



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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"If gold rust, what then will iron do?"

Chaucer

Meeting for Business Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 5th Month, 9, 2010

1. Call to order: John Schreiner called to order the meeting for business at 11:35am after a brief period of silent worship.
2. Attending: Monimia Barker, Molly Burgoyne, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Dabney, Joe Davis, Leigh Anne Dodge, Stephen Gerni, Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Connie Lewis, Sumner Parker, Michael Pullen, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Robert Shattuck, Karin Stoker, Frank Zeigler, Joyce Zeigler
3. Minutes: The following changes need to be made to the minutes from the 4th month. In the Treasurer's Report, the sentence "interest income is down this year but overall income has increased by \$8,000+over the actual" should read "interest income is down this year but overall income has exceeded budget expectations by \$8,000+". The last name for Debbie and Ed is "Danser" and the word "dispersed" should be changed to "disbursed" After these changes were made, the minutes were approved from the 4th month.
4. Query: The query "Education" was read during meeting for worship. A Friend commented on the importance of mothers in the educational life of children. Another Friend wanted us all to be aware of the reports of escalating violence in Easton's Middle School. As Quakers, we should think of ways to become better advocates against violence in our local schools.
5. Consideration of a new Minute re: committee disbursement of authorized funding: This discussion began during last month's meeting for business as we collectively tried to remember how we as a Meeting decide how the monies from the Scholarship Committee are allocated. Some felt we had authorized this committee to decide how their scholarships would be disbursed and some remembered that the Meeting as a whole needed to approve these decisions first. We were asked to research the subject and bring it back to the Meeting's attention this month. There was a sense of the Meeting that we have a poor collective memory as it regards this matter. We could not remember with any clarity, how decisions are to be made regarding emergency donations of money. We have recently donated \$1000 to PIH (Partners in Health) to the Haiti

relief fund and this was approved by the T&C committee without coming to the business meeting first. We felt that these important matters need to be clarified so that in the future we all know how our standing committees should function as far as decisions with their monies are concerned, when emergency funding is allocated, and where those funds come from. We have been unsure whether emergency funding, such as the Haiti donation, comes from the T&C annual budget or contingency funds. There are two important sections from our past meetings for business regarding our prior consensus in these matters. The first decision regarding how the Scholarship Committee operates was made in 5/08 and the following is a reprint of those minutes.

. “Scholarship Committee: This committee presented the Meeting with the first report on their work. There are 4 main goals for this committee; 1) to further Quaker values, 2) to fulfill the Query on “education”, 3) to strengthen the Meeting as a whole, 4) to serve as a symbol to our youth/adults of support. They have begun to form broad guidelines, examine demographics and work to structure how gifts may be given for the scholarships. They have investigated criteria for awarding scholarships. Although Quaker schools will be looked on favorably, scholarships may not be awarded exclusively to Quaker institutions. The Meeting approved the committee to go ahead with work on fund raising efforts. The Scholarship Committee is a new line item. There was some discussion regarding clarification of the membership, donations, and testimonies and concerns line items. There was also discussion regarding the importance of addressing members who make no monetary contribution. Some suggestions were made regarding this but no decisions were made.”

Then again in meeting for business 9/09, the annual report for the Scholarship Committee was given and is copied here.

“Scholarship Committee: (please see attached report). The committee has awarded 5 scholarships so far. It is hoped that with an upcoming campaign, more funds can be raised. The goal in the future is to award 10 scholarships per year of \$1000 each. The question was raised regarding how scholarships are approved. It was suggested that since the financing of the scholarship committee is currently under the care of the Meeting, that scholarship awards be approved by the Meeting as a whole during worship with attention to business. We agreed to put this on the agenda next month for further discussion.”

The Meeting did not discuss this item in subsequent business meetings.

The decision regarding how committees were to allocate funds was passed in a minute during the June 2006 business meeting and is copied here.

“It is the policy of THFM that all memberships in and all donations to organizations have the approval of the Monthly Meeting and be in the name of the Monthly Meeting. Meeting Committees are not to use funds from their budgets for donation and memberships”.

The minutes from this meeting go on to summarize the discussion that took place.

“A Friend discussed Testimonies and Concerns’ role in dispersing donations in emergent or last-minute situations. Testimonies and Concerns hands are then tied if permission is needed from the Business Meeting. Another Friend remarked that meeting approval can be sought following a regular First Day meeting for worship. The treasurer then asked from where these monies would come- the regular budget or from the contingency fund? A Friend noted that, previously, money for these kinds of things came from contingency. A Friend said that a group bringing a request might clarify where the money might come from. She said the minute makes clear how

these situations might be handled. It was agreed, then, that a special meeting could be called in the event that such a situation arise. The minute was approved.”

Based on this research, there was discussion regarding a new minute that might help clarify handling of funds. Clerk of Meeting, introduced a possible clarification as follows; The purpose of this (proposed) minute (below) is to set forth clear guidelines to the Meeting’s committees to enable them to proceed to disburse funds once approved and included in the Meeting’s fiscal year’s budget; to enable them to thresh and review and flex within the broad approval of Meeting for Business without delay or distraction. The minute he proposes is as follows, “Standing committees of the Meeting shall be authorized to disburse funds during the fiscal year once broad approval has been granted in setting up the budget. No subsequent Meeting consultation is required. Still, should the committee wish to seek the Meeting’s advice and counsel or wish to inform it of its details, intent or action, it is encouraged to bring the matter to Meeting for Business for information and discussion: realizing there is no requirement for further approval.”

There was discussion regarding this minute, but as a whole, all wanted time to think this through.

6. Budget and Finance Annual Report: (see website www.thirdhaven.org - Annual Reports Budget & Finance: “THFM budget Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2011 &2010). This is the preliminary budget for review. The first column is the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. The second column is the budget approved for the current fiscal year. The 3rd column represents the increase or decrease between the years. Property & Grounds represents the biggest expense item. Although some line items vary between this year and last year the overall proposed budget for this year’s P&G expenses is \$1,000 less. The dues to PYM are increased by \$1,000. Child care is decreased and communications is increased due to the expense of printing a directory. A Friend questioned whether or not the MD United for Peace and Justice is still a viable organization. On the income side, the membership contributions are a “plug-in” number that essentially fills in the gaps so we can have a balanced budget. Much discussion took place about this. We rarely are able to meet this line item. This year our contributions are down and many feel that we are unrealistic in our expectations and should make this item a more attainable figure but still live within our means and not spend money we do not have. There were questions regarding the distribution of money given to us by John Shoffner’s estate. B&F recommends we consider giving \$15,000 to the Scholarship Committee and \$11,000 to P&G for general property beautification. Clerk of B&F was asked to write a minute regarding this recommendation to be discussed during 6th month meeting for business. All committee clerks are asked to discuss their budget with Joe Davis before next month if they haven’t yet done so. All are asked to carefully consider the above proposed budget and come prepared to discuss next month.

7. Interim Meeting: (see below: *Interim Meeting of PYM*) .Connie Lewis, our representative to Interim Meeting presented minutes from February, April and May 2010. Highlights of these minutes include several items. PYM will be conducting a census of Monthly Meetings attendance. Connie has been filling out a report for THFM. Arthur Larabee has been a delegate to Israel/Palestine in February as part of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Philadelphia. The PYM website will have the summer schedule out soon. Connie has placed some informational flyers regarding PYM events on the table in the common room. All are encouraged to join Connie for an interim meeting during the year.

8. Overseers: Doreen Getsinger announced the formation of a new working subcommittee in Overseers whose purpose is to help parents learn more about Quaker education and scholarships. She was asked by the Clerk to be sure to involve members of the Scholarship

Committee in this work. A clearness committee has met with Kyung Turrell and wholeheartedly recommends her approval for membership. This was approved by Meeting. We have been asked to accept transfer of membership from the Flagstaff Arizona Friends Meeting for James Turrell. We warmly accept this transfer. The Clerk has notified the Arizona meeting regarding this. A welcome committee of Molly Burgoyne (chair), Lorraine Claggett, Leigh Anne Dodge and John Schreiner will find a date to get together with the Turrells to celebrate their joining the THFM family.

9. Donations Recommendations: In response to the meeting's request for a recommendation on how the Meeting's \$1500 for donations should be spent before the end of the fiscal year, Leigh Ann Dodge of Testimonies and Concerns reported that in January \$1000 was sent to PIH for the Haitian relief fund. This means that \$500 is left in the annual budget under the donations line item. The committee proposes that \$250 be given to TIS (Talbot Interfaith Shelter) and \$250 be given to AFSC American Friends Service Committee. A lengthy discussion followed as some felt that we should focus our monies toward Quaker organizations specifically citing FGC (Friends General Council), Friends Journal and FCNL (Friends Committee on National Legislation). Others brought up again discussion regarding where funds for these matters come from and how they are disbursed. Much of the discussion harks back to the items above in number 5 and again point to the importance of sorting through and clarifying possible discrepancies. The Clerk of T&C looks forward to these discussions and welcomes feedback. She expressed her opinion that it is sometimes difficult for the committee to make these decisions alone. Friends approved the above \$500 allocation. In a related donation, T&C committee asked Meeting to approve a \$100 donation to Friends Peace Team of the African Great Lakes Committee that recently made a presentation concerning their work. Friends approved this. This \$100 comes from the T&C yearly budget. They had asked for this money last year to cover any expenses they might incur when scheduling speakers.

10. Friends Historical Association: This group has requested to have a program here on First Day 5/1/11 honoring twenty years of service by Ken Carroll. There is a program followed by a lunch proposed. This was approved.

There was no other business. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 following a brief period of silence.

Respectfully submitted, *Molly Burgoyne*

Highlights of today's Meeting for Business:

- Opening discussion regarding committee disbursement of funds.
- Preliminary budget reviewed
- New subcommittee for Overseers for parents
- Approval of membership for Kyung Turrell and transfer of membership for James Turrell
- Approval of disbursement of \$250 to TIS and \$250 to AFSC from Donations budget.
- Announcement of \$1000 donation to PIH for Haitian Relief Fund from Donations budget.
- Approval of \$100 to Friends Peace Team of the African Great Lakes Committee
- Approval of Friends Historical Association event 5/1/11.

Interim Meeting of PYM

Connie L. Lewis summarizes the sessions of Interim Meeting of PYM dated February 13, 2010, April 10, 2010, and May 8, 2010 as follows:

General Secretary's Report: Lou Ann Merkle was introduced as the new PYM Sessions Coordinator. Arthur Larrabee read his report about his trip to Israel/Palestine, February 1 to February 8, 2010, as part of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Philadelphia. He invites stories of growth and vitality.

Personal Services committee: The Clerk proposed the following minute to express the sense of the meeting,. "Friends received the reported changes to the Staff Manual by the Personal Services Working Group as presented at February Interim Meeting with the recommendation that the spiritual life of staff persons be taken into account, to recognize the need for flexibility, and that there be a job description created for staff in relation to committee membership." Minute was approved.

Worship and Care Standing Committee: PYM will be starting the 2010 Census of Meeting Attendance. The attendance census is done every 3 years. The last report showed 52 meetings were actually shrinking, 20 were growing and the rest were staying the same. Connie Lewis was the volunteer from Third Haven and a copy of the census is attached to this report.

Growing and Vital Sharing efforts of individual meetings:

- Middletown MM (Concord Quarter) is revitalizing itself with a workshop on lost priorities.
- Princeton Meeting has been invigorated by having an intern from Princeton Theological Seminary.
- Abington Quarter has considered what happens when someone dies. With recognition that all of us are ministers, they are having meetings in their Quarter to discuss planning for end of life.
- Plymouth Meeting is building community by taking people to the local professional soccer games. More people have signed up to go to some opening games than ordinarily go to worship.
- Mt. Holly Meeting hosted World Day of Prayer, a program of Church World Services.
- Unami MM held a vigil on the anniversary of the beginning of the war in Iraq. This peace witness, as part of worship, reached out to many who have become more aware of Quakers as a result.
- Old Haverford Quarter met at Marion Meeting and phoned 300 people on their Eco Ecology program.
- Germantown Meeting reported their newsletter this month was 7 pages long.
- Woodstown meeting is now handicap accessible with ramps and new bathrooms.
- Salem Quarter had a meditation group

Budget: Arthur Larrabee, General Secretary, distributed a sheet showing two versions of the Yearly Meeting organizational chart. He explained there were three considerations in developing this new structure; knit the staff with the life of Monthly Meetings, enlarge our vision and help to augment and strengthen the process of fund-raising. Wright Horn will spend more time on development as Associate Secretary for Advancement and Communications. In this position, he will be able to help Monthly Meeting in their consideration of the covenant. It is anticipated that expenses for the year will come in slightly under budget, covenants will come in on budget and Annual Fund will be under budget. TylaAnn said there are three elements: (1) the current budget and budgeting process in not sustainable; (2) changes are proposed that will reduce staff and realign remaining positions and programs; and (3) we will use income from

unrestricted funds (approximately \$600,000.) over three years, and , at the end of that time, will evaluate whether the new process has worked and put us on a path to sustainability.

Staff and Elders: The Elders were asked by Interim Meeting to consider whether or not a staff member should serve as an Elder. We were not in unity for a staff member to serve as an Elder. It was recommended the nominating committee find another name to make up the 8 people needed to serve as a Yearly Meeting Elder. A rich and insightful discussion was had on what an Elder is. An Elder was described as a helpful “seasoned” presence. A more seasoned Elder can help guide a younger person to reach their full potential in this gift. We are in charge of each other and need to practice trust and love.

March Session Report/July Sessions: 563 were registered at the March session. The PYM website will have a summer schedule out soon.

Visiting Friend



Zawadi Nikuze, a member of the Religious Society of Friends in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, spoke about Quaker reconciliation work with Friends Peace Team in the Africa Great Lakes Region.

Member News and Congratulations!

Meredith Watters writes, “Sara Morgan graduated cum laude at St. Mary's Honors College of Maryland and was selected as All American Women's Skipper for the 3rd year. Andrew lives in San Francisco with Rebecca Beard and they had a baby boy named Kai Peter Flores Watters, 7lbs 9oz. May 7, 2010.”

Third Haven Monthly Meeting Announcements

Meetings for Worship

First Days 10am Fourth Days 5:30pm

June 6	June 9
June 13	June 16
June 20	June 23
June 27	June 30

June 6 (Sunday) Annual Moving Up Day Picnic for First Day School children will be held at the rise of Meeting. Hospitality Committee provides the fried chicken and lemonade. Meeting members and attenders are invited to bring what they would like.

June 12 (Saturday) 9:30 to 11 am Quarterly All Clerks Meeting in the common room.

The items for review are:

Top issue facing each clerk, committee or area with sharing of information and comments.

Preparation of items for Meeting for Business for information or decision:

- if for decision, report on rationale and threshing process.

Checking the mail box - description of process.

A look at and possible re-shaping of agenda for tomorrow's meeting for business.

Quaker Quest progress report: what's ahead for this fall. Commentary sought.

Discussion of the role of budget and clarity on spending authority; what's right for this meeting and when it is proper or necessary for full meeting endorsement?

Viewing of new information center area (Candace/Larny)

June 13 (Sunday) Meeting for worship followed by meeting for business. Reports from First Day School and Budget & Finance.

July 28 to August 1 Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Summer Sessions 2010: "We Make the Road by Walking – How Are We Called to be Prophetic in our Witness. For more information contact: Lou Ann Merkle, Sessions Coordinator at louannm@pym.org; 215-241-7238. Visit <http://www.pym.org/annualsessions>

July 28-August 1 - Middle School Friends at Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Summer Sessions. For more information please contact program staff: Stephen Dotson, Middle School Friends Coordinator, 215-241-7171 StephenD@pym.org

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM

Sept. 24-26, 2010 to June 17-19, 2011. For more information: www.pym.org/worship-and-care/s-fprogram.htm or contact Registrar Susan Thompson, Newtown Meeting at 267-847-6396 or sthompson@healthfederation.org

Worship and Ministry offers a 9 am discussion group once per month relative to the query of the month on the second First Day (business meeting Sunday.) Weekly discussion groups have been cancelled.

Anyone interested in participating in a group to examine our Third Haven grounds for a memorial garden (specifically for scattering ashes) please talk with Meredith Watters or e-mail: meredithw@atlanticbb.net

MIGRANT MINISTRY UNDERWAY

work boots, sneakers - sizes 7- 10	sweatshirts– medium & large
socks	towels
work gloves	sheets & blankets
jeans – 30/32, 32/34	insect spray
t-shirts - med. & large	toiletries

Contact Mariann Stackpole (mariann64@msn.com) – drop off items at Trinity Cathedral or at Stackpoles – 8762 Mulberry Drive, Easton (410-770-5742).

Ralph Young is our Third Haven contact 410-819-0050 (donations may be put in his white pick-up which is normally parked in front of the common room on First Day meetings for worship).

Lorraine Claggett's new email is claggett@goeaston.net

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.

Please don't forget to bring to Meeting, each Sunday, a non-perishable food item and place it in the boxes marked "your food pantry donations" located at Meetinghouse entrances.

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

2010 THFM Carriage Shed Sale

Thirty-two volunteers rallied around a successful sale this year. We wish everyone could have seen the anxious buyers rushing past the lowered rope from their waiting area. Some buyers said they never miss this event to find some unique bargains. Silver serving dishes, fine china, original art work, a Volvo sedan, mowers, beautiful perennials and annuals, cupcakes, cakes, cookies, Quaker dogs, TV's, VCR's, books and music, furniture, blankets, lacy linens, and many sundry items were collected, delivered, organized, and priced for some very happy consumers. There didn't seem to be a problem with our visitors going home empty handed. Unfortunately, there were a number of yard sales around the county that competed with our event. If more people came we would have sold more items; however we were able to raise approximately \$5000.00 on behalf of: YMCA's Easton Rocks, THFM memorial garden, Interfaith Homeless Shelter, and American Friends Service Committee. The Easton Unitarians came at the end of the sale and picked up some things to add to their church's sale held the following weekend. Heide Wetzels also chose some precious items that were sold at the Phillips Wharf Environmental Center fundraiser.

Thank you to all who brought your treasures to Meeting. Thank you to our Collection Team for collecting items all week. And finally, thank you to everyone who helped on Saturday, from 7:00 to 2:30. We were impressed by the dedication of so many people who contributed many hours of work – from baking in their kitchen to loading items into cars. What a great community building event. Thank you. *Meredith Watters and Beth Mufson*

Carriage Shed Sale Highlights



And they're OFF! Meredith at the ready to take their money.



Sally and Lorraine hawk plants.



Norval considers a purchase



Molly presides in the play area



Susan, Meredith and Maeve compare notes

Indoors or out, you can't beat a Quaker sale!

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee reminds Friends that letters requesting scholarships for the academic year 2010-2011 are due no later than Sunday, June 6. Your letter should discuss: your academic credentials (grade point average, Advanced Placement classes, SAT scores, honors); your financial need (the cost of the school you plan to attend and your Expected Family Contribution from FAFSA or CSS); other scholarships you have received; and your participation in Third Haven Friends Meeting. Scholarships of up to \$500 per year, and up to \$1,000 for Quaker schools, will be awarded. Applicants will be notified on June 16. Please send your letter to:

Scholarship Committee
Third Haven Friends Meeting
405 South Washington Street
Easton, MD 21601

or e-mail it to Committee Chairman Mark Beck at mb4833@aol.com

or hand deliver it to any committee member at Meeting: Mark Beck, Sumner Parker, Lorraine Claggett, Larny Claggett, Monimia Barker or Pete Howell.

Friends are reminded that the Scholarship Committee divides its money into two distinct funds: an Operating Fund, which is used to fund scholarships; and an Endowment, whose purpose is growth and income. Both are invested in Friends Fiduciary mutual funds. The Endowment's income and capital appreciation will be transferred periodically to the Operating Fund. The principal will remain intact. Friends are always welcome to earmark their Scholarship Funds for either fund (or to split them between both). If you have donated in the past and did not earmark your donation, you are welcome to do so before June 16. Notify Committee Chairman Mark Beck at mb4833@aol.com.

Southern Quarterly Meeting at Third Haven May 2010



Meeting for Worship and serious conversations begin the day.



Thoughtful Friends ponder the presentation and decisions.



Of course, there's pot luck and good company!

