



## Third Haven Friends Meeting

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### September 2014 NEWSLETTER

Focus on what is important: be true to God, one's self and others.

#### **Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 6th Month, 8, 2014**

1. Candace Shattuck, Clerk of Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:30AM after a brief period of silence.
2. Attending: Dawn Atwater, Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Benita Cooper, Deborah Cox, Leigh Ann Dodge, Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Bill Lane Jr., Connie Lewis, Sumner Parker, Nancy Robbins, Candace Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Sally Vermilye, Rob Wieland, Ralph Young.
3. 6th Query "On Equality"; Additional Thoughts: Friends were reminded of our recent Meeting activities to read the book, "The New Jim Crow", show the film "The House I Live In" and hold open community discussions regarding prison reform. This sort of social action is a step forward towards improved equality.
4. Minutes from previous Meeting for Business: After adding Larissa Kitenko's name to those present at the 5th Month meeting for business, we approved the minutes.
5. Clerk's Desk: The Clerk of Meeting announced that our current Clerk of Property and Grounds has resigned from that position. After discussion with the Nominating Committee and the Clerk of trustees, it was agreed that the appointment of an interim clerk would be appropriate. Dee Rein has agreed to accept the position of interim Clerk for the Property and Grounds committee.
6. First Day School Annual Report: The complete report is as follows below. The Meeting approved the report with thanks for all this committee does.

#### First Day School Annual report June 2014

Third Haven First Day School counts 17 families comprised of 25 children under the age of 17 who have attended this past year. The largest attendance falls on the holidays, especially at Christmas and Easter. There was a formal Christmas program last December and a large Easter egg hunt on the Meeting grounds in April. This Easter, we had 18 children representing 10 families. On a weekly basis, attendance is sparse, with an average of 3-5 attending. The clerk continues to send out regular e-mails to all families and to post upcoming FDS activities and class schedule on the weekly Third Haven announcements.

This year, the First Day School has been blessed with many Meeting member volunteer teachers. These members who have shared their gifts with our young people during FDS are: Leigh Anne Dodge-Testimony and Concerns, Mary Cotton -birds, Amy Owsley -Growing up Quaker, Cindy Browne -yoga, Lorraine Claggett - T & C and Marsie Hawkinson -terrariums. With the help of Testimony and Concerns, the children decided on supporting the organization, World Vision, and adopted a Guatemalan boy who exchanged letters with the kids.

On June 1st, First Day School held the annual Moving Up ceremony where we honored 3 young people with their graduations. Sarah Thompson and Jacob Mullen, who both spent many years growing up in TH FDS, both received honors. Maggie Neil was present and spoke about her graduation from Yale and her Quaker influences, thanking the Meeting for their support. All recipients received a book entitled "Blessed are the Peacemakers."

The FDS committee has decided to hold 4 summer classes, scheduled for July 13 & 27 and Aug 10 & 24. On July 13, following worship, there will be a swim/beach party for families on the farm of Lorraine Claggett located outside Easton.

The First Day School is run on the backbone of the First Day School committee, who dutifully shows up for committee meetings, offers ideas for teaching and often becomes teachers themselves if lead to do so. Dawn Atwater led a spirited Bunny cake-making lesson to about 10 kids around Easter and Catherine Cripps volunteered to make Mother's Day cards on that Sunday. Sally Claggett and Cathy Thompson have been sharing Godly Play stories with the children every 2nd Sunday of every month. Amy Owsley taught a lesson from PYM curriculum "Growing in the Light" and "Obadiah." The FDS committee members, of whom I am so very grateful to serve with, are Mark Beck, Catherine Cripps, Beth Mufson, Cathy Thompson, Sally Claggett, Dawn Atwater, Jeffery Rank, and Amy Owsley.

In conclusion, having the Meeting members come forward in sharing their talents and gifts with the children has made a big difference. There is excellent material about teaching Quakerism in our upstairs library which we use and is available to anyone. However, the personal connection that the kids make when a member shares their special gifts with them makes FDS magical. Next week, Clay Owens will be teaching the kids a little spirituality through his love of guitars. As Clerk, I wish to Thank all who support our First Day School. We can't do it without your help.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Claggett, Clerk FDS

7. Treasurer's Report: Rob Wieland gave the report for Cynthia Quast who was not present. The report includes the Income and Expenses, the Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenses with prior year comparison up to May 31,2014. These sheets are available online. Of importance to note is that our income as of May 31st was 103.01% of budget and our expenses were only 68.75% of budget. In June, we will spend approximately \$9-10,000. We also expect to receive more donations in June. So far this year we are operating at a surplus of \$20,000, so we expect to end the fiscal year in a surplus.

8. Ad Hoc committee on THFM Charitable Contributions: We first discussed the list of suggested donations for FY13-14 (which will end June 30,2014). At our last meeting for business, 5th Month, a list of donations were presented for consideration. There was a sense from those present that we were leaving out some important Quaker organizations and several asked that a month be given so the list could be reconsidered and possibly revised. The Clerk of the Ad Hoc committee presented a revised list of donations which is as follows: FCNL- \$250,

AFSC- \$250, Friends General Conference- \$250, Friends Journal- \$125, Pendle Hill- \$125, Good Samaritan Fund- \$500, Easton Volunteer Fire Department- \$100 and The Multicultural Resource Center- \$400. This brings our total donations to \$2000 this current fiscal year. The Meeting approved this list.

The Meeting then discussed the second recommendation made by the Ad Hoc committee to appoint a new standing committee to handle our charitable donations. This committee would be comprised of 3-5 individuals selected with the help of the Nominating Committee and would be in charge of charitable guidelines, recommendations and oversight of donations and ongoing education of charities to the Meeting. The committee would be charged with presenting the yearly charitable donation suggestions to the Meeting for the Meeting's discussion and approval. Friends agreed that these suggestions should be made earlier in the fiscal year and perhaps staggered throughout the year. The members present felt it would be preferable to have the committee comprised of members who feel drawn to this work and not as a part of another committee. After discussion, the meeting approved the new committee' formation and the Clerk asked the Nominating Committee to present the new members of this committee to Meeting in September.

9. Budget and Finance Items: The Clerk of Budget and Finance presented the THFM Budget for FY14-15. This budget will be available online and below. There was discussion regarding our covenant to PYM. B&F is charged with reviewing our annual covenant and reporting back to Meeting with future recommendations. The Meeting approved the budget without changes.

The second item for discussion involved the bequest from the estate of Belle Andrews. Budget and Finance suggested at meeting for business 5th Month that the bequest be turned over to the Trustees. There were several present who wished to discuss the matter further. Mrs. Andrews had not been a member or attender of Meeting but had an acquaintance through the Historical Society. Those present felt that perhaps preservation of the property would have been important to her. Another Friend suggested that when we receive large unrestricted bequests, we might consider giving a portion to our Scholarship Fund to help with the endowment. This led us to discussing the need to have a clearer policy for handling larger bequests. B&F is willing to discuss this in committee and come back to Meeting with their recommendations. The Meeting approved turning the bequest over from the estate of Belle Andrews to the Trustees.

The third item of discussion involved the bequest given to us from the estate of John Todd. P&G has noted an immediate need to replace the benches in the graveyard. One bench has completely broken and the second is not far behind. The Meeting approved using this money to replace the benches

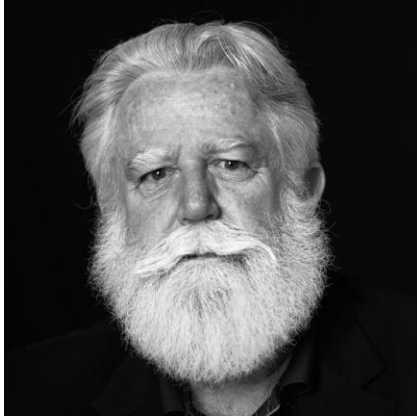
Meeting for business was brought to a close at 1:00PM.

Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne

**IMPORTANT POINTS:**

- Dee Rein will serve as interim Clerk for Property and Grounds
- FDS Annual Report approved
- Donations for FY13-14 approved
- Formation of Standing committee for Charitable Contributions approved
- FY14-15 Budget approved
- Bequest of Belle Andrews to be turned over to Trustees approved
- Bequest of John Todd to be used for benches approved.

## From a recent Friends Journal press release: Congratulations to Quaker artist James Turrell!



Turrell received the 2013 National Medal of the Arts, along with 12 other individuals and 1 group. President Barack Obama awarded the medals on Monday, July 28 at the White House. The event was live streamed.

From the press release: "James Turrell for his groundbreaking visual art. Capturing the powers of light and space, Mr. Turrell builds experiences that force us to question reality, challenging our perceptions not only of art, but also of the world around us." (Photo by Florian Holzherr)

## Goshen Farm Preservation Society

The Caper – May 2011

Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter May 2011

By Scott Powers

Henry Woolchurch was the original “owner” of the land that eventually came to be known as Goshen Farm. He was among the first to arrive from Virginia and settle in Providence on Greenbury Point, as evidenced in James Ehlen Moss’s book “Providence, Ye Lost Towne at Severn”. The book lists Henry as “on the adventure” and “Ye commissary”.

Henry’s life started out more difficult than many, an orphan. The records of St. Mary Woolchurch Haw, London state : “31 Jan. 1622/23. A child left in our Parish and named Henry Woolchurch”. Nothing is known of Henry’s upbringing, and he appeared in America prior to 1651. It is likely that he came as an indentured servant, but there is no “headright” claim in the record. His first appearance in the land records of Anne Arundel County is in November 1653, when he bought the land of Richard Young along Deep Creek and the Magothy River. He very likely participated in the Battle of the Severn in 1655.

By 1658 Henry had converted to Quakerism, as had many of his neighbors. In 1662 he was granted the land that would be called “Leonard’s Neck”, presumably named for Leonard Calvert. In 1669, the 290 acres that comprised “Leonard’s Neck” was assigned to Alexander Gardiner and John Wray from Henry Woolchurch “of Severn River”. John Wray’s portion was eventually purchased by John Pettibone Gardiner and became Goshen Farm. Alexander Gardiner’s portion passed to his stepson, Edward Gibbs, and in turn became the property of St. Margaret’s Church.

Henry, his wife Elizabeth, and daughters relocated to Talbot County, along the Choptank River and Tred Avon (Third Haven) river, in present day Easton. In 1682 he was one of 5 men from the Third Haven Friends Meeting who purchased three acres of land on which the Old Quaker Meeting House was constructed. The building still stands, and is reported to be the oldest operating religious structure in Maryland. (*The oldest documented building in the State of Maryland*)

The great fire of London in 1665 destroyed the church that was Henry's namesake. The London Mayor's Mansion House was rebuilt on the site. The Parish was merged with St. Mary Woolnoth. Upon his death in 1695, he left almost 1200 acres to his heirs. Having no sons and four daughters, Henry's name, like the church that gave him that name, ceased to exist. There is still a place, close to home, where the name Woolchurch survives. Near the mouth of the Severn, directly opposite the US Naval Academy's Dewey Field, on the east side of the river, is a small indentation of water that bears the name "Woolchurch Cove".

## **Why Wars?**

Robert Wieland writes, "I don't know if this rises to something that members and attenders wish to think about or if the piece thinks about the question (Why do we fight wars?) in a way that would be palatable to members and attenders - but I send it on in case it might."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/18/opinion/paul-krugman-why-we-fight.html?>

## **Magic in the Common Room**

Do Friends at Third Haven believe in magic? Maybe so. Because each First Day, somehow tea, crumpets, hot coffee, juice, sweets, cheeses and other delicacies mysteriously appear on large table covered with a clean tablecloth.

Behind this sleight of hand are a couple of Hospitality clerks and a tiny cadre of talented, willing, helpful Quaker volunteers who plan for, purchase or bring in goodies and then labor in the nearby kitchen... seeing to it serving platters are replenished and then magically clean up and put away the dishes and store the food.

We're here to say that today: the magic needs a boost. The tiny cadre needs relief and expansion. This is a great way to connect with other Friends and attenders and serve Third Haven. All one needs to do is quietly approach Heidi Wetzel and/or Dona Sorce or to secretly sign up to help out on occasion... on the sheet provided on the fridge door. (instructions will be provided; no training required)

What a great way to create warmth and community following First Day's worship!

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## **Third Haven Monthly Meeting Announcements**

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

Calendar of Third Haven activities <http://www.thirdhaven.org/calendar.php>

Online directory <http://www.thirdhaven.org/members/dir.php>

Username is 3rdhaven Password friends (all lower case)

*Please review your listing in the Online Directory. Let us know if you have moved or changed telephone number or e-mail address. We welcome notes, photos, questions and address information at [3rdhaven@gmail.com](mailto:3rdhaven@gmail.com)*

**New Addresses:**

<http://www.pendlehill.org> leads to the new web site for Pendle Hill

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**Joys and Concerns:** Best wishes to Tania Harrison on her ankle surgery on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Any one interested in joining her for a Meeting for Worship at her home should contact her or Dee Rein so we can make arrangements.

**Talbot Interfaith Shelter:** Members and attenders are encouraged to consider participation in the shelter program. Currently the specific plans for 2014 – 2015 are incomplete. The meeting is in communication with the Shelter organization and there may be further information available by the time of our September 15, Meeting for Business.

**Overseers Recognizes Third Haven Friends Meeting Elders with Luncheon**

First Day, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Rise of Meeting

On October 5<sup>th</sup> the Overseers will be honoring and recognizing the contribution of our elders with a luncheon in the Common Room. The Overseers would like to recognize the gifts of leadership and direction that we receive from our elders and demonstrate our appreciation. We hope Meeting members and attenders will come help us celebrate their accomplishments and bring a covered dish (vegetable or desert; bread or rolls; or something to share). Overseers will provide ham and chicken and drinks. If anyone would like to recognize an elders contribution, please share with Overseers Clerk, Adrienne Rudge (or committee members) and we will incorporate into the program. We hope to see you all on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Testimonies and Concerns Plans for the coming year**





**Summer Activities for First Day School**



**Joy to Share: Aiyana and Rick's Wedding**



**Farewell To the Neils, until we meet again...**



**Ramp plan model for viewing**



**Hooray, new benches, thanks to an anonymous donor.**



**Enjoying Kate Howell's visit**