



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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JANUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER

Follow Goethe's advice to "hear a little music, read a little poetry, and see a fine picture every day . . ."

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

1. Call to order: John Schreiner, Clerk of Meeting brought the meeting for business to order at 11:30pm after a brief period of silence.
2. Attending: Paige Bethke, Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Debbie Danser, Ed Danser, Tom Corl, Mary Cotton, Leigh Ann Dodge, Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Peter Howell, Katherine Johnson, Joyce Macijeski, Sumner Parker, Adrienne Rudge, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Sally Vermilye, Rob Wieland, Ralph Young, Frank Zeigler, and Joyce Zeigler.
3. Minutes: The minutes from the meeting for business 11th Month were approved after the following corrections were made. Under item #11, the item should read "Scholarship Committee- special request", rather than "Finance Committee- special request". The wording of the minute approved in November, which is currently added as an addendum to the minutes, should be included in the body of item #11 for clarification.
4. Query: The query "Integrity and Simplicity" was read during meeting for worship. A Friend remarked that he needed more substance regarding such a complex idea than the query gave him.
5. Annual Report from Ministry & Worship Committee: (see attached report). This report was read by the Clerk of committee, Paige Bethke, and was approved by the Meeting with appreciation for such a robust program of spiritual education.
6. Overseers: Overseers reports that a committee consisting of Adrienne Rudge, Candace Shattuck, and Meredith Watters met with Amelia Corl and Larson regarding clearness for marriage under the care of the Meeting. They were very impressed by the diligent homework this couple has already completed. They recommended approval of this marriage and this was readily agreed upon by all gathered. The committee for _____ will be decided upon at a later date. All were reminded to save the date of May 21, 2011 for the upcoming celebration of union. John Schreiner, Norval Thompson, and Marsie Hawkinson met with Neil and Luisa Adelfio for clearness for membership to Meeting. They recommended approval of membership and we are happy add this lovely family to our growing family of THFM. A welcoming committee of Tom

Corl, Adrienne Rudge, Doreen Getsinger and Pete Howell will be contacting the family in the near future. Pete has volunteered to chair this group.

7. Interim meeting Report: (see attached).

8. Annual Report from TACL: Ann Williams wrote the annual report from the Talbot Association of Clergy and Laity for which she is our representative. It is given here in its entirety. "TACL's main purpose is to raise funds for our Good Samaritan Fund administered for many years by Salli McDavid office manager of St. Lukes Methodist Church of St. Michaels. From January 1, 2010 to November 3, 2010, eighty-one families were helped with this fund. They were assisted with amounts of no more than \$100 at a time only every 3 months paid directly to the bills they owed not directly to the client. The total funds allocated equaled \$7,925.34. All funds come from public and local churches donations. It goes very fast as Salli McDavid always has people at St. Lukes doorstep in need. On the administrative side, TACL has managed to compile a list of community services including an update on agencies that help with monetary assistance, shelter assistance, food pantry assistance and contacts for TIS."

9. Request for Marilla's Lunches: Ralph Young explained to the group that there might be some upcoming changes in the Hunger Coalition (which we have fondly named "Marilla's Lunches) that may require more funding and volunteer support from our faith community if we want to continue this program. Right now, Christ Church does not have an active liaison but are hoping to find one. Currently, we fund these lunches about every 3 months and have budgeted \$475.00/yr out of T&C budget. If we need to fund the lunches every 2 months, we will need approximately \$250.00 through the end of this fiscal year. The Meeting approved funding Marilla's Lunches as needed for the remainder of this fiscal year from the contingency fund and encouraged all Friends so moved to volunteer to help on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 9:45am to 10:30am.

10. Annual Report- Nominating Committee: (see attached sheet). The Meeting approved the annual report with addition of a few last minute changes. One important difference this year is the addition of the category called "Friendly Offerings". In these categories one will find volunteers who want to give their talents but cannot make the time commitment to various committees. This is an especially important for our Young Friends who want to participate in the life of Meeting but may not be able to meet the time demands of regularly scheduled committee meetings. These offerings will be found below the most appropriate committee so the clerks of various committees know whom they can call on. Hopefully, these will be added to throughout the year

Meeting for business was adjourned at 12:30pm

Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne

IMPORTANT POINTS:

- Annual Report- Worship & Ministry
- Overseers approval Corl/Larson marriage and Neil/Adelfio membership
- Annual Report- TACL
- Annual Report-Nominating Committee
- Approval of additional monies for Marilla's Lunches

Third Haven Monthly Meeting Announcements

Meetings for Worship

First Days 10am Fourth Days 5:30pm

January 3 January 6
January 10 January 13

Camden is looking forward to hosting Southern Quarterly Meeting on January 16, 2011. The program will be listed in announcements.

January 21-23, 2011 (Friday to Sunday) Do You Seek a Deeper Spiritual Experience?

Spiritual Formation Program will be offered to Friends of Third Haven Meeting through Worship and Ministry Committee in 2011. This program will help participants deepen their spiritual lives, develop spiritual practices, and enrich the spiritual life of the Meeting and community.

The Spiritual Formation Program components of retreats, personal spiritual disciplines, readings, devotional groups and prayerful support combine to provide a structured community in which each member may discern God's call and prepare to follow it. Throughout the nine months many insights and deep relationships are forged in this intimate exchange.

Diane Kesler, Susan Thompson, Wade Wright and other leaders from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting will lead the program. We are grateful to them for providing an inspiring introductory session on October 24th. In the past ten years, folks from over 60 PYM Meetings have participated in this program. It is an inspiring way to deepen your spiritual life and be a part of an on-going community of seekers.

The first retreat is scheduled for the weekend of January 21-23 and will be held at Third Haven Friends Meeting in the Common Room. This will include Friday evening, Saturday day, and Sunday morning sessions. After this weekend we will meet monthly in small groups to develop spiritual practices and to discuss readings. A mid-session one day retreat will be held as well as a closing weekend retreat. If you are interested in learning more about this program, or if you are ready to register for it, please contact Registrar Katherine Johnson at 410-820-0341 or katherinekai@goeaston.net

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.

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

The newsletters and announcements can always be read on the Third Haven Website <http://www.thirdhaven.org/>

Are your names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail listings all correct in the Third Haven Directory? Please review your information at <http://www.thirdhaven.org/> - the meeting's website: the online directory remains protected: please e-mail taniahharrison@gmail.com or hawkjm@goeaston.net if you need the password.

· If you have corrections for the Directory, please send them to 3rdhaven@gmail.com

The Third Haven Library contains books on the history of Quakerism, biographies of Quakers, social and humanitarian work of Quakers, fiction by Quakers, and some related philosophy. In an effort to acquaint Friends with the holdings in the library, I pose the following questions for your reflection: what was George Fox searching for when he left home; did he come from a religious family; was there any particular incident that motivated his search; what route did he take on his search; who were the professors, and did he encounter others who held his views?

The answers can be found in several of the books about the history of Quakerism (labeled “Q” for Quakerism) and in the biographies of George Fox (labeled “B”). Although there are many Friends who can supply the answers, members of the library committee stand ready to help: Joyce Macijeski, Peggy Walbert, John Winterbottom and Frank Zeigler.

The 2010 Sustainable Economic Development Award was awarded to Paige Bethke for her efforts to promote the environmental assets of Talbot County. The Award was given by the Maryland Asian Environmental Partnership at the Annual Banquet on December 02, 2010 at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. A group of approximately 130 member representatives from business, government and academia attended the event including the



Ambassador from Malaysia. The Maryland Asian Environmental Partnership award was given for understanding and promoting Talbot County’s environmental assets and using them to increase the investment attraction opportunities in the county which boasts some of the most pristine watershed area in Maryland. Promoting environmental technologies gives the county the opportunity to use the wetlands, forests and fields in a productive manner. Talbot County has vast uninterrupted land and water frontage that provides excellent outdoor lab space to monitor the environment and the impact on human behavior. Paige Bethke has been employed as the Director for the Office of Economic Development for Talbot County since 2006.

Calling all Clerks and Representatives to other organizations:

John Schreiner writes, “Congratulations old and new clerks and reps for 2011! Please mark your January calendars for our first All Clerks and Representatives quarterly meeting set to be held January 29 2011 (Saturday) at 9:25am in the common room. My plan is for us to have a chance to work together setting priorities for the year. Please think about what you want to accomplish with your committee (or as a THF representative) for the coming year. This will be our chance to get feedback/ideas from others and to focus as a team on not only what's doable, but wise to tackle in 2011.

My plan is to try to wrap up that morning as early as 11:00 so please be prompt. Come w/ fresh energy and ideas. Refreshments will be at hand. Please confirm your intention to attend (or designate a substitute) by return email. (also do call me w/ any questions or ideas) 410-745-6124). Thank you, and, Merry Christmas. *in Friendship, John*

WORSHIP AND MINISTRY COMMITTEE 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

THFM Worship and Ministry Committee supports the spiritual enrichment of the Meeting community. The Committee strives to deepen and strengthen meeting for worship. In January we were challenged with these words from Frank Zeigler: “From time to time we need to review our worship. Does it inspire and lead the Meeting toward a more definitive sense of religious well being? Is more to be desired? Is Faith and Practice consulted for guidance? Excerpt from Faith and Practice: “All present should remember that spiritual opportunities entail responsibilities as well, including attention to the time of assembling and consideration for those already settled. Speaking carried on in a spirit of debate or lecturing or discussion is destructive to the life of the meeting for worship and of the meeting community. It is rarely helpful to answer or rebut what has been said previously. Friends moved to vigorous support of causes need to find brief and sensitive ways to voice their insights. Any who habitually settle into silent reading or sit in inattentive idleness cut themselves off from their fellow worshipers and from the pervasive reach of the spirit. If hindrances to worship occur within a meeting for worship, members of the Worship and Ministry Committee or others as appropriate should move quickly and in love to provide counsel.

There is a renewal of spirit when we turn away from the worldly matters to rediscover inward serenity. Friends know from experience the validity of Jesus’ promise that, “Where two or three people are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them . . . (Matthew 18:20). Often we realize our hopes for a heightened sense of presence of God through the cumulative power of group worship, communicated in silent as well as vocal ministry. When we experience such a profound and evident sense of oneness with God and with one another, we speak of a gathered or coveted meeting for worship.”

Committee members for 2010 included Mark Beck, Paige Bethke, Denny Bliss; Tatiana Harrison, Katherine Johnson, Connie Lewis, John Winterbottom, Helen Womack, Frank Zeigler and Joyce Zeigler and visitor Michael Sorn.

Worship and Ministry Committee Members continued the practice of reading the Queries on Business Meeting First Day. We also offered a reading of the Advises periodically as a continuation and reminder of Faith and Practice in our lives and the business of our meeting.

W & M responded to the mission of supporting the spiritual foundation of THFM by organizing the following adult education activities and events:

- Mark Beck recommended a Religious Study Group which would meet on First Days at 9 AM in which anyone could propose a topic for consideration, reflection or study. We had difficulty finding a First Day morning when there was not a Committee Meeting scheduled and attempted to meet on the Third First Day. Several successful meetings were conducted with a small group of three to four. We laid this group down in the summer and did not reactivate it in the Fall due to other activities.
- .Worship and Ministry supported several Silent Retreats. The first silent retreat, “the Power of Presence” was held on April 17 from 9 am to 4 pm at THFM, led by Larissa Kitenko, founder of the Easton Mediation Group. Katherine Johnson and Candace Shattuck organized several subsequent one day silent retreats at THFM with success. The most recent Silent Retreat was held on December 8th and provided a day of listening for the Light within, reflection, reading, walking the grounds and exploring silent activities.
- Michael Pullen expressed interest in leading a discussion group on The Course In Miracles. A group of 6 to 8 THFM members was formed and continues to meet weekly on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm in the Common Room to discuss the passages.
- Three summer book discussions with an average of 9 to 11 attendees were held in the Common Room. June –Mark Beck led a discussion on Hermann Hess’ Siddhartha; Mike Pullen led a discussion on the Course In Miracles and at Mark Beck’s recommendation, Paige Bethke led a Discussion on Emmet Fox’s Sermon on the Mount. W&M critiqued the program and extended the book discussion in to September.
- W&M supported Katherine Johnson in her quest to bring a Spiritual Formation program to THFM. The Spiritual Formation Program required the formation of a Working Group, an Oversight Committee and the Meeting’s participation. The Spiritual Formation program will be led by Diane Kessler (lead), Susan Thompson and Wade Wright who instruct and inform the group through a one year journey of readings for spiritual reflection and growth. An information session as held on October 24th at THFM. There are now 17 individuals interested in participating with the program which will begin in January with a two day retreat at THFM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk Paige Bethke; Committee Members Mark Beck, Denny Bliss; Tatiana Harrison, Katherine Johnson, Connie Lewis, John Winterbottom, Helen Womack, Frank Zeigler and Joyce Zeigler.

Interim Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2010

Friends gathered for opening worship. Thomas Swain read a moving epistle. “...Quakerism is broader than our Monthly Meeting. Our work is to engage our local Friends in knowing the wideness of God's love. We don't need to be perfect. We need only be faithful to our gifts.” Renovations of the lobby and reception room began on November 15, 2010, and is scheduled for completion by January 20, 2011.

Treasurer's Report

Tyla Ann Burger (Green Street MM), Yearly Meeting Treasurer, gave her report. Basically PYM has managed through rough economic times with less stress than some, but many Yearly Meeting programs are still at risk. Annual Fund contributions have been less than in the past. At

the end of Tyla Ann's report, Jack Mahon (Woodston MM), Clerk of Financial Stewardship Committee, reminded us our Meetings need to notify Financial Stewardship of their covenant support for FYE 2012 by February 8, 2011.

Consent Agenda

The General Services Standing committee minutes its deep appreciation to Tyla Ann Burger, Arthur Larrabee, Patricia McBee and Kathy Reilly for their extraordinary amount of overtime in the completion of the eco friendly/green renovation to Friends Center.

Support and Outreach

Susan White (Princeton MM), Clerk of Support and Outreach Standing Committee, spoke about the success of Quaker Quest. Haverford, Media, State College and Arch Street Monthly Meetings have completed this course.

The Friends World Committee on Consultation sixth World Conference of Friends will be occurring April 17-25, 2012 in Nakuru, Kenya. Support and Outreach asked PYM Nominating Committee to bring forward the names of 12 and up to 20 representatives to represent us at the gathering. French and Spanish interpreters are also being sought and their accommodations will be paid for by FWCC. This was approved.

Activities of the Clerk

Thomas Swain presented his activity report for his work as Clerk of YM in the last 7 weeks. One special highlight was meeting President Obama in Washington, D.C., as part of a 21-person delegation from the National Council of Churches on November 1, 2010. Rick Dow (Lehigh Valley MM) reminded everyone of the Christmas Peace Pilgrimage to Nazareth, PA on Saturday, December 11, 2011.

After silent worship, Interim Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Connie L. Lewis



Presentation by Harvey Zendt of the international anti-nuclear organization "Mayors For Peace".



First Day School brings the spirit of Christmas to all.



Donations of nonperishable food were gathered by the First Day School students and teachers and are welcome on a weekly basis throughout the year. Please bring items with you to Meeting for Worship and help those who are struggling in this difficult economy. A bin is available in the meeting house or common room for your welcome donations.

2011 Third Haven Committees, Liaisons, and Friendly Offerings

Monthly Meeting Clerk: John Schreiner
Assistant Clerk: Candace Shattuck
Recording Clerk: Molly Burgoyne
Assistant Recording Clerk: Nancy Mullen
Treasurer: Rob Wieland
Membership Recorder: Marsie Hawkinson

Liaisons and Representatives

Alternatives to Violence: Leigh Anne Dodge, Ralph Young
American Friends Service Committee (AFSC): Tania Harrison
Detention Center Library: Leigh Anne Dodge, Ralph Young, John Winterbottom
Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL): Frank Zeigler, Mike Pullen, Connie Pullen
Interfaith Housing Corporation: none named
NAACP, Talbot Co: Doreen Getsinger
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM): Bob Marshall
Southern Quarterly Meeting: Connie Lewis, Winslow Womack
Talbot Assoc. of Clergy & Laity (TACL): Anne Williams
Talbot Interfaith Homeless Shelter (TIS): Lorraine B. Claggett, Nancy Mullen
Talbot Partnership: Susan Leibman

Committees

Budget & Finance: Joe Davis, Clerk. Members: Mark Beck, Molly Bond, Bill Lane, Sumner Parker, Aiyanna Paterson Zinkand, Rob Wieland, Treasurer.

Communications: John Hawkinson, Clerk, newsletter editor, Tatiana Harrison, website manager, Molly Burgoyne, Dee Rein, Ralph Young.

Facilities Use: Ann Williams, Clerk, Molly Bond. Friendly presences needed; contact Ann

First Day School: Beth Mufson, Clerk. Members: Mark Beck, Brandt Bethke, Paige Bethke, Molly Bond, Larny Claggett, Susan Claggett, Emma Leibman, Marcie Malloy, Patrick Malloy, Jessica Rice.

Hospitality: Cathy Thompson & Heidi Wetzal, Co-Clerks. Members: Luisa Adelfio, Jen Miller, Beth Mufson, Ann Womack, Helen Womack, Ralph Young.

Library: Joyce Macijeski & Peggy Walbert, Co-Clerks. Members: Tatiana Harrison, Sally Vermilye, John Winterbottom, Frank Zeigler.

Nominating Committee: Molly Burgoyne, Clerk. Members: Dee Rein, Susan Claggett.

Overseers: Dee Rein, Clerk. Nancy Mullen, Asst. Clerk. Members: Molly Bond, Lorraine T. Claggett, Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Larissa Kitenko, Adrienne Rudge, Norval

Thompson, Betty Jean Wheeler, Ann Williams.

Quaker Quest and Outreach: Candace Shattuck, Clerk. Mark Beck, Larny Claggett, Lorraine B. Claggett, Robert Gladney, Marsie Hawkinson, Susan Leibman, Joyce Macijeski, John Schreiner, Joan Wetmore, John Winterbottom.

Property and Grounds: Larny Claggett & Clay Owens, Co-Clerks. Members: Posey Boicourt, Lorraine T. Claggett, Bob Kemp, Butch Kemp, Priscilla Morris, Sally Vermilye, Meredith Watters, Winslow Womack, Joyce Zeigler.

Scholarship: Mark Beck, Clerk. Members: Monimia Barker, Larny Claggett, Lorraine B. Claggett, Debbie Danser, Peter Howell, Sumner Parker, and John & Marsie Hawkinson, Bequest Cultivation.

Testimonies and Concerns: Jamie du Hoffman & Connie Pullen, Co-Clerks. Members: Gwen Beegle (Shoffner bequest), Cynthia Browne, Lorraine, B. Claggett, Susan Dabney, Stephen Gerni, Norman Hackland, Tatiana Harrison, Chris Polk, Sarah Sayre, Chloe Wieland, Helen Womack.

Worship & Ministry: Tom Corl, Clerk. Mark Beck, Katherine Johnson, Connie Lewis, Mike Pullen, Robert Weiland, John Winterbottom.

Skills Bank/Friendly Offerings is a new category of participation for all members and attenders. This is where one can volunteer a skill or pursue a special interest as a contribution to our vibrant meeting community. Clerks of committees may call upon these volunteers for special tasks or activities that take a limited amount of time. If you would like to add your name to this skills bank, please let one of the nominating committee members know. You will be joyfully received!

Skills Bank/Friendly Offerings

First Day School

Claggett, Sally	Godly play storyteller
Claggett, Susan	Godly play storyteller
Cripps, Catherine	art
Rice Johnson, Jessica	help until June 2011
Shattuck, Candace	Godly play storyteller
Thompson, Cathy	Godly play storyteller

Friendly Presences (just be present during use of property by outside groups)

as you can see, we need
some volunteers here!

Property and Grounds

Tasks

Beck, Mark	architect
Bliss, Denton	clean up, maintenance
Cripps, Catherine	outdoor work
Danser, Debbie	garden
Danser, Eddie	fixing, mechanical, carpentry
Dodge, Leigh Anne	all p&g activities
Russ, Kenny	windows
Weiland, Robert	maintenance
Wrightson, Tylor	handyman

Property Tours

Bond Morris, Priscilla
Claggett, Lorraine B.
Cotton, Mary
Hawkinson, Marsie
Shattuck, Candace

Assorted Options

Carroll, Ken	Quaker History
Claggett, Lorraine B.	visit Friends, babysit for mtgs.
Danser, Debbie	meet and greet
Howell, Pete	write, edit, brochures. Press releases graphic design, illustration, computer layout, posters, invitations
Johnson, Jess	clearness committees
Johnson, Katherine	recording, birthday cakes
Leibman, Susan	visit Friends, outdoor projects, carriage shed sale
Mazur, Valerie	Quaker Quest and other help as school work permits
Paterson Zincand, Aiyana	flea market (former antiques dealer)
Pittman, Willow	ads and press releases
Wetmore, Joan	

Hardy souls braved the cold and snow on Christmas day!

