



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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NOVEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

It is interesting to contemplate the founding of this meeting barely 60 years after the Pilgrims arrived in Plymouth.

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 10th Month, 10, 2010

1.Call to order: John Schreiner, Clerk of Meeting, called the meeting to order at 11:45 after a brief period of silence.

2.Attending: Molly Burgoyne, Cynthia Browne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Jamie duHoffman, Earl Greason, Marsie Hawkinson, Steve Kanstoroom, Larissa Kitenko, Connie Lewis, Susan Mize, Nancy Mullen, Sumner Parker, Connie Pullen, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Sally Vermilye, Peg Walbert, Rob Wieland, John Winterbottom, Winslow Womack.

3.Minutes: The minutes from the 9th month were approved. Peg Walbert however, read aloud a letter of concern from Monimia Barker. This letter will be published separately, with Monimia's permission, in the newsletter for all to read.

4.Query: The 10th Query, "Stewardship of the Environment" was read aloud during meeting for worship. No additional afterthoughts were given during meeting for business.

5.Treasurer's 1st Quarter Report: Rob Wieland's report may be viewed online at <http://www.thirdhaven.org/reports.php>. There are a few highlights to note here. On the report of income and expenses July 2009-June 2010 please note that we were \$5,233.58 under budget. However, the net income surplus of \$27,623.37 is solely due to bequests received during last fiscal year. Without these monies, we would have spent approximately \$2000 more than we took in over the year. Please note that on the Balance Sheet of June 30,2010 the ING account is \$36,500.65. This is our "buffer" account to pull from if we need to in order to meet expenses. Our total liabilities and equity comes to \$123,862.33 but this includes our scholarship funds and the bequests that are not currently part of our operating funds. Note that on the Balance Sheet as of September 30,2010, the ING account is down to \$29,431.39 because we are behind in our budget this first quarter as seen in the accounts titled "Income and Expenses- July through September 2010. Since our net income for this quarter is -\$10,164.43, the ING account was

needed to meet our expenditures. A Friend asked for an explanation regarding the contingency expense of \$600.00. This was approved by Meeting to give help to a needy family during the summer months. Another Friend asked if the Treasurer could place the bequest monies under a separate line item in the budget for the sake of clarity. The Meeting approved the Treasurer's Report.

6. Interim Meeting Report: (see below). Connie Lewis gave a thorough report regarding Interim Meeting report for the 9th Month. Interim Meeting takes place on the second Saturday of each month. Connie would appreciate someone going with her in November.

7. Property & Grounds Annual Report: (see below). Larny Claggett, Clerk of committee, gave the annual report. One half of our annual budget is spent on our property and grounds. Last year the committee was over their budget due to unexpected expenses such as snow removal. Spring Spruce-Up Day and Fall Rake-Up Day have been successful. Fall Rake-Up Day will be on November 20th this year. Please take note of all the improvements and accomplishments in this year's report. In the future, we will need to plan for the eventual retirement of our caretakers, Vickie and Sam Webster. We discussed the need to update the job description of the caretakers. The Meeting approved this annual report.

8. Nominating Committee Update: Candace Shattuck, Clerk of committee, gave an update regarding formation of committees for 2011. Members and Attenders are reminded that all are welcomed to be part of any committee or attend the meetings of any committee. We are all encouraged to take part in several different committees. Several years ago, we approved term limits for the Clerks and Officers. We also suggested term limits for other committee members but have been more flexible with this standard. There was some discussion regarding our feelings about remaining flexible with leaving the limits as suggestions or guidelines or becoming more standardized with this. No decision was made on this item. The annual report from this committee will be given in November.

9. Talbot Interfaith Shelter: Nancy Mullen and Lorraine Claggett have graciously agreed to help co-ordinate the shelter activities for THFM. Several churches are again involved in the community. We are being asked to house the shelter for 3 weeks starting March 20th. The guidelines seem to be the same as the past two years. The Meeting approved this use of our facility. Nancy and Lorraine will need volunteers to help and will keep us posted regarding sign up sheets.

10. New Business: No new business was brought to the meeting. Meeting for business was adjourned at 12:45pm

Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne

IMPORTANT POINTS:

- Treasurer's Report for the first quarter was given.
- P&G annual report given
- THFM approved the use of the Common Room for TIS for 3 weeks beginning March 20th, 2011.

**Third Haven Monthly Meeting
Property and Grounds
Annual Report 10th month, 12th, 2010**

Committee: Lorraine T. Claggett, Stephen Gerni, Butch Kemp, Bill Lane, Priscilla Bond Morris, Clay Owens(co-clerk), Ken Russ, Sally Vermilye, Rob Wieland, Winslow Womack, Joyce Ziegler, and Larny Claggett clerk. A great and dedicated group.

Major efforts this year: Property and Grounds accounts for roughly half of our meeting's budget. Last year the Property and Grounds expenses were slightly over budget - extra expenses in snow removal and lawn mower maintenance were encountered.

1. Spring spruce-up day and first fall leaf rake day. Good attendance. Good work. Good days all around. With the leaves raked, we're hoping to get the grass better established.
2. Old meeting house windows. Butch Kemp spear headed the effort to repoint and paint windows. This was a joint effort with the Trustees. They provide the funds and we the oversight.
3. Winslow has been invaluable in looking after and repairing the window sills on both old meeting houses.
4. General tree pruning. Rob Wieland spear headed this effort. Again, this was a joint effort with the Trustees. They provide the funds and we the oversight. This brought attention to a fungus infection of the beech tree - it will soon need major attention.
5. Oil pre-purchase and boiler service contract with Wise Oil was renewed.
6. Clay put the brick meeting house sound system back in good working order.

On-Going Initiatives:

1. Better accessibility to our buildings, including more user friendly knobs for the common room, ramps, and hand rails.
2. Renovations to brick meeting house. Quaker Quest is considering a make over of the entrance/office area. Reworking the signage at Washington Street is another Quaker Quest initiative.
3. Priscilla and Lorraine are focusing on improvements to the brick meeting house, specifically the blinds, cushions, carpet, and getting rid of the mustiness. Priscilla arranged for Ward Bucher, architect, to look at the brick meeting house's foundation and floor structure. The masonry appears solid, but the floor is in poor condition, no surprise there. This is a big issue and deserves much more thought.
4. Benches for Old Meeting House and/or Common Room.
5. Grounds Site Plan - continuing effort to map and keep updated our graveyard and significant vegetation. Winslow has prepared a plan of the plaques on the wall - to be used for future plaque layouts. It's already in need of updating.

Caretakers:

This year has been a roller coaster ride. As we began to budget for this fiscal year 2010/2011, Clay and I met with Sam Webster to talk over the job. At that time Sam informed us that he and Vickie were looking to retire at the end of August. We received the news, but asked that he formalize it with a letter. No letter ever came. Soon after the Websters said they wanted to continue as resident caretakers a while longer. There was immediate relief from the committee. But, this issue will return in the not to distant future, and the meeting, not just

property & grounds, should be prepared. The meeting recognizes and appreciates the care the Websters have given to the upkeep of our buildings and grounds.

Thanks to all in the meeting and the trustees for their support.
Submitted to the monthly meeting for the property and grounds committee,

Larry Claggett

Letter to the editor:

Dear Friends,

I am very much distressed over the statement in the past Monthly Meeting Minutes that states "We should be forward thinking and not old fashioned." Before you understand what a Quaker is you must first know where we started. George Fox was a student of the bible. He carried the bible with him and gained much strength for the passages that he quoted. It would be safe to say that our meeting was founded on our knowledge of George Fox and his interpretation of the Bible. Through the years many Quakers have used this knowledge to further expand our meaning of "Children of the Light." If we refuse to admit our heritage then we have lost an important part of our meeting. We need to encourage potential members to study our history or they will know nothing of our meeting or heritage. We need to expand our knowledge of the past of our past and apply that knowledge to the future of our meeting. Are we going to turn away from what the members of this meeting gave to us? I shudder to think what the stones outside the Old Meeting House would say. I am not ashamed of my Quaker roots. I have roots that go back the time of George Fox and the struggle that many endured. I'm sorry that many of you will never know or care about the foundation of our meeting. To be called a Quaker and to know its history is truly a blessing in the Light.

Monimia Barker

Time for Friends



**Allan Mielke, Ken Carroll
and Peggy Walbert**



Mike Pullen and John Todd

Do You Seek a Deeper Spiritual Experience?

Spiritual Formation Program will be offered to Friends of Third Haven Meeting through Worship and Ministry Committee in 2011. This program will help participants deepen their spiritual lives, develop spiritual practices, and enrich the spiritual life of the Meeting and community.

The Spiritual Formation Program components of retreats, personal spiritual disciplines, readings, devotional groups and prayerful support combine to provide a structured community in which each member may discern God's call and prepare to follow it. Throughout the nine months many insights and deep relationships are forged in this intimate exchange.



Diane Kessler, Susan Thompson, Wade Wright and other leaders from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting will lead the program. We are grateful to them for providing an inspiring introductory session on October 24th. In the past ten years, folks from

over 60 PYM Meetings have participated in this program. It is an inspiring way to deepen your spiritual life and be a part of an on-going community of seekers.

The first retreat is scheduled for the weekend of January 21-23 and will be held at Third Haven Friends Meeting in the Common Room. This will include Friday evening, Saturday day, and Sunday morning sessions. After this weekend we will meet monthly in small groups to develop spiritual practices and to discuss readings. A mid-session one day retreat will be held as well as a closing weekend retreat. If you are interested in learning more about this program, or if you are ready to register for it, please contact Registrar Katherine Johnson at 410-820-0341 or katherinekai@goeaston.net

PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING INTERIM MEETING 9/11/2011

Friends gathered at 9:00 am for worship followed by welcome. Minutes from June 2010 were approved after discussion. A number of reports and recommendations had been sent out. Clerk Thomas Swain suggested we consider these, but put off any discussion until the October meeting. A minute from Philadelphia Monthly Meeting on the war in Afghanistan was presented and approved. A minute on Quaker Witness for Economics and the Environment was presented as endorsed by Peace and Concerns Standing committee and approved. The Marcellus Shale minute from Wellsboro Monthly Meeting, as endorsed by Upper Susquehanna Quarterly Meeting, was suggested for approved by the Clerk and strongly approved.

STATE OF INTERIM MEETING: Clerk asked the following questions. What is the work of Interim Meeting? Are we satisfied with how we do this now? If we were to make changes, what would they be? We broke up in four groups with the Alternate Clerks and came back with the following input: John Ellsworth's group said "with proper seasoning, including going through Quarterly Meeting, Monthly Meetings can bring forward concerns." Jada Jackson's group offered "Any time Friends gather, it's good" and "I want to be able to take back to my Monthly Meeting things that they will care about." Sallie Jones' group reminded us that "IM does work that cannot wait for annual sessions and needs resources of a larger body than the Monthly Meeting. We can voice for Quakers in the world and consider world issues." Dana Kester-McCabe's group noted that "Faith and Practice tells us what our function is. We need to open the door wider to the spirit and recognize the importance of prayer to better engage us."

Clerk asked , in the spirit of worship sharing, to consider: How is the Spirit moving us as a body? How can the love in me move to unite us as a religious society? What is my part in this vision? Some responses were: "It is sometimes important to hear the enthusiasm of personal presentation, Interim Meeting has an anchoring for me in the spirit. We discern what we are to do with our limited clay vessels and respond with what God would have us do. Do we realize the potential, the great reservoir available to us when we know that each of us here has that of God within?"

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY Support and Outreach Standing Committee had its traveling meeting at State College at which they had the largest participation of any recent meeting. Afterwards a picnic was enjoyed with rich sharing about the Yearly Meeting. One Friend has received an opportunity to talk about Quakerism for a show called God in America on Public TV-a six hour program to be shown October 11-13 and available on the web at PBS.org/godinamerica. The City of Philadelphia gave the human rights award to Heeding God's Call, the inter-faith group on hand gun violence prevention in the metro area.

OTHER REPORTS Christi Duncan-Tessmer said they had 10 children here for Junior Interim Meeting who played with other children in a housing project. Pat Finley of the Peace and Concerns Committee asked everyone to attend the un-boxing, unwrapping, and dedication of the peace pole after this meeting in front of the meetinghouse. Also take 15 minutes for prayer on September 21 for peace.

Respectfully Submitted, Connie L. Lewis

Announcements

Meetings for Worship

First Days 10am Fourth Days 5:30pm

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| | Nov 3 |
| Nov 7 | Nov 10 |
| Nov 14 | Nov 17 |
| Nov 21 | Nov 24 |
| Nov 28 | Dec 1 |

November 7 (Sunday) 2 am Daylight Saving Time ends in the United States.

"The tradition of celebrating birthdays each month, which used to be reserved for the children, is going to be revived, but to include the entire Meeting. Birthdays will be celebrated at the rise of Meeting for Worship in the Common Room, beginning November 1st. We are looking for volunteers, men and women, who would like to be on the Birthday Cake Committee. Cakes may be store bought or homemade and of any variety. If we get 6 people to volunteer, each person would only have to bring a cake twice a year, every six months. A schedule will be worked out and an initial committee meeting held to exchange ideas. Please contact Cathy Thompson or Paige Bethke."

E-mail addresses: please consult the up to date Third Haven Directory at <http://www.thirdhaven.org/> The website of Third Haven Friends Meeting.

The online directory remains password protected: please e-mail taniahharrison@gmail.com or hawkjm@goeaston.net if you need the password.

Faith and Practice can be read and portions extracted from the PYM website at this link: <http://www.pym.org/publish/fnp/index.php>

If you have material for the newsletter, additional announcements or added information about any of these posted events please send it to 3rdhaven@gmail.com

The newsletters and announcements can always be read on the Third Haven Website <http://www.thirdhaven.org/>

On Our Website

<http://www.thirdhaven.org/index.php>

One of the finer features of the Third Haven Website is the up-to-date Calendar. To see it at the website click on Calendar under the heading Home / About Us:



All scheduled Third Haven events as well as other Quaker related happenings are indicated on a month formatted calendar. To find a description of any event just click on the red lettering.

This calendar was set up by Tatiana Harrison, who keeps it up to date and accurate. Please click on the events listed in the calendar for more information. If no location is specified, the event takes place at Third Haven.

The newsletters and announcements can also always be read on the Third Haven Website <http://www.thirdhaven.org/>

To add events to the calendar, please contact her by email at TaniaHHarrison@gmail.com. (Please note that the email address contains 2 of the letter H and not 1.) Events included in Announcements will be added to the calendar.

Art on View

M. Joyce Zeigler, Ridgely, MD, will show her oil paintings at the Tidewater Inn Library Gallery Dec. 13 to January 10th, 2011. A reception will be held from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm on Thursday, December 16th. All is free and open to the public. Joyce grew up on the Eastern Shore of Maryland on a farm in the middle of what is now Tuckahoe State Park. Many of her paintings reflect her love of nature, animals, flowers and birds which reflects her childhood. She is a member of the Traveling Brushes, Working Artists Forum, Caroline Co. Council of the Arts, Academy Arts Museum as well as Third Haven Meeting. She teaches in her home studio. www.zeiglerfineart.com

Nominating Committee hard at work



Candace and Dee buttonhole members and attenders to consider their committee choices

The time to sign up for service on committees is here. Please contact the nominating committee (Candace Shattuck, Molly Burgoyne, Dee Rein) about your preferences. We want everyone to be included as much as possible. Hospitality Committee is looking for help. We have no committee meetings. What is required is someone who is willing to show up about 15 minutes before Meeting for Worship to set up coffee and then to stay a little longer afterwards to clean up. Depending on how many members we have on the committee, we rotate on a monthly basis throughout the year, each taking the coffee responsibility for a month. We also are responsible for refreshments for major events and potlucks. Please contact Cathy Thompson if you are interested. Other committees seeking members are Testimonies and Concerns and Worship and Ministry. Step right up and join in on the fellowship!

Overseers at the Ready

"A Committee of Overseers is appointed to assume leadership in maintaining a caring community, helping all members to find their right roles as nurturers of others." Faith and Practice p. 182. To this end Third Haven Friends Meeting uses the following calling tree to keep contact with members and respond to members as needed. Committee members stand at the ready to coordinate responses to Friends in need as well as conducting clearness committees for membership and wedding requests and consideration of other personal concerns. Confidentiality is honored scrupulously. Please feel free to call any Overseer for consultation at any time.



2010 OVERSEERS' CALLING TREE

OVERSEER

RESPONSIBILITY

(All names in Third Haven Directory inclusive of these letters)

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| Doreen Getsinger | 745-3485 | A-CI |
| Marsie Hawkinson | 822-0589 | Co-Fi |
| Molly Bond | 745-9396 | Fl-Gr |
| Norval Thompson | 745-3550 | Ha-Jo |
| Nancy Mullen | 822-1616 | K-Me |
| Lorraine T. Claggett | 822-0669 | Mi-Ow |
| Bob Marshall | 202-812-4776 | Pa-Sh |
| Dee Rein | 819-0529 | clerk of Overseers, answering machine |
| Adrienne Rudge | 822-4959 | Si-Wa +Ann Williams |
| Ann Williams | 770-3237 | We-Z |
| Betty Jean Wheeler | 822-2126 | Emeritus |
| Candace Shattuck | 226-5787 | assistant clerk of Third Haven Friends Meeting |

Declaration of Intentions

Friends are reminded that it is our responsibility to make clear our intentions for memorial services and other necessities with which our families and friends must cope upon our death. Below is a copy of the Declaration of Intentions which can be a great help to those who will miss us when we are gone. Please ease their burden by filling out the form if you have not yet done so and returning it to Overseers. It will be placed in a confidential file until it is needed.

THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING
OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
Declaration of Intentions

Full Name _____ Sex _____ Birth date _____

Address _____ Birthplace _____

_____ Social Security Number _____

Military Service # _____ Railroad Employment? _____

Branch of Service _____ Date of Discharge _____

Spouse, Next of Kin or other person I have directed to carry out my wishes:

I hereby direct that the following disposition be made of my body after my death:

Memorial Service Directions:

I would like the following undertaker to aid in carrying out these arrangements, and have filed a copy of this declaration with him:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Send a notice of my death to the following newspapers and journals:

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in my name may be sent to:

I understand that this Declaration of Intentions is not legally binding, and that Third Haven Monthly Meeting has no duty to fulfill any of the above requests, but shall act as a depository and advisor for this expression of personal wishes for procedures at the time of my death. I have executed this document for the purpose of guiding my family and the members of Third Haven Monthly Meeting at the time of my death.

Signed _____ Date _____

Witness: _____ Witness _____

Copies of this Declaration are on file with:
