



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."

Eleanor Roosevelt

Third Haven Friends Meeting

Meeting for Business

1st Month, 14th, 2007

Present: Anne Rouse, Nancy Mullen, Marsie Hawkinson, John Hawkinson, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Susan Claggett, Jim Rouse, Joe Davis, Ralph Young, Sumner Parker, Bob Marshall, Jim Paul, Meredith Watters, Paige Bethke, Doreen Getsinger, Tania Harrison, Tom Corl, Mary Cotton, Winslow Womack, Frank Zeigler, Joyce Zeigler, Ann Williams, Candace Shattuck, Byron Crump, Amy Crump.



Meeting for Business, clerked by Anne Rouse, opened at 11:37 AM with a period of silent worship.

The 1st Query had been read aloud in Meeting for Worship. There were no additional offerings. The clerk asked for any additions or corrections to the previous month's minutes. None being offered, the minutes were APPROVED.

The Treasurer's Report was delivered by Joe Davis. Joe stated that at this point, halfway through the fiscal year, our income, at \$35,351.66, is approximately 65% of our budget, while expenses, at \$27,511.76, are around 50%. Comparisons were given to the previous year for the period July through December. Income and expenses were similar in both years, except Attender Contributions were significantly lower in the current year. Total assets, or available funds, are \$65,257.43.

The clerk presented several mail items. The first item was a request from members of Baltimore Yearly Meeting who are writing a book about conscientious objectors, particularly those from the World War II era. They have found an individual in Easton they would like to have interviewed (Gilbert Walbridge) and are requesting a volunteer from Third Haven who would be willing to conduct the interview. Anyone interested can speak to the Clerk.

Another mail item was a communication from FCNL in response to President Bush's most recent speech, detailing its dismay at the president's call for additional troops to be sent to Iraq rather than working on diplomatic solutions. FCNL requests that Friends let their government representatives know of their concern and their disagreement with the president's policy.

There was also an item from Testimonies and Concerns about peace efforts, and a request for Friends to read the latest communication, to be posted.

Winslow Womack reported for the Common Room Committee. In response to a request by an attender for permission to meet in the Common Room with her women's spirituality group, the Committee drew up conditions to be met by said group, which largely parallel regulations for the Common Room listed in the Handbook. Meetings by the group were approved under the conditions as follows: that meetings would be conducted on Mondays through March from 6-8PM, at which time the arrangement would be re-evaluated. Furthermore, women of like interest in the community would be welcomed, the group would bring its own supplies, food and otherwise; and that no admission would be charged. Parking would be restricted to designated lots on the property, no candles or flame sources would be allowed in the buildings, and no alcohol would be allowed to be used anywhere on the property. The committee would like Third Haven to know of the availability of this group to Friends who have a need for such a group. The starting time for these meetings will be listed in the announcements.

A Friend asked if there was an item in their budget to supply a DVD player for Testimonies and Concerns' movie nights, which are to be held monthly in the Common Room. Winslow responded no, to which Ralph Young replied that he would obtain the player another way.

Meredith Watters, Nominating Committee Clerk then reported the nomination of Molly Burgoyne to the position of Recording Clerk, which Molly has accepted. She is currently attending a workshop at Pendle Hill specifically for recording clerks. Meredith queried as to how the Meeting could help Molly pay for this workshop. Molly can, if she chooses, request reimbursement from the contingency fund, or she can write off the expense. A Friend pointed out that there is a line item for conference expenses. It was determined that Molly could, upon choosing to, apply through the clerk, to the treasurer, for reimbursement for her conference fees.

Meredith went on to say that the position of clerk of Testimonies and Concerns is still pending. The Clerk nominated Paige Bethke, and she has accepted, the third position on the Nominating Committee. Also, Meredith reiterated the remaining need for a new treasurer, as Joe Davis would like to relinquish his post, although it is wished by many that he remain, and Friends are deeply grateful for his service to date.

The Overseers' Annual Report was given by Doreen Getsinger. (See attached). At the close of the report, a Friend asked whether Overseers has determined the date of the 2007 Members and Attenders Luncheon. The date has been set for March 25th.

Susan Claggett spoke about the Upcoming Southern Quarterly Meeting, to be held at Third Haven next First Day. She encouraged Friends to arrive early to register and to sign up for the Shreshops planned throughout the day. She also reminded Friends to bring items for potluck, and to please exclude seafood, as seafood allergies are a concern. The schedule for the day will be posted in the Announcements, and child care will be available. It was determined that breakfast will be provided by Hospitality. Susan requested help with registration duties, and that Friends wear name tags, stating that she expected up to 70 attendees.

Marsie Hawkinson reported for Interim Meeting. She, Doreen Getsinger, Norval Thompson, and Cathy Thompson have been to PYM to meet the three remaining candidates for General Secretary. Marsie remarked how the experience had been uplifting and encouraging; that all three candidates were supremely qualified and wonderful, each different, each recommendable. The resumes for each candidate are posted in the Common Room. In response to a Friend asking whether all three were from PYM, Marsie replied yes, although announcements for the position had gone out beyond PYM. Another Friend gave thanks for those who attend Interim Meeting regularly and keep the meeting apprised of happenings there. It was asked how much of the budgeted \$150,000 was spent on the candidate search and process. Norval responded that it is on the agenda to discuss at the next Interim Meeting. Another Friend involved with non-profits indicated that this sum is in line with what non-profits spend on such searches. She offered her assistance in addressing these issues.

Frank Zeigler spoke in behalf of the Library and Outreach Committee. In response to the committee's request for ideas about creating more shelf space for our library, Frank has received only one reply. He reiterated the pressing need for space and new additions to the collection, not to mention the deteriorating condition of the books, some of which are extremely old. One idea has been to donate some of the books to other meetings, but Frank says that most other meetings have the same books. The committee needs continuing input from Friends as to how to dispose of the books and on the acquisition of new ones. Frank opined that the status quo is not acceptable. One Friend suggested an ad in the Friends Journal listing available books. Another two friends discussed giving authority to the committee to dispose of the books as they see fit, with the possibility of giving away books to interested members. Building shelves in the Common Room was presented as an option. It was decided with APPROVAL that the Committee would come back to the Meeting with options and suggestions, with one friend withholding approval. The Annual Report of the Committee will be presented next month.

With no additional concerns or business forthcoming, the meeting was closed with a period of silent worship and concluded at 12:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Mullen, Asst. Recording Clerk

Third Haven Monthly Meeting Announcements

February 4 (first day) 10am meeting for worship
February 7 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship
February 10 (seventh day) 12:15pm meeting of all committee clerks
February 11 (first day) 10am meeting for worship followed by meeting for business. Scheduled report from the Recorder.
February 14 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship
February 18 (first day) 10am meeting for worship
February 18, 2007 - Winter SQM Meeting For Worship For Business
As you may have heard by now, the SQM Planning & Coordinating Committee recommended that we postpone our usual January Meeting For Worship For Business until February so that we can devote ourselves more fully to our multi generational program that day. It will also give us an opportunity to have one more meeting in Camden Meeting's annex before they demolish it and build a new one with the latest "green" technology. Please mark your calendar for February 18 (snow date 2/25). We will have an important discussion about the future of the Southern Quarter coordinator position, its budget, and the future needs of the Quarter.
February 21 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship
February 25 (first day) 10am meeting for worship
February 28 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship
March 10, 2007 - Southern Quarter Clerks Gathering
Saturday 10-3:00 - Monthly & Quarterly Meeting Clerks, Recording Clerks, and Committee Clerks gather to share their experiences while learning ways to enliven their work and nurture the gifts of their community. Locations & other details to be announced.
The Committee on Friends Education announces that PYM will provide \$600 of grant aid for each child of a Quaker family attending a Friends School for the 2007 - 2008 school year. Information about this tuition aid program including application forms may be found in the Third Haven Meeting common Room.

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. A Friend has generously offered a \$50,000 matching gift to encourage new donors and to increased the amount of Friends gifts to the Annual Fund. Help Friends Earn a \$50,000 Matching Gift for 2006-2007 PYM Annual Fund

- Please submit all newsletter articles to hawkjm@goeaston.net
- . Notices of committee meetings, e-mail and other address changes should also come to this address.

- If you have an excess computer, please call Ralph Young (819-0050) and a new home will be found for it. The demand is great and the supply is small. Last week Dee Rein donated her father's computer which he no longer needs because he is now residing in a VA assisted living facility. The computer now resides in the after school youth program at Scotts United Methodist Church in Trappe. The program staff wish to thank Dee and her father.

Young Adult Friends (ages 18 to 35) are invited to Burlington, New Jersey for a weekend gathering February 16 to 18. We will build connections, share information about supportive communities that already exist, and create programs for on-going nurture and support for Young Adult Friends' communities within the Society of Friends. This gathering is organized by youth workers from Friends General Conference, Pendle Hill and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. For more information, visit www.quakeryouth.org or check-in with Lauren Baumann, PYM coordinator of YAF activities, laurenb@pym.org

KidsQuake is a website dedicated to children everywhere who are learning about Quakerism. www.friendsmedia.org/kidsquake/

Please look at the Third Haven Calendar on the following website: we need your input. <http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=thirdhaven%40gmail.com>

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.

Complete Text of Current Material (Updated January 9, 2007)

PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING INDEX OF EVENTS FOR 2007

GENERAL (undated)

Outreach/Inreach Challenge: Quaker Tapestry Exhibit at Arch Street

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

Concerned about the War on Drugs?

Using PYM Library materials

Join the PYM Library Services Group

Quaker Parenting Project offers Discussion Series

Friends Counseling Service

FEBRUARY 2007

- February 1 – 25 Musical Documentary on the Underground Railroad
- February 3 and March 3 Earlham Sponsors Winter Conferences on Discernment
- February 16 to 18 Big Gathering of Young Adult Friends
- February 17 Conference for Monthly Meeting Librarians
- February 17 9am to 4pm Burial Grounds Workshop
- February 17 Couple Workshop on Valentines Weekend
- February 24 "Restorative Justice" Conference for Educators & Other Peacemakers

MARCH 2007

- March 10 Seminar on School-Meeting Relationships
- March 15-18 FWCC Meeting in Providence, RI
- March 23-25 Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Sessions will be in March (also July)

APRIL 2007

- April 8 Easter
- April 28 QuickBooks Workshop - Back by Popular Demand!

FRIENDS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Friends Journal seeks Development Officer
 Call for Licensed Mental Health Professionals

Third Haven Monthly Meeting-Overseers Annual Report

During the year 2006 Overseers, consisting of members Dee Rein, Doreen Getsinger, Norval Thompson, Monimia Barker, Betty Jean Wheeler, Ann Williams, Nancy Mullen, Helen Womack and Joyce Zeigler, attended to pastoral care, keeping in touch with members via a calling tree by dividing the membership directory alphabetically. Should inclement weather take place it was agreed that the clerk of meeting and communications clerk will e-mail closing information to the meeting and Overseers will contact local computer free members and attenders. The meeting house phone answering machine, a sometimes challenging task, was attended to by Ann Williams. The website e-mails were received and forwarded to the appropriate parties by Dee Rein.

Bereavement and burial processes were reviewed and Declarations of Intentions solicited from all members and filed by Nancy Mullen.

Happy occasions included the wedding of Jessica LeCompte and welcoming with joy of new member Tania Harrison. A new members and attenders luncheon was well attended in March. Friendly Eights created 5 groups for June-December 2006 and 2 groups for the upcoming January-June 2007.

The Talbot County Department of Social Services Stake Holder Survey was completed in hopes of developing resource availability for future members in need. A subscription to the Pastoral Care Newsletter also supports this goal.

All members and attenders are encouraged to allow Overseers to be of service in times of need. We stand at the ready to help and welcome your ideas for future efforts on behalf of the meeting. Respectfully submitted, Dee Rein, Clerk, Overseers with the able support and dependable attendance of Doreen Getsinger.

General Secretary Selected

Report to Interim Meeting of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting by the Search Committee for the General Secretary January 25, 2007

We bring to you with unity and joy the name of Arthur Larrabee for the role of General Secretary.

We note his years of service to his MM and to PYM in a multitude of roles, including Clerk of Yearly Meeting and current Clerk of Interim Meeting

We recognize his highly regarded qualities as consultant and teacher on Quaker decision-making and clerking by Friends all over the country

We are impressed by his skills as a mediator in school settings

We are aware of his history as an attorney in his own law firm and his administrative experience there

We experienced his clear grasp on the challenges and—in his way of thinking—the opportunities before PYM

We found that he has clarity on the nature of the General Secretary role as defined in the job description and the nature of the transition he will need to undertake as he moves from Clerk to this lead staff role.

Finally, we all know of his deeply spiritual center and his unique ability to articulate and act out of that center.

We strongly urge that consideration of and action on the proposals of the Transition Project Group continue move forward expeditiously. They have been a part of our discussions with each of the candidates. We believe that action on these recommendations will create a supportive and promising context in which the new General Secretary will be able to work.

In keeping with the spirit of those recommendations and in light of the job description, we hope that Interim Meeting will encourage and welcome the General Secretary's initiative in a creative review of the structure of Yearly Meeting staff. He needs to assure that it is well aligned with the directions put forth by Yearly Meeting and that utilizes individual staff in ways that are aligned with their skills and passions.

Generational Transition in PYM As the committee has worked over these months, we have found ourselves increasingly united in concern for the challenge of generational change in the yearly meeting and in its leadership. We have come to see this concern is not principally a matter of worrying about where the Friends and leaders of the next decades will come from; many are in our meetings and involved in our programs.

They are participants in our programs for Young Friends and for Young Adult Friends. They are active in Quaker pursuits in our schools. The challenge before us is how to make the structures and processes of our Monthly, Quarterly, and Yearly Meetings conducive, welcoming, and accessible to these next generations of Quaker leaders. There are particular challenges related to deep engagement of our young families as they have to weigh their commitment to Quaker processes with their other pressing obligations. The Search Committee has heard from across PYM concerns for broader inclusion of Young Friends, Adult Young Friends, and Friends with younger families in our processes, structures and life as a yearly meeting. The Search Committee urges that Interim Meeting work with the new general secretary to consider and create paths towards this goal of PYM growing to be a more vibrant intergenerational and multigenerational community.

The Search Committee recommends that the year to year relationship between the Yearly Meeting and General Secretary be undertaken with an expectation of five years of service, at the end of which there would be a fundamental, mutual evaluation of whether it should be extended beyond this timeframe.

The period of five years is intended to provide a time-frame to Arthur as he undertakes his new responsibilities. It would create a known time in the future when both he and the Yearly Meeting can consider freshly his service in the capacity of General Secretary. It would provide a setting in which neither partner in this relationship feels or becomes trapped.

This recommendation assumes timely, thoughtful, and honest annual performance evaluations and annual reappointments within this broader expectation of service. If Arthur's service should be extended at the end of five years, it would represent an explicit renewal of the commitment on the part of both partners and an occasion for another fresh beginning.

Again, we have shared this recommendation with Arthur and he supports it.

Timing of Appointment

The Search Committee recommends that Arthur's assumption of responsibilities as General Secretary begin on April 1, with he and Mark Myers spending blocks of time together in the next two months as times for orientation and transition.

Request by Search Committee to be Laid Down

Members of the Search Committee have offered themselves to be available to Arthur as an informal transition consulting group to be used if and as Arthur feels it would be useful.

But we have completed our formal assignment and ask to be laid down. We make this request with deep appreciation to the Yearly Meeting. In our last session on Sunday afternoon, each member of the committee articulated his and her gratitude to the Yearly Meeting for providing us the opportunity to participate in this process and to experience, through it, our own spiritual growth. We came together as a formal committee, many of us strangers to one another. Lyle Jenks reminded us that we needed name placards in our early meetings. Our group evolved into a trusting, loving, and intimate community.

Moreover, we have felt sustained and supported throughout by your thoughts and prayers. And we have been given fresh hope for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting by the inspiring people who put themselves forward as candidates and by the spirit of the widespread participation in the process. Thank you. Warren Witte, Clerk

Inclement Weather

Friends are reminded, should inclement weather take place requiring cancellation of Meeting, the Clerk of Third Haven Monthly Meeting and the Communications Clerk will e-mail closing information to the meeting. Check your e-mail before risking those icy roads! Overseers will contact local computer free members and attenders.

ShareShop Success Southern Quarterly Meeting



signing up for sessions



getting organized

Camden, Chester River, Wicomico, and Third Haven Monthly meetings united for the recent Southern Quarterly Meeting of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting with activities that were a departure from the usual Quarterly Meeting for Business. The ShareShop strategy is being used throughout PYM to support meetings in their efforts to grow and refine meeting efforts. This multigenerational ShareShop focused on First Day School and Quaker children. Topics included ways children interact with the meeting, conveying Quaker theology to children, and methods for supporting children in non-Quaker settings. Children not attending another session became "Quaker Spies," using clues to learn secrets about Quakerism. Following the hospitality of lunch, a communal worship sharing concluded the event.



children's session



children as leaders



ShareShop discussion



Quaker Spies



intergenerational session



Hospitality fuels our efforts

Contemplating Conflict: Rule 3

Have you ever thoughtfully wondered after the fact why you did or said something? Perhaps this question was even accompanied by a regretful, "What was I thinking?" This is the question we must raise with ourselves as we pursue conflict resolution. In the school peer mediation program, conflict disputants were asked to commit to four rules, including Rule 3 BE AS HONEST AS YOU CAN. Now honesty is certainly a foundation of Quaker tradition; here we are talking about internal honesty. As we discuss matters in Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business, are we honest with ourselves about our motives and biases? Then are we honest and straightforward with others not only about our views but also about the basis for those views? Being open about "What was I thinking?" leaves us vulnerable and requires some degree of trust that we will be treated gently by Friends. With Rule 1: Do Not Interrupt, and Rule 2: No name calling or put downs, Rule 3: Be as honest as you can, contributes to an environment where thoughtful people can resolve conflicts peacefully. *submitted by Dee Rein*

Peace March on Washington

Friends from Third Haven as well as other meetings and like minded folks joined together for the January 27th Peace March on Washington. News reports indicated a successful march, directing the public attention as well as that of politicians to the war in Iraq and the desire of the public for a peaceful resolution.



Third Haven representatives stand for their beliefs

