



## Third Haven Friends Meeting

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## NOVEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

Affliction and disquiet are part of each spiritual journey

*Bob Marshall*

### **Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 10th Month, 12, 2008**

#### I. Call to order

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

#### II. Attending

Monimia Barker, Mark Beck, Paige Bethke, Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Leigh Ann Dodge, Doreen Getsinger, Tania Harrison, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Connie Lewis, Joyce Macijeski, Sumner Parker, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Robert Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Peggy Walbert, Ann Williams, Irene Williams, Winslow Womack,

#### III. Minutes

One correction was made to the minutes from the 9th month. Under section XI- First Day School, the wording, "to send out to those in need" should be deleted and replaced with "to send to anyone for general purposes". The minutes were approved after this correction was made.

#### IV. Query

The Query "Stewardship and the Environment" was read during meeting for worship. A Friend questioned why we do not have a written policy for our caretakers that stipulate how we use our resources. Could we come up with a plan to use our lights and heat more carefully?

#### V. Clerk's Correspondence

Adam Line's memorial service was well attended and quite special. Thanks goes out to Valerie Mazur, Lorraine Claggett, Dee Rein and Ann Womack for planning this event and bringing everyone together with wonderful food and an important time to share memories with Lila.

VI. Property & Grounds Please see attached Annual report. The Clerk spoke of the importance of this month's query to the work of this committee. With the help of Robert Weiland, we are slowly converting the meadow to a woodland. Fifty new white cedars have been planted and the need to mow this area has been reduced. Although the committee is small, one half of our operating budget goes to its work. Highlights of the year include the spring "Spruce Up" day; new roof, bookshelves, fridge and toilet assist bars in the Common Room; a

new oil purchase and contract agreement; and the new cedars. The committee continues to investigate solar panels for the Common Room. The coming year's work will include a site plan mapping out plantings and gravesites. A suggestion was made asking P&G to explore the idea of instead of mowing the acre patch of Johnson grass at a substantial cost, to apply herbicide and plow it under and plant meadow grass to enrich the soil, attract birds and decrease runoff. If done properly it could be a maintenance free result. The committee will also be looking into further upkeep, painting and the needs for a new carpet. The annual report by this committee was approved by the Meeting

VII. Anniversary Celebration A minute from Mary Cotton, Clerk of Library and Outreach was read and approved. The minute is included in this report. Several members volunteered for the 325<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration committee. The list of volunteers includes but is not limited to Marsie, Paige, Monimia, Candace, Molly, John, Leigh Ann, and Susan Claggett.

VIII. Kelly Uphoff Gori Education Fund Our Clerk was approached by Kelly Uphoff regarding her involvement with a scholarship fund for students in Georgia where she is currently serving in the Peace Corps. An article about the Fund and Kelly's work can be found in the Common Room. Our Clerk approved the use of THFM to collect monies to send to the fund. Checks for donation can be made out to THFM with a reference to Gori Education Fund. A Friend reminded us that overseas donations are not generally tax-deductible. THFM will not be participating in the fund other than acting as a conduit to send monies to Kelly for the project.

IX. Interim Meeting See attached report. Norval invited all to attend an interim meeting with someone at any time. THFM thanks Cathy, Norval, Doreen and Marsie for all the time and effort they put in to keep the rest of us informed regarding the larger meeting community.

X. Carriage Shed Sale The Sale netted \$6360 or \$2120 for each charity donation. There was discussion re: leftover sale items. The Sale committee will come back to the next business meeting with a proposal on how best to sell the rest of the items and how to disperse any more monies that come to us via these sales. Thanks were extended to Clay Owens regarding the nice article he did in the paper prior to the sale.

XI. Surplus Funds A Friend brought up the importance of our surplus and how to best use it during this time of financial crisis for many in our local community. With a budget surplus of around \$6000, this Friend suggested a donation of \$1000 be given to the Good Samaritan Fund which is at an all time low of \$17. After some discussion, the Meeting approved giving \$3000 to the Good Sam Fund. A charge was given to Testimonies & Concerns to study what should be done with the other \$3000. Consideration regarding any other pressing financial concerns of the Meeting also need to be discussed with the Treasurer and other committees.

XII. Inter-Faith Housing Report This corporation currently is in good financial shape. It is currently solvent and finishing up projects in Denton and Salisbury. The future of it is unknown. The corporation is looking for a new director, new directions and new projects to fulfill its mission. Our representative, Larny Claggett asked how Meeting would feel if he presented this project to our Southern Quarterly Meeting to be taken on by SQM. THFM approved supporting Larny in this.

XIII. Other Business a) We were given an update regarding the homeless shelter project mentioned at business meeting last month. Lorraine stated that the interfaith committee has decided to go ahead with this community project. She has met with members from T&C. T & C supports our Meeting giving volunteers and money to the project but does not feel we are capable of housing people here at Third Haven. Next business meeting we should have more info on the volunteer jobs needed and our financial obligation to the project. Some Friends also

requested more information be obtained on the number of homeless in our community and more about what their needs are. b) Clerk of First Day School, Susan Claggett asked to Meeting to allow a "Halloween Sleep-Over" on October 25th for families and children in the Common Room. The Meeting approved this.

Meeting for business was adjourned at 1:10pm after a brief period of silence..

*Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne*

### **Third Haven Friends Meeting Announcements**

Meetings For Worship

First Days 10am      Fourth Days 5:30pm

October 29

November 2      November 5

November 9      November 12

November 16      November 19

Please hold Jim Paul in the light in a time of illness

Winter Clothing Drive - Mariann Stackpole, a member of the Interfaith Social Action Coalition, is working with local Girl Scouts and local churches to provide the Neighborhood Services Center with winter clothing. The Center will have a day in November to give out the clothing to those in need. Needed are coats, boots, mittens, hats, and heavy sweaters in good condition for ages infant through adult. If you have clothing to donate, please call Mariann at 410-770-5742. She will be sorting the clothes by gender and size and taking them to the NSC and would like to have them by the first week of November. Alternatively, on First Day, place your clothing donations in the white Ford pick-up truck with kayak rack on top parked across from the Common Room and they will be delivered to Mariann.

November 8 (Saturday) 11:30am Friends Historical Association Annual Meeting at the Arch Street Meeting House in Philadelphia. Speaker at 1pm is Professor Jon Pahl whose subject is "Why Religious Freedom Was (Is) Necessary: Religious Violence in Early America —the Case of Mary Dyer— Reservations (by Oct. 31) are required for those wishing to have lunch. Contact: <http://www.haverford.edu/library/fha/ma.html> (610) 896-1161 or [fha@havetfodt.edu](mailto:fha@havetfodt.edu)

November 9 (first day) 10am Meeting for worship followed by meeting for business. Committee reports: Testimonies and Concerns, AFSC, TACL, preliminary report of Nominating Committee.

November 15 (seventh day) from 10am until 2pm there will be a group at the meeting to welcome visitors attending the Waterfowl Festival. To volunteer contact Mary Cotton at [MaryFCotton@gmail.com](mailto:MaryFCotton@gmail.com).

December 6 (seventh day) There will be a NAACP Banquet. For details, contact Doreen Getsinger 410-745-3485 or [dcgets@atlanticbb.net](mailto:dcgets@atlanticbb.net)

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.

Volunteers are needed to continue the library program at the Talbot County Detention Center. Contact Leigh Ann Dodge: 410-822-5998

If you have an announcement, a website entry or a newsletter article, please submit it to [hawkjm@goeaston.net](mailto: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 primary food pantry in Easton is in the Neighborhood Service Center and the food pantry is in need. Over the past year, the number of families served each week by the pantry has doubled to 150 and is still growing. To help, 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?

#### **Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Announcements**

COMPLETE TEXT MATERIAL - 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 are 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 31-November 2, 2008 Inquirers' Weekend: An Introduction To Quakerism  
 November 8 AFSC's Annual Public Gathering  
 November 7-9: Alternatives to Violence Workshops  
 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

## **Property and Grounds Annual Report**

**10th month, 12th, 2008**

Active Committee: Leigh Anne Dodge, Bob Kemp, Butch Kemp, Clay Owens, Craig Smith, Rob Wieland, Joyce Ziegler, and by her own initiative, Sally Vermilye, Larny Claggett clerk. A small but dedicated group. Request that Nominating Committee work to somewhat swell the ranks.

Major efforts this year:

0. Property and Grounds accounts for roughly half of our meeting's budget. Last year the Property and Grounds expenses were just under budget.
1. Spring spruce-up day. Good attendance. Good work. Good day all around.
2. Common Room roof. Butch Kemp spear headed the effort. This was a joint effort with the Trustees, they provide the funds and we the oversight.
3. Book shelves and toilet grab bars in the Common Room - again thanks to Butch.
4. Common Room refrigerator - makes ice and energy efficient.
5. Oil pre-purchase and boiler service contract with Wise Oil.
6. Expansion of the meadow woods by an additional 50+/- trees. Thanks to Rob Wieland.

On-Going Initiatives:

1. Common Room carpet repair/replacement.
2. Care for display and preservation of the quilt.
3. Solar photo-voltaic array for Common Room roof. Aurora Energy, Inc. gave us an analysis and proposal for a 10 kW array costing \$35,000, installed, which, with all available grants and tax credits, would have a payback time of 18 years. Working with the Trustees.

4. Touch up and repairs to the Common Room doors and Old Meeting House sills.
5. Benches for Old Meeting House and/or Common Room.
6. Grounds Site Plan - continuing effort to map and keep updated our graveyard and significant vegetation.

Thanks to all in the Meeting and the Trustees for their support. Looking to move forward from here.

*Larry Claggett*



**Spiritual Journeys** After meeting for worship on October 26, Testimonies and Concerns had a simple meal for members and attendees. This was followed by the first of six presentations of the Worship and Ministry committee relating to spiritual journeys and featured Bob Marshall. We are greatly indebted to Bob for his forthright narrative and his thoughtful responses to our questions.

**Right Sharing Lunch** sponsored by Testimonies and Concerns



**Southern Quarterly Meeting** was held on October 19, 2008 at The Worship Group at Lewes, DE at Cadbury at Lewes. This worship group has 8 to 12 regular participants including Jim and Anne Rouse, who are resident at Cadbury. Eleven Third Haven members represented our meeting. Following meeting for worship and welcoming remarks from the local residents, lunch was served by the Cadbury dining service. The business for the day was a presentation of PYM's "Quaker Quest", an outreach program begun in England where it has met with success. Meetings are encouraged to undertake this proactive program as both an inreach and outreach effort. The idea is for a meeting, or group of meetings, to advertise and hold a series of informational evenings for members of their community, to spread the word about our "joyous, experiential religion." For too many years Quakers have gone about their business living their beliefs, but not encouraging others to join us. Our numbers have been shrinking. Amy Kietzman and Julian Brelsford from PYM explained the program and engaged the group in a couple of exercises to illustrate how it works. They emphasized the preparation a Meeting needs to undertake before inviting the public to hear our "good news". When this was concluded residents of Cadbury took Friends on a tour of their new facility. It was a day of good fellowship with Friends from the other meetings in our Quarter. *Marsie Hawkinson*

### **Report on Interim Meeting of October 23, 2008 for Third Haven Monthly Meeting.**

General Secretary's Report: Several IM reps shared stories of vitality and growth in their MMs that included shared meals with needy families, a PEACE oriented day with the "Eyes Wide Open" boots display, and the growth of FDS in another MM.

Heeding God's Call: A Gathering on Peace, Status Report: A Peace Gathering is scheduled for January 13-17, 2009 at Arch St. Meeting House. It is a joint effort of PYM, the Church of the Brethren, and the Mennonite Church. The focus is on Philadelphia and its suburbs and the issue of gun violence. The first 3 days of the gathering are scheduled with workshops, and each evening, there will be a guest speaker from one of the 3 different religious groups. On Saturday, the 17th, a demonstration is planned, with an expected faith-based crowd of 2,000 people, focusing on one of Philadelphia's largest purveyors of handguns, a notorious supplier to the illegal gun trade. The intent is a public outcry demanding that retailers of firearms accept a code of conduct that would dramatically reduce the illegal trafficking of handguns from Philadelphia gun shops that fuels the tide of violence. A handout is available in the Common Room for more detailed information or by email at [saturday@peacegathering2009.org](mailto:saturday@peacegathering2009.org).

Gift from Greenleaf: IM accepted a gift of \$7.8 million (as of September 30, 2008) from the proceeds of the sale of a Friends Boarding Home in Moorestown, NJ. The purpose of this fund is "to provide financial support for members of YM who are of modest means and 62 years of age and older. The fund will have two primary purposes: 1) housing needs of such persons; and 2) assistance with ongoing maintenance, medical and living costs of such persons." A granting group is to be appointed by the Worship & Care Standing Committee.

Financial Stewardship: Covenants from MMs are to be reported to this committee by February 9th, 2009.

Peace & Concerns Standing Committee: Travel Minute for Religious Service Report: Paul Sheldon, a war tax activist of Lansdowne MM, reported on his attendance at the 12th International Conference on War Tax Resistance & Peace Tax Campaigns, held in the UK from



Sept. 5-8, 2008. The conference was an opportunity to learn the current status of peace tax campaigns that are in progress in 15 countries around the world. Paul remarked, "PYM is in a unique position with respect to its three-century-plus historical record on war tax concerns." He feels that "this places a special responsibility on me and also on PYM to continue this history into its fourth century."

Worship & Care Standing Committee: The 3rd semiannual gathering of W&M clerks of monthly and quarterly meetings will be held on Saturday, November 15th at Chestnut Hill MM. It is to be a day of worship, worship sharing, and an opportunity to meet with Friends from other meetings. All are welcome. For more info, a handout is available in the Common Room or by email at [WM@pym.org](mailto:WM@pym.org)

Annual Fund: Wright Horne announced that 174 donors have been lost since the last annual fund drive and that if we could get them back and everyone just added \$21 to the amount of their last contribution, our fund goal would be reached for this year.

*Report submitted by Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Cathy & Norval Thompson*

**Thoughts from Friends** Friends are conservative radicals. They are conservative because they are religious, and religion, as the origin of the word indicates, suggests binding together. Religion binds the present with the past and it binds diverse people into communities. Quakers, because of their deep Christian roots, are bound into the past history of man. The words and actions attributed to Isaiah, to Jesus, to Saint Francis, to George Fox, and to John Woolman, come down through the centuries and are bound into the life and witness of today. In the meeting for worship Friends seek -to break through the here-and-now into that which is eternal. Here that which is beyond time and in every time becomes part of the present.

With all this conservatism, however, Friends are also radical. Their authority is the light within, the present and personal experience by which past undoubted authority must be tested. "Thou sayest Christ said this and the apostles saith that, but what canst thou say," says George Fox.... This "What canst thou say" is the key to a religion in which we have "No time but this present" and in which there is a constant hunger to apply the eternal principles of love, justice, and redemptive suffering to this present world. Kenneth Boulding, 1988 *submitted by Frank Zeigler*

### **Friends Foundation for the Aging Established**

Warren Witte of Chestnut Hill Meeting (PA) has been named Executive Director of a new foundation, Friends Foundation for the Aging. Warren is the retired Executive Director of Friends Services for the Aging, an association of Quaker organizations that provide services to older adults.

Friends Foundation for the Aging is the new name for McCutchen Friends Home, which previously operated a residential and skilled nursing facility in North Plainfield, New Jersey, on properties given by the McCutchen family. In early 2007, in response to multiple external factors, the McCutchen board decided to close the Home, sell the properties, and pursue other ways to fulfill its mission of supporting the elderly.



The new Foundation will support programs that advance Quaker values in senior care, that provide new or expanded options to support seniors in their own homes, and that promote career development in the field of long term care. It anticipates that the major portion of its grants will be relatively large, multi-year grants to new, collaborative ventures. It also expects to provide support to new initiatives in support of seniors in New York Yearly Meeting.

### Monthly query from First Day School--

For 11th month: Do Friends consider the difficulties that a high school-aged Friend or Young Adult Friend may have in securing transportation to Meeting or Quaker gatherings? Do Friends consider how money may limit a high school-aged Friend or YAF's participation on committees?

**First Day School News** This past weekend was busy at Third Haven. On October 25, the First Day School hosted the first Halloween Potluck Intergenerational Event which included dinner and games with the kids. *Susan Claggett* writes, "Hi People--We survived the Halloween



sleepover!!! We had nine kids with two adults spend the night. Highlights were Flashlight tag, bobbing for apples and ghost stories. Special thanks to Mike Mullen for chaperoning and to Paige Bethke for clean-up crew and breakfast help!! Also thanks to Lorraine Claggett and Jamie duHoffman who came for dinner and played intergenerational games with the kids. There are four jack-o-lanterns left outside the Common Room for any family who would like a Halloween decoration for their house--please take. Also, a backpack, sweater and pillow were left from the sleepover and are in CR. Many thanks to all."



**Committee Choices** During the next month the Third Haven Nominating Committee will be preparing nominations of clerks and committee members for the year 2009. If you wish to participate on one of the committees please talk to Marsie Hawkinson (410-822-0589), Paige Bethke (410-822-4893 or Ralph Young (410-819-0050).



**Donation** The Third Haven Friends Meeting donation of \$3000 being given to Sallie McDavid, volunteer manager of the Good Samaritan Fund.

**Friendly Eights Coming Soon** Sign up in the Common Room by November 29<sup>th</sup> or contact Katherine Johnson to take part in a group dining together and sharing their Quaker experience. Don't miss it!