



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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MAY 2007 NEWSLETTER

"I believe in the sun even when I cannot see it,
I believe in love even when I cannot feel it,
I believe in God even when God is silent."

Wall writing in Dresden, Germany, 1945, related by Stephen Cary

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Interim Meeting April 26, 2007 General Secretary's Report from Arthur Larrabee

I'd like to share with Interim Meeting comments I made to the Yearly Meeting last month.

In my remarks, I began by expressing thanks to Interim Meeting for having named me to be General Secretary. It is a blessing for me to have work that is so closely aligned with the things I most enjoy doing. If I had to choose only a few words to describe what these things are, I would say "growing and nurturing community," whether this work is in the form of administration, of helping the community to find focus and vision, or of raising needed resources.

General secretaries are public Friends and my experience is that public Friends are expected to have visions- as long as they are the right kind. I embrace this expectation and I'd like to share a three part vision for our Yearly Meeting and our work.

First, my vision is that we will, together, do the work of strengthening our Yearly Meeting community. I like a knitting metaphor. I believe we need to be about the work of knitting together our larger Yearly Meeting community into a more perfect garment. My sense is that we, individuals and monthly meetings, don't share a vibrant sense of our larger Yearly Meeting community, and our role in its well being. At Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, where I am a member, we don't know much about Millville Monthly Meeting in Upper Susquehanna Quarter; and in Trenton Monthly Meeting I suspect that there is not much known about Third Haven Monthly Meeting on Maryland's Eastern Shore. In my work, I hope to encourage us to become more interested in each other, claiming each other, individual members and meetings as parts of a larger whole that, when nurtured and energized, will sustain us and feed us in new and positive ways we cannot now imagine.

Second, my vision is that we will, together, grow our community. I have no doubt that we can increase our membership and that we will do so. I see a two fold approach. First, my sense is that

we need to think about our message and how we can present it in a way that will engage and attract others. When someone asks what do Quakers believe, we need a response that does not begin with an apology along the lines of "Well, it's hard to know what Quakers believe; we believe a lot of things, but let me share what I think." Second, I believe that the time is right for us to think about beginning to advertise our existence; if you will, marketing ourselves. The following is a vision contained in Ben Lloyd's recent Pendle Hill pamphlet (No. 387), Turnaround."...across the side of a city bus is a large, colorful poster featuring an attractive-yet-funky couple, and beneath them the words Your Friendly Neighborhood Quakers. Come worship with them. Find a meeting near you at www.Quakerfinder.org Why not think in new ways about how to make ourselves known?

Third, my vision is that we will use well the resources of which we have stewardship. I am thinking not only of our financial resources, but also of our human resources. As General Secretary, I have a special responsibility to help assure that we are using our staff resources well. It will be a major concern of mine that the work of our Yearly Meeting staff is aligned with the concerns and work of our monthly and quarterly meetings.

I believe, with conviction and energy, that the Society of Friends has something very important to say and that we can do a better job of saying it. I think we do this by strengthening our communities and finding new and more creative ways for making us and our message more visible. It is exciting to be about this work, and I look forward to our joining together in doing it.

Arthur Larrabee April 26, 2007

Third Haven Friends Meeting, Minutes of the 4th Month, 15th, 2007, Meeting for Business

Attending: Anne Rouse, Molly Burgoyne, Cathy Thompson, Frank Zeigler, Bob Marshall, Jim Rouse, Sumner Parker, Larny Claggett, Doreen Getsinger, Paige Bethke, Candace Shattuck, Tom Corl, Ann Williams, John Schreiner, Meredith Watters, Ralph Young, and Mark Beck. The Clerk of the Meeting, Anne Rouse, presided over the business meeting. She opened the meeting at 11:30 after a brief period of silence.

Query for the 4th Month: The query "Care for the Meeting Community" was read during meeting for worship. Further afterthoughts on this query included reflections on seeking the will of God as a group, not just as individuals, and being mindful of the discernments of others.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the minutes from the 3rd Month was given after two corrections were made: changing the date of the Gerni/Dabney wedding to June 9 and the date of the Carriage Shed Sale to May 19.

Treasurer's Report: A brief report on the financial condition of meeting was given by Sumner Parker as a member of Budget and Finance Committee. In March 2007, the total income was 1,455.50 and the total expenses were 5,903.90 for a net income of -4,448.40. (Please refer to the full report dated 4/02/07 added to the minutes.) There were no unexpected expenditures in the month and the financial status is sound. A friend referred to the paragraph on page 80 of Faith

and Practice regarding “right sharing” and suggested that the meeting consider a “cap” on cash reserves and at the end of the fiscal year the difference could be donated to worthy causes. This proposal will be discussed in Budget and Finance. The Treasurer’s report was then approved by the Meeting.

Consideration of the Quarterly Meeting Coordinator’s Position: A 20 minute discussion took place regarding the continuation of the current position held by a friend who will soon step down from this role. This person now acts as a coordinator for the four meetings in our quarter of which we are the largest. The position pays roughly 24,000 per year and PYM pays all but 1000. Our Meeting currently splits the 1000 four ways with the other meetings in the quarter. A friend remarked that we do not seem to be very actively involved with our quarter. One thought was raised to consider scaling back the position to a more limited and less costly role. Another question was raised concerning whether our Meeting should pay a greater amount for this position since PYM is experiencing budget crisis. Many felt the coordinator to be an important linkage between PYM and the other smaller meetings in our quarter. We are assuming at this point that PYM is willing to continue funding the position but will expect us to take on a bigger share of the cost some time in the future. In summary, the Meeting endorsed continuing the position. In addition, the Meeting approved laying over the money and contract issues until next month. Before the next business meeting, Anne Rouse will look into the particulars of the contract with the current coordinator to clarify future expectations.

Overseers: Mark Beck was wholeheartedly accepted as a new member. His welcoming committee will be comprised of Frank Zeigler, Ralph Young and Paige Bethke with Frank taking charge of coordinating this. The Meeting has received two letters requesting membership from Lee Ann Dodge and Robert Wieland. These letters were given from the Clerk of Overseers. The next meeting for Overseers will be held the last Sunday of the month.

Worship & Ministry: Bob Marshall reported that the committee recently met and discussed simple strategies for increasing our attendance at business meetings. It was suggested that the clerk take a couple of minutes at rise of meeting to explain the nature of business meeting and encourage all to take part. It would be good if the clerk mentioned the most interesting item on the agenda as a way to pique worshippers’ curiosity in staying for business meeting. Another suggested that we not give a break between rise of meeting for worship and business meeting. The Meeting approved doing away with the pause between meetings. We will possibly discuss other changes such as making coffee available during business meeting at another time. The committee conducted a survey of most conducive times to give the Quakerism 101 course. Friday evenings seem to get the most votes. Bob is coordinating with PYM on further scheduling for the teachers of this course. The other meetings in our quarter will be included. Frank Zeigler graciously offered his B&B accommodations for the PYM teachers. A friend asked for the committee to consider child care.

Bob Marshall announced that he will be moving to the University of Pennsylvania and will have to step down as clerk of W & M. The Meeting thanked him for his hard work, dedication and novel approach to many issues regarding this committee.

Testimonies & Concerns: From last month’s minutes, the list of charitable organizations was read. After some discussion regarding the large size of the list, the Meeting did approve the

entire list with the addition of Alternatives to Violence Project, AFSC Mid-Atlantic Region and the Talbot County Fire Department. The Meeting will donate \$50 per charity. The Meeting agreed that this was a nominal amount to give to each but the list is meant to help stimulate members to investigate, give and continue their activities in these various organizations. It was agreed that the T & C committee will provide links and/or descriptions of these charities on our website.

FNCL: Frank Zeigler presented the 2007 report from Friends Council for National Legislation. Please refer to the full report attached to the minutes.

Interim Meeting Report: There was no interim meeting this past month.

Other Business: Several items upcoming were mentioned including: Clean-up Day- April 28th and the Carriage Shed Sale- May 19th. Monthly Meeting 5th month is on the 13th and will include the annual report of Budget & Finance Committee and submission of the proposed budget for 2007-2008. A meeting discussing the Carriage Shed Sale will take place on Sunday April 22nd at the rise of meeting. Clerk's Meeting will take place on May 12th.

The meeting was adjourned after a period of brief silence at 12:45.

FCNL (Friends Council for National Legislation) 2007 Report

FCNL (Friends Council for National Legislation) is a non-partisan group that lobbies the federal government in behalf of the Quakers for peace, justice, potential individual fulfillment and for an earth restored.

- 1) Congress passed and signed into law that there will be no funding for a permanent military base in Iraq. After a 3 year campaign the Senate energy & water appropriations sub-committee eliminated funding for the "nuclear bunker buster" as a result, in part, of mass letter writing to the committee organized by FCNL.
- 2) The Darfur problem had FCNL bring together 63 diverse organizations to lobby Washington for relief for thousands of starving Africans. Working with Catholics and others with the national religious campaign against torture to stop torture espoused and practiced by the administration. Speaking out against government spying (which happened to hit a Quaker meetinghouse in Florida).
- 3) Continuing lobbying for Native Americans with a symposium of 22 co-sponsors, 200 participants, 49 tribes, scholars, journalists, issue experts and advocates. For every dollar spent on diplomacy, international cooperation, humanitarian efforts and development aid, the US spends \$20 million on war and preparations for war. FCNL lobbied with others successfully against the fence along the southern us border.
- 4) Senator Jim Jeffords, after seeing the renovated FCNL office at 245 2nd street NE, introduced the high performance green building act of 2006 that would require the federal government to set green environmental and energy standards for all federal buildings.
- 5) Last and very important is the intern program (now 30 years old), that continues to build leadership with the youth who believe in our drive to create better solutions to national problems.

Submitted by Frank Zeigler

Worship and Ministry plans to present Quakerism 101 as a series both to Third Haven and to members and attenders of the three other meetings within the Southern Quarter. These sessions will be held here at the rise of meeting on the 3rd first day (Sept 16, Oct 21, Nov 18) as well as the evening of 6th day before the first 1st day of 9th, 10th, 11th month (Aug 31, Oct 5, Nov 2). We will invite all from the Quarter to the sessions. Quakerism 101 will be taught by Thomas Macaluso, whose resume is as follows: 37 years teaching English writing and literature, book arts, the rare book, humanities, and commercial law at Monmouth University (NJ), Ohio State University, and Delaware County Community College (PA) where I also was Associate Dean of Instruction, and from which I retired in 1997. Presently Emeritus Professor, Delaware County Community College. Traveling teacher of Quakerism courses, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Religious Society of Friends. Lecturer: Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and Delaware County Community College speakers' bureaus. Frequent speaker on radio and before many groups on Quakerism and book topics. Address is: macaluso@kennett.net 716 Wollaston Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348 - 610-444-1054

Submitted by Bob Marshall

Doctors Without Borders, the beneficiary of this year's Carriage Shed Sale,

was recognized in 2005 as one of the best relief charities. Today, one-third of the world's population lacks access to essential medicines; in the poorest parts of Africa and Asia this figure rises to one-half. They state that, "Too often in the countries where this charity works, we cannot treat our patients because the medicines are too expensive or they are no longer produced. Sometimes, the only drugs we have are highly-toxic or ineffective, and nobody is looking for a better cure. Since 1999, we have been campaigning internationally to find long-term, sustainable solutions to this crisis. As a medical humanitarian organization, it is fundamentally unacceptable to us that access to essential medicines is increasingly impossible, particularly for the most common global infectious diseases. Launched in November 1999, The Access to Essential Medicines Campaign is the vehicle through which Doctors Without Borders has been advocating for lower prices of existing medicines, to bring abandoned drugs back into production, to stimulate research and development for diseases that primarily affect the poor, and to overcome other barriers to access.

Private donations enable us to deliver independent emergency assistance to people in nearly 80 countries."

Even a small contribution allows Doctors Without Borders volunteers to save lives around the world! Here are specific examples of what donations in dollar amounts can provide:

Dollars	Provide
35	Two high-energy meals a day to 200 children
50	Vaccinations for 50 people against meningitis, measles, polio or other epidemics
70	Two basic suture kits to repair minor shrapnel wounds
100	Infection-fighting antibiotics to treat nearly 40 wounded children
250	A sterilization kit for syringes and needles used in mobile vaccination campaigns
500	A medical kit containing basic drugs, supplies, equipment, and dressings to treat 1,500 patients for three months
1000	Emergency medical supplies to aid 5,000 disaster victims for an entire month
5500	An emergency health kit to care for 10,000 displaced people

To see their website - <http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/home.cfm>

Southern Quarterly Meeting will begin at 10:15am on May 20th, 2007 at Wicomico River Friends Meeting, Carey & Glen Avenues, in Salisbury, Maryland. A guided nature hike and outdoor worship is planned for children during the morning. Children must be signed up in advance in order to get directions. ALL children must be accompanied by a parent on the nature hike which will last from 10:15 till noon. During our Meeting For Worship For Business will take up consideration of the SQM Coordinator Program. And after lunch please join us at the Pilgrimage, the future site of our permanent Meeting house, to plant trees and help us celebrate 20 years as a Quaker faith community. Please let your clerk know if you are coming by May 13 so they can send a head count to Wicomico River. For more information or to sign up your child for the nature hike, call Dana Kester-McCabe: 410-352-5827 or email: sqm@friendsmedia.org

Third Haven Monthly Meeting Announcements

May 9 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

May 10 (fifth day) 6pm Prof. Sherrilyn Ifill to Deliver Lecture at the Main Branch of the Talbot County Free Library based on her book, *On the Courthouse Lawn: Confronting the Legacy of Lynching in the Twenty-First Century*. Copies of *On the Courthouse Lawn* will be for sale following Professor Ifill's lecture.

May 12 (seventh day) 12:30pm Regular quarterly meeting of all clerks. Please submit agenda items to Anne Rouse by May 9.

May 13 (first day) 10am meeting for worship followed by meeting for business. Reports due are communications committee and budget and finance committee. Please submit agenda items to Anne Rouse by May 9.

May 16 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

May 19 (sixth day) 8am to noon - Third Haven Carriage Shed Sale, which will benefit Doctors Without Borders. Volunteers will be present to receive your donations at the common room Monday, May 14 through Friday, May 18 from 10am until 6pm. All items will be priced and displayed or featured in the silent auction. There will be a preview for the Third Haven community during the late afternoon on Friday the 18. Please check with your committee clerk to see how you can help make this sale a success. Contact is Candace Shattuck (410) 226-5787 shattuck@atlanticbb.net

May 19 1pm to 7pm at Friends Center, Philadelphia. - American Friends Service Committee symposium on Iraqi refugees "Building on a Tradition of Reconciliation". An invitation to Friends and others concerned about the Iraqi refugee crisis. Gathered together we will learn more about the humanitarian and political dimensions, ways the global community is responding, and develop ideas for education and advocacy in our US communities. To register go to <http://www.afsc.org/iraq/symposium-registration.htm>

May 20 (first day) 10am meeting for worship

May 20 (first day) 10:15am Southern Quarter meets at Wicomico River meeting in Salisbury.

May 22 Volunteers Needed for Annual Fund Phonation (also May 31, June 4, & June 6)

Faithful Friends will be needed for the phonation to benefit the Annual Fund, which in turn benefits the PYM budget; which in turn benefits us all. This year the phonation will take place on Tuesday, May 22, Thursday, May 31, Monday, June 4, and Wednesday, June 6, at Friends Center in Philadelphia. We share a catered dinner and receive training from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. We make calls from 7 until 9. Parking, bridge and transportation costs are reimbursed. We make

new friends, and visit old Friends. We give some of our God-given time in service to raising the funds that make the wheels of Yearly Meeting turn. Please contact the development office to let PYM know your availability: 215-241-7115.

May 23 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

May 27 (first day) 10am meeting for worship

May 30 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

May 30- June 3 Project Idlewild construction. Both skilled and unskilled carpenters are needed as well as babysitting and food service support. Loan of tools and donation of materials are also being requested. There are volunteer sign up forms on the table in the common room.

For more detailed information look at <http://www.projectidlewild.org/index.html>

June 1 to 3 - Quaker Conference on Torture, "The Work Continues", Guilford College. Register at <http://www.quit-torture-now.org/Pages/07Registration%20Form.pdf> or mail to: Registration, Quaker Conference on Torture, Quaker House, 223 Hillside Ave, Fayetteville, NC 28301

Phone: 910 323 2912 Fax: 1-800-839-5849 E-mail: qpr@quaker.org

June 3 (first day) 10am meeting for worship. "Moving Up Day" for Sarah Thompson, hosted by First Day School. This will take place briefly at the rise of meeting and will be followed by a potluck picnic. Fried chicken and lemonade are being provided by the Hospitality Committee.

All other contributions to the potluck will be greatly appreciated. Thank you and see you there!

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

Volunteers(2) are needed in the Lending Library of the Talbot County Detention Center. Tasks include updating a library data base whenever books are loaned out and when they are returned, pulling and returning books to the book stacks, entering new books into the data base and periodically updating the printed lists of all books in the library which are located throughout the detention center. There are about 5,000 books in the library and weekly circulation varies from sixty to one-hundred books. There is no direct contact with inmates. Volunteers are needed on Monday and/or Friday mornings from about 9:45 until noon. For more information contact Ralph Young, 410-819-0050.

The Third Haven Friends Meeting has helped with the annual Crop Walk for the past several years. Jody Gunn, minister at Church of the Brethren, has been coordinating this project, but is no longer able to serve in this role. She has requested that members of the Interfaith Coalition Against Hunger ask if anyone in their respective congregations would be willing to take on this responsibility. If interested, contact Terry Stackpole at 410-770-5742.

Reminders

- Send a contribution to our meeting payable to: Third Haven Monthly Meeting
Mail to Third Haven Treasurer, PO Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601

- Start collecting material now for the Carriage Shed Sale to be held on May 19 - we will accept items 10am to 6pm at the common room during the preceding week May 14 to 18. Contact is Candace Shattuck 410-226-5787

- Send a contribution payable to PYM Annual Fund (mention Third Haven) Mail to PYM Development Office, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102. Progress of the 2006-2007 PYM Annual Fund reported to Interim Meeting on April 26, 2007 by Elizabeth Foley: of the

2006-2007 Annual Fund Goal of \$475,000., Friends have raised \$349,491. to date, and have two full months in which to raise \$125,509.

- If you have an unused 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.

May 15, 2007, 7 - 9pm "The Two-State Solution: Still Possible?" Friends Center, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia. As we near the 40th anniversary of the Israeli military occupation of Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, there is still hope that a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict can be reached. For the past two decades the "two-state solution" has become and remains the international consensus framework for a solution to the conflict. Yet, in recent years questions have been raised as to whether this proposal is still feasible after 40 years of military occupation. Please join the American Friends Service Committee for an evening of discussion of this important question. Contact: Adam Horowitz, American Friends Service Committee, Middle East Peacebuilding Program - Phone: 215.241.7874 ahorowitz@afsc.org

INDEX OF EVENTS FOR 2007

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.

GENERAL (undated)

Idling Gets You Nowhere

Programs for Friends at Pendle Hill

College Loan Program for Quaker Students

Quaker Exhibits on the Move

FWCC Offers Quaker Interpreters Training

Quakerism Programs at Pendle Hill

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

MAY 2006

May 15| 7 - 9pm "The Two-State Solution: Still Possible?"

May 19 Downtown Hosts Annual Music Festival

May 20 Camp Onas Open House

May 20 Camp Dark Waters' All Camp BBQ

JUNE 2007

June 1 and 2. Providence Meeting Celebrates Eight-Month Anniversary of "PeaceWay"

JULY 2007

July 15 Peace and Justice Picnic

July 26 to 30 Come to Residential Yearly Meeting!

July 26 to 30 Children's Sessions at Residential Yearly Meeting

July 27-29 Pendle Hill Offers Weekend on Basic Quakerism

2008 Quaker Pilgrimage to England

FRIENDS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Outreach Coordinator, Haverford Monthly Meeting

Friends Journal seeks Development Officer

Temporary Job Opening with Friends Center Capital Campaign

Call for Licensed Mental Health Professionals

Advancement and Outreach Coordinator for FGC



Dawn Ferguson from Hawaii joined the children of Third Haven Friend Meeting in learning about spreading peace throughout third world by teaching them a song she wrote called "Children Singing Peace." The children sang the song in 5 different languages. Dawn also performed at the multi-cultural festival in Easton on May 5. *Submitted by Susan Claggett*

Spruce Up Day 2007...enthusiastic workers shine up Third Haven





Thank you all (including the many not pictured) for a wonderful day's work!!