



## Third Haven Friends Meeting

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## April 2009 NEWSLETTER

"Quaker Quest is a new and exciting inreach/outreach program. For more than a century we have been reluctant to speak of faith and to dialogue with our neighbors. Rightly shunning proselytizing we have wrongly failed to offer even an informed choice. Because we have been comfortable traveling incognito while helping to serve society's social and peace-making needs, our Society has diminished. Is it not time to speak with clarity and passion of Truth and Spirit that can transcend greed and violence, lies and spin, materialism and cynicism?" *Quaker Quest*

### **Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 3rd Month, 8th, 2009**

1. Call to order: John Schreiner, clerk of Meeting called to order the meeting for business at 11:40AM after a brief period of silent worship.
2. Attending: Jim Bank, Paige Bethke, Cynthia Browne, Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Mary Cotton, Marsie Hawkinson, Connie Lewis, Joyce Macijeski, Sumner Parker, Aiyana Paterson-Zinkand, Dee Rein, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Meredith Watters, Heidi Wetzler, John Winterbottom, Winslow Womack, Ralph Young, Frank Zeigler, Joyce Zeigler
3. Minutes: A sentence needs to be added to the previous month's minutes stating that, "The records in Annapolis are out of date. One Friend feels the records need attention and may need to be reorganized. The Recorder will investigate this and report back at a later time." With this change, the minutes were approved from the 2nd month.
4. Query: The 2nd Query, "Meeting for Business", was read during worship. A comment was given reflecting on the importance of things not said during business meetings.
5. 325th Anniversary Update: Mary Cotton gave an update on some of the ideas generated re: 325th anniversary celebration. Mary and Susan Claggett have made some plans for hosting SQM on May 17th. They would like to incorporate some of our historical experiences. Activities such as a "time line" are being discussed and a day of sharing stories, children's activities and a luncheon is being planned. Please contact Mary or Susan if you want to help or have ideas. Mary also reported that the first meeting for worship in the old meeting house took place on Oct 13th, 1684. We have tentatively chosen the weekend of Oct. 3rd and 4th, 2009 for

a more formal anniversary celebration inviting others with a connection to THFM to join us for a reunion of sorts. Planning is still in the preliminary stages. Please let Mary know if you have ideas or if there are any major community conflicts the first weekend in October we may not be aware of. It was suggested that Clay Owens be contacted about musical talent for the event.

6. Hospitality: (please see attached report) The committee respectfully reminded all that other committees should sign up for a month of hospitality. T & C would like to provide a simple meal quarterly with a speaker featured on topics of interest. The hospitality report was approved by the Meeting. The Clerk took the opportunity to clarify the purpose of the Common Room committee as being separate and distinct from hospitality. The committee is comprised of Winslow Womack and Ann Williams and monitors the use of the common room.

7. Clerk's Correspondence: Ann Williams and Helen Womack made up the clearness committee for Robert Gladney. They, along with Overseers, have recommended the membership of Robert to THFM. Candace Shattuck, Larnie Claggett and Susan Claggett will be on the welcoming committee. The Meeting approved the membership of Robert Gladney. The Meeting is delighted to have Robert as a member. Two letters were read requesting membership. The first came from Aiyana Paterson-Zincand. Overseers were given the letter and will form a clearness committee. The second came from Joan Wetmore. This will also be handled by Overseers. Joan's membership may require only a transfer from Arch Street Meeting and this will be looked into first. We are delighted to hear from these women and look forward to hearing from Overseers next month in regard to their membership.

8. FCNL annual report: (see attached report). Frank Ziegler gave the report and it was approved by the Meeting. a comment was made that by contributing to FCNL enables one to be kept up-to-date on their very selective activities which are Quaker values directed where they act as our voice in Washington on issues relating to Peace, Justice, Equality, the environment, etc....and where its voice is highly respected. Friends are encouraged to look online at [www.fcnl.org](http://www.fcnl.org). to learn more re: the work of FCNL and possibly contribute as individuals.

9. Quaker Quest: (see attached report). Candace Shattuck explained the agenda for April 11th. Four Friends from PYM will conduct the workshop and all are invited. Comments were discussed that Quaker Quest not be viewed as proselytizing but emphasizing the exploration of our faith and spiritual journey and making it accessible to others.

10. PYM priority process: (see attached report). PYM is looking for input from monthly meetings to help them shape their priorities and budget for the next two years. They have sent out a discussion sheet which Cathy Thompson has worked on and begun the process of fleshing out our possible priorities and what we would anticipate needing from PYM. Since the PYM annual session convenes on March 27th, time is of the essence for us to get our priorities on paper. Cathy will meet with others this Saturday, March 14th at 4pm in the Common Room. Please attend if you can.

11. Other Business: 1) THFM notes the passing of Tom Bartlett who played a major part in maintaining our grounds and property through the years. His quiet and dignified service to our Meeting was remembered with much gratitude. We were reminded of his memorial to be held

Monday, March 9th at 11am. 2) April 12th is Easter and First Day School will have their annual Easter Egg Hunt. 2) Next First Day, Candace will perform “Faith and Play” for the middle school children and will repeat the lesson at the rise of meeting for all who may be interested in learning more about this method. 3) April 5th, T & C will have a simple meal at the rise of meeting and conduct a program on racial equality.

12. Topics for 4th Month: Look at updating the directory more frequently than the currently planned every two years. (not necessarily annually] Perhaps the cost and time and efficacy of this should be discussed.

Meeting for business was adjourned at 12:55pm.

Respectfully submitted, *Molly Burgoyne*

### **Annual Report of the Hospitality Committee Third Haven Friends Meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> month, 2009**

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 – most notably for: Southern Quarter Potluck January 20th, 2008, Moving Up Day, June 1st, for our First Day students, Cassie Thompson and Sam Mullen, Hospitality for the Carriage Shed Sale, September 27th, the Christmas potluck, December 21st, and Hospitality for the Winter Shelter Project, February 2009. We also warmly thank those who help out with hospitality for each Memorial Service held at Third Haven, whether it is for our own members or for guests.



It is helpful to schedule hospitality providers in advance. The program of sign-up, assigning one committee per month to be primarily responsible for hospitality for their assigned month continues to have mixed results. It seems that the same people end up doing Hospitality most of the time. Since there are 12 committees at Third Haven, each month is a different committee’s responsibility. A list of committee assignments is posted on the refrigerator in the

Common Room. We encourage clerks of the committees to consult the list and to remind their committee members when it is their turn. It is not necessary to cover each First Day, but it can be fun to do a potluck as a committee one Sunday out of that month. Or, if individuals from the committee wish to sign-up alone, that is also welcome.

This past year, a new list, involving Hospitality Committee members only, has been posted on the refrigerator, which is to ensure that at least coffee is always available on First Days. If the person posted is not free to prepare the coffee, someone else on the committee is contacted to fill in.

As a committee, we now have the following members: Peter Howell, Emma Leibman, Beth Mufson, Jacob 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 still 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.

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

## **FCNL Report for 2008**

When you want to put your religious belief in action on a national format, how do you do it?

Since 1943, Friends Committee for National Legislation has witnessed from the basis of spiritual and ethical purpose as we seek CHANGE in both national policy and public opinion – on the continuing issues of global security, the disparity between rich and poor, the shifting of budget priorities away from military spending and the fulfillment of trust responsibilities to Native Americans.

These 4 goals have remained within the organization and its work to achieve them for the last 65 years and it will continue.

Today, under global security, cluster bombs kill civilians and U.S. troops. FCNL continues to ask for US to become the 96th nation to sign the Convention on Cluster Munitions (which our government did not do in December 2008.) FCNL continues to lobby against nuclear weapons expenditures and development.

To help keep the peace, Congress can build the Peace Tool Box:

1. Diplomacy: Rebuild the diplomatic corps
2. Development: reform foreign aid
3. International Cooperation: fund the United Nations which means we should repay our \$1.6 billion debts to the UN as well as end the restriction on paying our full share of peacekeeping cost.

FCNL wants the US Government and Congress to restore human and civil liberties by:

1. Banning torture
2. Restoring Habeas Corpus
3. Repealing the Military Commissions Act
4. Stop immigration raids that do nothing to fix our broken immigration system and separates families.
5. Give attention to Energy and Environment to create renewable electricity standards, a carbon tax and green jobs.

Nuclear Disarmament has \$1 billion in new funding stripped from stimulus spending partly from outside pressure including FCNL's efforts.

Who is the General Committee that sets policy for the FCNL organization? It is 24 Quakers chosen by 26 Yearly Meetings and seven national Friends' organizations - about 20 staff members work in Washington, DC and several part time in the field.

See how much your FCNL is doing to help mankind. <http://www.fcnl.org>  
*submitted by Frank Zeigler*

**"Let Your Life Speak,"** a story about Friends' testimonies, is one of a growing collection of Faith & Play stories suitable for use both for young people and for adults. After hearing a story, listeners wonder together about its meanings in a worship-sharing type of format. The Meeting is fortunate to have several trained storytellers available to tell parables and old testament stories in addition to the stories of Friends' faith and witness: Candace Shattuck (pictured here), Susan Claggett and Cathy Thompson



**The life of the meeting.....members and attenders contribute in so many ways:**



**Overseers conclude their meeting**



**Tania Harrison shares her Spiritual Journey**

## **Rough Draft of Third Haven's Response to PYM's Priorities Process Committee**

The Priorities Process Committee request for feedback from Monthly Meetings, concerning program/budget priorities, was presented at Third Haven's March Meeting for Business, along with the attached document listing Third Haven's activities as they relate to the categories enumerated in PYM's draft statement.

It was determined at this Meeting for Business that a small group of members would meet to formulate priorities to be submitted to Mark Myers (interim clerk of the Committee) in time for the Annual Sessions, which begin March 27th.

Below is a list of priorities that were determined by the small group. This list will be presented at the April Meeting for Business. Any changes and/or additions to this list will be submitted to Mark Myers in time for the summer Annual Sessions.

### List of Priorities

1. The Spiritual Development of members through:
  - a. Visiting lecturers or Traveling Ministers.
  - b. Increased use of PYM's written materials and resources.
  - c. Promotion of inter-visitation among Friends.
2. Facilitate integration in our local community, as an expression of our Quaker witness to testimonies on social justice and equality.
  - a. Assistance with generating projects to meet this goal.
  - b. Assistance with funding for visiting speakers who could assist us in meeting this goal.
3. Fiscal discipline
  - a. Evaluation of each program within PYM as to how they manage their funds.
  - b. Periodic evaluation (every two years?) of programs to ascertain their priority.
  - c. Acknowledging that some activities are not a priority and discontinuing them.
4. Strategy for managing Quaker burial grounds.
  - a. Conducting a survey of all Quaker burial grounds within PYM and then funding those Meetings who need financial assistance with maintenance and repair.
  - b. Investigate the advantages of a new system of "column burial" to maximize use of space.

## **Outline of Report to be sent to PYM concerning Priorities Interim Meeting, Third Haven March 8, 2009**

The Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Priorities Process Committee has asked all meetings to self assess in several areas of Quaker life. Cathy Thompson has written our response listing Third Haven's Activities in each category of Priorities:

Third Haven's Activities in each category of Priorities:

1. Our life in the Spirit
  - Worship & Ministry hosts Spiritual Journeys once a month, at the rise of Meeting for Worship, where a member of 3rd Haven shares their spiritual journey with the group.

- Worship & Ministry has offered Quakerism 101 to members and attenders in the past and is thinking of scheduling another one.

## 2. Outreach/inreach

- Quaker Quest is a program that is beginning this month at Third Haven with a discussion group on how to increase participation.

- Third Haven holds a Carriage Shed Sale every other year that is open to the public. The earnings are designated for different organizations each time, decided upon at Meeting for Business.

- A "Talbot Interfaith Shelter" for the homeless was coordinated with other local churches and the local Public Health Clinic in February. Another one is planned for this month of March.

- Third Haven celebrates its 325th anniversary this year. We will host a Southern Quarter celebration here on May 17th. Another celebration will be held here October 4th to commemorate the first Meeting for Worship held at Third Haven on October 14, 1684.

- We have hosted Open Houses during Waterfowl Festival Week in the month of November for the past several years.

## 2. Bearing witness to our testimonies

- First Day School has an excellent ongoing program for all ages, which includes teaching the testimonies to Middle and High School students.

- Testimonies & Concerns Committee is active in supporting many programs that give witness to our testimonies. Examples: Prison Aid program, "Marilla's" lunches for local families, Peace Vigils, Advocates against Violence Program, etc. This committee plans to host quarterly "Faith & Action" speeches and is considering a Book Club and/or Film Festival relating to testimonies.

- Third Haven has a representative serving on the Nominating Committee of AFSC.

## 3-1 Peace

- Third Haven members participate in the Peace Vigils that are regularly held in front of the local courthouse and in the activities of the local P.E.A.C.E organization.

## 3-2 Earthcare

- Property & Grounds Committee has planted trees on the property, insulated the roof of the brick Meeting House, and replaced the underground heating fuel tank next to the brick Meeting House with an above ground tank, in consultation with environmental concerns professionals. Placing solar panels on the roof of the Common Room is under consideration.

## 3-3 Equality

- The Talbot Interfaith Shelter, as cited above, addressed homeless issues and is to be held again this month.

- Testimonies & Concerns has invited a speaker for April 5th to address "Justice & Racial Equality".

## 4. Supporting Younger Friends

- Third Haven alerts Young Friends to Yearly Meeting special weekends and has transported them to the activities in the past. Our Young Friends are involved in Hospitality and Child Care here and are always encouraged to help out with the Meeting's events.
  - We are considering offering parents of young children, who wish to stay home on Sundays, the possibility of having other adults transport their children to and from First Day School, in order to maintain regular attendance.
  - Worship & Ministry plans to host a Parenting Seminar in the future.
5. Religious Education
- Third Haven has an excellent First Day School program that includes Godly Play presentations on a regular basis.
  - We have a Scholarship Fund for young Friends who attend or plan to attend Quaker schools.

Activities that may require PYM budget assistance:

- the 325th Anniversary activities
- increased financial aid for young Friends attending Quaker schools
- installation of solar panels on the Common Room roof
- upgrading of the loudspeaker system in the brick Meeting House

*Report submitted by Cathy Thompson*

### **Third Haven Monthly Meeting Announcements** for week of March 29, 2009

Meetings for Worship

First Days 10am	Fourth Days 5:30pm
	March 25
March 29	April 1
April 5	April 8
April 12	April 15

April 5 (Sunday) **T & C program on racial equality** with a simple meal at the rise of meeting PYM's Ministry for Racial Justice & Equality (a working group under care of the Standing Committee on Adult Religious Education) will visit THFM on. Please join us after rise of Meeting that day to learn about the work of this group of Friends. "We are a diverse group of Friends who have felt called to this work as we struggle with the effects of racism in our own lives. We come together to learn from and support each other. We are also aware that our Meeting communities do not yet reflect the diversity we are blessed with within our own families, neighborhoods and towns. For centuries Friends of Color have lifted up a concern that had been missing and neglected, which is that Friends in North America are not living up to our faith. The PYM Ad Hoc Group on Racial Justice and Equality was born of its members' concern about the ways in which our relationship with each other, and indeed with the Holy Spirit, is affected by the realities of these disparities and injustices in so many dimensions of our lives." See [http://www.pym.org/pym\\_wgs/racialjustice\\_wg.php](http://www.pym.org/pym_wgs/racialjustice_wg.php)

April 11 (Saturday) **Quaker Quest Consultation Day at Third Haven.** A five hour workshop on how to reach seekers in a genuine and effective way. We now can access a new concept of outreach, one that is at once contemporary, simple, and radical..... It's called: Quaker Quest. The session begins at 9:30 proceeds through lunch and wraps up at 3:30. To be lead by a trained team of four from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. You are invited to participate. Below is the agenda:

Welcome & Introductions/ Worship

What are inquirers seeking today? What are we Friends seeking?

What does the Quaker way offer?

What is Quaker Quest?

A Sample Quaker Quest Session (experiential, participatory)

Questions and Answers about the sample session

~~~~~Luncheon~~~~~

Exercise; how do we articulate who we are and what we believe? (experiential, anticipatory)

Responses to the exercise.

Forming our meeting's Quaker Quest team

Support and outreach committee greetings

Advertising, promotion, fund raising

Spiritual hospitality; How welcoming are we?

A strategy for starting out

Questions and Answers;

Concluding remarks; Worship

April 12 (Easter Sunday) The annual Third Haven Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the Meeting grounds at the rise of Meeting. Please bring one half dozen hard boiled eggs to the common room by 10 am on Easter for the children to decorate. All adults are encouraged to help find the eggs.

April 18 (Saturday) will be the annual Third Haven Clean-up Day.

April 19 (Sunday) 1 to 4 pm Collection of used bicycles in Easton at the Evergreen Cove Holistic Learning Center, 770 Port Street, Easton. Contact: Anna Harding, 410-822-6452 Bikes for the World collects repairable bicycles in the United States and donates them to charities overseas for productive use by those in need of affordable transport.

Mental Health First Aid training is available for interested groups of 10 or more from the local Mental Health Association. Interested persons may send an email or call 822-0444 to establish their interest and give their preferred training dates. Contact: Christina P. Mills, Executive Director, Mental Health Association in Talbot County, 611 B Dutchman's Lane Easton MD 21601: telephone , 410.822.0444 or e-mail [www.mhamdes.org](http://www.mhamdes.org)

"Making Peace with the World" hopes to double the size of Peace Corps. To fund the project, photojournalist Richard R. Sitler, plans a "grassroots" fund raising effort through the web site

www.ThePoint.com - he is looking for small donations and support from many people instead of a large donation or grant.

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

PYM Interim Meeting will now be held on the second Saturday of each month from 9:30am - 1pm. The next meeting will be on Saturday, March 14, 2009. If anyone is interested in going along, please contact one of the Third Haven representatives, Marsie Hawkinson, or Cathy and Norval Thompson.

New e-mail address: Candace Shattuck Candace.Shattuck@gmail.com  
New cell-phone number: Norval Thompson 410-829-4535

- Please review your listing in the Third Haven Directory - if changes are needed, now is the time to send them in for the new edition. E-mail to hawkjm@goeaston.net

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.

- <http://www.thirdhaven.org/> is your website - what would you like to add? -Do you have a message that should be included?
- Worship and Ministry would like to remind all members and attenders of the list of recommended reading material on the web site.

## 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.

- DATES FOR 2009

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** - updated March 15, 2009 features 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/>

## **New Members and Attenders Celebration Luncheon**



**Ann Womack and Mark Beck help with preparations**



**Everyone appreciated thoughts on membership offered by Bill Lane, Connie Lewis and Winslow Womack.**



**Food and Fellowship for members of all ages.**

**Irene's son Hugh visits**

