



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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March 2012 NEWSLETTER

We don't see things as they are, we see them as we are.

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Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for 2nd Month, 12, 2012

1. Call to order: Clerk Candace Shattuck called the meeting to order at approximately 11:35 am.

2. Attending: Mark Beck, Paige Bethke, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Catherine Cripps, Susan Dabney, Leigh Ann Dodge, Doreen Getsinger, Stephen Gerin, Tania Harrison, Marsie Hawkinson, Peter Howell, Connie Lewis, Joyce Macijeski, Bob Marshall; Beth Mufson, Sumner Parker, Michael Pullen, Dee Rein, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Robert Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Sally Vermilye, Meredith Watters, John Winterbottom, Winslow Womack, Ralph Young, Frank Zeigler, and Joyce Zeigler.

3. Minutes: The Minutes for 1st Month, 8, 2012 were amended as follows: Sumner Parker was not in attendance but wanted to support Dee Rein's comments made at that meeting concerning the Occupy Movement. The Minutes were approved.

4. Query: The Second Query was read at Meeting for Worship. LeighAnn Dodge noted her appreciation for the Query and the deliberate and thoughtful manner in which it was delivered by Michael Pullen. Larny Claggett commented on the weightiness of the message with mention that Business Meeting can be a personal transformation experience and that it is our responsibility to attend Monthly Meeting. Lorraine Claggett noted the instruction in the Query if you do not attend Monthly Meeting what you will do as a responsibility to be engaged in the absence. This emphasized the responsibility to be engaged on the Business of the Meeting even in your absence.

5. Committee Reports:

Clerks Committee: Candace Shattuck reported on the Clerks Meeting held 1st Month, 21, 2012. A large part of that meeting was spent exploring the idea of spiritual hospitality and welcoming of newcomers, using as a starting point a list developed by Overseers. A Pendle Hill Pamphlet entitled "Spiritual Hospitality" was recommended for those interested in exploring this topic in greater depth. The Committee also discussed how we use the Common Room and how we might better organize that space. A committee made up of Lorraine Claggett, Tom Corl and Nancy Robbins was formed at the Clerks Meeting to address the needs of the Common Room. Candace noted the need for this committee to seek input from other committees, especially Property &

Grounds and Hospitality, and invited anyone interested to serve on this ad-hoc committee. John Schreiner volunteered. Winslow Womack suggested that the subcommittee begin by defining the needs of the Common Room.

Marsie Hawkinson, Recorder, reported on THFM Membership for 2011. The report is attached. In 2011, THFM reported 149 Members including 16 Minors. Over the year we were saddened by the death of three members; Monimia Barker, Irene Williams and Jim Paul. Holly Ford requested that her membership be transferred to her home in Anchorage, Alaska and Gregory Leibman resigned. THFM welcomed Mary Coady as a new Member and accepted the transfer of Deborah Danser's membership from Downingtown Meeting. The year-end total members were 146. A discussion followed on counting of children as Members after they have reached adulthood. Overseers were asked to review the matter of an Associate Membership that could be used for children so that they can be included as Members until they are ready to determine Membership for themselves. Dee Rein, Clerk of Overseers, agreed to lead the discussion and bring the matter back to Business Meeting.

Dee Rein, Clerk of Overseers, reported they have received requests for membership for their children from two member families. Luisa Adelfio and Erick Neil requested that their daughters, Margaret Renate Neil "Maggie", Eleonora Maria Neil "Nora", Juliette Catherine Neil and Anna Sofia Neil be considered as THFM Members. Christin Dickey and Al Bond requested that their children, Lucy and Zadoc be considered as THFM Members. All were heartily approved. A Welcoming Committee of John Schreiner, Mark Beck and Doreen Getsinger were appointed for the Adelfio-Neil Children with Mark Beck as convener. A Welcoming Committee of Marsie Hawkinson, Mark Beck, LeighAnn Dodge and Paige Bethke were appointed for the Bond Children with LeighAnn Dodge as convener.

Testimonies and Concerns Clerk Lorraine Claggett provided an update for several issues on which the committee has been working. For those interested in the clean water efforts of Sabrina and Simon, their Facebook postings at Aquayuda are documenting their current trip in Columbia. Any members interested in the upcoming Maryland legislation to support Civil Marriage, should contact Delegate Rudy Cane, Rudolph.Cane@house.state.md.us

Testimonies and Concerns have collected Minutes from various Meetings in support of the Occupy Movement and reviewed the work completed by the AFSC as they visited 14 cities and documented the Occupy Movement efforts. Minutes from various Meetings are available for review in the Common Room in a Blue folder. A discussion followed on the objectives of the movement and the definition of Economic Justice. Lorraine Claggett expressed thoughts that the Occupy Movement had several Quaker concepts in how they organized themselves and addressed inequities in our social and political world of today. T&C Is requesting that all Committees embrace the spirit of the occupy movement in addressing their work and identifying injustices that are occurring. Frank Zeigler noted that over half of the people representing us in Washington DC are millionaires. Winslow Womack commented that the responsibility to right social injustices lies with each of us who are complicit in our role as share holders.

Norval Thompson reported on the work of the PYM deficit working group. A summary report has been prepared and will be sent out to all THFM Members to read so that a Called Session can be scheduled to determine how THFM would like to respond to PYM. Part of the difficulty is THFM and the Southern Quarter has no one to represent them in Philadelphia. If anyone is interested in representing THM to PYM, please contact Candace Shattuck or Norval Thompson. In addition to the summary, there are 15 files that will be posted to our THFM website that describe the current situation at PYM, the budget considerations and restraints, proposed budget

and program cuts and what various Meetings have submitted as Minutes for their recommendations. Members are encouraged to read through the document so they can be informed for the future Called Session. The Clerk will make a recommendation for a date for the Special Called Session to address the PYM budget issue.

6. Interim Meeting: THFM is looking for a representative to send to Interim Meeting.

7. New Business: Meredith Watters purposed the following Minute: "Third Haven Friends Meeting affirms its deep appreciation for the diligent and energetic service of John Schreiner as Clerk for the Meeting from 2008 through 2011. John was instrumental in resolving difficult issues and supporting the spiritual life of the Meeting community. He promoted and outreach and represented Third Haven Friends well in the wider community. The Meeting offers its heartfelt thanks to John Schreiner for his four years of service." The Minute was approved.

Mark Beck reminded us that it has been 5 years since Larny Claggett recommended a fund to support young friends in their continued education. The Scholarship Fund has been created and has grown from funding students to finding 15 students. Mark proposes that the Scholarship fund receive 10% of the THFM budget in the future. Immediately Mark will be proposing to the Finance Committee that THFM increase contributions from \$2,000 per year to \$4,000 per year and that the Trustees increase their contribution from \$1,500 to \$3,000 per year. The Scholarship fund will no longer be able to provide extra help to applicants in FY13 and will only be able to offer the minimal amount to each student. Finally, Mark reports that the FDS has identified a Quaker school in Bolivia and is establishing 2 scholarships for Quaker students there as the foundation for outreach.

Meeting for business was adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Paige Bethke in Molly Burgoyne's absence

IMPORTANT POINTS:

Subcommittee has been formed to look at the needs and improvements that can be made to the Common Room to accomplish Spiritual Hospitality and increased communication.

THFM stands at 146 Members, December 31, 2011. Overseers will discuss the benefits of establishing Associate Member status for children under 21.

Lucy Bond and Zadoc Bond, Margaret Renate Neil "Maggie", Eleonora Maria Neil "Nora", Juliette Catherine Neil and Anna Sofia Neil, have been approved as Members of THFM and Welcome Committees will be meeting with them promptly.

Support Civil Marriage, should contact Delegate Rudy Cane, Rudolph.Cane@house.state.md.us.

The Occupy Movement has been minuted by various meetings which can be found in common room in Blue folder along with work completed by AFSC.

A summary of the PYM Deficit Working Group issue will be sent to all THFM members to be read in reparation for a specially called session to be determined by Clerk, Candace Shattuck.

Additional reports and Minutes will be posted to the THFM website for Members to review.

THFM does not have a Representative to PYM. WE are in need of finding a Member to represent us at PYM.

Minute expressing gratitude for the service of John Schreiner as Clerk from 2008 through 2011.

Scholarship Committee requesting additional funds in the FY 13 budget from both THFM and Trustees.

THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING

Membership Recorder's Annual Report for 2011

We began 2011 with 149 members, including 16 minors. During the year we added two new members (one by application and one by transfer) and sadly lost five (three by death, one by transfer, and one by resignation). The end of year total is 146.

We were saddened by the deaths of Monimia Barker, Irene Williams, and Jim Paul. All had been valued participants in our meeting community.

Holly Ford asked to have her membership transferred to the meeting in Anchorage, Alaska where she has been living.

In October Gregory Leibman resigned from Meeting and this was accepted with regret.

On the brighter side Mary Coady applied for and was accepted into membership. Deborah Danser transferred her membership to Third Haven from Downingtown Meeting in Pennsylvania.

We expect to add several children of members to our numbers shortly. This relates to the fact that parents need to formally ask for membership for their children. In days gone by when a couple were members, the membership of their children was automatic. They were known as Birthright Members. This is no longer the case. Some meetings within Philadelphia Yearly Meeting recognize a category of Associate Membership This designation is intended for children under the age of 21. Once they reach majority they decide for themselves whether or not they wish to remain members. So far, at Third Haven we have not done this, but perhaps we should consider the possibility.

Respectfully submitted, Marsie Hawkinson, Membership Recorder

Marilla's Lunches



Meredith and Molly ready to deliver

If you like helping others while doing something that makes you feel good, lets you enjoy the camaraderie of working with volunteers from other faith communities including an annual pot luck lunch for all volunteers, we have just the thing for you. On the third Wednesday of each month January through April at 9:45am, volunteers from Third Haven join other faith communities at Asbury Methodist Church on Higgins Street in Easton to prepare and deliver lunches to people in need. From May through December, on the third Wednesday, the lunches are prepared at Third Haven.

These lunches are part of the Talbot Interfaith Coalition Against Hunger and originated from the winter soup kitchen that Asbury Methodist has provided for many years. About eight years ago, the Pastor at Asbury asked, “Why can’t we provide these lunches all year?” And so began the expansion to a full year of delivery of lunches to those in need. In addition to Marilla’s lunches, the Coalition also delivers a traditional Thanksgiving meal on Thanksgiving Day and delivers lunches every weekday to the Ridgeway House Shelter on Aurora Street, which is run by the Neighborhood Service Center.

The Wednesday lunches are called “Marilla’s Lunches” in honor of Marilla McCarthy a former member of Third Haven who worked to get them started and provided the list of faith communities interested in participating in this endeavor. The number of recipients has tripled from the 30 to 35 people that Asbury’s soup kitchen typically served, to a current list of 89 people. In the winter, Asbury continues to provide the soup for the lunch. For the remainder of the year the other faith communities provide the ingredients and prepare sandwiches, fruit and dessert for the delivered bag lunch. Asbury receives subsidies for the soup ingredients from AARP and St. Marks however their efforts are enormous. Third Haven teams up with Temple B’nai Israel and Deacon Terry and Mariann Stackpole to prepare and deliver lunches on the third Wednesdays.

Other faith communities involved in this Coalition Against Hunger are: Talbot Bible Church, Christ Church of Easton, St. Marks UMC, UU Fellowship of Easton, Grace Lutheran, Episcopal Cathedral, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Easton Church of the Brethren, Temple B’nai Israel, and Deacon Terry and Mariann Stackpole. Referrals for delivery recipients come from Asbury, St. Marks, and Talbot Co. Health Dept. Ralph and Mary Young are currently the coordinators of the Talbot Interfaith Coalition Against Hunger. They maintain the delivery schedule and try to resolve any problems that arise. Please consider joining this effort to provide a lunch to those less fortunate.

Cynthia Quast

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

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| First Days 10am | Fourth Days 5:30pm |
| March 11 | March 14 |
| March 18 | March 21 |
| March 25 | March 28 |

March 11 (Sunday) Meeting for worship followed by meeting for business. Scheduled reports: Hospitality, Facilities Use, and Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)

Worship and Ministry

March 17 (Saturday) 10 am-12 noon Informal Reunion for Spiritual Formation Participants at Mark Beck's house (directions to follow). There will be a get together for people who were involved in the Spiritual Formation program in 2011. We plan to touch base and re-connect. Our purpose will be to share and discuss:

Where am I on my Spiritual Journey since completing Spiritual Formation program?

How is my small Friendship/Accountability group? Are we still meeting? Am I interested in being a part of formation of another group?

This gathering is sponsored by the Worship and Ministry Committee.

Bring a light brunch snack (if you'd like)

Provided: comfortable spot to discuss in a group how things are going with coffee and tea

Contacts: Tom Corl tom.corl@gmail.com Katherine Johnson katherinekai@goeaston.net

Testimonies and Concerns

March 18 (Sunday) Meeting for worship followed by an Introduction to the Course on Miracles. This will be held in the common room. Written material will be available. Worship & Ministry will be sponsoring a brief presentation on "A Course in Miracles" on March 18 at the rise of meeting in the Common Room.

The Course is a spiritual thought system scribed through a process of "inner dictation" over a period of seven years from 1965 through 1972. It came through two research psychologists at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City.

It is difficult to describe the Course in words because its true meaning lies in the universal experience that lies beyond words; it is this experience towards which the course points. The Course says that,

"A universal theology is impossible, but a universal experience is not only possible but necessary. It is this experience towards which the course is directed."

The introduction says in part:

"The course does not aim at teaching the meaning of love, for that is beyond what can be taught. It does aim, however, at removing the blocks to the awareness of love's presence, which is your natural inheritance. The opposite of love is fear, but what is all-encompassing can have no opposite.

This course can therefore be summed up very simply in this way:

Nothing real can be threatened.

Nothing unreal exists.

Herein lies the peace of God."

The aim of the course is not knowledge, but peace. The introduction goes on to state:

"The curriculum the course proposes is carefully conceived and is explained, step-by-step, at both theoretical and practical levels. It emphasizes application rather than theory, and experience rather than theology... although Christian in statement, the course deals with universal spiritual themes. It emphasizes that it is but one version of the universal curriculum. There are many others, this one differing from them only in form. They all lead to God in the end."

It is a self-study course. It consists of three parts, the text which sets forth the theoretical foundation, the workbook, its practical application, consists of 365 daily lessons, one for each

day of the year, and a manual for teachers that answers some of the more common questions about the course and its application.

If there is interest, a weekly discussion group is being considered that will focus on the text. Materials including a copy of the Course will be provided, if anyone is interested in receiving materials please contact Michael Pullen, michaelpullen@gmail.com (410) 829-3059

Inward Bound: A Spring Quiet Day

Join us for a weekday retreat away from the busy-ness of life. Worship and Ministry Committee is offering quarterly Quiet Days, facilitated by Katherine Johnson, Candace Shattuck, and others. "Inward Bound" is a day of listening for the Light within, reflection, reading, walking the grounds, writing, or self chosen art activities in community with a shared, silent pot-luck lunch.

The Spring session will run from 10 am until 3 PM, ending with Worship Sharing. Also, participants are welcome to come for part of a day, entering with respect for the silence of the group. This is a perfect occasion to savor the beauty of the Third Haven grounds and buildings and take time to be in community with Friends.

Date: Wednesday March 21, 2012
Time: 10:00a.m-3:00 p.m.
Place: Third Haven Friends Meeting Common Room
405 S. Washington St., Easton, MD
Lunch: Bring a pot luck item for shared lunch
Future dates: June 20, September 19, December 12, 2012

To register: Contact Katherine Johnson: katherinekai@goeaston.net or Candace Shattuck: Candace.shattuck@gmail.com



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.

Attenders John Turner and Nancy Stanford joint the vigil.

Please support the Food Pantry. Third Haven continues to make a meaningful donation each week. Remember that the food we bring keeps someone from hunger.

Budget and Finance Committee

In the all too near future our committee will begin working on a budget 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

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>

Daylight Saving Time (United States) begins Sunday, March 11, 2012, 2:00am

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



Ron and Charlotte

Welcome new attenders:

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PYM news: Here is a set of documents released by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting as a report of the called session specifically dealing with financial and organizational matters.

<http://www.pym.org/called-session-yearly-meeting-feb-11-2012>

Kyung Lim Lee now has an exhibition entitled The Order of Contemplation at the Academy Art Museum in Easton between February 4 and April 15.

http://www.academyartmuseum.org/exhibitions/exhib_kyung_lim_lee.html

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

Please contact Molly Burgoyne 410-310-1827 or Marilyn Neal at NSC 410 822 5015

Talbot Interfaith Shelter

This year's visit of the Talbot Interfaith Shelter to Third Haven Friends Meeting was again a success thanks to the organization of Lorraine Claggett and Frank Ryan as well as the many volunteers who helped by cooking, chaperoning, spending the night, providing transportation, and enjoying the company of the residents. Here Meredith demonstrates her culinary skills and residents serve themselves dinner.



Happy Birthday, Bubbles!

Soft Toys Solicited

To help our children learn the silence of our Meeting for Worship we have a soft toy basket in the vestibule of the brick meeting house. Parents and children are invited to choose a quiet, soft toy to take to Meeting and return it as they leave. Volunteers wishing to contribute a soft toy are welcome to add it to the basket. Helping children grow in Quaker ways is a responsibility we all share.



Boys of all ages enjoy themselves at Third Haven!