



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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Please open the following link for a beautiful photo essay about the March 20 Peace event prepared by attender Shangrong Lee:

http://shangrong.com/peace/peacevigil_2008/photo_1.htmlv

Third Haven Friends Meeting Minutes of the 3rd Month 9th, 2008, Meeting for Business

Attending: Leonard Baynham, Mark Beck, Paige Bethke, Denny Bliss (?), Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Deborah Cox, Tatiana Harrison, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Peter Howell, Connie Lewis, Nancy Mullen, Sumner Parker, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, John Todd, Peggy Walbert, Meredith Watters, Robert Wieland, Ann Williams, Irene Williams, Winslow Womack, Ralph Young and Frank Zeigler.

Following a period of silent worship, John Schreiner, Clerk of Meeting, conducted the meeting for business.

Query for 3rd Month – The 3rd query on Spiritual Nurture, Ministry and Religious Education was read during meeting for worship. The Clerk asked for additional reflections. There were none.

2nd Month Minutes – A Friend noted a correction in Recorder's report. At the end of 2006, the Meeting had 129 members, with 4 new members and 1 death in 2007, the correct number of Third Haven members at the end of 2007 is 132. With this correction, the minutes of the 2nd month 2008 meeting for business were approved.

Clerk's Report – The Clerk noted that Overseers had organized a clearness committee at the request of Tatiana Harrison. This clearness committee plans to meet in the next week. John Schreiner read passages from or Faith and Practice to remind the Meeting of the nature and use of clearness committees, and the discernment of leadings in the Meeting community (see pp 29, 65-66 and 178-179).

Overseers – Overseers reported on 2 clearness committees for membership. Marsie Hawkinson reported on the meeting with Darren Clague (Clay) Owens and recommended approving his membership. The Meeting APPROVED and welcomed Clay Owens with enthusiasm. Candace Shattuck reported on the meeting with Gwen Beegle and recommended approving her membership. The Meeting APPROVED and welcomed Gwen Beegle with enthusiasm.

Welcoming committees were formed: for Gwen Beegle: Susan Claggett (convener), Tatiana

Harrison, Marsie Hawkinson and Irene Williams; and for Clay Owens: Peter Howell (convener), Debbie Cox, John Hawkinson, Rob Wieland and Irene Williams.

The Clerk received and read 2 letters requesting membership in Third Haven Friends Meeting, from Connie Lewis and Joyce Macijeski. The Clerk passed these letters on to Overseers for the formation of clearness committees for membership.

Common Room – Ann Williams, Co-Clerk, reported for Co-Clerk Winslow Womack and the Common Room Committee. The Common Room is used for Meeting purposes, by other organizations in which Third Haven Friends are directly involved and by other organizations, not directly related to Third Haven, with the approval of the Meeting. Recent uses have included La Leche League, Social Justice Friday nights, Talbot Mentors, Trinity Cathedral and League of Women Voters. Ann reminded Friends to record all meetings on the Common Room calendar and concluded, “Our Third Haven Common Room serves us well and is a blessing to be shared with others.” The Meeting thanked Ann and the Committee for their work. This report led to a discussion of the responsibility for cleaning up after each use and whether or not this was being done consistently and properly. A Friend reminded everyone that a checklist for clean-up is posted over the small sink in the kitchen. The Clerk will consult with Sam Webster about this matter.

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) – Frank Zeigler reported (see attached FCNL report) on the role and influence of FCNL on Capitol Hill, with respect to Friends testimonies and concerns on war, peace social justice, Native Americans and harmony with the earth. The report led to some discussion of the manufacturing and use of cluster bombs. Friends have opportunities to influence FCNL activities and priorities. The Meeting thanked Frank for his report and work for FCNL.

Hospitality – Ann Williams Co-Clerk reported for Co-Clerk Cathy Thompson and the Committee (see the attached Hospitality report). This year, Third Haven has been blessed with hospitality and good food at the rise of meeting for worship and on special occasions. The 10th month celebration of the 25 years of service of the Websters was a highlight. Assigning a Meeting committee to be responsible for hospitality each month has had mixed results. The Committee encourages all members and attenders to support the Meeting hospitality. The Meeting thanked Ann, Cathy and the Committee for their report and their work.

Scholarships – Mark Beck, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett and Peter Howell reported on their



work in developing a Meeting scholarship fund and program. The report noted the 5th query on education, presented reasons for supporting the scholarship program, suggested criteria for applicants and schools, and offered a model of scholarship fund income and growth. This prompted a good deal of discussion and favorable comment from Friends. This report was not for Meeting action at this time. The Meeting thanked the committee for its good work. The scholarship program will be considered again at the 4th month meeting for business.

Other Business – Cathy Thompson reported recent development with respect to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Interim Meeting, including (see the attached Interim Meeting report). The Interim Meeting Governance Committee, on which

Marsie Hawkinson served, has presented “A Vision of a Renewed Purpose for Interim Meeting.” This report will be circulated electronically to Third Haven Friends.

Next First Day, March 16, is the new members and attenders lunch. Friends should bring a dish to share. Susan Claggett reminded the Meeting of First Day School activities on Easter First Day, including the Easter egg hunt. Friends can bring 6 uncolored hard boiled eggs. First Day, April 6, the First Day School will host a hunger banquet. Property and Grounds spring cleanup day is April 26. Larny Claggett announced a project to build a few additional benches for the old meetinghouse.

*Respectfully submitted,
Tom Corl, Acting Recording Clerk
Third Haven Friends Meeting*

Announcements

Third Haven Meetings For Worship

First Days 10am	Fourth Days 5:30pm
March 30	April 2
April 6	April 9
April 13	April 16
April 20	April 23

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

April 7 (second day) 6pm Interfaith Seder Dinner at Christ Church, St. Michaels. Setup begins at 1pm. Contact Leslie Israel 410-745-3393

April 12, 2008 8am to 3pm Earlham School of Religion presents 'Vitality Among Friends' Philadelphia Conference Series Event 2 Leadership Among Friends at the Arch Street Meeting House, 320 Arch Street, Philadelphia. Contact: www.est.earlham.edu/philly or call Donna Trankley (800) 432-1377 or e-mail trankdo@earlham.edu \$20 per person, \$10 for students (price includes lunch)

April 26 (seventh day) Annual spruce-up day

April 4-30, 2008, the TRAVELING BRUSHES ART SHOW will be held at Talbot Co. Visual Arts Center. The opening reception will be First Night in Easton (4/4) from 5:00-8:00pm.

May 4 (first day) Bach to the Future, in conjunction with the Delaware Choral Society, is presenting a concert we felt would be of interest and relevance to our community of faith. The title of the concert is “Songs of Hope and Struggle,” an inspiring program celebrating the human spirit through works that show the importance of music and literature in the midst of human struggles. The concert date is May 4, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. at the Historic Avalon Theater, Easton.

Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door, children and students with ID are free, and will be sold at Crackerjacks and the St. Michaels Candy Store.

May 7 (fourth day) Budget & Finance Committee meets 4:30 PM in the Common Room.

Multicultural festival first Saturday in May

SIMPLE LIVING is a half hour television program shown on WETA each Sunday at 7:30am. It is dedicated to simplifying your life to make it more meaningful while protecting the environment. Simple Living features Wanda Urbanska and is written by Ralph Levering.

The Talbot County Detention Center lending library is in need of your books that you no longer want to keep. Virtually any books 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.

Each Thursday evening from 5 to 5:30, there join us for a Silent Peace Vigil in front of the courthouse on Washington St. Weather conditions have 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."

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.
www.pym.org/education/children

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

Peacemagz Magnets Aim To "Give Peace A Hand". Magnetic peace signs for cars demonstrate a once-popular message of peace. Peacemagz are patriotically colorful 7-inch magnets that sport a hand displaying the ever-popular peace sign for display on vehicles or any metal surface where a message can be shared. They sell for \$5.00 and are available online: www.peacemagz.com *submitted by Peter Howell*

Here's a chance to live the testimony of simplicity. Have some things that need to go and just can't wait for the next Carriage Shed Sale to find a new home? Try Midshore Freecycle. It's a great place to "shop" too. As the website says, "Mid Shore Freecycle (TM) is open to anyone in The Mid Shore area who wants to "RE-CYCLE" rather than throw stuff away. Whether it's a chair, a fax machine, wood, a piano or an old car, feel free to post it. Looking to acquire something yourself? Read the Mid Shore FreeCycle list daily until you see something offered. One Rule: everything posted must be FREE. No trading... no bartering, no selling! ...The Mid Shore FreeCycle Network is inspired by the Tucson Freecycle Network, the original Freecycle. Find out more about the international Freecycle movement at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/midshore_freecycle/ *submitted by Dee Rein*

"The Interfaith Coalition Against Hunger again wishes to thank Molly Burgoyne for her continued commitment in helping to prepare and deliver Marilla's lunches in March. We will be preparing and delivering lunches again on Wednesday, April 16 from Asbury United Methodist Church at 9:45a.m. We hope that you can be there to help." *submitted by Ralph Young*

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

- The new Third Haven directory is available.

- 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?

- Please review full accounts of coming events listed by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and other major Quaker organizations which may be found on the Third Haven Website, <http://www.thirdhaven.org/> by clicking on Complete Text Material on the home page.

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Climate Change Marches On

The Longest Walk 2

PYM Annual Fund calling for Volunteers

March 28-29 (Fri.-Sat.) – Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions.

April 3-6 Friends World Committee for Consultation

April 6 ff. "Quaker Quest" introductory sessions at Haverford Meeting

April 12 Leadership Among Friends

April 12 Arts Festival at Plymouth Meeting

April 19 (Sat.) Peace & Concerns Event

April 23 Presentation on Moving the Twelfth Street Meetinghouse

May 3 and 4 "Then and Now Tour" Going to Upper Susquehanna

May 23-26 Conference for Young Adult Friends in May

May 2008 Pendle Hill's Weekend and short courses

October 3-5, 2008 Tri-Quarter Gathering

Friends Employment Opportunities:

Kenneth Carroll's "Early Quakers and Fasting" will appear in the Spring issue of QUAKER HISTORY and his "Sliding from Obscurity into Oblivion" will appear in CHESAPEAKE COUSINS. Since his first article on Quaker history appeared in the MARYLAND HISTORICAL MAGAZINE in 1950 he has published more than one hundred articles on biblical and Quaker subjects, as well as a number of books and chapters in books. After an enforced "vacation" caused by his recent heart attack in London, followed by stays in two hospitals there, and then heart surgery in Baltimore, he has resumed some writing activity, as well as his presidency of the Friends Historical Association.

Interim Meeting Report for Third Haven Monthly Meeting February 28, 2008

General Secretary's Report: Arthur Larrabee spoke of an upcoming Young Adult Friends weekend May 23-26 in Richmond, Indiana and encouraged communication of this event and our ongoing support of Young Friends activities. There are to be several Listening Sessions for the Future of Arch Street Meeting House in March and April open to all members and attenders. A flyer for this and the Young Friends Gathering are posted in the Common Room for more information. Arthur then thanked Elizabeth Foley, who is retiring, for her long years of service on the Annual Fund committee. On an interim basis, she is to be replaced by Wright Horn.

Arthur also thanked Christie Duncan-Tessmer for sending out Valentine's Day cards to 821 PYM young people, telling them about upcoming YM sessions and inviting them to come. Support & Outreach Committee: IM approved the following change in Ecumenical Outreach: 1) PYM will become a member of the Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia. This center unites Christians, Jews, Muslims, and Buddhists in inter-religious dialogue, education, and community building. 2) PYM discontinues its affiliation with the Metropolitan Christian Council of Philadelphia, which no longer serves the interest of YM. 3) PYM will become a member of the New Jersey Council of Churches, as it has long been a member of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches and of the National Council of Churches USA.

Governance Committee: This committee, which includes Friend Marsie Hawkinson, presented a report on the "Vision of a Renewed Purpose for Interim Meeting". This is a 5 page report which contains recommendations for changes in the organization, structure, and processes. It is to be seasoned by IM members until the next scheduled IM meeting in April. The aim is to update and improve the efficacy of the operations of the governing body of the Yearly Meeting.

March Sessions of PYM: These Sessions will be held at Arch St. from March 28-30. The theme is "How are we doing on Peace? Revitalizing our Testimony, Sharing our Stories." The registration deadline is March 17 and can be done online or by calling a number provided on a handout posted in the Common Room.

Annual Fund: In her last report to IM Elizabeth Foley stated that; to date, Friends have raised \$234,388 from 950 donors. We are \$48,401 ahead of last year at this time. An unexpected one-time gift is responsible for this improvement. We currently have no matching gifts available this year. Volunteers are needed for phonthons in March. Contact info. is available in the Common Room.

Record Services Group: This group recommended that the discretionary decisions about the administration historical Quaker information should be given to the Quaker repositories that provide physical oversight of those records. IM approved the recommendation that Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore College and the Quaker Collection at Haverford College be granted the authority to give or deny permission to reproduce PYM's records and its constituents' records.

submitted by Marsie Hawkinson, Cathy Thompson, and Norval Thompson

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING THIRD MONTH 2008

We have been blessed with many hospitality offerings throughout the year. We sincerely thank all friends who have provided both food and generous effort on First Days and for special occasions. Some memorable dates were: The June 3rd Potluck Picnic for Moving Up Day (our Middle Schoolers moving on to other schools); the October 7th Potluck for the Websters, celebrating 25 years of caretaking; the December 16th Potluck hosted by the Worship & Ministry Committee which turned into a full Meeting participation pre-Christmas celebration; and the January 20th Potluck with Southern Quarter.

It is always helpful to schedule hospitality providers in advance. The system of assigning one committee per month to be primarily responsible for hospitality for their assigned month has gotten mixed results. We encourage committees to choose one First Day of their assigned month to host hospitality together as a team. It can be very simple and lots of fun. A list of committee

assignments is posted on the refrigerator in the Common Room for reference. And, as always, we encourage families and individuals to continue to sign up, too.

The Hospitality Committee has grown in membership this year and we are delighted to have the following members join in our efforts: Lorraine T. Claggett, Emma Leibman, Marcie Malloy, Beth Mufson, Jacob Mullen, Mike Mullen, Heidi Wetzel, Ann Womack, and Ralph Young. We have managed to stay within our annual budget of \$400 and project similar activities, as well as a similar budget, for the next year.

We encourage ALL members and attenders to participate in this wonderful program at Third Haven. Reach out! It is a delight to work with one another.

submitted by Ann Williams, Clerk (410) 770-3237, Cathy Thompson, Co-Clerk (410) 714-3657

FRIENDS COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL LEGISLATION ANNUAL 2007 REPORT *(by Frank Zeigler)*

The FCNL is a non-partisan lobby for encompassing more insightful federal programs. This is their 64th year on Capitol Hill where they have proved factual information, solid analysis, building public consensus and living up to FCNL's hard won reputation for non partisan truthfulness. This background makes them effective in Congress on the big issues of our times: war, peace, social justice and harmony with the earth.

The US has used cluster bombs (one big bomb that scatters many bomblets over a very wide area) in civilian populated areas of former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan and Iraq. The US has at the end of June, passed legislation to ban the export of these cluster bombs.

As the result of civilian pressure (of which FCNL has a part), four congressional committees zeroed out funding for a proposal to build a new nuclear weapons facility. There were 2 other nuclear weapons programs that FCNL had a hand in reducing Congressional support in funding.

FCNL has helped in the creation and growth of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture – which now is independently funded and functioning.

FCNL is the only non-native organization with a full-time staff working in support of Native American concerns on Capitol Hill.

FCNL continues to make contributions for the stewardship of the environment by showing visiting Congressmen our new green building at 245 2nd Street, NE – very near the Congress' home as a lobby for new programs to make our atmosphere safe for all children of the future.

New Members and Attenders Luncheon

On first day, March 16, meeting for worship was followed by a sumptuous 'Luncheon for New Members and Attenders' at Third Haven. Included in the program was a brief invitation to Attenders to consider submitting a letter requesting membership to the Clerk of the meeting, who then refers the request to Overseers for a Clearness Committee prior to submission to the Business Meeting.



During this luncheon, organized by Overseers, there were excellent accounts both from recent new members such as John Todd and Clay Owens as well as reminiscences of a few more 'seasoned' members including Marsie Hawkinson and Pinny Claggett.



This annual event is one of the finest gatherings at Third Haven each year, giving us a chance to recognize our Attenders and new Friends as well as enjoy the company of many fine Friends of all ages.



Easter Egg Hunt

It was sunny and clear if chilly for the Easter Egg hunt on March 23. The day's activities included First Day School and then some serious Easter Egg Dying and Decorating. Finally the hunt began throughout the lawn with many amused adult onlookers and helpers.



Talbot Mentors and Mentees Bake Sale

The Friendly Presence of Ann Williams encourages the Talbot Mentors with their Mentees in an annual pre-Easter bake sale at the Third Haven common room. Promoting inter-generational connections on a one-on-one basis, the Mentors have weekly contact with their children for many years. Nancy Andrews, the local leader of the Mentors explains that they are grateful for the use of our common room since they lack a kitchen facility at their headquarters. Shown in the pictures is Mary Ann Ray, who is in charge of their volunteer program. The Mentees gain both in personal skills and benefit others by this bake sale. Many happy faces.



Social Action Movie Night

The monthly Interfaith Social Action Coalition movie resumes this month the movie "NO END IN SIGHT". Based on over 200 hours of footage, the film provides a candid retelling of the events following the fall of Baghdad in 2003. It examines the manner in which the principal errors of U.S. policy largely created the insurgency and chaos that engulf Iraq today. The film will be shown in our Common Room on Friday, April 18th at 7p.m. If possible, come early at 6p.m. with a brown bag supper (drinks will be provided) for an hour of socialization and discussion of social justice issues.