



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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JANUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

"The Israelis have the right to live in peace and security and so do the people of Gaza. I call on you, friends, to pray for the civilians on both sides who are caught in this nightmare."

Rev. Alex Awad, Dean of Students, Bethlehem Bible College

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

I. Call to order:

John Schreiner, Clerk of Meeting called to order the meeting for business at 11:25AM after a brief period of silent worship.

II. Attending:

Leonard Baynham, Paige Bethke, Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Mary Cotton, Jamie duHoffman, Doreen Getsinger, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Lila Line, Bob Marshall, Nancy Mullen, Sumner Parker, Jim Paul, Peggy Paul, Dee Rein, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Meredith Watters, Rob Wieland, Ann Williams, Irene Williams, Winslow Womack, Frank Zeigler, Joyce Zeigler

III. Minutes:

The minutes were approved from the 11th month after the addition of Gabriel duHoffman's last name was added to the list of those attending.

IV. Query:

The 12th Query, "Integrity and Simplicity" was read during meeting for worship. A Friend remarked that this was her favorite query and another remarked that one message of the simplicity query was to help us grant ourselves a quiet place to access a divine center.

V. Quaker Quest:

On January 10th from 10AM to 11:45AM, two leaders from PYM will conduct a session regarding Quaker Quest. We discussed ways to get the word out about this event in order to have many participate. A calling tree will be used. A banner will be placed on Washington St. There will be an article in the newsletter. Some asked if the session could be recorded so that

those who could not attend could watch or listen to it. John Schreiner will call other Meetings in SQM to invite.

VI. Homeless Shelter: There are now 7 churches signed up to participate in the Homeless Shelter for Talbot County in January and February. Our Meeting will be responsible for the week of Jan. 18th-25th. The overall coordinator is John Hudson. The co-coordinators for our Meeting are Lorraine Claggett and Jamie duHoffman. Lorraine will send a volunteer information form by email to those who have volunteered. An information session for volunteers will be held in the near future and details regarding this will be in the newsletter. Those seeking more information, please contact either Lorraine or Jamie.

VII. Nominating Committee: Please see attached report. After a few minor corrections, the report was approved by the Meeting. Please note that the clerk for Testimonies and Concerns will be stepping down from this position and that vacancy will need to be filled. The Meeting thanked Meredith, Marsie, Paige and Ralph for their hard work.

VIII. 325th Year Celebration: Mary Cotton spoke for this endeavor. There has been no formal committee made up for this event but she will hold a meeting regarding plans for the future celebration sometime in January. The meeting time will be in the newsletter. She is currently considering a series of events throughout the year versus smaller “chunks” of events. She wants to consider including the Quaker Quest project and include others from SQM. This is an opportunity to look “inward and outward”. Please send an email to Mary if you are interested in participating in these discussions.

IX. Overseers: Sarah, Laura and Lorraine T. Claggett have participated in a clearing session with Jim Paul, Doreen Getsinger, Cindy Browne, Ralph Young and Candace Shattuck. In unity, the Meeting approved their membership. The welcoming committee will be comprised of Nancy Mullen, Cathy Thompson, Marsie Hawkinson and Paige Bethke with Cathy acting as convener. The Clerk read a letter from Bill Lane, Jr requesting membership. It is interesting that he had been asked to resign from Meeting many years ago because of a “head tax” levied by PYM which evidently had caused several of our members at that time to leave our membership. The PYM no longer has this archaic tax which placed an undue financial burden particularly on children of adult members as they grew into adulthood. Bill and his wife, Barbara, have been attending meeting for worship and Bill has been helpful with Property and Grounds. John Schreiner and Marsie Hawkinson met with Bill and his wife for clearance and pronounced this to be a very happy occasion. They recommended Bill for membership and the Meeting, in unity, approved. A Welcoming committee comprised of Sumner Parker, Joyce and Frank Zeigler and Lorraine will meet with Bill. Sumner will act as convener.

X. Worship and Ministry: Please refer to attached report. The Meeting approved the report with minor revisions. A Friend asked if this committee would take responsibility for sitting on the facing bench and greeting.

XI. Testimonies and Concerns: Please refer to the attached minute regarding repeal of the death penalty law in Maryland. This was read aloud and approved by Meeting. If individuals feel called to action, there is information on the Amnesty International website or you could contact John Schreiner or Jim Paul for help and information.

XII. Treasurer’s Report: Please refer to attached sheets. On the balance sheet please note that the Queenstown Bank CD will mature in Feb. 2009. Other issues discussed included the deficit of \$5,209.60 this year in comparison to the last six months of last year. Three thousand dollars of this came from our surplus funds and was given to the Good Samaritan Fund last month. Attender contributions are down from last year. Each February is when PYM requests what the

amount of our contribution for 2009 will be. This doesn't coincide with our budgetary timetable. Traditionally we let them know that the coming year's contribution will be the same as the previous year and if we find we can give more, we will do so later. We will follow the same tradition this year. Many Friends agreed that we need to come to terms with the item listed as Carriage Shed Sale Funds as this probably contains monies to be used for the playground and perhaps other things.

XIII. Interim Meeting Report: Please see attached.

XIV. Other Business: Alternatives to Violence Project will be on the agenda in January 2009.

Meeting for business was adjourned at 1:00PM.

Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne

Nominating Committee Report: Clerks and Committees for 2009

Clerk - Monthly Meeting - John Schreiner

Assistant Clerk - Monthly Meeting - Candace Shattuck

Recording Clerk - Molly Burgoyne

Assistant Recording Clerk - Nancy Mullen

Recorder - Candace Shattuck

Treasurer - Rob Wieland

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) - Frank Zeigler, Jamie duHoffman

Interfaith Housing Development Corp of the Eastern Shore Laurence Claggett, Jr.

TACL Ann Williams, Ralph Young

Southern Quarterly Meeting Representative - Susan Claggett

NAACP, Talbot County - Doreen Getsinger

AFSC- Mid Atlantic Region (representative from T&C) to be determined

Website & Newsletter Editor - John Hawkinson

PYM Annual Giving

PYM Interim Meeting Representatives - Marsie Hawkinson, Norval Thompson, Cathy

Thompson

Talbot Partnership - Susan Leibman

Committees:

Worship & Ministry: Paige Bethke & Meredith Watters - co-clerks.

Tom Corl, Connie Lewis, Jim Paul, John Winterbottom, Meredith Watters, Paige Bethke, Tania Harrison, Denny Bliss, Bob Marshall

Budget & Finance: Joe Davis - clerk.

Molly Bond, Bill Lane, Jr., Bob Day, Tom Bartlett, Mark Beck, Sumner Parker, Bob Kemp, John Hawkinson, Rob Wieland (Serves as Treasurer of the Meeting), Aiyana Paterson-Zinkand

Overseers: Dee Rein (Clerk), Doreen Getsinger (Asst-Clerk)
Nancy Mullen, Norval Thompson, Helen Womack, Marsie Hawkinson, Anne Williams, Irene Williams, Betty Jean Wheeler, Candace Shattuck, Cynthia Browne

Testimonies & Concerns:

Nancy Mullen, Lorraine B. Claggett, Leigh Anne Dodge, Sarah Sayer, Norman Hackland, Gwen Beagle, Susan Dabney, Chris Polk, Cindy Browne, Jamie Duhoffmann, Tania Harrison, Joyce Macijeski

First Day School: Susan Claggett - (Clerk), Beth Mufson - (co-clerk)

Lorraine T. Claggett, Brandt Bethke, Christin Dickey, Samantha McCall, Laurence Claggett, Jr., Mark Beck, Marcie & Patrick Malloy, Paige Bethke, Janice Shreve

Library and Outreach: Mary Cotton (Clerk)

Lorraine B. Claggett, Joan Wetmore, Peggy Walbert, Joyce Macijeski, Clay Owens, Frank Zeigler, Adrienne Rudge, Joan Wetmore,

Communications: John Hawkinson (Clerk, Newsletter Editor, and Website Editor)

Ralph Young, Nancy Mullen, Dee Rein

Property and Grounds: Laurence Claggett, Jr. (Clerk)

Bill Lane, Jr., Leigh Anne Dodge, Bob Kemp Sr., Clay Owens, Craig Smith, Rob Wieland, Sally Vermilye, Tyler Wrightson, Butch Kemp, Joyce Zeigler, Winslow Womack, Stephen Gerni.

Hospitality: Ann Williams & Cathy Thompson (Co-Clerks)

Heidi Wetzel, Beth Mufson, Peter Howell, Emma Leibman, Jacob Mullen, Ann Womack

Common Room: Ann Williams (clerk)

Beth Mufson, Winslow Womack

Nominating Committee: Paige Bethke (Clerk), Ralph Young

Scholarship Committee: Mark Beck (Clerk)

Monimia Barker, Sumner Parker, Laurence Claggett, Jr., Peter Howell, Lorraine B. Claggett

Spiritual Journey Discussions continue



Discussion after Paige Bethke's discourse on her "Spiritual Journey".

WORSHIP AND MINISTRY COMMITTEE 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

Worship and Ministry Committee is responsible for the spiritual well being of the Meeting community and monitors the strength and depth of the Meetings for Worship. W&M meets monthly with a committee composed of Paige Bethke, Tom Corl, Tatiana Harrison, Bob Marshall, Jim Paul and Meredith Watters. Two recent additions to the committee include Connie Lewis, John Winterbottom, and Denny Bliss.

In January, we were asked by the Clerks Meeting to review the request for After Thoughts and the messages that were offered after the rise of meeting and before "Announcements". W&M was asked to provide a response to guide the Clerk at the rise of meeting for worship. There was a concern that the After Thoughts were not connected to the spiritual tone or content of meeting for worship and, yet, some felt the messages were an important contribution and strengthening to the vocal ministry. We prepared an "Advice Regarding Vocal Ministry and Afterthoughts" distributed at Monthly Business Meeting. This Advice reviewed spiritual discernment and the personal need to express a spiritual leading during the meeting for worship. "Afterthoughts" are an extension of meeting for worship vocal ministry that tend to be founded by: doubt of the root

in the divine opening, insufficient time to formulate the opening, and possibly the inconsistency of the leading with the messages during meeting for worship. The final test recommended by Woolman was to determine if sharing the message or not sharing it would cause personal turmoil. Furthermore, recommended practices by the Clerk to announce “Afterthoughts” and “Joys and Concerns” were also provided. The Clerks Committee considered W & M input and have continued the practice of “After Thoughts” at the rise of Meeting for Worship.

We responded to the quarterly Clerks Meeting asking if the meeting was ready to revisit the issue of same gender union ceremonies at Third Haven Friends Meeting. In January the committee felt that perhaps professional assistance might be required for us to revisit this topic in a loving fashion. A Minute, drafted and submitted by Peggy and Jim Paul, regarding Same Gender Union was approved approximately 5 years ago and remains the guide to this issue, yet, it has been recognized that there remains the existence of continual disquiet with those who would prefer care under the Meeting of same gender unions. We discussed potential accomplishments or perhaps discord created and the timing of readiness for change to the formerly accepted Minute. We let the matter rest.

W & M Committee continues the practice of reading the Queries each month as a continual assignment for members of this committee. The Queries are read during meeting for worship, in preparation for Business Meeting and are appropriate as providing a way to redirect our daily lives in the manner of Friends.

Most recently, W & M has been discerning the properties and merits of a survey instrument used by PYM as a tool to more fully learn about our Quaker community at THFM. The benefits of using a survey of members and attenders designed are being weighed as a method to learn more about their backgrounds, their past religious experiences and their expectations in their participation and practice of Quakerism. This notion is countered by a perceived intrusiveness into the personal leanings of individuals. The survey instrument and the use of it are currently being explored. W & M are discussing the merits of the questionnaire and the benefit to the Meeting community in context with the mission of W & M to provide assistance in the enrichment of the spiritual life of Meeting for Worship.

Another way to support the W & M mission of spiritual enrichment has been to provide encouragement through adult education. Following a very successful Quakerism 101 series last year, presented by visitors from PYM, W & M decided to look at our own members and attenders for examples of Quakerism in practice. Thus, we began a 6 month series of individual presentations, led by W & M members, who describe their spiritual journey to a gathered group following Meeting for Worship on the last First day of the month. We felt this would be an opportunity to further explore the various histories of our members and learn how the practice of Quakerism has influenced their daily habits and lives. The presentations are used to encourage those in attendance to further examine individual and community spiritual lives. We have had two very good programs with Bob Marshall and Jim Paul and look forward to 4 more presentations in the New Year.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Watters and Paige Bethke

Co-Clerks for THFM Worship and Ministry Committee

Report on Interim Meeting of December 4, 2008 for Third Haven Monthly Meeting.

General Secretary's Report: Arthur Larrabee announced that handouts, as well as minutes for each IM are now posted on the PYM website. Hospitality is being offered on Friday nights to IM members and attenders who travel from afar to the Saturday Interim Meetings that begin in January. IM is now to be held the 2nd Saturday of each month through June 2009, in the hopes of attracting Friends who could not make it to Thursday night meetings. Arthur then addressed the current financial situation for FY 2009 and stressed the importance of contributions to cover expected investment losses.

Burlington-Princeton Minutes on Quaker Process: Friends of Princeton MM united in a concern that "our YM has drifted away from the practice of rightly ordered Quaker Process in our Annual Sessions. Seeking discernment from the corporate body of the YM has been supplanted by extended opportunities for fellowship. Business and decisions which affect all of us are given little space on the YM session agendas, and appear to many of us to be decided in advance of the meetings, and quickly pushed through a brief time on a crowded agenda." After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the IM Clerk and the Standing Committee Clerks would meet and discern whether or not a Called Session will be necessary.

Heeding God's Call: Proposed Minute on Handgun Violence Prevention in the Commonwealth of Pa. "PYM supports the witness for handgun violence prevention planned for January 17, 2009 with its emphasis on persuading gun shops owners to adopt the 'responsible firearms retailer partnership: a 10-point voluntary code' for sale of handguns. PYM asks the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives (its leadership and Judiciary Committee), the State Senate (and its leadership), and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to enact and sign legislation to reduce handgun violence in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This legislation is commonly known as the Lost or Stolen Reporting Requirement and the One Handgun a Month bills." PYM encourages Monthly and Quarterly Meetings to support and to participate in the Saturday, January 17 witness for gun violence protection. More info is available on the PYM website.

Annual Fund Report: Wright Horne, Associate Secretary for Advancement and Communications echoed Arthur Larrabee's concerns for continuing contributions. Due to the economic climate, the Annual Fund is lagging behind last year's. Wright asked IM members to convey a sense of measured urgency to our MMs in order to maintain programs and services at their current levels.

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

Query

Are Friends careful to consider how young adult Friends and high school-aged Friends have similar spiritual needs as older Friends?

Third Haven Monthly Meeting Announcements

Meetings for Worship

First Days 10am	Fourth Days 5:30pm
January 4	January 7
January 11	January 14
January 18	January 21
January 25	January 28

Please hold in the light Jean Paterson, grandmother of Aiyana Paterson-Zinkand

January 10 (Saturday) 10am There will be a two hour Quaker Quest introductory session featuring Lois and Larry Forrest in the common room.

- what: Quaker Quest Introductory Session
- when: Saturday morning January 10th; 10am -11:45, refreshments to follow
- where: Third Haven Friends brick meeting house;
- who presents: Harry & Lois Forrest and Janet Jackson-Gould
- who's invited: all members and attenders of Third Haven Friends plus all from Southern Quarterly Meeting

For more information visit <http://www.pym.org/quakerquest/steppingstones.php>

January 11 (Sunday) Meeting for business follows meeting for worship. Annual reports due from Overseers and Library and Outreach committees.

January 13-17, 2009 Peace Gathering at Arch Street. Friends should understand that the session on Saturday, January 17, is open to the public. For further information call 800-220-0796 or look at www.peacegathering2009.org

January 18 (Sunday) Chester River Monthly Meeting will host Southern Quarterly Meeting. There will be no program since this is the annual business meeting of the Quarter.

Each Thursday evening from 5 to 5:30, please 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

PYM Interim Meeting will now be held on the second Saturday of each month from 9:30am - 1pm, starting in January 2009. If anyone is interested in going along, please contact one of the Interim Meeting representatives, Marsie Hawkinson, or Cathy and Norval Thompson.

Volunteers for winter overnight shelter jobs: please sign up on the list in the common room. Call or e-mail one of these members: Nancy Mullen nrm32@hotmail.com, Jamie duHoffmann (410-713-4082) jduhoffmann2@washcoll.edu Lorraine Claggett - claggett@crosslink.net (410-

822-0669) Please sign up in the common room for food preparation for the Winter Shelter dates January 18th to 24th. Lunches and dinners are needed. Ask a friend or family member to share the task with you.

Winterization project volunteers needed:

Bernie Witter, the outreach person for this program from Trinity Cathedral, is asking for help with the Winterization Project. This year they have 18 people who need help but very few volunteers. Several people at Third Haven and UUFE have volunteered in the past; no special expertise is needed and all tools and materials will be provided by Easton Utilities. If anyone has a few hours to help in this project or has any questions about it, please contact Bernie at bwitter@aya.yale.edu

The primary food pantry in Easton at the Neighborhood Service Center is in need. In the past year, the growing number of families served each week by the pantry has doubled to 150. Several faith communities in Easton are regularly collecting non-perishables for this pantry. 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 members and attenders will bring at least one non-perishable each time they attend a Meeting for Worship.

To make the newsletter complete, please write down whatever you find missing and e-mail it to hawkjm@goeaston.net. Please let us know if you have moved: e-mail and other address changes are always welcome at this address. <http://www.thirdhaven.org/> is your website - what would you like added that is not there? -Please review the website from your perspective: do you have a message that should be included?

New e-mail address: John Ludlam johnludl8@aol.com

REMINDERS

To contribute to our meeting please address your contribution to Third Haven Monthly Meeting, and mail to Third Haven Treasurer, PO Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601

To contribute to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Annual Fund (mention Third Haven) mail to PYM Development Office, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

Hospitality Committee clerks kindly ask all to help maintain order in the Common Room kitchen. Dirty dishes go in the dishwasher, which should be run if full, and clean dishes go in the cupboards which are marked as to contents. Countertops should be left tidy. Further guidelines for clean up are posted on the bulletin board next to the refrigerator. Thank you, Ann Williams and Cathy Thompson.

SAVE THE DATES

March 27 to 29, 2009 for the March sessions of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to be held at the Arch Street Meeting House

May 17, 2009 - Third Haven Monthly Meeting will host Southern Quarterly Meeting as part of the celebration of our 325th anniversary.

July 29 to August 2, 2009 for the PYM summer sessions at DeSales University.

June 27-July 4, 2009 - Friends General Conference "Wings of Joy. Fire of Love" is the theme for the 2009 held in Blacksburg, VA. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Susan Claggett about early sign ups and financial aid. She plans to drive there this summer.

COMPLETE TEXT MATERIAL - Please review the full accounts updated December 14, 2008 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/> click on Complete Text Material on the home page. Find more information at www.pym.org

Here is the index to the complete text articles.

From the Greater PA region of PYM's Climate Action Network:

Upcoming Quakerism Programs at Pendle Hill

On Being a Spiritual Nurturer, 2009-2011

Young Adult Friends Working Group Formed

Grants for Young Adult Friends

PYM Offers 200 Pamphlets Free

Shelving for Meeting Libraries

Parking at Arch Street

Publications Service Group looking for a few good Friends

Website Offers International Quaker Community

Writing and Art Workshops for Quaker Youth

Pendle Hill's Winter Lecture Series:

Silent Retreats For Friends

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

Gwynedd Friends Coffeehouse

Call for Submissions for the Quaker Youth Book Project

January 17 Peace Gathering to Address Gun Violence

January 18 Camp & Summer Programs Fair at Westtown School

January 24 Earthcare Gathering

January 30-February 1 - Pendle Hill weekend on Meeting Growth and Revitalization

February 7 Winter Gathering for Extended Worship

February 28 Gathering for Quaker Educators in Public Schools

March 7 Meeting-School Leaders Seminar

March 27-29 Quaker Artists to Display at PYM Sessions

June 28, 2009 Cropwell Meeting House to Celebrate 200 Years

Friends Employment Opportunities

Assistant Librarian, PYM

Care and Aging Coordinator, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

Social Services Coordinator, Friends Rehabilitation Corporation

Babysitters, PYM



Christmas Festivities

First Day School Presents a Christmas Program





Helen Womack organizes a pot luck and all happily partake

