



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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"I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." *att. to Stephen Grellet, c. 1800*

CLERK'S FAREWELL

Dear Friends,

I would like to say that I have enjoyed being Clerk of Third Haven Friends Meeting... more than I expected. If a meeting is working well, most of the work is done in committee. That was certainly the case the past two years. We had strong clerks, especially in the major committees, and they did the business of the meeting. Like a jigsaw puzzle with its separate pieces, when they come together, the result is lovely picture.

I am very comfortable turning the meeting over to John. I am sure he will bring the same wisdom and enthusiasm that created so much good for Building and Grounds to the conduct of the meeting as a whole.

I thank you all and wish you well. Even though I will not be here often, especially in the near term, know that I am with you in spirit. *Anne Rouse*

CONDOLENCES: William Lowry Lane



Alice and Bill Lane

Bill Lane often said he was born a Quaker and wanted to die a Quaker. This wish was granted on December 26 when he died in Easton Memorial Hospital as his family gathered around his bed. He was 88. His most notable legacy to Third Haven is twofold. Firstly he, accompanied with Alice, took many trips to Pennsylvania to study old meeting houses so that he could properly design our Common Room. He completed oversight of the construction of the building in approximately 1982. Secondly, in 1988, by dint of his persuasiveness, he secured the largest grant ever awarded by the Maryland Historical Trust to use for the rehabilitation of our old meeting house. As before he carefully oversaw this project. Our meeting will remember fondly his dedicated service and the building grounds for years will reflect his love and devotion. He leaves behind four sons and numerous grandchildren. *Pinny Claggett*

No one has ever loved this property more than Bill Lane. For many years, as a skilled craftsman he cared for the old meeting house making or overseeing repairs when needed. When it was decided to restore the meeting house as part of the 300th celebration Bill was the one that took on the day to day monitoring of the restoration insuring that the work was being performed properly. When the Meeting decided to build the common room Bill and Alice visited many meeting houses in Pennsylvania and other near by states to come up with an appropriate design. Bill not only oversaw the construction of the building but did all of the interior trim work with old pine that he had milled just for the occasion. This meeting has benefited greatly over the years as a result of Bill's love and dedication to this property. *Winslow Womack*
Bill Lane's memorial service will be January 12th, 11:00 a.m. in the old meeting house.

LENDING LIBRARY CONTINUES

In 2003, we began to create a lending library in the Talbot County Detention Center (TCDC). We began with a couple hundred books piled in the middle of the floor in a room with a sign on the door saying "Storeroom" (the sign is still there). We appealed for book donations and needed a container in the Common Room into which donations could be placed. The late Bill Lane's wife, the late Alice Lane, instructed (I believe that this is the correct word) Bill to create such a container. After subsequent promptings by Alice, Bill delivered the chest which now resides under a window on the East side of the Common Room. Bill was not content to build just any old container but he built a beautiful chest with the appearance of a piece of quality antique furniture. Bill said that he constructed the chest from some old wood that was lying around his house. The chest has been the repository of many books donated by Third Haven members and attenders.



Chest by Bill Lane

The Talbot County Detention Center lending library now contains over 5,000 volumes. At any given time, about seventy-five percent of the inmates are using the library. Ten complete lists of all books in the library are located strategically throughout the facility. Requests for specific books from the list are filled each Friday and the detention center staff distributes the books to the requesters on the weekend. Library software is used keep track of all transactions. The library is organized by categories as you would typically find in a bookstore (i.e. mystery, poetry, science fiction, philosophy, self-help, etc.). The library is organized into a total of thirty different categories. At this time the lending library staff consists of Mary Young (a UU member) Leigh Anne Dodge, Helen Womack, and Ralph Young. Others who have helped greatly in the past were Anne Rouse and George McManus (another UU member) Any book donations are always accepted and appreciated. At this time the book categories of multi-cultural, humor, poetry and textbooks (particularly Psychology and any trades related textbooks such as automotive) are particularly needed. One measure of the effectiveness of the detention center lending library might be the vast number of books that are taken (i.e. stolen) by inmates when they leave the facility We hope that they continue to put the books to good use after their release. *Ralph Young*

Third Haven Friends Meeting
Meeting for Business
Minutes for the 12th Month, 9th, 2007

Attending: Lorraine Claggett, Meredith Watters, Leigh Anne Dodge, Robert Wieland, Ann Williams, John Todd, John Schreiner, Larny Claggett, Winslow Womack, Candace Shattuck, Susan Claggett, Irene Williams, Frank Zeigler, Connie Lewis, Doreen Getsinger, Nancy Mullen, Joyce Macijeski, Ralph Young, Dee Rein, Peg Walbert, Bob Marshall, Jim Paul, Sumner Parker, Tatiana Harrison, Jim Rouse, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Janie Tenanty, Anne Rouse-clerk, and Molly Burgoyne.



The Clerk of the Meeting, Anne Rouse, presided over the business meeting. She opened the meeting after a brief period of silent worship at 11:45am.

Query: The 12th Query, “Integrity and Simplicity” was read during meeting for worship. There were no additional afterthoughts during business meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The Meeting approved the minutes of the business meeting from the 11th month.

Overseers Committee: Overseers met to review the membership request of John Todd. The membership committee for John was composed of Dee Rein, Doreen Getsinger and Marcie Hawkinson. They wholeheartedly recommended John’s membership at the young age of 90. A welcoming committee comprised of Lorraine Claggett, Meredith Watters and Leonard Baynham will be responsible for celebrating his joining our Meeting. Approval of John’s membership was given by the Meeting.



New Member John Todd

Nominating Committee: Meredith Watters gave the corrected and final report from this committee. This report is included in today’s notes. No significant changes were made except to assign Ralph Young to take Meredith’s place on the Nominating Committee

and to correct the spelling of Cathy Thompson’s name. There was again some discussion regarding our consideration to combine the work of committees. There was specific reference to combining the work of Worship and Ministry with Overseers. Since some members had

conflicting opinions on this matter, it was approved by Meeting to put this topic under the advisement of the Nominating Committee. The final report of the Nomination Committee was approved by the Meeting.

Southern Quarterly Meeting: We will be hosting the Southern Quarterly Meeting on First Day January 20th, 2008. The SQM representatives have met and feel that the January meeting is best spent on business rather than additional informative programming. This January is particularly important as the discussion will be centered on whether or not to continue the position of coordinator for our SQM. The current coordinator is retiring after 5 years. Our Meeting agreed that our time would be best spent in January devoted to this issue as time is of the essence and we all have much to discuss. We will also be privileged to enjoy reproductions of an important Quaker tapestry lent to us from PYM during the time of this meeting. All present approved this. There will be a potluck after this meeting and we were again reminded to please mark all seafood dishes clearly and not share utensils with these dishes in consideration of our members who are highly allergic to seafood. Susan Claggett also requested assistance with SQM and would like others to accompany her to the planning meetings.

Name Tags: A friend brought up the important topic of name tags. All are reminded that wearing them is helpful to everyone but especially those of us who can forget names more easily. Amy Crump has the software to make more nametags and Candace Shattuck will contact her about this matter. We will also make sure temporary tags are available to use for guests or those who don't happen to have their tags with them.

Library and Outreach: This committee bought 50 copies of Faith and Practice at a cost of \$417.45 to the Meeting. Twenty-five are hard-bound, 25 are paperbacks. They will be sold for \$10 apiece.

Interim Meeting Report: A friend gave this report and a copy is included with these minutes.

Other Concerns: A friend remarked on an issue brought up at the last business meeting in regards to monies that may be transferred from the Prison Action Fund to the Scholarship Committee. He would like to have an idea of how the Scholarship Committee plans to establish criteria for awarding scholarship monies. The Meeting agreed this would be good. Our Treasurer is currently looking into the source of the monies left in the Prison Action Fund (re: minutes from 11th Month business meeting) to see if they are transferable.

There will be a meeting for worship at 10:00 am on Christmas Day.

A member shared that we consider giving Faith and Practice as a gift to all new members. Some felt concerned that this may be redundant as those who become members already have it. A suggestion to give Friends Journal was given. The Meeting approved Overseers looking into these possibilities and reporting back to us.

The next monthly meeting for business will take place on January 13th, 2008.

The entire Meeting expressed much gratitude to Anne Rouse for her service as our clerk for the past two years. We all wish her well.

After silent worship, the meeting for business adjourned at 12:38 pm

submitted by Molly Burgoyne, Recorder

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIRD HAVEN MEETING FOR WORSHIP

First Days 10am

Fourth Days 5:30pm

January 13

January 20

January 27

February 3

January 9

January 16

January 23

January 30

February 6

January 9, 2008 (fourth day) 4pm Meeting for all clerks (generally to be held quarterly) the first for the new mix, Wednesday 1/9/08 in the common room at 4pm. Theme: What can we do to make our meeting more vibrant? Please let me know in advance what other business you'd like us to address. The session will adjourn in time for 4th day meeting @ 5:30pm. John Schreiner.

January 10, 2008 (fifth day) 4:30pm Budget and Finance committee meets in common room

January 13, 2008 (first day) Meeting for worship followed by meeting for business. Please send agenda items to Clerk John Schreiner (harriscreek@earthlink.net or 410-745-6124) by Wednesday January 9. Reports due are Overseers and Library and Outreach.

January 16 (fourth day) 9:45am Marilla's lunches will be prepared in the common room and distributed.

January 20, 2008 (first day) Southern Quarterly Meeting will be at Third Haven.

Have you been participating in the Thursday night vigils? PEACE will be participating in the Easton Holiday Parade and are to meet at 5:45-6pm on North Street, which runs between the Anglican Church Parish Hall (formerly Sts. Peter & Paul) and Springhill Cemetery. The parade is to begin by 6:30pm. I believe the parade should last about an hour or so. Please dress accordingly and wear comfortable shoes. The parade will be held in light rain or snow. If cancellation is necessary, the decision will be made by 3pm and will be announced on WCEI. Children are welcome to participate, they must have an adult(s) responsible for the participating child(ren). We have international flags for them to carry if they wish. I would like to have a count of those participating. Please confirm by calling Bruce Butler at 410-820-5692.

"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."

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.

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!

Reminders: Please wear your nametag

- We will be working on a new edition of the Third Haven Directory during the next month. Please be sure to forward all changes in your mailing address, e-mail address or telephone number. Send corrections to John Hawkinson, 7352 Playtors Cove Ct., Easton, MD 21601 or preferably by e-mail to hawkjm@goeaston.net

- 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.

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

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- 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/> is our website. We are currently revising this site to make it easier to use. Please review it from your perspective: what would you like to see on our website that is not there. If you are involved with a committee, do you have a message that should be included?

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.

INDEX OF EVENTS FOR 2008 Updated December 7, 2007

GENERAL (undated)

Spiritual Life Programs at Gwynedd Meeting
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

2008

JANUARY

January 15 ff Pendle Hill Lecture Series on Spiritual Practice
January 16-18 Friends Council's Mindfulness Workshop at Pendle Hill

Winter 2008 Retreats for Friends,

MARCH

March 1 Winter Gathering for Extended Worship
March 28-29 Yearly Meeting Dates for 2008 Announced

2008 Quaker Pilgrimage to England

Nominating Committee Annual Report – 2007

Our Meeting is enriched when all members and regular attenders actively participate in the business life of the meeting. Involvement nurtures the spirit of the individual and strengthens our sense of community. In addition to committee work, some of us have additional unique gifts or leadings. These may be teaching our children on First Day, installing a new roof, standing as a Quaker peace testimony representative in front of the Court House, or delivering lunches to shut-ins. Some also contribute through thoughtful vocal ministry which was as a result of deep spiritual research and preparation for Monthly worship service. Recognizing all this time and effort, the Nominating Committee recommends committees consider consolidation of some of their activities with other committees whenever possible so as not to overly stretch and stress-out our members and attenders.

The Nominating Committee has tried to discern the gifts of all members and attenders to properly position them in the Meeting business activities. We hope the proposed composition of Committees for 2008 will bring new energy to the Meeting sustaining us through the coming year.

We thank everyone for their hard work and time ensuring proper and smooth running of the business for 2007. We especially want to thank Anne Rouse for her time as Clerk of THFM and Joe Davis for his many years as Treasurer.

Meredith Watters, Clerk
Marsie Hawkinson, Member
Paige Bethke, Member

The complete listing of clerks and committees was published in the December newsletter and will be included in the directory as well as being posted on the Third Haven Website. Additions to that listing are Heidi Wetzel as a member of the Hospitality committee and Ralph Young as the third member of the Nominating committee.

On January 20, 2008, Third Haven will host the Southern Quarterly Meeting. Our four monthly meetings (Wicomico River in Salisbury, Chester River in Chestertown, Camden in Delaware and Third Haven in Easton) comprise the most southerly extent of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Three gatherings of the quarter are held each year on the third first days of January, May and September at locations which rotate among the host meetings. There is a clerk for the quarter, Allison Richards of Camden, selected from the representatives from each monthly meeting.

At the next Southern Quarterly Meeting there will be discussion of future planning and organization of this body. For the past five years there has been a paid coordinator, Dana Kester-McCabe, who will be stepping down. The following is extracted from text within Faith and Practice pertaining to quarterly meetings: "Members of each regional meeting decide how often they will gather for worship, business, and mutual support. Such a regional meeting is composed of all the members of its constituent monthly meetings. Sessions of a quarterly meeting, thoughtfully planned, can provide religious fellowship, spiritual enrichment for Friends, and a forum for cooperation and exchange of information and ideas among the members of the constituent monthly meetings."

One plausible objective would be for us to develop closer ties, encouraging more frequent communication among the clerks of our four meetings. It would be possible to have the four clerks of the committees concerned with pastoral care within the quarter meet as a group. The same approach could be used for meetings of clerks of peace and concerns or worship and ministry committees. We have much in common in the way of organization and outlook despite the inconvenience of about an hour's travel from one meeting to another. Utilizing telephone and e-mail, these distances can be mitigated.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting INTERIM MEETING 11/27/07

Interim Meeting began with a period of silence followed by a time of worship sharing on the subject of connections between monthly meetings, quarterly meetings, and yearly meeting.

Arthur Larrabee, the General Secretary, began his report by saying that Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is vital and growing. He introduced Christie Duncan-Tessmer who is now the Children's Religious Education Coordinator. Christie showed us the new website www.pym.org/education/children in a power point presentation. It is a very lively, well done site. Meetings and parents are encouraged to check out this site. Arthur also introduced Nancy Gibbs, the newly appointed Director of the Arch Street Meeting House, and Loretta Miller, his new executive assistant. Another new appointee is Sadie Forsythe as the Young Adult Friends Coordinator. He is still looking for an interim director of the Burlington Meeting House and a Director of Development to replace Elizabeth Foley, who will retire in a few months. Later he urged Friends to get behind the Annual Fund, which is running a little behind this time last year.

Viv Hawkins of Central Philadelphia Meeting spoke to us on her visits in India, the UK, and with other Yearly Meetings in the US. In India she met with people who were recipients of Right sharing of World Resources and she led AVP programs. She had gone on this trip with a traveling minute endorsed by her meeting and by PYM. Her talk with slide presentation was very inspiring. We endorsed another minute of religious service for her so that she can continue in her ministry.

Priscilla Adams reported on her work in the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund, so that people who oppose war can pay their taxes to the government in good conscience. Friends are asked to contact their representatives to vote for H1921. Elijah Cummings is the representative from Maryland who we should be in touch with.

A minute on Torture which had been brought forward from Schuylkill Monthly Meeting and from Caln Quarter was presented. After much discussion and with a few very minor changes it was approved by Interim Meeting. It calls upon "PYM to petition the President and Congress to abolish torture, and the heinous practice of extraordinary rendition, and to conform to the international human rights guidelines. We encourage Monthly Meetings to support this minute. We also encourage them to contact members of congress and those in the executive branch about this concern, and to make strong statements in their respective local media."
INTERIM MEETING APPROVED THIS MINUTE.

Sue Makler reported that PYM Summer Sessions will be held July 30th to August 3rd at DeSales University.

Marsie Hawkinson and Doreen Getsinger - Interim Meeting Representatives

MARILLA'S LUNCHES

It is with gratitude that we report that during December, the First Day School prepared and decorated ninety packets of cookies for Marilla's lunches. Each packet contained two lovingly decorated cookies. Thank you First Day School. *Ralph Young*



LIFE AT THIRD HAVEN



Pinny Claggett and daughter Susan



always good fellowship



Atticus Leibman



Irene Williams

SERVICES AVAILABLE

Katherine Johnson as part of the efforts of the Overseers committee has obtained multiple copies of the **2008 Guide to Public Mental Health Services** published by Midshore Mental Health Systems Inc. Copies are on the Common Room resources table and may be borrowed. The hope of Overseers is that members and attenders have access to information and resources to better their lives. *Dee Rein on behalf of Overseers*

MEMBERSHIP

Attenders are reminded that they are welcome to seek Membership in the Religious Society of Friends, Third Haven Monthly Meeting. Reading Faith and Practice is a useful step in understanding Quaker principles, as are discussions with members. Those desiring membership begin the process by sending a letter of request to the clerk. This is followed by a meeting with a Clearness Committee and submission of the request to the Meeting for Business. Third Haven welcomes new members!

Third Haven Directory

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Full name(s) _____

Children's names _____

Street or PO Box address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Telephone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Telephone (other, fax, etc) _____

Please give alternate addresses - we will try to make each entry complete

Please e-mail this data to hawkjm@goeaston.net or mail it to John Hawkinson, 7352 Playtors Cove Ct., Easton, MD 21601 - Thanks.