



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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DECEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

"There is often an assumption, I think, that people will know what a certain aspect of the meeting is/entails...It would be a good idea to speak for those who do not know, about TACL, for example: what it does, how it fills gaps, why it is different from other organizations of which one might already be aware."

Third Haven Friends Meeting

Meeting for Business

Minutes for the 11th month, 11th, 2007

Attending: Dee Rein, Nancy Mullen, Tom Corl, Cynthia Browne, Candace Shattuck, John Schreiner, Lorraine Claggett, Sarah Sayre, Ralph Young, Doreen Getsinger, Winslow Womack, Meredith Watters, Leonard Baynham, Frank Zeigler, Jim Paul, Connie Lewis, Janie Tenanty, Sumner Parker, Robert Wieland, Leigh Anne Dodge, Monimia Barker, Tatiana Harrison, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Marsie Hawkinson, Anne Rouse –clerk, Molly Burgoyne-recording clerk.

The Clerk of the Meeting, Anne Rouse, presided over the business meeting. She opened the meeting after a period of brief silence at 11:35AM.

Query: The 11th query, "Stewardship of Resources" was read during meeting for worship. Several afterthoughts were shared. A Friend commented that this particular query was perhaps in need of rephrasing. Another Friend said it made him think of more appropriate ways to consider using resources in our Meeting and as individuals. Another considered addressing the need to support a wider faith community with our resources.

Approval of Minutes: The Meeting approved the minutes of the business meeting from the 10th month.

Clerk's Comments: The last session of Quakerism 101 will be held next First Day at the rise of Meeting. Please give Worship and Ministry your feedback on this course if you participated in it. There is a call to members to check the visitation list in the newsletter and announcements. The number of elderly and infirmed seem to be growing along with the need for visitation. One Friend commented that John Shoffner in particular is in need of a walking companion daily. There are two new worship groups in Lewes Delaware. One small group meets on Wednesday and another one is meeting at Cadbury. Anne Rouse will be spending more of her time in support of these growing worship groups.

Nominating Committee: Meredith Watters presented the preliminary report for the committee. The complete report is included with the minutes. Meredith clearly reported that there are about 52 members who do the majority of the committee work and some people have two jobs. She

suggested that the Meeting think about consolidation of some committees. One Friend shared his thoughts that the numbers of workers were pretty good and perhaps smaller committees were able to accomplish more. The biggest change from the preliminary report was to erase QUNO as that committee has a new configuration under AFSC. Norval Thompson volunteered for AFSC representative but he is not currently on Testimonies and Concerns. Peter Howell needs to be added on to the Scholarship Committee. There was much gratitude expressed by members for the hard work of the Nominating Committee.

Testimonies & Concerns: The annual report was read by the clerk of committee, Nancy Mullen, and is included in this report. There was much discussion over the concerns of the current committee. In the past year, the Meeting has discussed the pertinence of the large number of organizations we donate small amounts of money to. Some feel this has been done to encourage members to give to groups that our other members feel are important. Quaker organizations have typically been on the list to show our support. Others feel that the list of organizations have grown as our own members have added those of particular importance to them and therefore the list has not prompted others to donate but has grown too large to be meaningful. Many agreed that the focus of T & C should be better discerned. There was a suggestion made at the recent Clerk's meeting to make Food Link a project for the entire meeting to take on. All agreed to support the efforts of T & C to focus the committee towards more tangible efforts. T&C will meet this month and discuss the advice from today and report back to business meeting.

Interim Meeting Report: There was no meeting this month.

Old Business: There was no report on the Interfaith Housing Project or the Scholarship Fund this month. A Friend did request that the current funding for the Prison Action be looked into and funds perhaps transferred from this to the scholarship fund. Prison Action currently has \$1800 for the lending library. They will need \$200 a year to continue their work. Robert Wieland will investigate the source of the funding whether it came from the original grant from PYM or from the carriage sale funds in order to report if these monies are transferable.

Our Meeting will host Quarterly Meeting on January 20th, 2008. The Meeting approved Susan Claggett for the organization of this gathering. A Friend mentioned that Susan has served as our representative for several years and would probably welcome another member stepping up and relieving her from this responsibility.

Other Concerns: The Treasurer's report will be given in January but an interim report is included here. Extra expenses under W&M probably reflect child care and the treasurer was asked to move this item under child care. Library & Outreach requested permission to order 50 Faith and Practice. The Meeting approved this.

Sam Webster read a lovely letter of thank you to the Meeting from him and Vicky for their recent celebration of 25 years held in the common room on October 7th.

The next Monthly Meeting will be held 12th Month, 9th. W&M annual report and the Nominating Committee's final report will be given to Meeting in January.

Meeting for Business adjourned at 12:40PM after a period of brief silence.

submitted by Molly Burgoyne-recording clerk.

Announcements: THIRD HAVEN MONTHLY MEETING

Meetings for Worship

First Days 10am	Fourth Days 5:30pm
December 2	December 5
December 9	December 12
December 16	December 19
December 23	December 26
December 30	January 2



Hospitality after Meeting for Worship

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 and Irene Williams are both welcoming visitors at Londonderry. Ken Carroll is happy to hear from members and attenders. If you know of another Friend welcoming visitors, let us know so we can publicize their availability. *Dee Rein on behalf of Overseers*

Young Friends who will be 16-18 years old next summer and who are looking to spend an extraordinary month-long adventure with young Friends from across the Americas and Europe/Middle East - don't delay! Many adults who once were pilgrims cite the FWCC Quaker Youth Pilgrimage as formative in their growth as Friends. The pilgrimage provides opportunities for worship and fellowship with other young Friends from varying theological traditions; exploration of Quaker history; and time to work together on a specific project. The 2008 pilgrimage will take place in Scotland, Ireland and England, from July 18 through August 15, 2008. Applications may be submitted by postal mail or electronically. Deadline for all materials to be submitted is November 30th, 2007. For questions contact: QYP@fwccamericas.org Or write FWCC, 1506 Race St., Philadelphia, PA 19102

December 6 (fifth day) Friends Center invites you to celebrate another milestone in its green building renovation: the first use in Pennsylvania of deep-standing-column geothermal wells. You can visit Friends Center to learn about environmental and economic benefits of geothermal wells, application of deep-standing-column wells in urban settings, and the status of the renovation and capital campaign for Friends Center. The day's schedule includes an open house for members and attenders of Friends meetings from 1:00 - 3:00pm and 5:30 - 7:00pm. Friends are also welcome to attend an assortment of other sessions. Tours of the vegetated roof will occur at Noon, 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30 pm. Building professionals will learn about the technical aspects of geothermal deep-standing-column wells from Noon-1pm under the co-sponsorship of

Friends Center, American Institute of Architects- Philadelphia Chapter, Clean Air Council, and Delaware Valley Green Building Council. You are welcome to attend that session as well. A press conference will be held 1:00-1:45 pm. All sessions will be held at Friends Center, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia. If you would like to come, please RSVP to Adrien Finckel at 215-241-7098 or greeninfo@friendscentercorp.org

December 8 (seventh day) 9:30am Worship and Ministry will meet in the common room.

December 9 (first day) 10am meeting for worship followed by meeting for business. Please notify Anne Rouse of your agenda items by fourth day, December 5. The annual report of the nominating committee will be presented.

January 20, 2008 (first day) Southern Quarterly Meeting will be held at Third Haven. We are responsible for a program, lunch and a SQ business meeting lead by our clerk, Allison Richards. Third Haven will decide at the December business meeting whether to have a formal program or devote the time together to address the business of the Quarter. (There is the potential of a lengthy discussion regarding the future of our SQ Coordinators position.)

Anne Rouse writes, "I want to tell you about an event here at Cadbury that THM Friends might be interested in. The daughter of one of our F/friends here will be speaking on her work in Banda Ache following the tsunami. She is working under the auspices of AFSC. That work has been taken over by the Friends Peace Team. The young woman's last name is Hoover (no kin to the President). I am nagging her mother to write a little blurb for me, I hope in time for the Newsletter. She will be speaking on December 15th at 2:00 p.m. in our auditorium. Our community is located on Gills Neck Road, which runs off of Kings Hwy across from the high school. I will send you additional information as soon as I get it."

Attention Stewards of the Environment! For those who are tired of receiving tons of catalogs in their mailbox, go to www.catalogchoice.org to register and select the ones you would like to eliminate. It's easy and free.

"War is not the answer" - We now have yard signs to publicly proclaim our desire for alternative solutions to world problems. The signs are 24" x 18", 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, and these donations are forwarded to the FCNL Education Fund. Contact Ralph Young, 410-819-0050."

New Religious Education Website Is For Everybody

PYM's new website for Children's Religious Education & Spiritual Life is easy-to-use, pretty, and chock full of resources for everyone who has a hand in nurturing our children. It includes the basics you would expect, such as two pages listing the services and resources offered by the Education and Religious Education Department of PYM. It also has pages and pages of inspiration, concrete support, links, resources and ideas. The website www.pym.org/education/children is designed to be a support to First Day School teachers and religious education committees, of course, but it also seeks to be a resource for parents and for

Meetings as a whole. After all, nurturing the seeds of Quaker faith, practice and witness in our children is a more comprehensive job than can be handled in a 45-minute First Day class!



Adult Education: Quakerism 101 concludes



E-mails to Jim & Anne Rouse, please use: jimwrouse@comcast.net

E-mails for Anne alone: alrouse812@comcast.net

Reminders

An anonymous donor has contributed \$2500 to the TACL Good Samaritan Fund with the stipulation that if the community will match his (or her) \$2500, an additional \$2500 will be contributed to the fund. FYI, last year the Fund gave \$5400 to 60 worthy families and had to turn away another 60 equally worthy families. Please send donations earmarked for the Good Samaritan Fund to TACL, PO Box 1352, Easton, MD 21601.

- 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. <http://www.thirdhaven.org/>

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting INDEX OF EVENTS FOR 2007

Updated November 5, 2007

Please review the newly updated index of coming events listed by 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)

Make Your Holidays Greener

New Religious Education Website Is For Everybody

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

DECEMBER

December 8 Worship & Ministry Clerks Gathering

December 8: Quidditas - Medieval & Renaissance music at Gwynedd Friends Coffee House

2008

January 11-13 Workshop for Recording Clerks at Pendle Hill

Winter 2008 Retreats for Friends,

2008 Quaker Pilgrimage to England

FRIENDS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

First Day School Teacher, Valley Meeting (PA)

PYM Job Opportunities

Director of Development, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

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

Testimonies and Concerns Annual Report 11th Month 11, 2007

T & C revamped itself a bit this year, choosing to divide into smaller categories in an attempt to better manage the myriad of information we sift through regularly in order to present to the Meeting a coherent view of the issues with which Quakers are dealing locally and globally. Our members took on roles as overseers of various subject categories with the idea that at our monthly meetings we would hear from one another and all get an overview of these topics. Our members: Norman Hackland, Jamie DuHoffman, Lorraine Claggett, Cindy Browne, Tania Harrison, Ralph Young, Robert Wieland, Chris Polk and Nancy Mullen, clerk

Due to our members' diligence, we were regularly apprised of situations ranging from global and local peace efforts, United Nations (specifically QUNO) initiatives worldwide, and military actions in several countries. Quaker organizations such as FCNL and AFSC were regularly covered, and the meeting was frequently advised to contact their congress members regarding issues ranging from the environment to social and political issues. PEACE, TACL. The Hunger Coalition, Marilla's Lunches, the Prison Action program, and the Talbot Interfaith Social Justice Coalition are some of the local organizations in which our members are involved. When they report to the Meeting of the efforts of these groups, it is hoped the Meeting will take interest and perhaps a few more members will be drawn to work or give.

Irrespective of the effort and passion of the members of T & C, the committee has recently had occasion to reexamine its mission and standing in the Meeting. It is with some frustration that our members speak of their work on the committee as somewhat unfocused and without specific goals. To pay attention to and report on the various areas the broad title "Testimonies and Concerns" covers has not, it seems, proven to be satisfactory vis a vis the interest and involvement of the Meeting at large. It is felt, for instance, that there is so much to tell that the Meeting cannot possibly know what to look at first (such as regarding the materials placed for perusal on the table in the Common Room). In being spread so thin, it is felt there is little opportunity to involve the Meeting in active projects which make our testimonies and values tangible to us. Therefore the committee would like to ask the Meeting's indulgence as we contemplate a renovation of the committee such that we might be a more active force and not simply a conduit of information which may or may not be relevant to Third Haven members. This concept would be one whereby the committee would come up with projects in which the entire Meeting could be involved, gather facts and put together a plan for each project, and facilitate the Meeting's real-life association with Quaker Testimonies. Comments and questions are welcomed.

Respectfully submitted – Nancy Mullen, clerk

A letter from First Day School

Thanks from FDS to John Hawkinson for making us the loving Godly Play shelving unit and for the strong men who helped haul it upstairs!! It is beautiful.

Thanks to the Websters for always having the FDS rooms cleaned-up for us, heat on and ready for our worship time each Sunday. We thank thee!!

Many thanks to the adults who helped with the Wreath making this year in the Common Room. They were Lorraine T. Claggett, Leigh Anne Dodge, Paige Bethke and Beth Mufson. And thank you to all who brought in greenery. Please take a moment to notice our front door wreaths. There were over 15 children that helped with the annual wreath making. A special contribution to the Meeting from our children.

On Dec. 9, Paige Bethke will be guiding the Middle School children in some cookie making and decorating for the following week's Marilla's lunches contribution. All Middle Schoolers please bring in cookies to decorate, some decorations or sugar cookie dough to bake. There are almost 100 lunches to assemble and deliver on Wed. Dec. 12. Please see Ralph Young or Paige Bethke for questions.

First Day School will be performing their annual Christmas play entitled "Donkey Parade" on Dec. 23 at the rise of Meeting. Following the performance, FDS will supply refreshments and a cookie exchange with the entire Meeting. Just bring a dozen of your favorite holiday cookies to share and take home a dozen assorted.

Other announcements:

Lost: A Santa bracelet on the Meeting grounds on Nov. 25. Lost near the boxwoods closest to the old Meeting House. Please see Katie Claggett.

Marilla's Lunches Ralph Young writes, "The Third Haven people who helped during the preparation and delivery of Marilla's lunches on the third Wednesday of November were Candice Shattuck, Molly Burgoyne and John Hawkinson. The following day was Thanksgiving Day and Thanksgiving dinners were delivered to many of the same people who received the Wednesday lunches. Anne and Helen Womack prepared food, and Anne helped to serve the dinners. Delivery was done by a number of teams. Heidi and John Schreiner made up one team while Molly Burgoyne recruited her friends the Peterman's (Sherry, Fred and son Chris) to form another team. Everyone seems to have found the experience enlightening."



Third Haven's family grows with three additions

Nominating Committee Report

To be presented December 9, 2007

The life of the Meeting is enhanced by the active participation of Members and Attenders in the offices and committees that are responsible for the ongoing activities of the Meeting. We are grateful to all who serve contributing time and effort to tasks related to the life of Third Haven. The Nominating Committee is responsible for making annual recommendations to the Meeting for clerkships, officers and committee membership.

Third Haven Friends Monthly Meeting: Clerks, Officers & Other Assignments: It has become the practice of Third Haven Monthly Meeting to assign terms for Clerks, Officers and other specific assignments to two year terms. It is general practice that clerks, officers and other specific assignments serve for two, two year terms.

Clerk – Monthly Meeting John Schreiner

Assistant Clerk – Monthly Meeting Candace Shattuck

Recording Clerk Molly Burgoyne

Assistant Recording Clerk Nancy Mullen

Recorder Laurence Claggett, Sr.

Treasurer Rob Wieland

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) Frank Zeigler and Jamie DuHoffmann

Interfaith Housing Development Corp of the Eastern Shore Larny Claggett

TACL Ann Williams and Ralph Young

Southern Quarterly Meeting Representative Susan Claggett

NAACP, Talbot County Doreen Getsinger

AFSC- Mid Atlantic Region Norval Thompson and representative from T&C

Third Haven Website Editor John Hawkinson

Third Haven Newsletter Editor John Hawkinson

PYM Annual Giving Larny Claggett

PYM Interim Meeting Representatives Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Norval Thompson, and Cathy Thompson

Talbot Partners Lorraine B. Claggett

Committees

It has become the practice of Third Haven Monthly Meeting that committee assignments are three year terms. It is general practice that members and attenders serve for two, three year terms. Clerks of committees, however, serve two year terms, and generally serve for two, two year terms.

Worship & Ministry

Paige Bethke – Co-Clerk
 Meredith Watters – Co-Clerk)
 Bob Marshall
 Tom Corl
 Jim Paul
 Tania Harrison

Budget & Finance

Winslow Womack (Clerk)
 Joe Davis
 Sumner Parker
 Tom Bartlett
 John Hawkinson
 Mark Beck
 Bob Kemp
 Rob Wieland (Treasurer)

Overseers

Dee Rein (Clerk)
 Doreen Getsinger (Asst-Clerk)
 Nancy Mullen
 Norval Thompson
 Helen Womack
 Marsie Hawkinson
 Anne Williams
 Betty Jean Wheeler
 Candace Shattuck
 Katherine Johnson
 Cynthia Browne
 Irene Williams

First Day School

Susan Claggett – (Clerk)
 Beth Mufson –(Co-Clerk)
 Lorraine T. Claggett
 Christin Dickey
 Samantha McCall
 Marcie & Patrick Malloy
 Amy & Byron Crump
 Janice Shreve

Testimonies & Concerns

Nancy Mullen - Clerk
 Lorraine B. Claggett
 Norman Hackland
 Chris Polk
 Cindy Browne
 Jamie DuHoffmann
 Tania Harrison
 Leigh Ann Dodge
 Sarah Sayre

Library and Outreach

Mary Cotton (Clerk)
 Lorraine B. Claggett
 Mike Mullen
 Peggy Walbert
 Tylor Wrightson
 Clay Owen
 Frank Zeigler
 Adrienne Rudge
 Joyce Macijeski
 Connie Lewis
 Joan Wetmore

Communications

John Hawkinson
 (Clerk & Editor)
 Paige Bethke
 Nancy Mullen
 Dee Rein
 Ralph Young
 Jacob Mullen
 Peter Howell
 Clay Owens

Common Room

Ann Williams (Clerk)
 Beth Mufson
 Winslow Womack

Property and Grounds

Larry Claggett (Clerk)
 Leigh Anne Dodge
 Clay Owen
 Craig Smith
 Rob Wieland
 John Carr
 Butch Kemp
 Bob Kemp
 Joyce Zeigler

Hospitality

Ann Williams (Co-Clerk)
 Cathy Thompson (Co-Clerk)
 Lorraine T. Claggett
 Beth Mufson
 Mike Mullen
 Marcie Molloy
 Jacob Mullen
 Ann Womack
 Ralph Young
 Emma Leibman

Scholarship Committee

Mark Beck
 Monimia Barker
 Sumner Parker
 Peter Howell
 Lorraine B. Claggett
 Larry Claggett

Nominating Committee

Marsie Hawkinson (Clerk)
 Paige Bethke
 Third Member to be named

"If we don't share responsibility, no one grows."

Dear colleagues,

An elder I respect encourages everyone to pay attention to "things that give you hope." I've found two, & thought I'd share them with you. Sometimes people complain that a certain concern is "too big" to address; or demands too much time & money for a small community to engage.

Here are 2 time-limited, doable models for one or more monthly meetings.

a. One can sponsor an Iraqi family for 4 months (using a tested, well-defined model). This is currently being publicised by the Peace & Concerns Standing Committee.

b. One can organize an Amazing Faiths Project Dinner Dialogue - This can be studied on the website of the Boniuk Center for the Study & Advancement of Religious Tolerance (Rice University). It involves no more than 10 persons from different religions meeting for a structured dialogue in a private home, over food. The dinners start with each participant selecting a card & then answering a question broad enough that followers of any faith, or no faith, can draw on their personal experiences. Participants are not allowed to challenge one another's remarks. These dinners began in Houston, TX, with 20 dinners & 200 participants in January 2007, & have now spread to 3 other Texas cities.

Projects such as these have extra benefits -- like the opportunity to involve middle school, high school, & young adult Friends as core participants (thus lowering the average age of Quaker events by several decades, & developing younger Quaker leaders for the years to come). Perhaps you knew of these 2 models already; perhaps (even better!) you have models in your own quarter which we could support & publicize hereabouts. If so, please let me know of them. Blessings!

Sent by Phil Mullen

Friends' values carried into the world



Helping out at the Detention Center



Waterfowl Festival Invitation to visit

Websters Respond

11 November, 2007

Dear Third Haven Friends,

We wish to thank you all again for your heartwarming celebration of our 25 years at Third Haven Friends Meeting on First Day, the Seventh of October, 2007. We wish to thank especially, in order of appearance, Peter Howell for writing the article which appeared in the September newsletter, Ralph Young for taking the photo which accompanied the article, Ann Williams and Cathy Thompson for co-chairing the work of the Hospitality Committee, and John Schreiner for chairing the Property and Grounds Committee, under which we officially serve. These two committees planned and executed our celebration with warmth and affection and the Meeting followed their lead, as evidenced by the many expressions of personal recollection during and after our delicious pot-luck luncheon. Vickie has dried and saved the petals from her rose bouquet, and we have hung the anniversary certificate in a place of honor in our home. The photo album which Ralph Young made commemorating the day is in our library, and your generous monetary gift is safely deposited. All these things will serve as constant reminders of your affection and regard for us, for which we are most thankful.

With warm regards, Sam and Vickie Webster