



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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April 2012 NEWSLETTER

Sometimes, the adventures we undertake on the strength of a few words written on paper amaze me.

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 3rd Month, 11,2012

1. Call to order: Candace Shattuck, Clerk of Meeting called the meeting for worship with attention to business to order at 11:30am after a brief silence.
2. Attending: Molly Bond, Molly Burgoyne, Lorraine Claggett, Tom Corl, Mary Cotton, Deborah Cox, Doreen Getsinger, Mary Ann Hillier, Sumner Parker, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Candace Shattuck, Robert Shattuck, Norval Thompson, Rob Wieland, John Winterbottom, Winslow Womack, Frank Zeigler.
3. Minutes: Minutes from meeting for business 2nd month were approved.
4. Query: The 3rd Query was read during meeting for worship. No further comments on this query were offered.
5. Items from the Clerk: Cynthia Quast has requested membership to THFM. The Clerk read her letter and passed it to Clerk of Overseers for further action. We are delighted that Cynthia has been so active in our community thus far and welcome this request. Since the 2nd First Day of April will fall on Easter Sunday, the Clerk asked if we would be willing to change the meeting for business date to the 3rd First Day in April. This was approved.
6. Overseer's Clarification on Membership of Children: Dee Rein, Clerk of Overseers, proposed a sentence be added to our directory and online that would help clarify the issue on the membership of children. In the past there has been an assumption that minor children of members were automatically members. This has led to some confusion recently and the Overseers discussed this issue thoroughly and felt a simple sentence would help resolve the issue.
The proposed sentence reads, "Parents are responsible for requesting membership for their minor children".
Other Meetings have different ways of handling the issue and some offer "associate" membership or minor's membership. Overseers felt that full membership should be offered to

our families' children. There was discussion regarding our responsibility to educate children on the duties of membership but all recognize that this is a separate matter. All agreed upon the addition of the word "minor" to the above sentence and the sentence as written above were approved.

7. Interim Meeting: (see attached sheet). Norval Thompson, Clerk of THFM PYM Deficit Working Group (DWG), presented a proposed communication to be sent from our Meeting to PYM. This can be read in its entirety below. The PYMDWG has met several times since last November in an effort to understand the financial problems of PYM and report back to THFM with their findings. The history of this problem is recent in that our representative to PYM resigned in November 2011 because he could not continue supporting PYM in what he felt was unsustainable financial management. This prompted THFM to form a group of that evolved to nine members to study the issue and report back to us at meeting for business and recommend any action that should be taken by our Meeting in the form of a minute and communication to PYM. Of the nine original members, only four members agreed with the proposed communication as written below. Since the committee could not reach unity, it was brought to Meeting to discuss further.

A great number of us present today spoke to this issue and raised many concerns about the PYM deficit and the proposed minute. Are we clear at this point what we are asked as a Meeting to do? Since there has been progress in changing the financial planning and management of PYM, should we modify our statement to recognize the efforts PYM is making? Some suggested that the tone of the proposed communication was too harsh and negative. Have we used the some of the same financial techniques to cover our expenses when we needed to? Are we in position to criticize PYM when we don't currently have a representative to Interim Meeting to be involved with the issue? Over the course of this lengthy discussion, it became clear that the Meeting could not to reach unity on the proposed minute and communication. The Clerk read a communication from Marsie Hawkinson. This can also be read in its entirety below. Several people liked the gentler tone of this message as well as its brevity but no unity was reached on its approval. With appropriate pauses, the Clerk allowed all to discuss their opinions, but we were unable to agree on a proposal for going forward. The PYMDWG has done tremendous and diligent work but the Meeting agreed that the PYMDWG committee and work should be set aside now. All appreciate the PYMDWG efforts, which helped us better understanding the difficult and complex finances of PYM. It was agreed that the Clerk will consider the proposed minute, this discussion and written contributions and consult with a few people to develop an alternative PYM deficit communication. Some felt that simple statement of concern and the need for real financial sustainability would be appropriate.

Because 3HFM needs to have representation at Interim Meeting, The Nominating Committee will work to find representatives to PYM even if we need several to share the task. Tom Corl and Rob Wieland volunteered to be part of a team to represent THFM at Interim Meeting. The work on FY2013 budget has already begun and B&F must take some of this discussion today to heart when deciding their recommendations regarding our covenant with PYM. This work is hard but evolving and allows us an opportunity for more discernment our own financial matters.

Facilities Use Annual Report: The Facilities Use committee does not currently have numbers to give us for the 2011 annual report because our calendar has been misplaced. The annual report is as follows:

“The Facilities at Third Haven have been well used. In house activities such as regular Committee meetings, hospitality (including coffee and pot lucks), Quarterly Meeting, Memorial Meetings and Carriage Shed Sale had priority for use. In addition we have hosted a session for the Homeless Shelter, held Silent Retreats and a group has met to study a Course in Miracles. The property is open to visitors and guided tours have been conducted. All events have met the Guidelines for Use that was revised last year. We are pleased that the calendar is in a new location on a lectern by the door to the Common Room.”

The annual report was approved.

Meeting for business was adjourned at 1:15pm

Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne

IMPORTANT POINTS:

- Overseer’s clarification on membership for children approved.
- Membership request from Cynthia Quast given to Overseers
- 4th Month meeting for business moved to the 3rd First Day
- PYM DWG communication not approved but discussed
- Facilities Use Annual Report (above) approved.

Third Haven Monthly Meeting Proposed Minute to PYM. Feb. 12-2012

PYM’s budget is being characterized to Third Haven Monthly Meeting (THMM), as incoherent and unsustainable by those with a deep knowledge of PYM’s budget processes and financial decision-making. The characterization appears to have, at a minimum, some grounding. The incoherency in the budget information and in the structure of the financial decision-making greatly concerns the MMeetings, as it appears that our testimonies of Stewardship, Simplicity and Integrity are in ongoing compromise. Third Haven Friends are unsettled by the compromise of our testimonies. As would be expected, when this occurs, there will be disquiet and disharmony among Friends. We do not want to be complicit, by funding as usual, any disregard for Quaker testimonies by financial decision-making that results in chronic PYM deficits and inappropriate use of funds. Our FY 2012 covenant commitment to PYM will be honored for this year, but for the future, THMM needs to be credibly assured that our testimonies are not being compromised.

To provide the Yearly Meeting better financial oversight and accountability, Third Haven Friends recommends having the Financial Oversight Working Group report directly to Interim Meeting each quarter. To avoid unfunded mandates, a current source of financial problems, proposed projects and programs that are not funded in the annual budget should be required to demonstrate the financials and funding sources by having them reviewed by the Financial Oversight Working Group before final approval by Interim Meeting. To avoid potential issues with the use of restricted funds the Financial Oversight Working Group should also be required to review the respective legal documents on a rotating basis and report those findings to directly Interim Meeting. For simplicity and clarity, the Financial Stewardship Standing Committee, should be called the Budget and Finance Committee, because this is what it does. This would avoid grey areas, confusion and implications of authority to terminate programs.

Respectfully – Norval Thompson, clerk - PYM Deficit Working Group.

Committee -

W.Womack, B.Marshall, M.Beck, L.Claggett, R.Wieland, N.Thompson.

Minute Proposed by Marsie Hawkinson

“ The long-standing affiliation of Third Haven Friends Meeting with Philadelphia Yearly Meeting makes us aware of and concerned by the projected financial deficit of the paren body that was disclosed last year. As a component meeting, we urge those responsible for the fiscal matters of the Yearly Meeting both to remedy the current deficit and to ensure that this will not be repeated.”

Third Haven Monthly Meeting Announcements

Please remember to greet visitors to meeting – answer what questions they have about Friends, our buildings, our programs and activities. We are all emissaries of Third Haven.

Meetings for Worship

Because Easter falls on the 2nd First Day of April, the Meeting has approved holding Meeting for Business on April 15 (3rd First Day)

First Days 10am	Fourth Days 5:30pm
April 8	April 11
April 15	April 18

April 8 (Easter Sunday) First Day School will be doing egg dying and an egg hunt as we have in previous years and would appreciate Friends bringing hard boiled eggs for the children to use.

Looking in on Lila

Dianne Turpin writes, "I took an afternoon to go and have a look in on Lila. She has been a whole three years in Envoy now and has little of her old self left. Nevertheless, she recognized me as a friend and told me repeatedly how much it meant to her to have me stop in. She no longer knows my name but clearly she was thrilled to see my old familiar face! So it made me wonder if anyone else looks in on her from time to time? If so, good/ If not, I can say it is an easy 15-20 minutes, and she certainly appreciates it. Her conversation is limited and vague, but she enjoys hearing stories about her old life and what we used to do together. She is pleasant.”

Joe Davis adds a map to Lila and directions: <http://g.co/maps/6gdhy>

April 14 (Saturday) 9 am to 4 pm Untangling the Knots, at Third Haven Friends Meeting House. A One-Day (or half-day) Silent Meditation Retreat. Suitable for both beginning and experienced meditation students, this silent meditation retreat includes guided meditation periods, silent sitting and walking meditation, dharma talk in the afternoon, and question-and-answer session. This day of practice will include direction in mindfulness of the breath, body, emotions and thoughts as a way of becoming aware of our deeply ingrained patterns of heart and mind, i.e., obsessive patterns, perfectionism and self-judgment to name a few. These patterns have been repeated so often in our lives that they have been called “karmic knots”. Through the

practice of insight meditation and compassion, it is possible to work with them and come to a place of joy and freedom.

Teacher: Larissa Kitenko, founder of The Easton Meditation Group and a longtime practitioner of Insight Meditation will lead the Untangling the Knots meditation retreat. She has been teaching Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) since 2005 and volunteers as an Associate Clinical Chaplain at Shore Health System. Kitenko has been teaching mindfulness meditation on the Eastern Shore and Washington, DC for many years. No Registration Fee; there will be an opportunity to make a donation. Bring cushions & pillows, chairs will be available; a bag lunch & drink if staying for the full day.

Register by Phone or E-mail: 410-430-2005 or lkitenko@yahoo.com

Please indicate which session you plan to attend.

FULL DAY attendance allows time for depth of practice (lunch from 12:15 - 1:00)

MORNING SESSION (9:00 - 12:15)

AFTERNOON SESSION (1:00 – 4:00) – includes the talk

May 20, 11:30-12:30: Library Committee will be meeting to discuss: update on online catalog creation, book purchases, and the location of the pamphlet display. Anyone who's interested in our Meeting library is welcome to attend! Message from Library Committee:

Please be sure to include your phone number in the binder when you check out books. This insures that Library Committee has an easy way to contact you if necessary.

Aiyana Paterson-Zinkand writes, "I would like to ask members who have boxes over the next two months to save them for me, I can pick them up at Meeting or by special arrangement. Also, if there is anyone who has newspapers that they recycle, I would take those as well, in preparation for my move at the end of May. Since I do not attend every Sunday, please email or call before you bring them to make sure I will be there. This is much appreciated. Thanks!

ampzinkand@gmail.com

April 14 (Saturday) Project Clean Stream 2012 The Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy (MRC), headquartered on Harrison Street in Easton, is tasked with monitoring, preserving, improving and advocating for the water quality in three Mid-Shore Rivers: the Choptank, the Wye and the Miles. Project Clean Stream engages volunteers in a meaningful outdoor experience and connects them with local watershed or community groups. These groups continue to involve and educate volunteers in the future beyond the day's cleanup project.

Pete Howell has been asked to form a team of Friends to spend the morning of April 24 (9 a.m. to noon) picking up and bagging trash in the area between Third Haven and Route 322 (the Easton Bypass). He'd really appreciate your help, and will be happy to buy you lunch after the cleanup. Trash bags and other necessary supplies will be provided, and Easton's Public Works crew will collect our bags for transport to the landfill.

To volunteer, please see Pete at Meeting, call him at 410-924-5752, or e-mail him at piratepete@goeaston.net For more information about Project Clean Stream, visit

<https://allianceforthebay.org/2012/02/project-clean-stream-2012/> For more information about the Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy, visit <http://www.midshoreriverkeeper.org>

Worship & Ministry

As part of our Spiritual Journeys program, Lorraine Claggett will discuss what it means for her to be a Quaker on April 22 after the rise of meeting in the Common Room

We are saddened to inform you of the death Saturday March 10 of Margaret (Peggy) Paul at her home in Trappe. A memorial service at Third Haven is planned for Saturday, April 28 at 1 pm, with a reception afterward catered by THFM. Details will be circulated as available. Food donations from members will be welcome.

A Vigil for Peace is held from 5p.m. to 6p.m. each Thursday on Washington St. in front of the Talbot Court House. You are welcome to come at any time during the hour and to stay only as long as you wish.

FOOD PANTRY

Third Haven continues to make a meaningful donation to the Food Pantry each week. Thanks to everyone who remembers to share.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!

The Neighborhood Service Center is in need of volunteers.

Volunteers are needed to:

- Help stock shelves
- Sort and fold clothes and household items
- Answer phones and greet clients
- Sort food
- General clerical typing
- Assist in the youth department
- Assist at the shelter
- Assist during the daily giveaway
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Please contact Molly Burgoyne 410-310-1827 or Marilyn Neal at NSC 410 822 5015

Budget and Finance Committee

Our committee has begun the budget process for the fiscal year beginning on 7th month first. Each Committee Clerk and anyone else who wishes to suggest items not within a Committee's responsibility, should have his/her request into my hands no later than 3rd month 15th. Sumner Parker, Clerk, Budget and Finance Committee fullwood1@verizon.net

Contributions to the meeting can be made by way of the contributions box in the Brick Meetinghouse entranceway. Checks can also be sent to THMM, P.O. Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601. We are now able to receive donations by way of the website <http://www.thirdhaven.org/donate.php>

Sign up for PYM Today Online We are delighted to announce PYM Today Online, a new e-publication designed to strengthen communication, connections, relationships and knowledge among everyone in our yearly meeting faith community.

Just complete the sign-up form at <http://www.pym.org/pym-today-online>
See PYM Updates attached

Members are reminded to check the website for updated addresses for Friends who have moved.
Username is 3rdhaven Password friends
Please send announcements or articles for the newsletter to 3rdhaven@gmail.com

Follow Sabrina Zimmerman and Simon Zimmer on Facebook during their travels in Colombia relating to Aguayuda

New e-mail addresses: John Winterbottom: BRNK17@Yahoo.com

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Kyung Lim Lee now has an exhibition entitled *The Order of Contemplation* at the Academy Art Museum in Easton until April 22.
http://www.academyartmuseum.org/exhibitions/exhib_kyung_lim_lee.html



Friendly Visitors

Betsy Harrell (R) and her daughter Avis Sri-Jayantha: photo by Marsie Hawkinson
Betsy's late parents, Caroline and H. Chandlee Forman were long-term residents of Easton and outstanding members of Third Haven. Betsy currently lives at Friends House in Santa Rosa, California. We were blessed by their visit.

New Member and Attenders' Luncheon

Spring was not only in the air but on all the tables at our lunch for new members and attenders on March 4, sponsored and organized by the Overseers Committee at Third Haven. There was a profusion of yellow and green, from the coordinated place mats and napkins to the beautiful daffodils which were donated by Marsie Hawkinson and Adrienne Rudge. As clerk of the Overseers, Dee Rein welcomed all, a group of about 100 members, attenders and visitors. The Overseers provided the entrees and beverages while the members supplied a generous selection of accompaniments and desserts. Young and old alike enjoyed the splendid pot luck lunch, and joyful celebration of our community. As participants



finished their lunch Dee introduced three diverse members of Third Haven to share their experience of being a member. Molly Burgoyne recounted her early religious experiences and said that when her son was three years old she sought out a more rooted spiritual home which she found at Third Haven. Molly also shared how meaningful the concept of finding light in everyone is to her. She went on to offer a six word phrase to describe her life changing event.



She got this idea of expressing such an event in six words from Oprah Winfrey. Molly's six word phrase is "Became a Quaker, let light in"

Brandt Bethke, as one of our younger members, said that this was his first opportunity to address the whole meeting and the word that came to his mind to describe the most important aspect of the Third Haven community is "inclusion". Brandt said that he really appreciated that young people are included in events and occasions along with the elders. Our third speaker was long time member, Frank Zeigler. In welcoming the new members, Frank reminded everyone that Quakers have been seekers from the beginning. Frank and



Joyce have been members of Third Haven for about 50 years. In 1967 Frank attended the 4th Friends World Conference in Guilford, North Carolina which he described as the most informative thing in which he has been involved. His friend and hero Dr. Ken Carroll encouraged him to attend the event and gave him the book "The Creative Centre of Quakerism". Frank continues his seeking by reading from many Quaker sources. He emphasized that we are all seekers and that seeking is necessary to get to the core of Quakerism.

Dee concluded the event by thanking all the Overseers for their help and everyone who brought food for their outstanding contributions. Attendees were invited to take a daffodil home with them.

Submitted by Cynthia Quast



Delicious food, delightful Friends

Get Well Wishes to Maya!

Quarter to seven, March

It is early
And the windows open,
God comes in.

First the great horned owl
then *kaarank kaarank*,
a great blue heron on his run,
and last before dawn,
the resident rooster.

Then, rising,
the cacophonous rush of small birds
towards Light.

Posey Boicourt

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

Full Name _____ Sex _____ Birthdate _____

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:

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. Above 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.