



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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OCTOBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

HARVEST

As the sun goes down in its well,
Lovers enter the seclusion of God.

Late at night we meet like thieves
Who have stolen gold, our candlelit faces.

Sometimes a body rises to the surface
Like Joseph coming out of his well of
abandonment
To be the clarity that divides Egypt's wheat
fairly
And interprets the royal dreaming.

Some people say about human beings, Dust
to dust.

But how can that be true of one
Who changes road dust to doorway?

The crop appears to be one thing
When it is still in the field.
Then the transformation time comes,
And we see how it is: half chaff, half grain.

By Rumi, 13th century Persian poet.
Submitted by Minga Claggett

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 9th Month, 12, 2010

- 1.Call to order: The meeting for business was called to order by John Schreiner at 11:45am
- 2.Attending: Molly Burgoyne, Cynthia Browne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Tom Corl, Susan Dabney, Leigh Anne Dodge, Stephan Gerni, Doreen Getsinger, Tania Harrison, Joyce Macijeski, Sumner Parker, Dee Rein, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Sally Vermilye, John Winterbottom, Winslow Womack, Ralph Young, Frank Zeigler.
- 3.Minutes: It was suggested that a sentence from the minutes for the meeting for business 6th month be changed to read, " This month, we decided to give \$10,000 to the Scholarship Fund and set aside \$16,000 to be appropriated at a later date." The latter part of this sentence deleted, the minutes were approved. The minutes from the called meeting in July were approved.
- 4.Query: The Query for the 9th Month, "Outreach" was read during meeting for worship. A Friend suggested that Faith and Practice could "ground" us and remind us of all we are trying to accomplish in committees. Another Friend spoke about "proselytizing" as a difficult word that

makes many uncomfortable. That “gently shedding our light” may be a better way to think of how we welcome new Friends to our group. Another said that we should be mindful in witnessing to others that we are forward thinking and not old fashioned.

5.Scholarship Annual Report: (see attachment). Larny Claggett gave the annual report, which is reviewed in full below. We have approximately \$36,400 plus to date with \$5,500 plus given in scholarships leaving over \$30,000 left in the fund currently. This committee hopes to increase endowment in the future so that the fund will become self-sufficient. The endowment is currently with the Friends Fiduciary Fund. The Meeting approved this annual report.

6.Clerk’s Announcements: Larissa Kitenko has requested membership to THFM. After her letter of request was read, it was handed over to Overseers to begin the clearness process. Amelia Corl and Joel Larson have written a letter of intent to marry under the care of the Meeting. After their letter of intent was read and it was given to Overseers to begin the clearness process.

7.Overseers: A clearness committee has met at the request of Jamie duHoffmann regarding a personal crossroads. Support for Jamie during this time was requested particularly if anyone can help her with childcare during meeting for worship or during her committee work.

8.Quaker Quest: The committee in this report addresses four important items. 1) Proposals for the Brick Meeting House renovations will be detailed during meeting for business 10th Month. 2) Changes to our signage on Washington Street are being discussed. 3) The way we welcome visitors and handle accessibility and our visitors’ book are being looked into. 4) Our outreach program is being formulated.

9.FCNL Annual Report: (see attached). Frank Zeigler gave the annual report for this association. This Quaker organization is 65 years old and is held in high regard as a lobbying force without special interests. Recently, FCNL has helped formed viable coalitions for nuclear disarmament and cluster bomb bans. Frank encouraged all to read the annual report of this organization (which is condensed for us here), and to consider becoming a member of FCNL. The annual meeting and lobbying day for this group is usually the second week in November. This report was approved.

10.Update on outcome and needs for housing for local woman and grandson: Susan Dabney reported that several groups including THFM paid for temporary housing. Now more permanent housing has been found in a Section 8 unit and donations have been made by St Vincent DePaul to furnish their apartment. Needs now include a washer and dryer for their home.

11.T & C report on discussion of Shoffner contribution: Testimonies and Concerns committee along with other interested participants met and discussed various usages for the Shoffner bequest to THFM. Marsie Hawkinson provided valuable information regarding John Shoffner’s life to the group and her insight helped the group discuss various projects John might have been proud of. The Meeting has approved \$10,000 to be directed to the Scholarship Committee but has not committed the remaining \$16,000. During this session, several suggestions were discussed. Mark Beck made a detailed proposal suggesting another \$10,000 be placed as “seed capital” for various projects. A detailed written copy of his proposal can be obtained from Leigh Anne Dodge. Another suggestion was a possible Fuller House Project in Haiti that is rebuilding houses using found material or “rumble” and this would cost approximately \$3,000. Another Friend suggested improvements to our library. Other suggestions included a partnership in Guatemala, a donation to the Neighborhood Service Center locally, a permanent wheelchair ramp or solar panels for THFM. These ideas were discussed briefly. T & C will continue to discuss these options and try and find more information regarding each project and bring this

back to Meeting in the future. Several Friends have expressed interest in better defining these projects.

12.Spiritual Formation Program: PYM is offering a program for those who wish to deepen their spiritual life. This is a “retreat” type of program and will involve at least two weekends per year. They will discuss this program Oct 24th from 11:15 to 12:15 at THFM. Katherine Johnson has participated in this program in the past and found it useful. More information regarding this can be found in the common room and on our website and newsletter.

13.Future Business: The Treasurer’s Report will be given during meeting for business 10th Month. Talbot Interfaith Shelter (TIS) will soon be meeting to discuss needs for this coming winter. A coordinator from THFM will be needed if we would like to continue with our participation in this group.

Meeting for business was adjourned at 1:00.

Respectfully submitted, *Molly Burgoyne*

IMPORTANT POINTS:

1. Approval of Scholarship Committee annual report
2. Approval of FCNL annual report
3. Update of Quaker Quest committee work
4. Discussion of possible usage of Shoffner donation by T & C

Scholarship Committee Report

REPORT TO: Third Haven Friends Meeting

FROM: Scholarship Committee

DATE: September 12, 2010

SUBJECT: Update on Scholarship Committee activities

The following Friends serve on the Scholarship Committee: Monimia Barker, Mark Beck (Chair), Larny Claggett, Lorraine Bowman Claggett, Pete Howell, Sumner Parker, Debbie Danser, John and Marsie Hawkinson.

Since it was established almost two years ago, the Scholarship Committee has been raising funds (a total of \$36,415.37 to date, including contributions from the Meeting and the Trustees) and awarding six scholarships (totaling \$5,500) to Laura Claggett, Mary Coady, Jamie duHoffmann, Evan Greene, Jacob Mullen, and Aiyana Patterson-Zinkand. Jamie and Aiyana are currently receiving scholarships for the second year.

The Committee strikes a balance between informality (no standardized application form) on one hand, and obtaining enough pertinent information to evaluate each applicant fairly on the other. We interview each applicant. The standard scholarship amount is \$500 per academic year. In determining how much to award, we consider 5 factors:

- Financial need. Almost every college-bound student completes either the College Board’s CSS Profile and/or the U.S. Department of Education’s FAFSA. Based on those applications, both the College Board and the Department of Education calculate the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) for each student. So we needn’t ask applicants and their families for a lot of financial information. All we need to do to assess financial need is to ask the student: (a) the projected cost of his or her education; and (b) his or her EFC.
- Academic credentials (grade point average, honors, advanced placement courses, etc.)
- Participation in Meeting
- Other scholarships received

- Whether the school the applicant wishes to attend is a Quaker school. The Committee will award up to twice the standard amount to a student attending a Quaker school.

Based on Third Haven's current membership, Mark Beck has prepared, and periodically updates, a chart projecting demand for scholarships for the next several years. When demand falls short of projections, as it did when Cindy Browne and Norval Thompson informed the committee that their children would not be applying for financial aid, the committee will consider awarding scholarships larger than the standard amount.

The committee allows donors to the Scholarship Fund to earmark their donations either for the Endowment and/or the Operating Fund. Donations that are not earmarked for either fund will be split 50-50 between them.

Third Haven has a distinguished past on which we can all look back with pride. By helping our young people reach their dreams, you help to ensure that our future is just as bright.

submitted by *Scholarship Committee*

Friends Committee on National Legislation Priorities for the Congress

More clearly than ever before, Friends recognize that the critical and interconnected issues of energy and environment relate not only to climate change, but also to war, military spending, the nation's budget, and the capacity of the United States to meet domestic human needs and invest in the well-being of vulnerable populations abroad. We are called to redefine the human and national security of the United States to include freedom from deadly conflict, freedom from abuse of power, assurance of basic human needs, and protection of the Earth's commons - the air, land, and water on which all life depends.

I. We seek a world free of war and the threat of war: Build U.S. government capacity for peaceful prevention and resolution of deadly conflict. Actively support the United Nations and multilateral problem solving, including respect for international law and treaties.

II. We seek a society with equity and justice for all: Support the restoration of full civil liberties and habeas corpus protections for all persons. Oppose torture and secret prisons. Promote human rights around the world especially through international institutions and law.

III. We seek a community where every person's potential may be fulfilled.

IV. We seek an Earth restored.

As way opens, FCNL will continue Friends' long-standing witness for rights of conscience, an end to institutional racism, criminal justice reform that includes principles of restorative justice and abolition of the death penalty, and a just and lasting peace in the Middle East through equitable treatment of Israelis, Palestinians, and their neighbors.

As we work to find solutions to these complex problems, Friends continue to seek Divine guidance, renewed strength, and hope.

These priorities are drawn from FCNL's Policy Statement:

<http://www.fcnl.org/priorities/policy.htm>

please encourage all those who report to monthly meeting for business to send a copy of their text to 3rdhaven@gmail.com so that it can be added to the newsletter

Third Haven Monthly Meeting Announcements

Meetings for Worship

First Days 10am Fourth Days 5:30pm

Oct 3 Oct 6

Oct 10 Oct 13

Oct 17 Oct 13

Oct 24 Oct 13

Oct 31 Nov 3

October 2, 2010 (Saturday) We are pleased to announce an exciting upcoming cycling event! The 3rd Annual Tour de Trappe: Robert Matthew Wieland Memorial Ride - To Benefit Choptank River Eastern Bay Conservancy (CREB). The Town of Trappe will hold the 5th Annual Trappe-toberFEST. This small town fall festival celebrates the harvest season with fun for all ages. Enjoy live entertainment, craft and community vendors, plenty of delicious food, Kidz Area, safety demonstrations, visits from Special Guests, and more. As part of this event, the 3rd Annual Tour de Trappe takes riders around the beautiful landscapes and flat terrain surrounding Trappe and into the scenic environs of Talbot County. The Tour de Trappe is a 40 mile loop starting at Home Run Baker Park, 4200 Main Street, Trappe, MD 21673. A 10-mile Family Ride will also take place for younger riders. Registration opens at 8am - Both rides begin at 9am

October 5 (Tuesday) 5:30 pm Budget & Finance meets to review both the results for the first quarter of the current and those of the past fiscal years.

October 9 (Saturday) 9 am to 4 pm – A silent daylong retreat, “The Awakening Heart - Supporting Loving Kindness in Our Lives,” will be held at Third Haven Friends Meeting. Suitable for beginning and experienced meditation students, the retreat will include guided meditation periods, silent sitting and walking meditation, short talks, a question and answer session and a focus on supporting loving kindness. The retreat leader is Larissa Kitenko, founder of the Easton Meditation Group and a longtime practitioner of Insight Meditation. Kitenko studies and practices Buddhism in the Theravadan tradition. She is participating in a two-year Dharma study program at Spirit Rock Meditation Center in California, and works under the guidance of one of the members of its teachers Council. She is also in teacher training with Tara Brach, Ph.D., the founding teacher of Insight Meditation Community of Washington, DC. Registration is encouraged as space is limited. Bring cushions and pillows, a bag lunch and a drink. Chairs and benches will be available. To register contact Larissa Kitenko at 410-430-2005 or lkitenko@yahoo.com

Mark Beck writes regarding the auction of Joyce Zeigler’s paintings, “We now have a bid of \$125 for the large painting and \$200 for the small painting.”

October 17, 2010 (Sunday) Southern Quarterly Meeting "Our Gift of Listening"

at Wicomico River Friends Meeting, 519 Dykes Road, Salisbury Maryland 21804.

Program: Worship: 11 AM Lunch: Noon Speaker: 1PM

Thomas Swain, will speak about the importance of listening in the religious life of Friends today and that of our foremothers and forefathers. Hear how listening guides Friends' understanding of the authority and power of the Spirit in our worship and our daily lives.

Thomas Swain serves as clerk of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and teaches at Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre in Birmingham, England. Thomas is a retired librarian from Delaware public schools. He lives in Glen Mills, Pennsylvania, and is a member of Middletown Monthly Meeting, Concord Quarter.

Contact: Dana Kester-McCabe dana@moonshell.net 410-422-2332

For directions and a map visit our website: www.wicomicoriverquakers.org

New e-mail address: Sally Claggett sallyclaggett@verizon.net

On Sunday, November 7, 2010 at 2 a.m., Daylight Saving Time ends in the United States.

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items to first day meeting for worship. The supplies at the Neighborhood Service Center are running low and the need is great.

A friendly reminder that October is Testimonies & Concerns month for hospitality.

December is fast approaching which is the time to sign up for service on committees. 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.

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/>

Messages from Members:

Minga Claggett writes, "Friends, I get anxious to produce something in life, anything. Will I live to 80 still in the morass of culture wars and embarrassing US invasions? Quick, Minga, publish a book, or make a monument to Peace to put in Copley square. I want to justify the amount of space and energy I use with car, house maintenance and decades of studying. But alas. I am hopelessly in love with life without justification of my being here. So I delight in finding a blue jay tail feather and watching the pear tree change its verdant green to luminous gold. The equinox is holy. There is no other day like it. Honor this time. Tonight will you notice that the full moon pulses in your veins?"

Nancy Mullen writes, "Recently free of my other job, I now have more time to devote to mediating. I believe that the people who are affected most by a dispute's outcome should be the ones most empowered to decide that outcome. We are all glad to have the law to protect us, but there are some decisions best left to the people who have to live with them. When possible, resolutions about family, children, property, business -- to name a few -- are best for everyone involved when they are made by everyone involved. A mediator is an impartial third party who can facilitate these discussions when, left to affected parties, they fall apart. Emotions and facts fall more peacefully into place, and a potentially traumatic outcome can be transformed into a positive for everyone.

If you know anyone whose difficulties are not being addressed adequately in therapy or by lawyers, or anyone wishing to avoid their issues being resolved in court, consider sending them to me. At this point I am still seeing people at my home.

I offer single-party services as well; these are situations where one party or side of an issue is having difficulty sorting out exactly what their point-of-view or dilemma is. It often helps people to examine their own priorities before entering into the process of resolution.

I appreciate your support and help. Each one of you has been my champion in some way. If you have any questions, please call any time.

I have recently lost my job so I am now looking for some work to tide me over until I find a new one. I can answer phones, file, copy, run errands, etc, as well as do my old job of writing and editing. I am also building up my mediation practice so if you know someone who needs assistance finding a mutually beneficial solution, I am available for all types of cases." 410 822 1616 or 410 310 5073 or email ncrm32@hotmail.com Thanks--Nancy Mullen

Sarah Sayre writes, "Dear Friends: We will have to say no to participating as a site for Talbot Interfaith Shelter this winter unless someone steps up to be the host coordinator. Phil and I cannot do it as we will be away this winter, but we will be available to share our experience and give moral support by email and phone. There are lots of available volunteers for specific tasks and time slots from other churches which are not able to host TIS at their sites. Third Haven is a

particularly good site, being in walking distance of downtown, and the common room works very well. Please call or email me asap. THANKS!"
Sarah Sayre 410-596-1376, pssayre@gmail.com

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First Day School begins a new school year



Cathy tells the John Woolman story



Scavenger hunt results

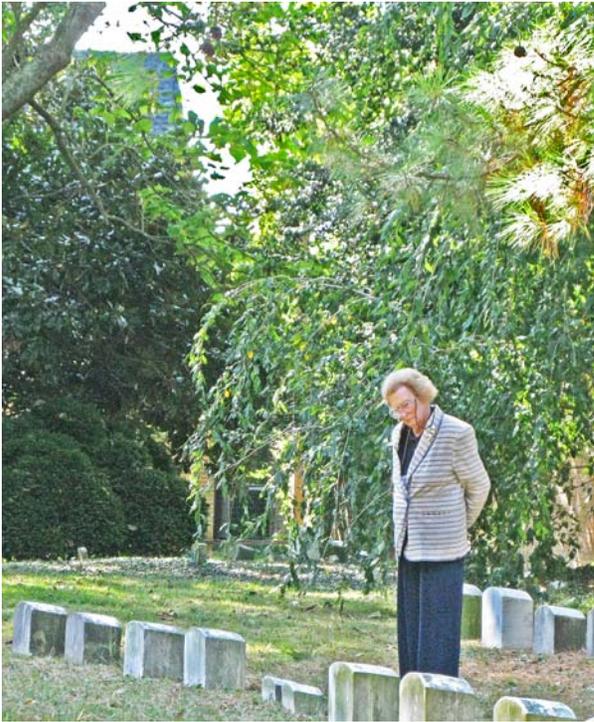


Do you know these people? Godly play creations by John and Candace



We do know and love these folks!

Inward Bound Retreat moments



Time and food for thought

Meetings to help our community function:

Worship and Ministry



Testimonies and Concerns considers the Shoffner gift



**Members and Attenders enjoy each others' company
Please, Sign up for hospitality so we can continue this camaraderie!**

