



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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OCTOBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

Friends do not have any doctrines.

- From the Quaker quiz, circulated by Frank Zeigler. Is there a single, true/false answer?

Third Haven Friends Meeting for Business Minutes for the 9th, Month, 14, 2008

I. Call to order

John Schreiner, Clerk of Meeting called to order the meeting for business at 11:35 am after a brief period of silent worship.

II. Attending

Mark Beck, Paige Bethke, Molly Burgoyne, Gwen Beegle, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, John Hawkinson, Connie Lewis, Bob Marshall, Joyce Macijeski, Nancy Mullen, Dee Rein, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Meredith Watters, Rob Wieland, Irene Williams, Jonathan Winterbottom, Winslow Womack, Frank Zeigler, Joyce Zeigler

III. Minutes The minutes from the 6th Month were approved.

IV. Query The Query on “Outreach” was read during meeting for worship. A Friend remarked that during a recent visit with a Friend who moved elsewhere some time ago, she still referred to THFM as “her Meeting”.

V. Quaker Quest Please refer to enclosed report “Quaker Quest”. Lorraine Claggett has recently attended FGC and took a workshop on Quaker Quest for one week. In addition to the information outlined in the enclosed report, Lorraine said that FGC will send a representative to meetings for a training session. The meetings can then decide if they want to commit any further time or energy to this project. FGC will provide support for this endeavor on an ongoing basis. The goal of this is to help build community both within and without the meeting. A pamphlet entitled “Quaker Quest- How to do it” is available to any and is said to be informative. There are two upcoming training/information sessions in our area. The first is on Oct 19th at Lewes, DE during the SQM. The second is on Oct. 25th at Arch Street Meeting. Our Clerk is planning to attend the session in Philadelphia and welcomes others to come with him. The web site for more info is www.quakerquestfgc.org.

VI. Treasurer's Report Please refer to the two reports enclosed. The first is the end of year balance sheet. The Treasurer pointed out several highlights. Our net income is \$6,091.32. This is in part due to under spending \$4,780.45. We have had two consecutive years in the plus column. The second report covers our financial statement for the first two months of this fiscal year. The Scholarship Fund is a new line item. Clerks of each committee are encouraged to review the 2nd page of this report as it covers expenses of each committee to date. A Friend requested clarification on the visa credit card line item. This card is used to cover expenses such as gas for the lawnmowers and appliances.

VII. Clerk's Correspondence The Clerk has received 3 letters requesting membership from Lorraine T. Claggett, Sarah Claggett and Laura Claggett. These were given to Overseers for review and clearness. The Clerk of Overseers asked permission from the Meeting to move ahead on a grant of up to \$5000 from the John L. Martin Trust to help an elderly Friend in financial need. The Meeting approved this.

VIII. Budget & Finance The giving profiles of our members were presented. In 2007, our patterns of giving were very similar to 2006 in all brackets analyzed. Generally speaking we fell short of budget \$1600 but that was an improvement over the shortfall of 2006. Our smaller shortfall was attributed to our new members who have been very generous in contributing. Fifty-seven family units contributed in 2007 compared to 49 in 2006. One-third of family units do not contribute financially to THFM. The distribution of our donations follow a bell-shaped curve. Giving in our Meeting is similar to others meetings of like size. If all 89 family units contributed, the average donation per family needed to meet our budget would be around \$763. We were reminded that all members must give from the heart rather than a fixed number.

IX. First Day School There are currently about 30 children on roll. Sixteen attended this First Day. The children will be active participants in the Carriage Shed Sale and the Crop Walk this fall. Today they replenished the supply of greeting cards. These are to be used by the Meeting to send out to those in need. A request was made to display them on the table in the Common Room during hospitality.

X. Testimonies & Concerns Please refer to enclosed report. The Clerk of the committee presented their effort at better delineating and defining the role and the procedures of their committee. They request if anyone has a social concern, a form needs to be filled out and an interview conducted with a committee member. This procedure will allow the committee to evaluate the concern, discern the level of interest and commitment and present the concern to the Meeting at large in a more focused format. Much time and effort has been given thus far to help form this report in the hopes that future efforts of service from our Meeting will be enriched and enhanced. The Meeting voiced support for the efforts made by T&C to become more functional. A minute or approval on this was not requested or required at this time.

XI. Winter Homeless Shelter Support Lorraine Claggett has been attending the Interfaith Council meetings regarding the need for a homeless shelter in Talbot County during the months of January and February. The Council meets again in the next few weeks. At that time, they hope to decide whether or not to move forward with this interchurch effort. The Council would like to model the program after the one ongoing in Kent County. With 8 churches involved, each

church would be responsible for 2 weeks (one in Jan., one in Feb), and open the doors at 6pm, serve a meal, move cots in, have two overnight supervisors, serve breakfast and close doors by 8am. Lorraine requested support of our Meeting to continue to represent THFM at the Interfaith Council. This idea generated much discussion and interest. The sense of the Meeting was great interest in serving the needs of the homeless and providing support to Lorraine in representing THFM but wanting to know more detail and facts about the project before we decide what we can and will commit to. T & C has met with Lorraine and has opened the dialog regarding the project. The Meeting requested that P & Gs discuss the project at their next meeting as well. Lorraine will report back to us next business meeting.

XII. Other Business A Friend suggested that we give consideration re: \$6,000 surplus between now and next business meeting. Many in our community are suffering. The Food Bank and Good Sam Fund are critically low and we may now be in a position to be more helpful to those in need. A Friend from P & G brought to our attention that the new roof for the Common Room will cost about \$6000. The Meeting approved giving the Clerk of P & G permission to request these monies from the Trustees and get this work done. Another Friend reported success in increasing the amount of monies in the Scholarship Fund and suggested Friends consider giving an annual gift which will help increase the endowment of the fund more than a lump sum. He also mentioned that substantial gifts have now been given to the Carriage Shed Sale and he hoped some of these things will be listed soon on the web site.

Meeting for business was adjourned at 1:15pm after a brief silence.

Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne

Report on Interim Meeting of September 25, 2008 for Third Haven Monthly Meeting. *Submitted by Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Cathy & Norval Thompson*
General Secretary's Report: Arthur Larrabee gave a list of goals for 2008-2009 to include: 1) Strengthen the YM, 2) Increase our membership, 3) Reflect our vitality and growth, 4) Grow a staff that "hums", 5) Visit all 13 QMs over a 2 year cycle, 6) Raise money, 7) Bring the Friends Center renovation project to a successful completion, 8) Make the YM Office more user friendly, and 9) Conclude the staff reorganization process.

Naming Committee: After some discussion while the interested parties left the room, the following clerks were approved: IM Clerk: Jada Jackson, Alternate Clerk: Tom Armstrong, Recording Clerk: Amey Hutchins and Alternate Recording Clerk: Bob Barnett. The Naming Committee presented a page of recommendations to IM oriented to support the work of Friends serving as IM clerks. The clerks and co-opted persons are to work with the committee to find ways to implement these recommendations.

General Services Standing Committee: 1) Report on Summer Sessions: Michael Gagne, Sessions Coordinator, reported that feedback on this year's Summer Sessions has been overwhelmingly positive. Dates have already been set for 2009 and 2010 sessions and can be obtained on the PYM website. 2) Friends Center Corporation Financing: The following minute was approved by IM: "GSSC recommends to Interim Meeting that the scope of the Friends Center renovation project be increased by up to \$1.5 million, as the need, therefore, is determined, for a total cost of \$15 million, but not to exceed revenues in hand or pledged, for those items detailed on a document dated September 10, 2008 and to include such other items as may be identified in the future." The clerk of Financial Oversight Working Group, Norval Thompson, presented a minute

from that committee recommending “that IM instruct YM reps to do their utmost in maintaining objectivity and to ensure that there are no additional cost overruns. Financial Oversight, as the YM’s financial audit group, expects to be informed in a timely manner of significant financial developments relating to the major Friends Center project simultaneously with that information being provided to GSSC or other standing committees.” The recommendation was not approved. IM recommended that GSSC, FOWG, and the IM Clerk communicate with each other to address these issues.

Peace & Concerns Standing Committee: PYM Earthcare Working Group and Quaker Earthcare Witness Report: The “Climate Action Network” that many Friends are familiar with has been replaced by a broader Peace and Concerns network, which recognizes the interconnectedness of earthcare/climate change with peace and social justice. After more than 12 years of leadership, Ed Dreby stepped down as clerk/project leader of PYM’s Earthcare Working Group in the summer of 2007. Hollister Knowlton, who has served on the committee since 1996, agreed to take over the role of clerk. Hollister spoke of 2 booklets entitled “Seeds of Violence/Seeds of Hope” put together by Ed Dreby, which according to her are excellent. There is also a Household Carbon Calculator available online. If Friends are interested in either of these items, Hollister may be contacted by email at: h.knowlton@comcast.net.

Support & Outreach Standing Committee: Quaker Quest Status Report: Harry Forrest spoke of the tremendous success of Quaker Quest and urged Friends to attend the next session to be held October 25th at Arch St. The price is \$15, which includes lunch.

The Alternatives to Violence Project, AVP, began over thirty years ago in a New York state prison, as a group of Quakers and prison inmates, shaken by the recent riot and massacre at Attica Prison in western N.Y., brainstormed about ways to decrease violence in the prison system. Since that beginning, AVP has grown into a national movement with almost 2,000 volunteer facilitators, and has spread to many countries around the world. AVP workshops are being used this fall by the African Great Lakes Peace Initiative of the Friends Peace Team in response to the violent conflicts in Kenya in early 2008.

As AVP has spread, it's become obvious that the need for this training exists just as much outside prison walls as within. That everyone, in all walks of life and circumstances, is exposed

to, and participates in some way, in violence. The homicide rate in the United States is twice that of most other developed countries. Violence in the home, physical and mental, directed against both spouse and child, is rampant. This violence knows no class, racial, economic or geographical boundaries. With that in mind, workshops have been held for businesses, churches, community associations, street gangs, halfway houses, women's shelters and many others.

AVP was introduced to Easton by a workshop held at THFM in spring of 2005. That workshop was led by



facilitators from Delaware and attended by a cross-section of the Easton community. Typically, after attending a series of three intensive workshops, participants are considered trained and are then certified as AVP facilitators and they go on to offer AVP workshops in their communities. Leigh Ann Dodge and Ralph Young have attended training at Pendle Hill.



Leigh Ann and classmates at work



Pendle Hill Graduation

The Easton workshops produced a small group of trained facilitators interested in sharing AVP principles with local schools and jails. Finding a receptive venue proved harder than expected and it wasn't until 2008 that the Easton AVP team became regularly active.

Responding to a request from the Eastern Correctional Institution (ECI) in Somerset County to revive a program dormant for three years, Third Haven members Ralph Young and Leigh Anne Dodge, plus the Pastor of the Fairview Church of the Brethren, Tom Richard, made the commitment to bring AVP workshops to ECI the last week of each month. AVP had made such an impact on inmates in the facility, through ten years of work from a team of Friends from Wicomico Meeting that the waiting list for the workshops reached over a hundred men. Since the facility is about sixty-five miles from Talbot County, the Easton team hopes to train enough 'outside' volunteers living closer to ECI to sustain the program themselves. At that point the team plans to bring the program back closer to home and begin offering it on a regular basis in our own community.

Persons interested in following the advice of Mahatma Gandhi, "Those who are attracted to non-violence should, according to their ability and opportunity, join the experiment" should not hesitate to contact Ralph or Leigh Anne to join this experiment.

Friends Support UN International Day of Peace



Worship & Ministry meets with Overseers

Third Haven Monthly Meeting Announcements

Meetings For Worship

First Days 10am Fourth Days 5:30pm

October 8

October 12 October 15
October 19 October 22
October 26 October 29

Domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, income levels and sexes. Patterns of violence are passed from one generation to the next and an estimated 30% of those who witness violence in their homes become perpetrators of violence. In FY-2007-2008, 66 individuals were killed in Maryland. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, battering is the most common, yet least reported, crime in the United States and the F.B.I. reports that battering incidents occur every 15-18 seconds. Please come out and support this important effort.
Peace, Bruce Butler

October 12 (first day) 10am Meeting for worship followed by meeting for business. Property and Grounds committee annual report.

October 19 (first day) Southern Quarterly Meeting at Cadbury at Lewes -
address 17028 Cadbury Circle, Lewes, DE 19958, Phone: 302-645-6400 or 1-800-390-8298
<http://www.cadbury.org/lewes/retirement/home>

AGENDA

- 10-11 Worship
- 11-12 Lunch (generously provided by Cadbury)
- 12-2 Program - Quaker Quest

Amy Kietzman of Central Philadelphia Meeting and the PYM Working Group will present an informative and interactive program on Quaker Quest.

2 - 3 Tours of Cadbury for those interested.

- There will also be a Meeting of Quarterly Meeting Planning clerks or their representatives at this time to discuss the January agenda and some requests from and opportunities at PYM.

October 22 Flu shots in Talbot County The Talbot County Health Department will provide flu vaccinations 9 am to 6 pm Wednesday, Oct. 22 at the Talbot County Community Center.

November 2 (first day) End of daylight saving time. Set clocks back 1 hour after 2 am.
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 not 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.

Third Haven extends condolences to Lila Line on the loss of her son Adam. A Meeting for Worship with attention to Lila's bereavement will be held Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 5:30pm in the Meeting House. Lila does not have family near-by, we want to support her. All who wish to support Lila are encouraged to attend and join her for light refreshments afterwards in the Common Room. Please pass the word to all who know her and invite them to attend. Lila's phone number is: (410) 482-2367 - address is 406 N Main St., Greensboro, MD 21639

Many thanks to First Day School Committee members Lorraine T. Claggett and Marcie Molloy for sani-cleaning the upstairs First Day School rooms last month. Our kids now have a clean place to worship and play. Susan Claggett, FDS Clerk

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.

The increasing price of food and gas has resulted in fewer donations to the Maryland Food Bank. The primary food pantry in Easton for those in need is in the Neighborhood Service Center and the need is increasing. The Maryland Food Bank is the principle source of food for the Neighborhood Service Center. Thus the situation at present is less food for more people. To help fill this gap, several faith communities in Easton are regularly collecting non-perishables to give to the Neighborhood Service Center. On a bench along the East side of the Common Room is a plastic container marked "Third Haven Food Bank for the Neighborhood Service Center". It is hoped that all members and attenders will bring at least one non-perishable each time they attend a Meeting for Worship" Each Monday, the contents of the container will be brought to the Neighborhood Service Center.

Yard signs 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.

Reminders

- 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.

-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 the full accounts updated Sept 20, 2008 of coming events listed by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and other major Quaker organizations which may be found -Here are the latest headings - there full articles on each subject on the Third Haven Website,
<http://www.thirdhaven.org/> click on Complete Text Material on the home page.

Alternatives to Violence Workshops

Friends Delegation Travels to India

What are Russian and Georgian Friends doing while their countries are at war?

Fair Hill Book Drive

Pendle Hill Offers Fall Tuesday Evenings on Justice Issues

Spiritual Programs at Gwynedd Meeting

Fall Quakerism Programs at Pendle Hill

Call for Submissions for the Quaker Youth Book Project

Gardening at Fair Hill

October 8 Free Film Series at Buckingham Meeting

October 11 Little Egg Harbor Celebrating Anniversary
October 10-12 Young Adult Friends retreat at Burlington
October 10-12, 2008 Youth Workers Training Retreat
October 12 Historian Speaking on John Woolman
October 18 Honoring Mary Anne McClintock, Seneca Falls organizer
October 25 Book reading at Friendship House/ Casa Amistad
October 25 Quaker Quest Consultation Day
Quaker Arts Conference at Pendle Hill October 25
October 31-November 2, 2008 Inquirers' Weekend: An Introduction To Quakerism
November 8 AFSC's Annual Public Gathering
November 15 Bible Association Annual Lecture
November 15 Meeting on Worship and Ministry
November 14-16, 2008 Clerking: Serving the Community with Joy and Confidence
November 22 Gathering for Extended Worship
December 5-7, 2008 Claiming Our Peace Testimony
Friends Employment Opportunities

Young Friends Events: 9th grade (or age 14 by September 1st) through college age.

<http://www.pym.org/youngfriends/index.htm>

October 3-5, 2008 - New Jersey Tri-Quarter Gathering (Burlington, Haddonfield & Salem Quarterly Meetings) Camp Ockanickon near Medford , NJ - Contact: Cindy Cox Crispin at 856-478-4093 or e- mail to: georgeacrispin@aol.com

http://www.pym.org/youngfriends/Forms/2008-10_Tri-Quarter_flyer.pdf

October 24-26, 2008 Young Fiends HALLOWEEN GATHERING at Burlington Meeting House, Burlington, New Jersey. For Young Fiends 9th grade (or age 14 by September 1, 2006) through college age. Subject: "HOW TO LIVE WITH YOUR PARENTS" (Is this a scary theme or what?) led by John Scardina; Friends Counseling Service counselor, member of Westtown Meeting school psychologist, therapist, musician, sailor, a grandparent who humbly strives to exemplify and achieve the peace and serenity our planet sorely needs and general all round good guy!

If you believe (as many people do) that conflict is necessary for growth, then it is probably true that most parent/teen relationships present many opportunities for growth. How do we survive this period in our lives, living and talking with our parents? How do we deal with our parents' issues (marriage, divorce, remarriage, affairs, addictions, dishonesty) as well as our own (sexuality, honesty, trust, identity formation, drugs, and alcohol)? How do we establish trust and mutual respect with our parents? Can we encourage and challenge one another to grow, together and apart?

The goal here is to work with parents, within our family systems, so that positive, life-long relationships can be established. I heard one person suggest that we spend our 20's and 30's undoing what happened to us in the first 20 years of our lives. Can we get a head start?

Come prepared to share - about yourself and about your family. Spend some time looking at your family - how do we work together? Play together? Communicate? Grow? Worship? Parents and teens can work things out, and hopefully we'll come up with some ways to help each of us!

<http://www.pym.org/youngfriends/index.htm>

Young Adult Friends retreat at Burlington

A weekend retreat for PYM Young Adult Friends (ages 18-35) will be held October 10-12 at the Burlington Meeting House & Conference Center, Burlington NJ. Come connect with other Young Adult Friends and envision the community, events and support you would like to build within PYM.

Please help spread the word to Young Adult Friends in your area who might be interested in this event. At the end of the weekend there will be an opportunity to join other Friends for the annual Woolman Lecture at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Burlington Meeting House. For more information about this retreat, contact PYM Young Adult Friends Coordinator Sadie Forsythe, 215-241-7075, sadief@pym.org, www.pym.org/education/yaf

Friends General Conference happens annually at different sites across the U.S. around the first week in July. This summer it was held at Johnstown, PA on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh. There were Friends from many different Yearly Meetings and a very active Young Friends group. Katie Claggett joined the 6th & 7th graders in a week long daily worship gathering and wrote this Epistle as a way to share her experience with Third Haven:

" My Epistle for what I have done for the past three days. . .

I rose each morning and ate breakfast at the appointed hour. Then I would ride my bike to Wilson Hall where I would have morning worship. Then I would go to my kid's morning sessions. We did singing, crafts, and fun and made me feel happy to be doing more Quakerism than worship. I ate lunch at the appointed hour. I did worship sharing and multigenerational activities like walking cheerfully over the earth. In doing this routine and during the past four days I have made many new friends which has brought me closer to the inner light and God."

Your Quaker Friend,
Katie Claggett

Habitat Happenings Meet Mary Anderson; she is the first partner/owner to qualify for a house at Milestone on Clay. Her story, like that of most of our partner/owners, is very compelling and motivating. It is what makes the work we do so rewarding.

Mary Anderson raised her own family with her husband who passed away a number of years ago. Not being one to take the easy route she became a foster parent to a young girl in need of a nurturing home. While Mary's home was lacking simple amenities such as insulation and level floors and was located in a neighborhood rife with illegal activities, she was able to create a safe haven for her foster daughter. Maintaining a fulltime job that allows the Habitat homeowner to assume responsibility for the mortgage is an important criteria for being accepted as a Habitat partner family. Mary had worked for many years as an employee of Black and Decker but when they closed their operations she was without a job. Searching the limited job market in the local community, she was hired by an assisted living establishment, William Hill Manor. She has been happily employed there for over 6 years and was awarded the *Commitment to Excellence Award* for her dedication to her job and going "above and beyond the call of duty and demonstrating exceptional respect and courtesy to residents and co-workers." At the time she received this award she announced that it would be the first thing she hangs on the wall of her new Habitat home.

As a single mother Mary has worked tirelessly to complete her sweat equity hours and save for the settlement costs. When our joint venture, Milestone on Clay, was announced Mary was quick to request a home there. As Mary explained, when she was first married over thirty years ago she lived in one of the units we razed to make room for Milestone on Clay. Her new home will allow her to walk to church, shopping and school thus saving a great deal of money on gas. Additionally, her daughter, a U.S. postal employee, qualifies for a moderate income home and will be living right next door to her mom.

The Anderson family's move in day will truly be a moment for all of us to celebrate.

Monthly query from First Day School--

Are Friends careful to recognize and name the gifts of Young Friends and Young Adult Friends(YAF) around them?

Cathy tempts Leigh Ann & Paige with goodies



Carriage Shed Sale Success In the rain on Saturday September 27, the Third Haven Carriage Shed Sale earned \$6000., to be divided evenly among the Third Haven Friends Scholarship Fund, a newly created program to promote Quaker education opportunities; Fresh Start – a local initiative to create a transitional housing program for those who have successfully completed a rehabilitation program and are recovering from substance abuse; and Buy a Locator – Save a Life, a program to purchase Schonstedt Locators, the perfect tool for discovering unexploded

ordinances in war torn areas. A lot of time, energy and thought went into the preparation for this sale and we acknowledge with thanks the leadership of Paige Bethke and Mark Beck.



Mark works on the silent auction



Gwen, Connie, Molly and Maeve make change



Susan, Leigh Ann and Emma
peddle plants



Winslow, Helen and Valerie
cater those infamous Quaker Dogs

Quaker Quest Explored Lorraine Claggett, John Schreiner and others are exploring Quaker Quest, "a dynamic new approach to outreach that has brought seekers to meetings all over England. It is based on the idea that Quakerism, 'a spiritual path for our time' is simple, radical and contemporary....In essence, Quaker Quest is a series of public, open meetings on Quaker topics, which are presented in repeated cycles. The sessions follow a lively format which engages seekers intently for two hours. During each session three Friends speak briefly from the heart about the evening's topic. Seekers then divide into small groups each facilitated by a Friend who makes certain that everyone has a chance to share. Following a question and answer period the program closes with a 30 minute Meeting for Worship." If you are interested in supporting such an effort or just in exploring it in more detail, contact John to join him and others as they research this program.