



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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JUNE 2011 NEWSLETTER

Whenever a problem has you baffled, listen to your mind's quietest voices, for you will hear the solution in their whispers. Karl Hahn

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 5th Month, 8,2011

1. Call to order: John Schreiner, Clerk of Meeting, called the meeting for worship with attention to business to order at 11:30 after a brief period of silence.
2. Attending: Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Connie Lewis, Clay Owens, Sumner Parker, John Schreiner, Meredith Watters, Rob Wieland, Frank Zeigler, and Joyce Zeigler.
3. Minutes: A Friend requested that a correction be made to the minutes of the 4th Month regarding the age of our seat cushions in the Brick Meeting House. These cushions are more like 30 years old than 15 years old. After this correction was made the minutes for 4th Month were approved.
4. Query: The Query on "Education" was read during meeting for worship. Emma Leibman is our first member to be awarded a scholarship to a Quaker school. She will be attending Westtown in the fall. She will be eligible for further funding through PYM since she is receiving scholarship monies through her Meeting.
We were reminded of the current local controversy regarding JROTC in our local high school. Some of the values promoted by the JROTC courses may not reflect our own Quaker values. A Friend requested that the Meeting consider drafting a letter to the school board reflecting our own values regarding education particularly concerning military education of our young people. The Clerk asked that the drafting of this letter be turned over to T&C. If T&C drafts a letter, it can be placed on our agenda next monthly meeting for review by the Meeting.
5. Celebration of Ken Carroll: The special program honoring Ken on May 1, 2011 was well attended and much appreciated by Ken. The Clerk read a thank you letter from Ken. The effort

raised over \$4,000. Two thousand was spent on the table and plaque honoring Ken. This table will be placed in the Maryland room in the Talbot County Free Library. The remainder of the money will go to the Scholarship Fund.

6. Draft Budget for fiscal year 2012: (please refer to documents Income vs. Expenses Budget vs. Actual-YTD and Balance Sheet). The Treasurer has sent a reminder to all committee clerks that the prospective budgets for their committees need to be turned in to him this month. The Finance committee will meet on June 6, 2011 to go over final details before the budget is again presented to Meeting during monthly meeting next month. Thus far, we have received 85% of our projected monies for the past year and overall committee spending is down. The net income negative balance of \$2,314.73 reflects the increase amount placed in the Scholarships line item (\$12,000) \$10,000 of which is simply a transfer from the Shoffner bequest. The Treasurer will try to include the adjustment for this in the final numbers. Please note that the column "other contributions" is up this year due to the giving to the Ken Carroll fund, and gifts from the families of Monimia Barker and Irene Williams. The budget item for Quarterly Meeting has not been used this year. This is usually spent on expenses we incur during our hosting of SQM that we will do in October. Our pledge to PYM is \$16,000 this year so we do owe another \$4,000 to PYM this quarter.

7. Update on Planning for Caretaker Position: The Clerk of P&G read a passage from THFM minutes of 1988 emphasizing the importance of "a person living convenient to take care of the Meeting". The P&G committee requested approval of the following minute:

" THFM shall have a resident caretaker. The caretaker is to live on the property: be a stable, full-time presence; one who values Third Haven; and is compatible with our Quaker values. At a minimum, caretaker responsibilities would include: opening and closing buildings, checking heat and lights and generally looking after property and grounds. The caretaker shall report to the Property and Grounds committee."

This was approved. We want to formally open search and receive applications at this point. A subcommittee of Priscilla Morris and Bill Lane has formed to handle applications but need more help at this task. An announcement will be made in the newsletter requesting help. P&G will write a formal job description and move forward with finding an appropriate person(s). Several suggestions were offered including vacation time specifics in job descriptions, reviewing legal considerations and Maryland wage laws (such as making sure this remains a non-smoking environment). Word will also go out to SQM inviting applicants from other Meetings. The cottage also needs some renovation prior to new tenants moving in.

Meeting for business was adjourned at 12:30

Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne

IMPORTANT POINTS:

- Possible draft letter from T&C re: local high school JROTC.
- Initial review of proposed budget fiscal year 2012.
- Minute approved re: resident caretaker.

Third Haven Monthly Meeting Announcements

Meetings for Worship

First Days 10am Fourth Days 5:30pm

June 12 June 15

June 19 June 22

MEMO REGARDING THE POSITION OF CARETAKER:

Third Haven Friends Meeting is seeking a new resident caretaker, to begin September, 2011. Interested individuals, couples, or very small families should contact the Property and Grounds Committee, attention Clay Owens or Larny Claggett, for position requirements and application instructions.

The Worship and Ministry Committee will continue to sponsor discussion by Friends of their spiritual journeys at the rise of meeting for worship on first day. June 19 (Sunday) Mary Coady will share her spiritual journey.

June 26 (Sunday). Roughly fourteen members of the Support and Outreach Standing Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) will travel to Third Haven. Their plan is to join us for Meeting for Worship and Coffee, then, after a brown-bag lunch, meet as a committee, which we are invited to attend. The charge of this committee is to oversee efforts to produce a healthy, vibrant Religious Society of Friends that naturally attracts new and existing members, creating a strong faith community.

September 24 (Saturday) CARRIAGE SHED SALE Mark Your Calendars!
Need Help With Clean Up, Set up, Posters, Publicity, Parking, Pricing Merchandise, Pick Up Merchandise, Cashiers, Silent Auction and Merchandise Categories ie: furniture, garden, books etc. Quaker Bakers Please Rise to this occasion. Plan now or freeze for later. Everything will be appreciated! Chicken Pot Pies are Debbie's favorite. Contact Debbie Danser or Susan Claggett, we need your help.

· There is a new section on our website: <http://www.thirdhaven.org/memories.php>
Under this section entitled MEMORIES is an article written by Lila Line in 2008 called "Quakers are Friends", Arthur Larrabee's Remarks on the 325th Anniversary of Third Haven, Irene Williams Obituary, and John Schreiner's Remarks Honoring Ken Carroll.

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. We wish to thank the Meeting members and attenders for your generosity to the Food Pantry. Recent First Day donations have made the gray collection box so heavy the two people are required to carry it. Your gifts are truly appreciated by the Neighborhood Service Center.

Mary Ann Hillier shares she has heard from Birmingham Friends MM in Alabama that in the aftermath of the tornadoes that struck Tuscaloosa on April 28th there is a the need for socks, personal hygiene kits and school supplies. Mary Ann's charity, Paper and Pencils, Inc, will be

sending a couple of boxes of school supplies soon and can add an extra box or two to the shipment. Donations can also be sent to either:

- Greater Birmingham Ministries, 2304 12th Ave., North, Birmingham, AL 35234
- Birmingham Friends Meeting, 4413 5th Ave., South, Birmingham, AL 35222

Mary Ann Hillier, Founder and Director, Paper and Pencils, Inc.

Changing the Delta One Pencil at a Time, 3411 Oak Hill Drive, Trappe, MD, 21673, www.paperpencilsinc.org 240-731-8095

We are always looking for more books to put into the Talbot County Detention Center lending library. If you have a quantity of books, I can pick them up or bring what you have to Meeting on First Day. We can use a wide variety of books. We have 30 different categories of books in the library including categories such as: poetry, fiction, multicultural, foreign language, philosophy, textbooks, non-fiction, etc. etc. etc. If for any reason we do not put a book in the library, we find an appropriate home for the book such as the Goodwill organization. There is a beautiful chest for book donations under the window next to the literature table in the Common Room and books can be placed in my truck, a white pick up usually parked near the Common Room on First Day. Thank you for remembering. submitted by Ralph Young

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

The recently printed directory is available at meeting for worship each Sunday.

Multicultural Festival Draws Visitors to Third Haven Table



Accomplishments

Seventh and eighth grade Spanish students at the Country School were recently given The National Spanish Exam. **Nathan Mullen**, seventh grade, scored in the 99th percentile nationally and placed first in the State of Maryland. **Juliette Neil**, also seventh grade, scored in the 97th percentile nationally and third in Maryland. Congratulations scholars!

**SOUTHERN QUARTERLY MEETING
CHESTER RIVER
MAY 15, 2011**

We met at Chester River at 10:30 for coffee time. 11 am was worship time. We broke for lunch from 12-1pm.

Our speaker from Philadelphia was Gabe Ehri, new head of Friends Journal, who spoke on the future of Friends Journal and also brought some with him for those who wanted to take one home. He spoke on the changing leadership at Friends Journal. One question he would like to address is "What are the important issues we don't speak about? Friends Journal has 7,000 subscribers. He would like to see "online subscriptions" where people can read Friends Journal online. .

Unfortunately, due to a cold, Barry Crossno, the new General Secretary of Friends General Conference, was unable to be with us. Another guest with us was Wright Horne.

Joe Rogers from Chester Meeting spoke on his involvement in FCNL and other various activities in Philadelphia. Joe also brought out the brochures of the Southern Quarter meeting on the Eastern Shore and some things we can get off the internet and put to a PDF file.

Trudy Rogers spoke about the various ministries she is involved in and also a brief background on Barry Crossno.

The meeting adjourned at 2 pm.

**Proposed Minute Of Instruction For the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting
Discerning & Planning Group in accordance with the approved minutes of
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting in called session October 11, 2003,**

Interim Meeting empanels the Discerning & Planning Group to take up the work of long range strategic planning for our Yearly Meeting. We ask that they serve under the care of the Yearly Meeting Elders, who can support their work with prayer and counsel as needed. The following statements describe the scope of work we request that they do.

1. Discern Our Calling & Mission

What are we called by Spirit to do and be as a faith community? Who do we serve?

We ask the group to discern what we are called to and write a Calling & Mission statement that reflects that. Our calling should guide us in our daily and long range decision making. It should be open to continuing revelation. Our mission is a common understanding of our calling, of what we are about, and who we are. We encourage the group to use powerful language that evokes what the community connects with, and what is at our core.

2. Create A Strategic Plan

The group is asked to address the items contained in Appendix B when creating a strategic plan. A strategic plan is a list of our commonly held goals with one or more plans or action steps to

support each of them. In developing our strategic plan, we hope for a process that will help our Yearly Meeting develop our vision of what we do together. We suggest that the group give consideration to the proper balance of our care for our community, our outreach, and our witness.

3. Consultation & Seasoning

It is recommended that the group attend July 2011 Sessions to hear how Spirit is moving amongst us. It is recommended that the group's process include consultation and seasoning with Monthly Meetings, as well as other structures of our Yearly Meeting. Let us be empowered to do fresh thinking that builds on work that has already been done.

It is recommended that the Priorities Process Committee set aside some of their work until this process is complete so as not to conduct overlapping consultations. It is further recommended that some members of this group be invited to be part of the Discerning & Planning Group. This will help with a continuum of thinking about our priorities and their integration within the strategic plan.

4. Recommended Timeline

1. By the end of the first three months complete a proposed draft of the Calling & Mission to be presented for feedback by Interim Meeting and Monthly Meeting's in October 2011
2. At the end of the next six months present a goal level strategic plan for feedback by Interim Meeting and Monthly Meeting's in April 2012
3. Complete recommended plans for each of the goals. Season a draft of the final proposal with Monthly Meeting's during the next three months to be approved by Yearly Meeting in session at the end of July 2012
 - a. Provide options to Monthly Meeting clerks for ways Monthly Meetings can respond such as: listening visits by the Discerning & Planning Group, conference calls, online surveys, minuted responses, or any other way that is helpful to the process
 - b. Hear concerns and identify broad support or rejection so that changes can be made to the proposal for its final consideration at annual sessions in July 2012.

Matters For Consideration In Our Strategic Plan

The Discerning & Planning Group is asked to begin by considering the following matters when developing goals and action steps to include in the Strategic Plan. They are asked to build on work already done to date which is represented in some of the groups and activities summarized in Appendix A - Resources. The Discerning & Planning Group is also asked to propose how long the Calling & Mission and the Strategic Plan should be implemented before they are reviewed and new ones are discerned for our Yearly Meeting.

1. What do Monthly Meetings need and want in their relationship with our Yearly Meeting?
2. What does it mean to support Monthly Meetings?
3. What does it mean to be a voice in the world?
4. What changes in our organizational structure and our financial practices are needed to support the Yearly Meeting's Calling & Mission?
5. How do we continue the work of discerning and planning going forward?

Ministry & Witness

A. Propose a new approach for how our Yearly Meeting as a faith community answers the leadings of the Spirit and discerns our corporate ministry or witness: in other words a new vision for how we discern what work we ask our members to support with prayers, time, and money.

B. Propose a new approach for the way our Yearly Meeting supports and helps develop individual ministries of faith, leadership, and witness in the Religious Society of Friends and in the world

Organization & Structure

C. Propose an appropriate governance structure for committees and working groups to support our Yearly Meeting's Calling & Mission, which reflects the realities of our resources, geography, and modern way of life.

D. Propose a balanced approach to clarifying staff and volunteer responsibilities and relationships

E. Propose a method for identifying and developing gifts of leadership in people who serve within our organization, such as, but not limited to, formalizing the appointment of Standing Committee clerks through the Nominating Committee.

Community & Engagement

F. Develop a plan to improve the relationship between Monthly Meetings and our Yearly Meeting

G. Propose a new approach to our Yearly Meeting's relationship with Quarterly Meetings, recognizing the diversity of ways in which they function.

H. Propose a long term recommendation for our annual calendar including but not limited to reflecting the proposal presented in July 2011 for planning our Annual Sessions

I. Propose a new approach for attracting people to Annual Sessions and the year round work and activities of our Yearly Meeting both in planning these and promotional communications.

J. Develop clarity on how our Yearly Meeting can serve and support Monthly Meetings and they each other, including provisions for the religious education of members and attenders of all ages

Finance & Development

K. Propose a new budget process, including revising the fiscal calendar, giving Financial Stewardship, the Standing Committees, Working Groups, Monthly Meetings, and Quarterly Meetings a clear set of instructions and due dates

L. Develop a plan for real property owned by our Yearly Meeting, including its net contribution to our Calling & Mission and alternatives to consider if it does not directly support and promote it.

M. Propose a new approach for the way we raise, invest, and allocate funds which reflects our collective leadings of the Spirit as stated in our Calling & Mission

Letter to John Schreiner, Clerk of Third Haven Meeting

"I deeply appreciate the warm and magnificent welcoming that you gave to the Friends Historical Association on May 1. You made me proud. Also I would like to express my deep appreciation for the unexpected gifts to the Maryland Room and the Scholarship Fund in my honor. They were both humbling and gratifying. Thank you.

Your Friend,

Kenneth Carroll

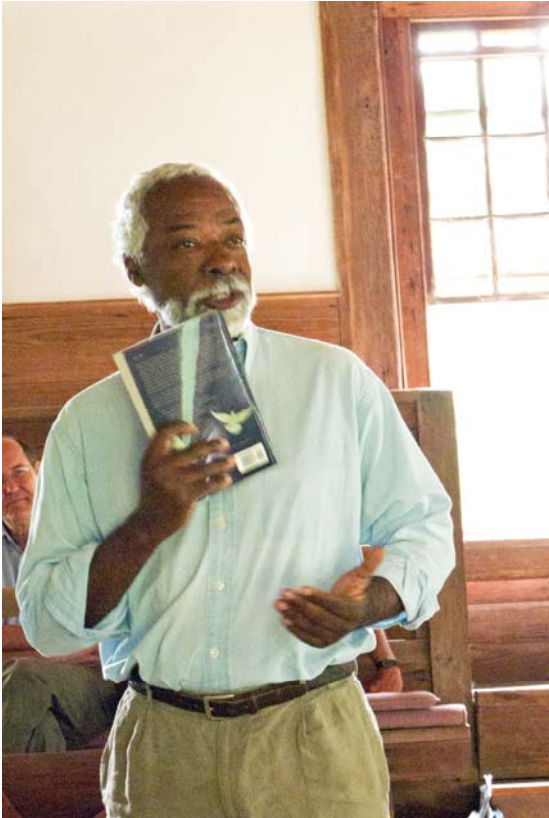
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting General Secretary Arthur Larrabee visited Third Haven to propose developing community connections between monthly meeting and PYM. This topic will be discussed at the next Meeting for Worship with the purpose of doing Business.

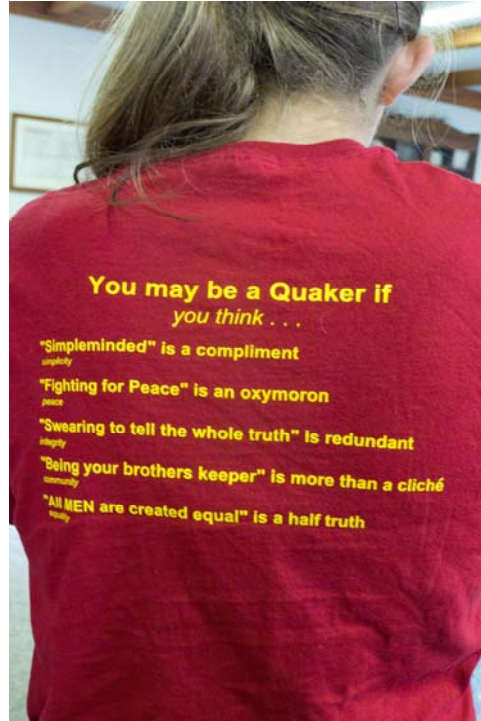


Spiritual Journey

Susan Claggett shared her spiritual journey with interested members and attenders in the meeting house on First Day, 29 May. Susan included among her travel tales and thoughtful ideas a variety of books that she had found meaningful in her quest and concluded with curiosity about what the future would bring. One's journey is never over!

Moving Up Day Picnic Celebrates Growth







Testimonies and Concerns Meets to Develop Agenda If you have ideas for issues or causes you believe Third Haven Friends Meeting should be addressing, Testimonies and Concerns is the committee that can help. Come and join this group that seeks to implement Quaker values in our world. All members and attenders are welcome! Contact Connie Pullen or Gwen Beegle to get connected.