



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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NOVEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

"It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds." *Samuel Adams*

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 10th month, 14th, 2007

Attending: Marsie Hawkinson, Tom Corl, Larny Claggett, Winslow Womack, Ralph Young, M. Joyce Zeigler, Frank Zeigler, Robert Wieland, Leigh Anne Dodge, Nancy Mullen, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Sumner Parker, Tatiana Harrison, Janie Tenanty, Dee Rein, Cynthia Browne, John Hawkinson, Doreen Getsinger, John Schreiner, Molly Burgoyne. Marsie Hawkinson, clerking for the business meeting, opened the meeting at 11:40 AM after a brief period of silent worship.

10th query: The 10th query, "Stewardship of the Environment" was read during the meeting for worship. Several friends added thoughts and questions such as "what additional action can we take as a Meeting?" or, "does Property and Grounds need to address recycling concerns again?" or, "do we need to study geo-thermal energy for the Meeting or eco minded bamboo shades or decreasing the use of pesticides and herbicides on our grounds?". There is a friends' middle school that has currently received a "platinum" rating for its environmental-friendliness that other MMs can look to as a prototype.

Approval of Minutes: The Meeting approved the minutes of the business meeting from the 9th month without corrections.

Treasurer's Report: The next Treasurer's report will be given in January 2008.

Overseers: This past June the Dabney/Gerni wedding took place under the care of the Meeting. Overseers Committee currently has the clearance committee for John Todd's membership on hold at the request of John Todd due to his recent physical health problems. The clerk of overseers reminded us that it is the duty of all members to reach out to other members of our community in need. There are updates in the newsletter and announcements of those of our Meeting who are in need of visitation.

Property and Grounds: John Schreiner gave the annual report from this committee. His report is thorough and included as an attachment with these minutes. In brief summary, John will be stepping down from his duties as clerk of this committee in December. Many of the other members, however, will be staying on P & G. A big thank you goes out to Ken Wells who contributed his time and effort without charge fixing the chimney on the caretakers' house. All

of the Meeting should pay attention to the future considerations outlined on the last page of the report. These items may need to be addressed in the upcoming year and include; the common room roof, two items to be completed by John Carr, site tree cataloging and marking, burial survey and policy review, driveway and parking resurfacing and caretakers' health insurance costs. A friend mentioned that the books in the common room belong to the Meeting and not Frank Zeigler so this is an error in the report. Other than this change, the report was approved by Meeting.

Interim Meeting Report: The complete report was included in the Meeting's newsletter on October 5th. Brief highlights include several staff changes and continued openings at PYM and the attendance of Arthur Larabee on Sept 26th at a meeting with the President of Iran. A National Peace Conference is in the planning stages for March 2009. Peace & Concerns Committee announced the need for Meetings to consider sponsoring a refugee family from Iraq. Pat Findley would come and talk to our Meeting regarding this. We agreed that this issue should be looked into by Testimonies & Concerns.

Southern Quarterly Meeting: Deborah Haines will be the guest speaker Sunday, October 21st at Chester River Meeting. Frank Zeigler has volunteered to give our Meeting's report if necessary. Our Meeting will also be hosting Quakerism 101 on the same first day, so all of us have two excellent opportunities to engage in Quaker learning.

Nominating Committee: A reminder was given to let members of this committee, Marsie Hawkinson, Meredith Watters or Paige Bethke know if you are satisfied with your current committee and want to stay on it or have another job or committee you would like to move to.

Other Concerns: The Interfaith Housing Development has finished their project in Salisbury and is now beginning to work on a renovation project in Denton. As was mentioned in business meeting May 2007, we are being asked as a Meeting to guarantee their loan. Action on this has not been taken. A suggestion was made to bring this concern to the Quarterly Meeting.

Also, friends did raise a concern several months ago regarding support of young friends' education. After discussion, this matter was referred to the Nominating Committee to verify that a scholarship committee is indeed in place and can move forward with some preliminary meetings. At business meeting in May, three members, Larny Claggett, Mark Beck and Monima Barker volunteered to be part of this group.

Another friend informed us that AFSC is being sued over allegations of misappropriations of bequeathed monies. There will be more info later regarding this concern.

A friend asked if any would mind if a sign reading "War is not the Answer" at the front gate. No one present objected to this.

The meeting for business concluded at 12:35pm after brief silent worship.

Respectfully submitted, *Molly Burgoyne*



Caretaker Recognition On October 7 a gala event occurred at Third Haven. Following meeting for worship, the celebration of a quarter century of the Websters as resident Friends took place in the common room with many speeches, smiles, a few tears, and a sumptuous pot-luck luncheon. A ceremonial scroll, signed by all, to be suitably framed and presented to them, reads as

follows: " THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING ACKNOWLEDGES WITH GRATITUDE THE STEADFAST SERVICES OF SAMUEL AND VICTORIA WEBSTER GIVEN OVER THE PAST TWENTY FIVE YEARS. BECAUSE OF THEIR CARING PRESENCE, OUR HISTORIC MEETINGHOUSE AND GROUNDS HAVE FOUND A SPECIAL PLACE IN THE HEARTS OF THE COMMUNITY AND BEYOND."



Celebrating 25 years



Jane Escher remembers history



John Schreiner, clerk Property and Grounds



Sam shares his wealth of knowledge with us



the groaning board!



abundant celebration for all

Announcements

THIRD HAVEN MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

First Days 10am

Fourth Days 5:30pm

November 4

November 7

November 11

November 14

November 18

November 21

November 25

November 28

November 3

Gathering for Extended Worship at Chester River

November 4 2:00 am standard time begins again on the first Sunday in November.

Quakerism 101 for Third Haven and the three other meetings of Southern Quarter.

INSTRUCTOR: Thomas Macaluso PLACE: Third Haven Friends Meeting, Easton, MD

Next session: Quaker business and organization and decision making will take place Friday evening November 2 at 7 PM.

Final session: Quakers in the world and not of it? will take place following Meeting For worship November 18.

November 4 (first day) To all who are interested: A brief meeting will take place after meeting for worship. The meeting will be to encourage interest in the new Third Haven Friends Scholarship Committee and we will submit names of those interested in working on such a committee to the Nominating Committee. We will also hear from Monimia Barker on her experiences with a similar scholarship program at another meeting.

November 7 (fourth day) 5pm Property & Grounds committee to meet in common room

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.

Fortunately, we have received a donation of two computers for use in the Homeless Shelter.

Unfortunately, we received no monitors with the computers. If anyone has a monitor to donate, please call Ralph Young (410-819-0050) and he will pick it up.

We now have yard signs to publicly proclaim our desire for alternative solutions to world problems. The signs contain the wording that "War is not the answer" and were provided by

FCNL. The signs are 24"X18", weatherproof, printed on both sides and come with sturdy holders that easily slip into the ground. A donation of \$5 is requested for each sign. Contact Ralph Young, 410-819-0050."

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Leigh Ann Dodge lad.dodge@gmail.com
Jim & Anne Rouse jimwrouse@comcast.net

Reminders

- Please let the nominating committee hear from you.
- 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 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.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting INDEX OF EVENTS FOR 2007

Updated October 7, 2007

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

Think Globally — Eat Locally
Prayer Vigils for Peace at Independence Mall:
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

NOVEMBER

Alternatives to Violence workshops offered in 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 11 Middle East Peace Program
 November 17 Kennett's Quaker Fair
 November 17 The Way of Ministry

2008

January 11-13 Workshop for Recording Clerks at Pendle Hill

Winter 2008 Retreats for Friends,

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

Talbot Interfaith Social Justice Coalition presents movies and discussions addressing issues facing our world today: All presentations at 7pm at Third Haven following a 6pm brown bag meal - Free admission

November 16 (Friday) Motorcycle Diaries

December 21 (Friday) Mandela and Declerc

January 18 (Friday) Hotel Rwanda

February 15 (Friday) Children of Man

Property & Grounds Committee Annual Report 10/14/07

Some Background: It's been over 10 months since the last full report from our committee.

Today, I'll give a brief rundown of the significant activities in this duration...both big & small, completed or in process... plus a word or two concerning the future of our property & grounds.

Current committee make-up: At the end of December I'll be stepping down as clerk having served 3 consecutive 2year terms, 6 years in all. I'll continue as a member in January. Currently serving are: Larny Claggett, Leigh Ann Dodge, Butch Kemp, Bob Kemp, Craig Smith, Sally

Vermilye, Rob Wieland, John Carr, Joyce Zeigler, and Clay Owens. Most have said they'll stay on.

Activities and accomplishments: Roofing – As most know, nearly new roofs are on the old meeting house (cedar shake), south side of the brick meeting house (composition) and the implement shed (ribbed metal). Roofs for the caretakers cottage, Annie's house, and the north side of the brick meeting house are in good serviceable shape and should not need attention in the next couple of years.

Meeting involvement: at the last Spring Spruce-up day was satisfying to all. Rob Wieland led a team, planting 25 white oak and 25 red oak seedlings along the western perimeter of our 7 acre property. To date some 80% have survived. Larny Claggett spearheaded a team to install washed stone and drainage along the north sides of the brick meeting house and common room to mitigate water splashing and mildew build-up in those areas. Butch Kemp and Winslow Womack double handedly painted the exterior of the newly roofed implement shed. Winslow also carved and painted a classy looking new entry way sign while Sam Webster painted the wood and metal post and hardware. Many others pitched in to rake, and weed and plant and prune and wash windows to brighten up our building and grounds. Craig Smith provided a front loader tractor to help move things around and he also bush-hogged a few acres that needed it. Ken Wells fixed the faulty chimney and connections in the Caretaker's cottage donating his skill and materials for the work.

Caretaker's stove: was replaced. Once was the Webster's; the new \$600 gas cook stove belongs to the meeting.

Common Room heat pump: The second heat pump went and was replaced, funded by the trustees; a big, but not totally surprise, hit.

Brick Meeting House furnace: after involved and lengthy effort, Wise Oil finally got our new furnace out of an electronic funk. It's working well for now.

Brick Meeting House: now better insulated w/ the 2nd floor windows sealed in plastic film each winter and with newly blown-in ceiling rafter insulation, future fuel bills should reflect this work.

Annie's House exterior: Now refurbished thanks to work done by John Carr (myriad of small repairs and replacing 2 upper window frames) and painted by Bill Frampton. I encourage you to take a look. This attractive old building, besides housing Sam's tools, adds character to our landscape. We've stemmed the decay at the least possible cost... a delicate balancing act.

Thanks to the trustees for covering that effort's cost and to John C. for his careful work. Other small but important items – We now have automatic door closures on both the widely used common room exit doors... to keep out the cold or heat; and also on the outside front door to the Brick Meeting House. A new, and safer panic bar was installed on the fire escape exit for our 1st Day School folks. We are now purchasing fuel oil on a prepaid contract basis which limits the per gallon price we pay in the ensuing year. The use of our facilities by the Unitarians for about 9

months went smoothly and we benefited from their \$100/wk contribution. Vicky kept a keen eye out for any problems.

Caretaker Relations: Job description reviewed prior to development of new compensation package (involving a raise as well as direct payment of utilities). Communication (between Websters and P&G clerk) now centered on weekly e-mail updates of "to do" items not routine to the job. List kept short and timetable expectations are made known. This seems to work most of the time. Big fete honoring the Webster's 25 year... just this last week enjoyed by all; wide participation and warm and grateful appreciation by the Websters. With the Websters in possession of THF credit card for incidental purchases, delays and paperwork in getting needed supplies is minimal.

Future Plans and Concerns: The common room roof -- especially the south side and cap is showing signs of fatigue and shingles are coming off. This roof should probably be replaced within a year to avoid leakage and further deterioration. This will not require removing old composite shingles.

Still to be done by John Carr: are two items: 1) repair de-lamination at base of Common Room main entry door; and 2) replace rotted clapboards and a window sill on north side of Old Meeting House

Site tree cataloging and marking -- begun but not completed by Leigh Ann Dodge and Rob. The idea here is to have all feature plants properly mapped on a site plan and key features marked for visitors. This will become the basis for any future plantings and serve to create a proper boundary for the burial grounds.

John Schreiner and Butch have teamed up to plan and install extensive shelving in the 1st day school rooms and for Third Haven's books in the Common Rm hallway.

Burial survey and policy review -- begun by John Schreiner in conjunction with the Clerk of the meeting and the clerk of Overseers. The purpose to accurately record known burials; set forth a precise grid and boundaries and available plots for future burials; a code for headstones and markers, encourage cremations and bronze wall plaques, and establish new memorial scattering garden. Meeting ideas and input are sought and welcomed.

Driveway and parking area resurfacing-- has been postponed until next year... due to lack of strong need and budget constraints.

Caretaker health insurance costs -- legacy'd to the meeting need to be reviewed since they have increased recently by nearly 50%. Presently they are designed to cover Vicky as supplemented by Sam's health insurance via his job with the state. They now are approaching \$5,000/year. Should they be capped in some way? How could this be fairly done?

Summary: I want to thank my committee members for their willing and skillful participation and the Meeting as a whole and trustees for their support these past tumultuous six years. New members are sought and welcomed. Any questions or comments?

Respectfully submitted by *John Schreiner* 10/14/07

A Friend writes... "My wife and I took a long hike with our Lab, Darby, this afternoon along the west side of the Tuckahoe. There is a spot where the trail nears the stream and has always been a favorite swimming hole of Darby's. She found a large stick, more a club, that was about five feet long that she wanted me to throw into the water so that she could retrieve it. This I did and it went on for a few times until we decided to head back up the trail. Darby then came rushing up the bank with this large club balanced between her jaws running ahead of us at breakneck speed. It was so funny watching her run full steam ahead banging one end of the stick on a sapling on one side of the trail and then another tree on the other side and so on until she was out of sight. That's when we heard her yelp and when I ran up ahead to see what had happened there she was trying to recover the stick at a place where two large trees were standing like sentries on both sides of the path no more than three feet apart. They stopped Darby cold in her tracks. We both felt foolish for not thinking of this possibility and the severe damage it could have caused Darby. It's easy to forget sometimes that in caring for an animal that one has really become attached to it requires that we sometimes have to think for them regarding their safety. This afternoon I forgot to do this."

Listen to Experience

In these times with the uncertainty of our future in a world filled with violence, we should listen to one of our great presidents: "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. The world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of laborers, the genius of scientists, the hopes of its children....This is not a way of life at all, in any true sense. Under the cloud of threatening war, it is humanity hanging from an iron cross." (From a speech by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953, at the end of the Korean War.) contributed by *Frank Zeigler*, Ridgely, MD

Friends Center Report

The PEDA (Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority) grant was approved on October 17, 2007. Friends Center is to receive \$505,540 for its 'greening'. As Friends, we need to concentrate on doing our share.

What is this share? Obviously that is an individual decision. But whatever financial support for this project we can put together now will reduce the borrowing necessary thus holding costs down for coming years.

We plan to send out an financial appeal to all members of PYM within the next month. We ask all of you, as contacts to your meetings, to please help. We hope to challenge every member of the Yearly Meeting to become a part of this. Please help spread the word to make this appeal a success.

Thanks for your help, *Irv Hollingshead* for the Campaign committee

“Now I am human” are the simple words spoken by Komezusense Samuel, 37, a released prisoner from southwest Rwanda, after he had been present at a Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities (HROC) workshop in Rwanda last summer. The stories of people from Africa who have taken part in these meetings are heartbreaking and hopeful. They can be read in the *Peace Ways AGLI* (African Great Lakes Initiative) fall issue in the Testimonies and Concerns read file on the library shelf in the meeting house. Quaker Peace Teams in the Great Lakes section of Africa and the Friends Peace House of Rwanda had sponsored over 75 HROC groups with over 1500 participants since what has been called the most efficient genocide in history ended. The workshops have been the means by which people who have experienced unbearable hurt have come to forgiveness and transformed the life of their communities. Third Haven supports this work with a small contribution. submitted by *Lorraine Claggett*

from First Day School

Food & Strength. Thanks & Sharing. Praise & Nurture. These words are closely related. As we thank the Spirit for food, we realize that other people don't have enough to eat. This realization leads us to try to understand the causes of hunger in the world and to seek to alleviate this problem. We also see that feeding the body, our own or other people's, isn't enough; we need to feed the Spirit as well. These are some of the ideas First Day School has been thinking about. For Sept & Oct, the children have been wondering these points: Ways to celebrate and appreciate the gifts (bounty, natural resources) we have been given, to recognize that our bodies need spiritual as well as physical nourishment, to see and celebrate our common spiritual and physical selves and to accept and be prepared to recognize the needs in others and help in their physical and spiritual nurture. Having two brand new babies upstairs has really helped the children understand many of these points. We welcomed Molly McCall, attending with her older brother, Max and Gabriel duHoffman, attending with his older brother Gunther. First Day School will end its study of Food for the Body and Spirit with the telling and re-enacting of the "Stone Soup" story. The children will be making Stone Soup on Oct 27 in the Common Room. We invite all to come and have a bowl for there will surely be enough. As the soup simmers on that 4th First Day, we will have singing together lead by Nancy Mullen and Susan Dabney. These two fine women are only part of a handful of energetic adults who have helped out with First Day School so far this year. As clerk, I extend my warmest gratitude to those adults who share in the nurture and teachings of our children. Thank You.

After attending a Godly Play workshop held at Valley Meeting, PA on Oct 13 & 14, I am renewed with this wondrous art of story telling. Cathy Thompson will lead the children in our first Godly Play story of the year on Oct. 21. She will share the parable of The Leaven. We, adults who have experienced this method of sharing stories would like the whole Meeting to see it in action. It is something to experience and the wondering questions at the end are individualized.

In Nov, the Middle School age children will be learning lessons from the FGC publication "Lighting Candles in the Dark"--Stories of Courage and Love in Action. First Day School looks forward to celebrating the Seasons-Fall, Thanksgiving and understanding a little bit more about who Jesus was around Christmas time. Please feel free to share your story with First Day School. Namaste, *Susan Claggett*, Clerk FDS

Visitation Friends are reminded that we have among us elderly or infirm members and attenders whose lack of mobility makes it hard for them to attend meeting or get out much. In the Religious Society of Friends we are each a minister to each other. It is our honor as well as responsibility to attend to such folks, visiting them and sharing the life of meeting with them wherever they are. Find a Friend today and enjoy a reminiscence with him or her! John Shoffner is currently welcoming visitors at Candlelight Cove in Easton. John Todd is welcoming visitors at Londonderry. If you know of another Friend welcoming visitors, let us know so we can publicize their availability. *Dee Rein on behalf of Overseers*



John Shoffner

Coffee Hour fellowship-see you there after Meeting!

