



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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March 2008 NEWSLETTER

"Our life is love, and peace, and tenderness; and bearing one with another, and forgiving one another, and not laying accusations one against another but praying one for another, and helping one another up with a tender hand." *Isaac Pennington 1667 in Faith and Practice p.163*

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 2nd Month, 10th, 2008

Attending: Lorraine Claggett, Nancy Mullen, Larny Claggett, Robert Wieland, Leigh Anne Dodge, Lila Line, Ralph Young, Doreen Getsinger, Sarah Sayre, Connie Lewis, Michael Mullen, Susan Leibman, Beth Mufson, Mark Beck, Peggy Walbert, Dee Rein, Dana Mills, Andy Mills, Deborah Cox, Sally Vermilye, Tatiana Harrison, Gwen Beegle, Denny Bliss, Irene Williams, Leonard Baynham, Meredith Watters, Norval E. Thompson, Cathy Thompson, Marsie Hawkinson, John A. Hawkinson, Emma Leibman, Evan Claggett, Molly Burgoyne, Bob Shattuck, Candace Shattuck, clerk.

The Assistant Clerk of the Meeting, Candace Shattuck, presided over business meeting. She opened the meeting after a brief period of silent worship at 11:40 AM.

Query: The 2nd Query, "Meeting for Business" was read during meeting for worship by Leonard Baynham. The query generated much discussion and thought during the worship service.

Approval of Minutes: After a name correction, Jessica "Wright" to "Rice", the minutes were approved from the 1st Month.

Clerk's Correspondence: Information regarding two upcoming programs planned by PYM and Earlham School was given. The first is called, "Vitality among Friends" and the second is "Leadership among Friends". Cost for participants is \$20 for each program. More information can be found on the website: www.earlham.org/philly or by asking Candace.

Two letters requesting membership were read. The first letter was by Clay Owens. A clearness committee has been formed to meet with Clay. The second letter was written by Gwen Beegle and will be turned over to Overseers for consideration.

First Day School Report: Two of our young Friends; Emma Leibman and Evan Claggett, gave a wonderful report on their recent trip to Burlington, NJ to participate in a gathering of middle school aged Friends. The meetings for business and worship were run by middle schoolers. They also took part in hospitality and cleanup. The worship sharing sessions were particularly good. We are grateful these Friends had the opportunity to go to this gathering and come back and share with us.

Recorder's Report: Please see full attached report. In 2006 there were 129 members. In 2007 there was 1 infant, 1 death and 4 new members for a total of 133 members.

Overseers Report: Clerk of Overseers commented on three items. First of all, the memorial service for Jake Kemp was well attended and the old meeting house was used for this. Secondly, the welcoming committee has met with John Todd and consisted of Lorraine Claggett, Irene Williams, Meredith Watters and Leonard Baynham. Our Meeting again welcomes John to our community. Thirdly, Overseers plans to expedite membership requests. A clearness committee for Clay Owens has been formed and will consist of Candace Shattuck, Nancy Mullen, Larny Claggett and Marsie Hawkinson. A clearness committee for Gwen Beegle will be formed before the next business meeting so that her membership request can be processed and moved forward.

Request for Funding: Ralph Young requested approximately \$150 for supplies for Marilla's lunches and \$75 for the Prison Action Fund Library. These monies had been shifted over to the Carriage Shed Sale line on last month budget. The Treasurer reported that it would be no problem to shift these monies back to help these programs if the Meeting approved. The Meeting approved the transference of these funds.

Library and Outreach: This committee's annual report is attached in full. The committee has undergone a yearlong effort to review the entire collection. In 2008, they hope to help define and broaden the "purpose" of their committee work and look forward to engaging the entire Meeting with this. The Meeting approved the report with thanks to the committee for their work this year.

Communications: This committee's annual report is attached in full. The Meeting is encouraged to use the website www.thirdhaven.org with its new updated features. The Meeting approved the complete report with many thanks for the hard work of this committee.

Interim Meeting Report: The full report is attached.

Other Concerns: The Treasurer brought two items to the Meetings' attention. The first item is the need to let PYM know if THFM will be giving PYM the same amount of money this year as last. Last year's covenant was \$15,000. Since both budgets come out at the same time, it makes it more difficult to promise the same amount before our Meeting has its budget discussions. After some views were aired, the Meeting discerned it reasonable to project that at least \$15,000 will be our contribution again this year and that this amount will be finalized when the yearly budget is approved. This will be turned back over to Budget and Finance. The second item involved a survey distributed by PYM regarding our Meeting use of resources (time, money and space) that needs to be filled out. It was decided that the survey will be published in the announcements and responses to it can be forwarded to Rob Wieland. He will then share this with Budget and Finance and then the final survey will be brought back to business meeting next month.

After a brief period of silent worship, the meeting for business was adjourned at 12:35.

Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne

Announcements

Third Haven Meetings For Worship

First Days 10am

Fourth Days 5:30pm

February 27

March 2

March 5

March 9

March 12

March 16

March 19

March 23

March 26

March 30

April 2

March 16 (first day) Meeting for worship followed by luncheon for new members and attenders.

April 6 (first day) Meeting for worship followed by the Hunger Banquet presented by the first day school.

"We thank Molly Burgoyne for her help with Marilla's lunches this month."

The Talbot County Detention Center lending library is in need of your books that you no longer want to keep. Virtually any book from adventure to textbooks with the exception of Readers Digest Condensed books are needed. Please place your donations in the wooden chest in our Common Room under one of the East side windows. If you wish to have the books picked up, please call Ralph Young at 410-819-0050.

The NEW THIRD HAVEN DIRECTORY is available. Please pick up your copy. The Communications Committee will have them available at meeting for worship

March 12 (fourth day) Maryland Citizens Health Initiative will meet at the Easton Unitarian Universalist Congregation (7401 Ocean Gateway) details: www.healthcareforall.com

Each Thursday evening from 5 to 5:30, a Silent Peace Vigil is held in front of the courthouse on Washington St. Weather conditions has never interfered with the vigil. Many signs are available or bring your own. Join this protest to support the cause of non-violence in the world.

"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."

CAMP ONAS - Quaker Camp for all kids announces two week sessions, June through August, 2008. Sleep over camp for boys and girls ages 8 - 13. Campers choose their own activities and live and play in a friendly, diverse community. Camp Onas is located above Doylestown, about 30 miles north of Philadelphia. Several brochures are on the table in the common room, and the contact person for more information is Sue Gould (610-847-5858)

A CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS Come connect with other Young Adult Friends (ages 18–35) from across the US and Canada! Memorial Day weekend May 23–26, 2008, Richmond, Indiana. How do we each listen for God in our lives? Whether you are led to speak in meeting or to put your life on the line for peace, you are invited to share your experiences and explore how we can support one another in discerning important life questions. Young Adult Friends will lead a variety of interest groups, and Earlham School of Religion will offer workshops on leadings and callings. Young adults from meetings and churches affiliated with Friends General Conference (FGC), Friends United Meeting (FUM), Evangelical Friends International (EFI), and Independent and Conservative yearly meetings are planning this exciting event. Let's talk about our lives as Friends and come together to play, pray, laugh and worship. For more information, check out www.fgcquaker.org/qy/yaf-conference-2008 or contact Emily Stewart Emilys@fgcquaker.org Terri Johns Terrij@fum.org Sadie Forsythe Sadief@pym.org

Reminders

- Please wear your nametag - if you need a new one please contact Candace Shattuck.

For you who are tired of receiving unwanted catalogs in your mailbox, visit www.catalogchoice.org to register and select the ones you would like to eliminate.

- 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 Please forward e-mail and other address changes to this address. The directory on the Third Haven Website is updated every week. Please let us know if you have moved.

- Notices of committee meetings should be posted on the common room calendar.

-Our website is <http://www.thirdhaven.org/> It has been revised 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?

FRIENDLY EIGHTS

January-April 2008

The first people in the group are the conveners, not necessarily the first hosts. Usual procedure is the host household provides an entrée, a place to meet (which could be a prior reservation to use the Common Room), and decides on the presence of children. Other members of the group bring dishes. Single individuals may want to team up to host a dinner. Enjoy our wonderful Friends!

Leigh Ann Dodge and Rob Weiland
Janie and Bob Tenanty
Pinny and Lorraine Claggett
Lila Line
Candace and Bob Shattuck

Pete Howell and Carla Cronin
Paige and Brandt Bethke
Gwen Beegle and Bob Day
Susan Leibman
Nancy Mullen

Helen and Winslow Womack
Connie Lewis
Irene Williams
Marsie and John Hawkinson
Beth and Neil Mufson

Susan Claggett, Craig Smith, Katie and Evan
Joyce Macijeski
Ann Womack
Doreen Getsinger
Jamie duHoffman and family

Lorraine & Larny Claggett
Susan Dabney & Stephen Gerni
Heidi Wetzels & John Schreiner

Annual Report for Calendar Year 2007 of the Communications Committee to the Third Haven Friends Meeting for Business second month tenth day, 2008

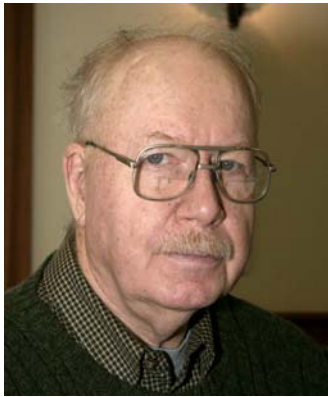
Ralph Young is our chief photographer, mailer of newsletters, and has just remodeled the Third Haven Website, www.thirdhaven.org. Dee Rein provides the final editing to the assembled newsletter, in addition to writing specific articles, and provides the finished product to the printer and the e-mail version. Nancy Mullen has written several articles, and provides the initial editing of all submitted material. Peter Howell and Clay Owens have written a number of articles. Molly Burgoyne, not formally a committee member, prepares the latest minutes.

Our goal is to keep the meeting informed of future events, to provide a place for vital meeting information, and to record the current history of Third Haven.

Weekly announcements go out most Mondays by e-mail. We periodically mail this information to those without computer.

The newsletter is scheduled for publication well in advance of monthly meeting for business. The deadline for submission of articles is set at the 22 of each month.

The website is renewed on a continuing basis. Members and attenders are encouraged to look at it, and the committee will be willing to assist anyone who experiences difficulty in retrieval of information.



The directory will be published soon. The website has an equivalent directory in the password protected portion.

We are currently under budget.
John A. Hawkinson, Clerk

Southern Quarterly Meeting Excerpts

The quarter met at Third Haven Friends Meeting January 20, 2008. After a brief period of silent worship, Clerk of SQM, Allison Richards opened the meeting at 12:25 pm. 38 friends were in attendance. There were 22 members from Third Haven, 10 members from Camden, 4 members from Chester River and 2 members from Wicomico Meetings.



SQM wished to thank Dana Hester-McCabe for all five years of wonderful work. Dana was felt to be spirit-led, experienced and helpful to struggling meetings who called on her assistance.

One Friend felt we had left untouched the issue of our commitment to Southern Quarterly Meeting and requested that all consider this and return to it in the future. All felt it was critical that the May program be a good one that will draw members out. It was asked that each Monthly Meeting discuss their level of commitment and bring that to the next Planning committee meeting.

All present agreed the SQM should continue meeting three times yearly. The next SQM will be at Wicomico Monthly Meeting the third 1st Day of May, 2008.



Consensus was reached about Southern Quarter agendas: In January we will attend to the business of SQM with an emphasis on the spiritual state of each monthly meeting. In May and October, each meeting will present brief updates on the state of their meeting followed by a planned program or fellowship or both.

There was not unity regarding the position of paid coordinator but those present agreed to lay the matter aside and not hire a new coordinator at this time. This did not mean we cannot revisit the possibility of hiring someone for this position in the future.

Planning and Coordinating Committee will meet the third 1st Day in April at Wicomico.



Middle School Gathering on Bullying



Susan Claggett and four young Friends from Third Haven attended the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's middle school gathering at Burlington on January 25-27. Here are their impressions:

Cassie Thompson, "Everyone was nice. Activities were fun. Dorms were nice. Ice skating was fun."

Sam Mullen, "I liked hanging out with new friends and old friends."

Evan Claggett, "I really enjoyed I was able to make friends so quickly and how the kids and grown-ups were so nice. I loved the games such as 4-square and I hope to return soon."



Emma Leibman, "I really enjoyed Middle School Friends because in my community, there are only a few Quaker kids. At MSF, there were 35 Quaker kids about my age, from all over PA, NJ, DE (and the few kids Middle School kids from our meeting) who were all friendly, funny and very enjoyable. I can't wait to go back in March!! We had worship sharing, a game called four square and lots of free time."

Susan Claggett, "In Quaker speak, my role was that of a Friendly Presence, an adult supervisor who attended the gathering."



There were around 35 middle school age kids (and 8 adults) gathered at Burlington for a weekend workshop on Bullying. Friday night was welcome everyone and get to know you. Each kid was assigned a small group which had duties to do throughout the weekend (like breakfast set-up) We also met in these small groups to discuss Quakerism and bullying. Saturday was filled with activities from speakers to sharing life stories. Food served was excellent and Saturday night the whole gang went ice skating!! A highlight for many of the young Friends. We had small group meetings and closure on our weekend all on Sunday am including a business meeting and meeting for worship. Everyone chipped in to help clean the conference center and we all left by 12 noon. I felt the gathering was so well run because of the organizational skills by the PYM MSF staff person named Elizabeth Walmsley. Hats off to her and her staff. The next MSF gathering will be at annual sessions on March 25 in Philadelphia."

The Peace Testimony and the War in Iraq: Toward a Quaker Response

The following statement is the work of the entire PYM Peace & Concerns Standing Committee. Our peace testimony is an important part of our identity as Friends. There are many ways to live out a peace testimony: refuse to participate in war, try to stop war, share tools of dealing with conflict without violence, live lives that don't nourish the seeds of war. Our country is at war.

In our most recent experience with war, the Vietnam War, much of our focus was on trying to stop it. All our efforts, along with the efforts of many others in the anti-war movement, had enough success that we have tried to do the same with the Iraq War. Many of us are very disheartened at our failure.

Looking back further in history, however, some of our proudest moments as Quakers came in relation to wars that we were not able to stop. The massive feeding programs after World War I, and the rebuilding programs after World War II brought Quakers together, gave common work, allowed us to visibly live out our beliefs as a faith community.

Perhaps it is time to focus once again on healing from war. There is certainly healing to be done. US Iraq war veterans are coming home in deep physical and mental pain, with heart-wrenching family break-ups, job instability and homelessness on the rise. There are now over 4 million Iraqi refugees, both displaced internally and living outside Iraq -- an enormous humanitarian catastrophe. The land of Iraq has been assaulted.

A focus on healing would ground us in love. It would center our faith communities in spiritual rather than political work. Rolling up our sleeves and doing the work that is there to be done -- with US war vets and Iraqi refugees -- would get us out in the world together, living our Quaker faith. We would learn a lot. Perhaps we would do some good.

God does not call us to be successful but rather to be faithful. What if some Quaker organizations cooperated to set up opportunities to be involved in healing work? What if every Monthly Meeting directly addressed the reality that our country is at war and decided to play a role in healing, knowing that they were part of a common effort, that this is what Quakers do?

2007 Annual Report Library and Outreach Committee

Third Haven Friends Meeting 10th Day Second Month 2008

The Library and Outreach Committee had an active year. In February, the Clerk attended an all-day special workshop held in Philadelphia by PYM for Clerks of Library committees of Monthly Meetings. This well-attended workshop included Clerks from as far away as Colorado, North Carolina and Maine, and included formal presentation by outside experts as well as opportunities to share common challenges and solutions. The focus of the workshop was on issues including discussions on the purpose of libraries within the Monthly Meeting, anticipating the impact of Web 2.0, the maintenance of collections including accession and de-accession issues; practical solutions to common problems faced by Committees and options for cataloguing and tracking. Sharing issues and solutions between Clerks was enormously helpful, and helped shaped discussions within 3HFM's Library and Outreach Committee during 2007.

Energized by the workshop, the L&O Committee embarked on a year-long effort to review the entire collection, review the use of overstuffed shelf and cupboard space, assess the special needs of the 'older book' collection and consider options for culling, relocation and re-distribution. As a result, several actions were undertaken.

A new home for the 'older book' collection has been created by the construction of a bookshelf built in the Common Room, above the coat rack, and the collection has been moved to this space.

While this is not an ideal location, it frees up space allowing for the re-distribution of the circulating collection, to enhance accessibility to all members and attenders. The L&O Committee does check periodically with local and historical library collections to determine if they are willing/interested in any of the books in our collection. Unfortunately, there are not many 'homes' for these volumes. This is an issue other Monthly Meetings share as well.

In conjunction with the Carriage Shed Sale, Library and Outreach reviewed our entire circulating collection, and determined that only a limited number of books would be kept in duplicate.

Duplicate books or older, un-circulating or duplicate pamphlets were offered for sale at modest cost during the Carriage Shed sale. This served several interests including expanding the reach of Quaker related writings within our own community; allowed us to 'clean house' in the circulating collection space; and gave us additional space for our ever-expanding collection. We had an excellent 'sale', successfully 'de-accessing' a number of books and pamphlets into the hands of interested parties.

Another idea brought back from the conference was to begin a thoughtful discussion about the 'purpose' or mission of our library specifically, and to engage the wider 3HFM community in this discussion. This is anticipated to start in 2008, and will be a multi-year process. We will be sharing specific plans for this activity this spring. Included in this discussion is how we might use and share new technology to make Quaker writings more accessible to our community including the possible use of a new collection cataloguing system that builds upon the new Web 2.0. For those for whom this sounds formidable, please be assured we will keep the full range of options open, and will continue to have books, pamphlets and other materials available. We welcome any members and attenders to join the committee in developing the plans for this discussion.

In November 2007, L&O once again hosted an open house during Waterfowl Festival. We had an excellent turnout of volunteers to guide and answer questions, but had fewer than 10 visitors. We've discussed ideas for expanded publicity next year, as well as other options that would

make our location easier to reach. We still view this as a major opportunity to share our lovely grounds and history to visitors.



We continue to replenish our supply of brochures and pamphlets as needed, including our introductory materials and continue to recoup some costs through sales. Our committee continues to correspond to visitors who sign our guest book. We look forward to the coming year as a year of assessment and planning to more fully meet the needs of our 3HFM community.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Cotton, (Clerk) Library and Outreach

Declaration of Intentions

Friends are reminded to complete the Declaration of Intentions found on the following page and submit it to Overseers for storage in a secure space. Another page may be added if needed. Such advance planning can ease the burden on family and friends under the stress of the loss of a loved one and help Third Haven Friends Meeting follow your wishes for burials and memorials.

THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING
OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Declaration of Intentions

Full Name _____ **Sex** _____ **Birthdate** _____

Address _____ **Birthplace** _____

_____ **Social Security Number** _____

Military Service # _____ **Railroad Employment?** _____

Branch of Service _____ **Date of Discharge** _____

Spouse, Next of Kin or other person I have directed to carry out my wishes:

I hereby direct that the following disposition be made of my body after my death:

Memorial Service Directions:

I would like the following undertaker to aid in carrying out these arrangements, and have filed a copy of this declaration with him:

Name: _____ **Address:** _____

Send a notice of my death to the following newspapers and journals:

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in my name may be sent to:

I understand that this Declaration of Intentions is not legally binding, and that Third Haven Monthly Meeting has no duty to fulfill any of the above requests, but shall act as a depository and advisor for this expression of personal wishes for procedures at the time of my death. I have executed this document for the purpose of guiding my family and the members of Third Haven Monthly Meeting at the time of my death.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Witness: _____ **Witness** _____

Copies of this Declaration are on file with:

Third Haven Friends Meeting
405 S. Washington Street
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Meeting for Worship
Sunday 10-11 a.m.
Wednesday 5:30-6 p.m.
Everyone welcome