



## **Third Haven Friends Meeting**

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## **April 2011 NEWSLETTER**

"Only the hand that erases can write the true thing."

*Meister Eckhart*

### **Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 3rd Month, 13, 2011**

1. Call to order: John Schreiner, Clerk of Meeting, called the meeting for worship with attention to business to order at 11:35 am.
2. Attending: Mark Beck, Cindy Browne, Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Tom Corl, Doreen Getsinger, Connie Lewis, Joyce Macijeski, Clay Owens, Sumner Parker, Dee Rein, John Schreiner, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, John Winterbottom, Ralph Young, Frank Zeigler, and Joyce Zeigler.
3. Minutes: The Meeting approved the minutes for meeting for business 2nd Month, 2011.
4. Query: The Query, "Spiritual Nurture, Ministry, and Religious Education", was read during meeting for worship. A Friend praised the query for its dynamic message. This was followed by enthusiasm for the recently formed Spiritual Formation Group, which includes 22 participants who commit large amounts of their time for this vital program.
5. Hospitality Annual Report: (see attached). The Meeting approved the annual Hospitality's Committee report with thanks for all the work they do making a difficult job look easy.
6. Carriage Shed Sale: An open discussion took place regarding where the Meeting stands on putting together a Carriage Shed Sale in the fall. Decisions need to be made regarding when to have it, who will head it up and what charities will the funds go to. All agreed that we need a group of people who feel called to take on this project to come forward with their enthusiasm, ideas and dedication in order to make this work. Several announcements will run in the newsletter this next month encouraging people to step forward with their interests in the sale. We will have a one-month deadline for a show of interest. We will report on this at our next

business meeting. Please contact John Schreiner if you are interested in the Carriage Shed Sale committee.

7. Facilities Use Annual Report: This report is furnished here in its entirety as follows: “The Facilities Use Committee provides a calendar in the Common Room to schedule all events at the Meeting. This includes all Meeting activities, weddings, memorial meetings and burials and any uses that have been approved for outside groups. It is the duty of the committee to insure that Non-Meeting events be conducted according to Friends principles. The committee worked to clarify the Facilities Use Policies, which were adopted by the Monthly Meeting and approved by the Trustees. The policies will be reviewed again in one year.”

The Meeting approved this annual report. The guidelines will be posted in the Common Room, website and our directory.

8. Hosting Friends Historical Association on May 1st, 2011: The FHA will be bringing about 50 people on First Day May 1, and Ken Carroll will be giving a talk at the rise of meeting for worship. A luncheon will be served afterwards. Hospitality will provide soups, salads and bread. Meeting members are asked to bring desserts. About 80 people are expected. We discussed several ideas for a tribute to honor Ken’s years of service to the association. We agreed to investigate the donation of a library table along with an appropriate plaque for the Maryland Room in the newly renovated Talbot County Library. This is a place where Ken has given much of his invaluable work and time. Joyce Macijeski will help figuring out the cost of the tribute and relay this information at next business meeting. Cathy Thompson, Tom Corl and Clay Owens have formed a committee to work out the details of the day’s celebration.

9. FCNL Annual Report: (see attached). Frank Zeigler spoke to all about his years of work with FCNL. The office has grown from 2 people to a dedicated, well-organized staff of 10. In recent years, they have been instrumental in speaking in favor of nuclear disarmament. On March 19th and 20th, at least two members of THFM will be going to Washington to help lobby in favor of FCNL causes. Annual membership is \$35. The Meeting approved the annual report.

10. New Items: Larny Claggett as Clerk of Property & Grounds read the Webster’s’ letter of resignation as caretakers of THFM effective September 1, 2011. The letter was beautiful and touching. The Meeting reluctantly accepts their retirement, as we knew it would come someday. Property & Grounds committee members have a copy of the current job description. They will be meeting to discuss this issue further. All present felt that having a resident caretaker is an advantage to our Meeting as well as an opportunity for the employee(s). Hopefully, we will be able to look first within the Meeting. Please email Larny if you have any questions, thoughts or concerns regarding this matter.

Tom Corl, as Clerk of Worship & Ministry, handed out the committee’s newly revised purpose statement (see attached). Some Friends made comments regarding the need to encourage vocal ministry or to think about ways to rearrange the meeting room so that the facing bench is not so prominent but in the end, all agreed the purpose statement needs to be as simple and concise as possible. The Meeting approved the purpose statement as it stands.

Meeting for business was adjourned at 12:45pm after a brief silence.

Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne



# **Third Haven Friends Meeting Worship and Ministry Committee Proposed Purpose Statement**

Approved by the Worship and Ministry Committee 3rd Month 10th, 2011

## **Introduction**

The purpose of the Worship and Ministry Committee of a monthly meeting is set forth in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) Faith and Practice, 1997. The principal relevant sections are:

Worship and the Meeting for Worship, pp 17-21;  
Queries 1 and 3 on Worship and Ministry, pp 206-207;  
Committee on Worship and Ministry, pp 180-182; and  
Various other sections throughout Faith and Practice.

This purpose statement, developed by the Worship and Ministry Committee, uses and adapts these resources and proposes the following purpose statement to the meeting for business for consideration and approval.

## **Proposed Purpose**

There is That of God in each and every person. Third Haven Friends Meeting has had a long, continuous and Spirit-led practice in its Worship and Ministry Committee in caring for the meeting for worship and the Spiritual journeys of members and attenders. The purpose of the WMC is:

1. Meeting for Worship: Meetings for worship are held in still, expectant silence waiting upon God. In the living silence, worshipers are drawn together by the power of God in our midst. The worship should nurture all worshipers. The Worship and Ministry Committee cares for the meeting for worship. Members of the Committee attend the meeting for worship as regularly as possible, listen, experience and appreciate the meeting for worship, silence and vocal ministry.

The Worship and Ministry Committee attends to, discusses and considers the meeting for worship and vocal ministry, as necessary and appropriate. The Committee recognizes, develops and nurtures the gifts of ministry of our members and attenders. When the meeting for worship is consistently not gathered or when the vocal ministry seems inappropriate, the Committee will discern an appropriate response, and arrange for members of the Committee to meet and talk with specific members or attenders, to share understandings for the good of the Meeting, in a caring and tender way, as may be needed.

2. Spiritual Nurture: The Worship and Ministry Committee nurtures and supports the Spiritual life of the meeting, and the Spiritual journeys of members and attenders – to seek God’s will and act upon an understanding of Truth. The Committee provides opportunities for members and attenders in the Meeting community to share experiences of Spiritual discovery and opportunities for Spiritual transformation.

3. Adult Religious Education: The Worship and Ministry Committee provides opportunities for the Meeting community to learn about our:

Christian heritage: the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, the Holy Bible, the Light and the Truth;

Faith and Practice: the beliefs, history and traditions of the Religious Society of Friends, the writings of Friends and current Quaker practices;

Religious Society of Friends: Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, the wider Quaker fellowship and the variety of expression in Quaker faith and practice today, across the US and around the world; and

Other religions: the variety of other religious experiences, traditions and practices, and their relationships to and influence on the history and development of Religious Society of Friends and Quaker faith and practice.

The Committee offers and supports courses, programs, speakers, discussions and other teaching and learning activities and opportunities to support the meeting for worship and the Spiritual journeys of members and attenders.

*Tom Corl*    March 11, 2011

### **Guest Speakers bring the World to Third Haven**



Sabrina Zimmerman and Simon Zimmer made a presentation about their organization, Aguayuda. Aguayuda provides water purification technology to poor rural communities in developing countries.

**Japan.....**The tragic events in Japan yet again brings home the fact the we are highly vulnerable creatures on this beautiful and volatile planet. Life can change within seconds and minutes. One of the most difficult concepts that we have to face in the human condition is that we essentially have very little control. The forces of nature and the universe at large are entirely beyond our control and at times, our comprehension. Unfortunately, greed and the sense that we are untouchable, has blinded us to the dangers of unchecked industry and “progress”.

So we drill ever deeper wells under the sea believing that given a problem, all backup systems will save the region from ecological calamity. Except, there is the inevitable unforeseen problem that occurs and “oops” we can’t actually get to the problem with a person because it is too deep to be survivable. For decades, oil tankers have broken apart in storms or from “human error”. Coal mines have collapsed on workers and particulate emissions foul the air and water. Power plants heat the cooling waters around them, changing the balance of nature as some species die while others over populate.

During the early 1970’s there was a grassroots movement to find alternative, safe, clean energy. Electric cars, solar power and wind energy were all explored and in time cold fusion was also explored. What happened?

As educated, bright individuals who believe in stewardship of the planet, we owe it to this world, to answer that question. We need to do our own research and find out why this world is not invested in these clean, safer alternatives. We are technologically savvy-we have a space station, space telescopes, send probes to distant planets, have the world-wide web, smart phones, silicon chips, personal computers, nano technology and many technologies that the we masses do not even know about-so what about the energy issue?

Even prior to TMI, Chernobyl and now Japan, many of us asked of the nuclear power industry, “What is going to be done with spent fuel rods, how is the coolant disposed of, etc., etc?!” Do you know that the half-life of Plutonium239 is about 24,400 years and that the half-life of Iodine129 is about 15.7 millions years? Did you know that in the USA alone there is over 63,000 metric tons of spent nuclear fuel that has been or needs to be “disposed of”?

Maryland is facing a decision right now as to the building of a new reactor at Calvert Cliffs. Nuclear power plants are built along water ways. At the very least the water around the plants is heated to levels that disturb the ecosystem. Whether due to tornados, hurricanes(Isabel), earth quakes, or human error these plants are disasters waiting to happen. Not minor disasters.

As mentioned above, we have alternatives such as cold fusion(needng to be developed), wind power, the unlimited power of the sun (solar power), and others. We need to educate ourselves and push for safe, reasonable alternatives for the well-being of all. As Albert Einstein said about nuclear power, “The unleashed power of the atom has changed everything save our modes of thinking, and thus we drift toward unparalleled catastrophe.” He did not only mean “the bomb”.

Let us hold the Japan in the Light. Blessings. *Cindy Browne*

## Third Haven Monthly Meeting Announcements

Meetings for Worship

First Days 10am      Fourth Days 5:30pm

April 10                      April 13

April 17                      April 120

Our member Irene Williams passed away March 18. A memorial service is planned at Third Haven Friends Meeting, Easton, Saturday, April 16th at 2:00 p.m. Members wishing to contribute finger food baked goods to the reception that follows would be appreciated. Please join us in holding the Williams family in the light.

Notes from the Library Committee: The Query read for third month questions our understanding of Quaker history and how those events reflect on Quaker principles. The library has a significant collection of books on Quaker history and we urge you to look at them. It often is not necessary to read "cover to cover" in order to understand the thoughts and events which influenced Quaker principles. There will be no tests! Reading some of these books will give us a clearer idea of how we evolved, to better define where we are going.

A Meeting Committee is raising funds within the Meeting community to buy a new custom-made table, to be dedicated to Ken Carroll, for the renovated Maryland Room at the Talbot County Free Library. Please consider making a Financial donation soon to this celebration of Ken Carroll, his scholarship in Quaker history, and contributions to Third Haven and local history. Send your check to the Third Haven treasurer and write "Ken Carroll recognition" on the memo line of the check. The Meeting will honor Ken and announce the contribution of the table to the Maryland Room of TCFL at the May 1 gathering of the Friends Historical Association at Third Haven Friends Meeting. Please remember to help out on hospitality as Third Haven will be hosting the lunch for the Friends Historical Association.

### Worship and Ministry Committee

The Worship and Ministry Committee (WMC) is sponsoring book discussion on 2 Friday evenings at 5:00 p. The 1st 2 items were read and appreciated in the current Spiritual Formation program at Third Haven. Members and attenders may be able to borrow copies of these from Friends participating in the Spiritual Formation program.

- April 29 (Friday) 5 pm: Katherine Johnson will lead a discussion of "A Burning Oneness Binding Everything," by Bruce Birchard, Pendle Hill Pamphlet (PHP) 332).

- May 27 (Friday,) Tom Corl will lead a discussion of "The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith," by Marcus Borg.

The WMC will continue to sponsor discussion by Friends of their spiritual journeys at the rise of meeting for worship on First Day beginning in April. Speakers and dates will be forthcoming soon.

April 7, 2011 (Thursday) 4 pm The Worship and Ministry Committee will have its regular monthly meet in the brick Meetinghouse.

- The Spiritual Formation program needs someone to provide hospitality and overnight lodging, on Friday night May 13, for Susan Thompson, 1 of our Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) facilitators. If you can provide such hospitality contact Tom Corl at 202.215.1684 or tom.corl@gmail.com .

April 23 (Saturday) 8:30-11:00am All-clerks meeting in common room featuring Wright Horne, the Associate Secretary for Advancement & Communications from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

April 30 (Saturday) 9 am to 4 pm: The Wisdom of Disappointment. 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. For more information, please click here: <http://www.thirdhaven.org/Retreat%204-30-11%20flyer.pdf>

May 1 (Sunday) Third Haven Friends Meeting will be hosting a special Spring Event for the Friends Historical Association on site. Meeting for worship will be at the normal time and hopefully in the old meeting house. Some 50 visitors will be joining us there; to be followed by Larny Claggett's brief talk to our guests about our meeting's history and then, at about noon, Ken Carroll (retiring president of the FH Assoc.) will present a talk to us all ---"George Fox's American Convincements: Life Altering or Skin Deep?" Following Ken's presentation we'll all gather for luncheon in the Common Room.

May 7 (Saturday) 10am - 3pm Multicultural Festival in Idlewild Park, Easton

May 15 (Sunday) Southern Quarterly Meeting

July 27 – 31 PYM 2011 Session - at De Sales University

The Interfaith Community of Easton has undertaken a ministry to migrant workers at four camps in Caroline County for more than eight years. The camps house approximately ninety men and women during the growing season from mid-June to Labor Day. The workers come from countries including Mexico, Haiti, and El Salvador, as well as from Puerto Rico and Florida. Children accompany their parent(s) on occasion, and we provide for them as well.

Members of the Third Haven Friends Meeting have formed a team to help with this effort. The team members are Beth Mufson, Gwen Beegle, Leigh Anne Dodge and Ralph Young. The team will be visiting the migrant camps on June 13th and on August 8th will bring to the camps and distribute all Third Haven donations accumulated between now and then. The needs of the workers range from toothbrushes and other toiletries to work boots, long-sleeved shirts, hats and sweatshirts. Some enjoy reading and would welcome books in both Spanish and English. This needs list will be updated as appropriate.

Between now and August 8th, please bring your donations to First Day Meetings and give to any team member or put in Ralph's white pickup (with the kayak rack) usually parked near the

Common Room. The opportunity to help ease the difficult conditions faced by our brothers and sisters is truly a gift.

The Neighborhood Service Center has an ongoing pantry to help those less fortunate than we with food for their families. Each week Ralph collects non-perishable items which we bring in and takes them to the Center. Please notice the gray tubs at the entrances to the meetinghouse and add something to them. We don't want him to go empty handed! Thank you.

## **Directory Information**

The newly printed directory will be available at meeting for worship each Sunday.

Directory addenda:

- Jim & Sandra Herbert's phone number on Kent Island is 410 604 3203
- Jim & Sandra Herbert's phone number in Washington is 202 547 2073
- Sonja Herbert is now married so her listing should be "Sonja Herbert & Joel Ervice"
- Connie Lewis new e-mail address [edr3237@verizon.net](mailto:edr3237@verizon.net)
- Jane & Steve Escher new e-mail address [lowefarm@juno.com](mailto:lowefarm@juno.com)
- Catherine Cripps cell phone number 410 924-7372
- Adrienne Rudge to the list of Trustees
- Dona Sorce, 6877 Harmony Rd., Preston, MD 21655, 412-334-8185, [dyesorce@yahoo.cvirgil](mailto:dyesorce@yahoo.cvirgil)

## **FCNL Annual Report**

<http://fcnl.org/about/govern/priorities/112/>

Legislative Priorities for the 112th U.S. Congress

The FCNL General Committee, or board of governors, determines the legislative policy and priorities of the organization. The Statement of Legislative Priorities identifies a set of issues, drawn from the Policy Statement, on which staff is expected to focus time, energy, and resources. The General Committee sets new priorities every two years, as a new Congress takes office. The current priorities are for the 112th Congress (2011-12). The General Committee approved them at FCNL's 2010 Annual Meeting.

## **Approved by FCNL's General Committee, November 14, 2010**

The Religious Society of Friends from its earliest days has recognized life to be a sacred stewardship. Under the leading of God's Spirit, Friends have helped bring the light of social change to the darkness that was slavery, the oppression of women and minorities, and the longstanding suffering inflicted on the world by violent conflict. The Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) has spent two-thirds of a century laying the firm foundation for our nonpartisan witness on Capitol Hill. FCNL has drawn upon the spiritual experience of Friends and has regularly sought the consultation of Quaker meetings, churches, and organizations

around the country to discern priorities for the lobbying and public education work to be carried out during each session of Congress.

The faith that continues to sustain us and give us hope motivates us to bring light to the challenges facing humanity in the 21st century. FCNL will work to redefine the human and national security of the United States to include freedom from deadly conflict, freedom from abuse by powerful and wealthy corporations and individuals, meeting basic human needs in the face of the current economic turmoil, and protection of the Earth's air, water, and land on which all life depends. Pressing issues of energy and environment relate not only to climate change, but also to war, military spending, the nation's budget, and the capacity and willingness of the United States to meet domestic human needs and invest in the well-being of vulnerable populations abroad.

The following priorities will guide our legislative work and public education during the 112th Congress (2011-2012).

I. We seek a world free of war and the threat of war:

Build U.S. government civilian capacity for peaceful prevention and resolution of deadly conflict. Support the United Nations and multilateral problem solving. Encourage respect for human rights and international law, including treaties.

Promote nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation, including ratification of the pending New START Treaty and progress on other strategic arms reduction. Seek U.S. ratification of and compliance with bans on nuclear testing, cluster munitions, and landmines.

Work for demilitarization of U.S. foreign policy and aid programs. Urge reductions in the overall military budget and in worldwide U.S. military operations. Emphasize multilateral aid, civilian peace building, and regional and international diplomacy, especially in relation to Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

While pressing for removal of U.S. bases and combat forces from Iraq and Afghanistan, promote fulfillment of U.S. moral and legal obligations for reconstruction.

Urge vigorous U.S. leadership, in partnership with the international community, to help resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and end the enforced isolation of Gaza.

II. We seek a society with equity and justice for all:

Support legislation to curb the undue influence of money and corporate power in our political system.

Support comprehensive immigration reform that respects the rights and dignity of all immigrants; demonstrates compassion for families; provides practical pathways to legal residency and citizenship; and recognizes the important contributions of foreign workers in our economy and the need for effective application of wage, hour, and workplace safety laws for all workers. Urge Congress to use civilian governmental agencies, rather than military personnel, to manage U.S. borders.

Support the restoration of full civil liberties and habeas corpus protections for all persons. Oppose torture and secret prisons. Urge that those accused of terrorism be prosecuted in civilian courts.

Promote and preserve tribal sovereignty of indigenous peoples within the United States. Support legislation that respects their rights, clarifies jurisdictional conflicts, promotes the well-being of all Native Americans, and honors treaty commitments.

III. We seek a community where every person's potential may be fulfilled: Promote human security and the common good through a living wage, job creation (especially "green" jobs), access to retraining and good public education, and improved affordable health care for all without discrimination. Defend safety-net programs for those in need. Support this effort through progressive taxation and cuts in military spending.

IV. We seek an Earth restored: Support bold and immediate measures to counter global climate change and assist threatened human populations at home and abroad. Pursue a fundamental shift in U.S. energy policy from extractive practices toward accelerated development of sustainable, less damaging energy sources with attention to the impacts on communities and livelihoods. Promote deep, quick, and fair reductions in U.S. greenhouse gas emissions as part of a sensible path to a low- carbon future.

Encourage U.S. leadership in promoting social equity, ecological sustainability, and environmental justice through domestic action, diplomacy, compliance with multilateral environmental agreements, and cooperation with organizations such as the United Nations to diminish resource scarcity as a cause of war.

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 the abolition of the death penalty, and will support legislation that promotes sustainable agriculture and protects the environment and public health from the impacts of contamination, pollution, and inequitable distribution of natural resources, and promotes energy conservation and efficiency and public transportation.

FCNL's work will be based on legislative opportunity, specific expertise and leadings, and available resources. FCNL's Policy Statement gives it the flexibility to respond to crises and important legislative opportunities.

In establishing these priorities for the 112th Congress, we are encouraged by the past successes of FCNL's efforts to influence federal policy and by the strong community of Friends and other likeminded people engaged in this work. 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.

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## **New Members and Attenders Luncheon**

New Members and Attenders were honored at the annual Third Haven Luncheon celebrating their participation in our Meeting community. Friends were reminded that we welcome applications for membership in the form of a letter to the Clerk of the Meeting. This is followed by the Clearness Committee process as described in Faith and Practice, during which potential members have a chance to ask questions and learn even more about Third Haven Friends Meeting. Tom Corl, Rob Weiland and Candace Shattuck spoke about different views of the meaning of membership.



**Rob Weiland**



**Tom Corl**



**Candace Shattuck**



**Nathan and Emma lead grace**



**Gather ye daffodils while ye may?**

Candace gathers from Amelia's garden to bring to Meeting for Worship