



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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OCTOBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

“Really needing peace today...I find your grounds & meeting house a pleasure to walk, create, love, express beauty. Peace to all, big and small.”

-unsigned note left at Third Haven

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 9th month, 9th, 2007

Attending: Anne Rouse, Molly Burgoyne, Connie Lewis, Mark Beck, Ann Williams, Frank Zeigler, Joyce Zeigler, Peg Walbert, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Paige Bethke, Susan Claggett, John Hawkinson, Doreen Getsinger, Lorraine Claggett, Winslow Womack, Nancy Mullen, Joe Davis, Peter Howell, Cynthia Browne, Jim Paul, Robert Weiland, Leigh Anne Dodge, Sally Vermilye, Ralph Young.

The Clerk of the Meeting, Anne Rouse, presided over the business meeting. She opened the meeting after a period of brief silence at 11:30 AM.

Approval of Minutes: The Meeting approved the minutes of the business meeting from the 6th month.

Hospitality: On October 7th, First Day, at the rise of meeting, a celebration in honor of Vickie and Sam Webster will be held. The Websters have been the caretakers of Third Haven Meeting for 25 years. We will honor them with a potluck lunch celebration. Ann Williams and Joyce Zeigler are in charge of the affair and they may be called with any questions. All are expected to bring a dish to share. Those of us from the Meeting who have been here for 20 years or more are invited to share their stories and histories in the life of our Meeting when the Websters service first began. A request was made from the Hospitality committee to give a gift of \$1000 to the Websters in honor of their years of faithful work and devotion. This was approved by everyone present. A gift of this size will need to be reported as income and these details will be handled by the Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report: This month our outgoing Treasurer, Joe Davis, gave the updated financial report from July 2006 to June 2007. The complete report is included with these minutes. The total income exceeded the expenses due in part to other contributions given to the Meeting recently that were not expected. Several committees did not use all of their budgeted monies. Member and attender contributions were down this year.

Our incoming Treasurer, Robert Weiland, gave the updated financial report from July to August 2007. This statement is included as part of the minutes. There were two items paid this month that are not usual expenses, our quarterly dues to PYM and our carriage

sale donation to Doctors Without Borders. Both financial reports were approved by the Meeting. Joe was thanked for his diligent service and work and his help in getting Robert off to a good start.

Nominating Committee: This committee is working on getting together a slate of committee members to be presented to the Meeting in November. Clerks of all the committees will be calling their respective committee members to confirm their commitment and ask for further nominees.

Budget and Finance: This committee was asked to make a recommendation regarding the wisdom of capping our reserve fund and donating the remaining monies. The committee looked through this issue carefully and does not recommend capping reserves at this time. A full report was submitted to the Clerk and is included in this report.

Friends approved the recommendation of the committee.

First Day School: The children of First Day School will be participating in the Crop Walk, September 30th in Easton. In anticipation of this, the curriculum for the month is "Food for the Body and Spirit". Our families may want to help in this study by signing up for hospitality on the board in the common room.

A friend asked about our current enrollment. Presently, we have three classrooms of 8 children and 5 babies under the age of 3 participating in our FDS programs. Of the 20-30 children signed up, about one half attend regularly.

Clerk's Correspondence: The Clerk received a letter from John Todd requesting membership. This will be turned over to Overseers.

A letter was also received thanking the Meeting for the donation of shoes to the migrant workers program.

The Clerk reminded the Meeting of our invitation to the Unitarian Universalist building dedication on Oct 7th at 3pm. A flyer giving information regarding a Spirited Engagement service on Nov 3rd, will be posted in the common room.

Other Business: A welcoming celebration took place at the home of Susan and Craig Claggett for our new members Leigh Anne Dodge and Robert Weiland. A note from the local Habitat for Humanity was read thanking us for our contribution. A Friend reminded us that our Meeting may be called upon next year to participate again with other churches in building a habitat home. This was done by our Meeting some years ago. Another Friend mentioned that a search committee will begin sometime in the future for a new clerk for AFSC. A Friend brought up a concern regarding the health and welfare of Tom Bartlett which one of the overseers will be looking into. Friends were reminded to check the board in the common room for information about the annual gathering of Friends at PYM.

Anne Rouse concluded the meeting after a brief silence at 12:10pm.

The next meeting for business will be held on 10th Month, 14th, 2007.

Recording Clerk: Molly Burgoyne

Budget and Finance Committee Report At our meeting in August the Budget and Finance Committee considered a request made at the June meeting for business that the Meeting cap its reserve funds at some figure and donate any excess. In its consideration the following items were noted.

- If possible, a good business practice for an organization is to have a reserve equal to its annual budget. Ours is \$54,000 this year. We employ a family as caretakers of the property and we would want to be able to continue their services in the case of a significant short fall in contributions.

-Although the financial working relations between the Meeting and the Trustees has been a very good one in recent years there is no precise understanding between the two groups regarding upkeep of the property and we may be called on to cover the cost of some major repairs.

-The Meeting has approved a guarantee of a \$45,000 loan associated with Interfaith Housing, Although having to cover some part or all of this loan is unlikely this is a contingency that we must consider.

-In recent years no committee has come to the Meeting with a social or outreach project that required funding that was in excess of the annual contingency item in the budget, however the reserve fund would be a source of funds that would allow the project to proceed without delay.

-Considering the items above and with a reserve of \$60,000 the Budget and Finance Committee does not recommend capping the reserves at this time.

Winslow Womack, Clerk, for the Budget and Finance Committee, September 9, 2007

Conference offered by The Center for Deepening and Strengthening Our Meetings: Members One of Another: Our Meeting as Covenant Community.

October 6, 2007 (Saturday, 9am to 4pm) to be held at Swarthmore Meeting - A This conference provides a rich opportunity for meetings across PYM to come together to learn about and explore specific ways to further deepen and strengthen the meeting community. Each meeting is invited to send several participants representing a range of experience and longevity in the life of the meeting. We anticipate that these participants will gain valuable knowledge, new insight and a variety of ideas to be shared widely within the monthly meeting community.

- **Agenda**

Tom Gates of Lancaster Meeting will share his wisdom and experience on the dynamics of Quaker meeting communities “God’s transforming lessons of love, service, compassion and forgiveness.”

- **Facilitated Discussion Groups**

Small group discussions will provide opportunity to engage more deeply on the thoughts lifted up by Tom Gates and to reflect on how our particular meeting’s experience fits with these reflections.

- **Workshops on the Challenges and Gifts of Covenant Community**

A variety of workshops will be offered by Friends experienced in community building, conflict resolution, pastoral care, spiritual deepening, and other relevant topics will be offered.

- **For more information:**

Additional information has been sent to the Clerk of each monthly meeting, and is also included in the current issue of PYM News. For further information, please contact Therese Miller, Program Coordinator, at 215-241-7018 or tmm@horizonworkplace.com

TALBOT INTERFAITH SOCIAL JUSTICE COALITION presents
movies and discussions addressing issues facing our world today: All presentations at
7pm at Third Haven - Free admission
October 19 (Friday) Dark Days
November 16 (Friday) Motorcycle Diaries
December 21 (Friday) Mandela and Declerc
January 18 (Friday) Hotel Rwanda
February 15 (Friday) Children of Man

Friends Hospice

“It is my privilege to announce that Friends Hospice is fully licensed and ready to open. A considerable number of people have contributed to our reaching this important moment. They have contributed time, energy, prayers, expertise, resources and funds. I want to express my gratitude to everyone who helped bring us to this moment.

Some of our volunteers spent this weekend finishing painting, setting up supply shelves and cleaning the office. Our computer systems are in place and going through final preparations. Our staff is completing their training and we will be ready to accept referrals that have an immediate need for care as of October 1st. Please continue to keep Friends Hospice in your hearts and prayers as we start care.”

*TylaAnn Burger, Executive Director, Friends Hospice, 706 W. Girard Avenue,
Philadelphia, PA 19123-1313 (215) 925-6848*

Talbot Hospice Foundation seeks volunteer caregivers for Hospice House Guest Wing and companions for care at home. If you really want to make a difference in someone's life, become a volunteer for Hospice. Volunteers embrace the mission "to live until you die" for those facing a terminal illness. Guest Wing caregivers provide tender loving personal care to the six guests who reside at hospice house. Companions provide socialization, friendship and respite for patients and caregivers at home. Training class Oct. 29, 31, and Nov 2 includes presentations on services, attitudes, and fears about death, advance directives, spirituality, grief, listening skills, setting boundaries, family dynamics, personal care skills and the role of the volunteer. Advance registration is required. Please contact Michelle Burgoon at 410*822-6681 for more information.

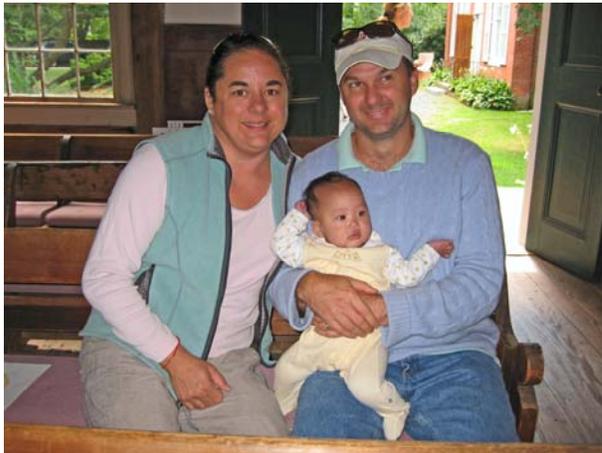
News of Friends:

Ken Carroll has returned to Easton and is staying at "The Pines" which is a Genesis ElderCare Facility here in Easton. Address is Genesis Health Care - 610 Dutchman's Lane Easton, MD 21601 Talbot Wing Room 14. This is the only local facility which offers the level of rehabilitation at which Ken needs. His phone number is 410-820-6037.

He looks forward to hearing from all of his friends/loved ones. His room is filled with cards and notes and he treasures each one. Thanks to Allan and Ellen Mielke for keeping us posted.

New telephone numbers for Norval and Cathy Thompson (Corrected)
Office: 410- 745- 3550 Cathy: 410- 714-3657 Norval 410- 310- 2426

October 7 (first day) Meeting for worship followed by a celebration of the 25 years that Sam and Vickie Webster have been the resident Friends at Third Haven: a potluck lunch is planned by the Hospitality committee.



Tom and Samantha McCall celebrate their new arrival.

“Conferences and Seminars” budget at Third Haven is an untapped item. Money is set aside each year by the meeting to encourage members and attenders to participate in meaningful Quaker programs outside of our area. One needs to apply (usually to one of the clerks of the meeting) in order to start the process of obtaining the meeting’s financial support. In addition to the many posted events in the Brick Meeting House foyer and the common room, there is a lengthy summary of events from both Friends General Conference and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting posted on the Third Haven Website <http://www.thirdhaven.org/> under the heading of Complete Text. Also consider one of the many courses and seminars given by Pendle Hill, which is barely 100 miles from Easton. <http://www.pendlehill.org/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIRD HAVEN MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

First Days 10am	Fourth Days 5:30pm
October 7	October 10
October 14	October 17
October 21	October 24
October 28	October 31

Quakerism 101 for Third Haven and the three other meetings of Southern Quarter
 INSTRUCTOR: Thomas Macaluso PLACE: Third Haven Friends Meeting, Easton, MD

DATES AND TIMES: Two additional sessions will be on Sundays at the rise of meeting (11:15 am): October 21, November 18; Two sessions will be on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm: October 5, November 2

The course will begin with a survey of the history of Quakerism, including the culture and climate in England in the middle 17th century. Thomas Macaluso will also speak to the schisms that split Quakerism in the 19th century.

The second section of the course will cover Quaker theology - faith and practice, modes of worship and conduct of meetings for business. The third section will cover Quakers in the greater world. Thomas Macaluso recommends, but does not require, that participants read Howard Brinton's book, "Friends for 300 Years" or the updated version of the book, "Friends for 350 Years" Questions? Please e-mail Anne Rouse at jimrouse@friend.ly.net

Syllabus for Quakerism 101	The next session will be
3. Fifth Day 10/5 Quaker theology	Creed-less?
4. First Day 10/21 Quaker worship	Mysticism
5. Fifth Day 11/02 Quaker business and organization	Decision making
6. First day 11/18 Quakers in the world	And not of it?

October 27 (sixth day) Saturday morning there will be a bus tour to four Talbot farm projects intended for landowners interested in wildlife habitat restoration. Call Posey Boicourt: 410-476- 3645.



International Day of Peace Vigil

Until further notice, a Silent Peace Vigil will be held each Thursday evening for 1/2 hour starting at 5p.m. The vigil will be held each week in front of the Talbot County Courthouse on Washington Street.

The Neighborhood Service Center's Homeless Shelter has expressed a desire to obtain a computer for the residents to practice computer skills while living there.

If you are upgrading your computer, your old computer can be recycled to the shelter. If you can help to satisfy this need, please contact Ralph Young (410-819-0050)

Caregivers Support Group meets in St. Michaels monthly. Call Dianne Turpin at Upper Shore Aging for details 410-778-3621.

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

- If you have an announcement or newsletter article, please submit it soon to
hawkjm@goeaston.net

- Notices of committee meetings, e-mail and other address changes should also come to this address. The directory on the Third Haven Website is updated every week. Please let us know if you have moved.

REPORT ON PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING INTERIM MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2007 FOR THIRD HAVEN MONTHLY MEETING

Report from the General Secretary: Arthur Larrabee announced staff changes. Tom Hoopes, Director of Education, will leave next June. The new Human Resources Coordinator was introduced. Current vacant staff positions include: Director of Arch St. Meeting House, Assistant to the General Secretary, Director of Development (Elizabeth Foley will be retiring), a Young Adult Friends Coordinator and a Yearly Meeting Sessions Coordinator. He is considering adding a Meeting Relations Coordinator – someone who would be proactive in keeping in touch with the clerks of Monthly and Quarterly Meetings, in order to facilitate a greater awareness of the concerns of the Meetings. There is to be a Social Work Coordinator and Reference person to care for the psychosocial needs of MM members. Arthur stated that, the “no trespassing” signs at Arch St. have been removed and the gates will no longer be locked at night as there is now less of a problem with the homeless on the property. If the situation changes, procedures will be adjusted accordingly. He reported that on September 26, he and other religious leaders participated in a two-hour meeting with the President of Iran in New York, which was organized by the Mennonites. They had been working in Iran for many years; a result of their earthquake relief program started back in the early 1990s. The meeting had the support of the AFSC and FCNL. He said the President of Iran; a religious man, “sees the East/West dialogue as continuing the conversation among the children of Abraham” and spoke of his desire for dialogue with the United States and of his frustration at being ignored at all levels of our government; that Iran seeks peaceful use of nuclear energy as they too will one day run out of oil.

Status Report on National Peace Conference: A national peace conference is being planned. Thomas Swain, YM Clerk, has named a Steering Committee to plan this event scheduled for March 2009 at 4th and Arch St. Meeting House. The committee; in careful consideration with members of an interfaith Advisory Committee, now in formation; will make all necessary arrangements. PYM, in collaboration with the Mennonite Church and the Church of the Brethren, will be extending conference invitations. Over 600 participants are expected. Some PYM funds are available and restricted donations of \$30,000 has already been received and approved by IM.

Peace & Concerns Standing Committee: Pat Finley spoke of an opportunity for MMs to sponsor an Iraqi refugees family for 4 months. Pat encouraged community participation in an Interfaith Peacemaking Fast on October 8th. See www.shalomctr.org

Worship & Care Standing Committee: Allison Anderson announced a gathering at Plymouth Meeting in Pa. on December 8th from 10am – 3:30pm. where Monthly Meeting Worship and Ministry committee members can meet to discuss similar concerns.

Presentation: Jordan Preparative Meeting of Britain Yearly Meeting: Three members of the Jordan Meeting attended IM. The Jordan Meeting is in the process of building an extensive educational and conference center on their property. The estimated cost is \$1 million dollars and they have already raised \$840,000. They are enjoying the visit and spoke of the William Penn connection with Pennsylvania. They are disappointed with the lack of Penn's memorabilia in the city of Philadelphia, stating that William Penn was nowhere to be seen; that his name and story need to be revived.

Young Friends Coming Events

Young Quakes conference, (Friends General Conference) October 5-8 2007. Friday through Monday (Columbus Day) At Oakwood Friends School in Poughkeepsie, NY. The theme is Living a Revolutionary Faith, and the cost for the three nights and four days is \$115. Presenters are Val Liveoak of South Central YM, Susan Jeffers of Lake Erie YM, and Aaron Fowler of Great Plains YM. It should be a particularly wonderful gathering. Registration is limited to 70, and registrations are being accepted. Please see the attachments and spread the word about this event. Look for registration materials on the web at quakeryouth.org . This is a Friends General Conference event.

Young Friends Halloween Gathering October 26-28, 2007, Burlington NJ. A flyer will be posted on the Young Friends website later in September Young Friends website

Outreach to other Young Friends -- How you can help us. Most of the advertising for Young Friends and Middle School Friends gatherings is done by e-mail and on the web. We can only e-mail announcements like this to Young Friends, Friendly Adult Presences and Monthly Meeting Contacts for whom we have e-mail addresses. If you know of young people who should be receiving these announcements ask them to send me an e-mail and I will add them to our list. If we do not have their e-mail addresses they may never hear about Young Friends.

Contact: Cookie Caldwell PYM Young Friends Program Coordinator
cookiec@pym.org 215-241-7222 1-800-220-0796 extension 7222
<http://www.pym.org/youngfriends/index.htm>

First Day School Begins a New Season!



PYM INDEX OF EVENTS FOR 2007 Updated September 24, 2007

Please review the index of coming events listed by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and other major Quaker organizations. Newly updated full accounts 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)

Quaker Parenting Website Updated
Quaker Worship Group Forming near Pottstown
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

OCTOBER

October 5: Concert at opening of Architecture Exhibit
October 6: "Members of One Another: Our Meeting as Covenant Community"
October 13: DOWNTOWN Fall Festival
October 14: Interfaith Service at Merion: Celebrating 325 Years of William Penn's Vision
October 19: Bible Lecture
October 27: Quaker Arts Conference in Bristol
October 27: Treasurers Session
October 27 - November 10, 2007. 2007 Olive Harvest Delegation to Israel/Palestine
October 27: Alzheimer's Program at Friends Village

NOVEMBER

November 3	Gathering for Extended Worship at Chester River
November 3	Spiritual Growth Programs at Gwynedd Meeting
November 3:	AFSC Gathering
November 2-4	Fall Quakerism Workshops at Pendle Hill
November 9:	Tribe 1 in concert at Woodbury
November 11	Opportunity for Young Adult Friends
November 17	Kennett's Quaker Fair
November 17	The Way of Ministry

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2008 Quaker Pilgrimage to England

FRIENDS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Meeting Secretary, Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting

PYM Job Opportunities

Director of Arch Street Meeting House

Executive Assistant to the General Secretary

Director and Representative, Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO)

PYM Seeking Social Workers

Program Assistant, Middle School Friends Program, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

Friends Hospice seeks registered nurses and social workers

Outreach Coordinator, Haverford Monthly Meeting

Friends Journal seeks Development Officer

Temporary Job Opening with Friends Center Capital Campaign

Call for Licensed Mental Health Professionals

November 3 Gathering for Extended Worship at Chester River

The fall gathering on Worship, Ministry, and Eldering will take place Saturday, November 3, from 9:30 am to 4 pm at Chester River Meeting, with the entire morning given to unprogrammed worship. After a bag lunch together, we will have time for worship and sharing. All those who feel a call to ministry of any sort or who are longing for a deeper experience of Quaker worship are welcome. Come gather with us for fellowship in the deep matters of the Spirit. Child care will be available if requested two weeks in advance. Bring a bag lunch. Chester River Meeting, 124 Philosopher's Terrace, Chestertown, MD 21620. For directions, go to: www.pym.org/southern-qm/chester/index.html For more information, contact:

Marcelle Martin at (610) 627-0390, FriendMarcelle@aol.com

or Bob Denison at 410-778-2556, rcdenison@verizon.net

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Arthur Larrabee, General Secretary of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, addressed Third Haven Meeting on September 23, 2007.

There was excellent discussion and a sharing of interests and concerns. The initial portion of his presentation outlining data is repeated here to help members and attenders have a better understanding of PYM. There are 11700 members of our yearly meeting, of whom 9500 are over and 2200 are under age 22.

There are 13 quarterly meetings and 104 monthly meetings in the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland. The southernmost monthly meeting is our neighbor, Wicomico River Meeting in Salisbury.



The five standing committees of PYM (Education, General Services, Peace and Concerns, Support and Outreach and Worship and Care) overlook fifty working groups, each dedicated to a specific task or concern. A final initiative that Arthur Larrabee recommended was for us to look for those who are seeking what Third Haven has to offer as a community.

Deborah Haines will speak on the topic of Spiritual Hospitality on October 21 (first day) Fall Southern Quarterly Meeting at Chester River Meeting: Deborah Haines is a member of Alexandria Meeting (Baltimore Yearly Meeting) and serves as Clerk of the BYM Advancement and Outreach Committee as well as Recording Clerk for the BYM annual sessions. She was formerly Clerk of the Friends General Conference Advancement and Outreach Committee (2000-2006) and coordinated the FGC Centennial observances in 2000. Trained as a historian, she was part of the "New Swarthmoor" revitalization movement in the 1970s, and has traveled widely among Friends offering workshops on the power of early Quakerism.

Worship 10:30am - 11:30am: There will be a very brief Worship with Attention to Business followed by lunch. Our speaker will begin promptly at 1pm. Childcare will be provided. Please contact David Wakely as soon as possible if you are planning to bring your children: 410-810-0562 - dwakeley@gmail.com

Crop Walk raised funds for the Neighborhood Service Center and others who provide food to those in need.



Light Refreshments at mid walk



Nap time for some "walkers"

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Meeting for Worship
Sunday 10-11 a.m.
Wednesday 5:30-6 p.m.
Everyone welcome