetings, e-mail and other address changes should also come to this address.

More Computers Needed - The after school learning program in the White Marsh Elementary School is in need of computer equipment. When asked what they needed, the response was "whatever you've got". If you have any computer equipment lying around not being used or if you know of someone who has, please call Ralph Young (819-0050).

The following is an index of coming events listed by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and other major Quaker organizations. Details of these events may be found on the Third Haven Website, <http://www.thirdhaven.org/> by clicking on Complete Text Material on the home page.

## **INDEX OF EVENTS FOR 2006**

### GENERAL (undated)

Parking Permits at Arch Street Meeting House  
New Insurance Policies for Meetings  
Quaker Worship Group Forming near Pottstown  
PYM Annual Fund goal is \$475,000  
Yearly Meeting Takes Action on Climate Change  
Washington Quaker Workcamps  
Working Group on Homelessness Proposed  
Concerned about the War on Drugs?  
WWII CO's Sought for Book Project

Using PYM Library materials  
Join the PYM Library Services Group  
Quaker Parenting Project offers Discussion Series  
Friends Counseling Service

#### JANUARY 2007

January 21 Southern Quarter meets at Third Haven Meeting in Easton, MD  
January 28 (Sunday) 1 to 3 pm Program on Anchoring Friends' Public Ministries

#### FEBRUARY 2007

February 3 and March 3 Earlham Sponsors Winter Conferences on Discernment  
February 17 Workshop on Burial Grounds Scheduled

#### FRIENDS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Western Quarterly Meeting Seeks Youth Activities Facilitator  
Friends World Committee for Consultation Data Entry person  
FGC Associate Secretary for Programs and Outreach  
Director of Quaker Affairs, American Friends Service Committee (?)  
Friends Journal seeks Development Officer  
Call for Licensed Mental Health Professionals  
General Secretary, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

### **Testimonies and Concerns Annual Report, Eleventh Month 12, 2006**

How does our Meeting help to create and maintain a society whose institutions recognize and do away with the inequities rooted in patterns of prejudice and economic convenience? (Query 6)  
We belong to an interfaith social action group, we draw the attention of the Meeting at large to these issues, the committee has asked the Meeting to center prayerfully on places where its own practice is rooted in prejudice. The committee asks for Meeting dialogue (between those with differing points of view) and for an understanding of the phrase "enlightened conscience".

How does our Meeting work to overcome social, legal, economic, and political injustices, locally and in the wider world? (Query 7)

We work through the interfaith social action group to address poverty in small ways; we send lunches to shut-ins with Marilla's lunches; the AVP program and our work in the local detention center speaks to justice, economic and educational needs for offenders; we participate in Habitat for Humanity, send aid to Afghani women, show educational films; we presented the interfaith letter on the issue of torture to the Meeting. We use the work of the Friends Committee on National Legislation to question candidates for political office and to inform our members.

How does our meeting act to advance peace, to oppose violence, and to support the constructive use of authority in our community, our nation and the world? (Query 8)

Peace witness is held in the community with vigils and sing-ins; letters are sent to Congress and the president; support is given to creating a peace garden on our grounds; we hold a concern for

the junior ROTC and the military flags so prominent in the high school; we counsel, when needed, with our youth as they enter adulthood. We look forward to AVP in the high schools and to sponsoring more letters and calls to leaders in government.

What does our Meeting understand to be the meaning and implication of our testimonies on simplicity and integrity? (Query 12)

We understand it to mean we are conservators of the planet's resources in our purchase of electricity, use of water, making our buildings and grounds as green as possible; to advocate giving through purchases that give fair prices to third world country workers; to join with Partnership and know what is available from Yearly Meeting addictions counseling resources; to oppose the establishment of slot machines in Maryland; and attempt to maintain awareness of our participation in the consumerism and commercialization of our society, especially at the Christmas season.

Lorraine Claggett, clerk, Cindy Brown, Norman Hackland, Tania Harrison, Valerie Mazur, Nancy Mullen, Karin Stoker, Rob Wieland. Ralph Young

#### Report on Interim Meeting of October 26, 2006 for Third Haven Monthly Meeting

Report from Interim General Secretary: Mark Myers and Kathy Reilly visited the IRS with intentions to streamline relationships with the IRS around the issue of Quaker testimony against the collection of war taxes. No solution was obtained, though the puzzled appeals officer became sympathetic having learned more about Quakerism. It seems Algorithm within large computer banks makes these decisions.

Report of Arch St. Futures Planning Group (Mark Myers): For over four years a number PYM working groups have been evaluating concepts for the future use and care of the Arch St. Meeting House. The physical needs of the building places increasing financial demands on the Yearly Meeting. He suggest there be an annual fund and endowment to help address the operating, maintenance and the capital improvements costs. A number of proposals and a suggested work process have been shared with Support & Outreach and General Services Standing Committees for their discernment. This process, under the care of IM, will lead to a set of conversations involving all Monthly and Quarterly Meetings to encourage wider participation. The goal is to get to a place of common sense of direction by the spring of 2007. The two committees mentioned above are to bring a joint recommendation to the next IM on November 30.

Annual Fund (Elizabeth Foley): The Annual Fund as of 10/17/06 was \$ 55,727.37 and behind same time last year's figure. The goal is \$475,000. Last year it fell short \$31,000 of FY06 goal, which now contributes to a cash flow problem in the Finance Office. To demonstrate its many benefits, she introduced Rita Varlan, PYM librarian, whose work is funded by the Annual Fund. Rita spoke of the library as the preeminent source of Quaker books and of the extensive use of the library by national and even international requests. She is quite willing to assist MMs with enriching their libraries with both children's and adults' books. Donated books are made available to MMs at no cost.

Financial Oversight Working Group: Norval Thompson (clerk) PYM has 109 funds -market value \$43,228,558-FY6/30/06. Their cash distributions fund PYM's many programs and some

operating costs. 66 are donor restricted (\$21.2MM), 12 unrestricted (\$6.86MM) and 31 designated \$15.1MM. ---( see report in common room for details).

General Secretary Search Committee Update: The committee has made calls to all Quaker organizations and has advertised amongst Monthly and Quarterly Meetings in search of likely candidates. The group has arrived at 40 names. Each person was contacted and urged to put in an application. With the assistance of a Mennonite consultant service, interviews will take place on November 29. It is hoped that a candidate will be found by January 2007.

Peace & Concerns: Pat Finley(Clerk), and Thomas Swain, Clerk of PYM reported on the 9-member (multi-denominational) delegation's trip to Lebanon for Peace and Solidarity. They met with church leaders and the Prime Minister. The people of Lebanon are making a plea for justice, and consideration in the peacemaking process. They stated that the Israeli-Palestinian issue must first be resolved before peace can be achieved. A Peace Pilgrimage from Nazareth, Pa. to Bethlehem, Pa. on December 9 was announced.

Residential Yearly Meeting 2007:Rowen University in Glasboro, NJ from July 26-30th.

*Respectfully Submitted 11/10/2006 by Interim Meeting Representatives: Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Norval and Cathy Thompson.*

## **Roofing the shed**

First day of many on the roofing project for the implement shed whose wooden shingles have rotted. The job (covering some 800sq ft) has included tearing off the old shingles and disposing of them; repairing and replacing part of the sheathing beneath; applying fresh felt, and then new metal roofing designed to fit into the weight and color of other roofing nearby and to protect the contents of the shed for years. The MD Historical Trust is helping pick up part of the tab for the



materials while Quaker Sweat Equity is being applied. Pictured are John Schreiner & Rob Wieland. Not shown but also lending helping hands and expertise over several days were : Larnie Claggett; Clay Owens, Craig Smith, Butch Kemp, Ralph Young, Sumner Parker, Bob Kemp, and Sam Webster. Professionals (Atlantic Roofing w/ Ken Longenecker) have now completed their work on the Old Meeting House (new, pressure treated cedar shingles throughout) and the south side of the Brick Meeting House with 50 year asphalt/composition material. *John Schreiner &*

*Heidi Wetzell*

## **Contemplating Conflict: Rule 2**

One of the toughest issues children face is the hurt created by name calling and put downs. In school peer mediation training, mediators learn to seek agreement from the parties involved to adhere to four ground rules. Rule 1: Do Not Interrupt encourages careful listening. Rule 2: NO NAME CALLING OR PUT DOWNS works to defuse the pain these behaviors create and the defensive responses they invoke in humans, responses that block conflict resolution. Adults are not immune to the sting of such behaviors. Now one might argue that as adults in Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business there is no name calling or put

downs, but listen carefully. Listen to our speech: are we quick to label the ideas of another in a derogatory manner? Listen to our internal dialogue: are we quick to dismiss someone else with a quiet put down within our own minds? The subtleties of such behaviors effect our interaction, causing pain, preventing open listening and blocking conflict resolution. Perhaps it's time to query ourselves: do we implement Rule 2: No name calling or put downs?

*submitted by Dee Rein*

**Friends Committee on National Legislation** Priorities for the 110th U.S. Congress  
approved by FCNL's General Committee, 11/12/06

For more than six decades, the Friends Committee on National Legislation has brought the spiritual experience of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) to bear on federal legislative processes and public policy decisions. We understand the Spirit of God to be active in all of life. We prize the integrity of individual conscience, meaningful participation in gathered communities with many voices, and responsible engagement in building a just and peaceful society where children are cherished and violence is unacceptable. We are called to live in right relationship with all creation, recognizing that the entire world is interconnected.

Friends call for a government that is accountable to its citizens – a government that acts with transparency and integrity, seeks the common good, and protects the vulnerable. We call on our government to restore and preserve the rule of law and the balance of powers among the branches of federal government; to shift federal priorities to reduce the disparities between rich and poor; to address environmental crises; and to respect the methods and findings of scientific inquiry in developing and assessing policy.

For its work with the 110th Congress, FCNL sets the following priorities:

We seek a world free of war and the threat of war:

Promote global security through peace-building, active diplomacy, nuclear non-proliferation, arms control and disarmament, and the peaceful prevention and resolution of deadly conflict. Actively support the United Nations and international law. Address the root causes of war, genocide, acts of terror, and other forms of collective violence.

Oppose U.S. military intervention. Remove all U.S. military and paramilitary forces and bases from Iraq. Assure Iraq's sovereign control over its assets and natural resources, and fulfill moral and legal obligations to reconstruct Iraq through accountable intergovernmental, non-governmental and Iraqi agencies. Move from military operations to civilian peace-building in Afghanistan.

We seek a society with equity and justice for all:

Restore and assure full civil liberties, access to the justice system, and habeas corpus protections for all persons in the United States or under its control. Eliminate secret prisons and the use of torture, and promote human rights around the world through international institutions and law. Demilitarize our national borders, and respect the human rights and dignity of all immigrants.

Support the cultural integrity and tribal sovereignty of indigenous peoples within the United States, respect their rights and promote their well-being, and honor treaty commitments.

We seek a community where every person's potential may be fulfilled:

Reduce structural violence - both social and economic - by changing federal budget, tax, and fiscal policies. Reduce military spending and provide adequate resources to alleviate poverty and address pressing human and community needs, such as healthcare, education, employment, housing, nutrition and public transportation.

We seek an earth restored:

Address global climate change and protect the environment by reducing U.S. fossil fuel consumption through energy conservation, improved efficiency, and accelerated development and use of renewable energy sources. Establish equitable and sustainable use of the world's natural resources by participating in and complying with multilateral environmental agreements.

As way opens, FCNL will continue Friends' longstanding witness for just and fair elections, rights of conscience, criminal justice reform, abolition of the death penalty, an end to institutional racism, and a just and lasting peace in the Middle East through equitable treatment of Israelis, Palestinians and their neighbors.

FCNL's work will be based on legislative opportunity, specific expertise and leadings, and available resources. FCNL has the flexibility, within its Policy Statement, to respond to crises and important legislative opportunities.

In establishing these priorities for the 110th Congress, we are encouraged by the past successes of FCNL's efforts to influence federal policy and by the strong community of Friends and other like-minded people engaged in this work.

As we work to find solutions to these complex problems, Friends continue to seek Divine guidance, renewed strength and hope.

### **Third Haven Moments:**



**John Hawkinson shares Quakerism with Alternatives to Violence Participants. AVP Graduates and Facilitators.**



**First Day School Wreaths**



**Welcome home!**



**Hospitality Snack Diving for all ages.**



**Third Haven visitors**