



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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MAY 2011 NEWSLETTER

Education is our only political safety. Outside of this ark, all is deluge.

Horace Mann

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 4th Month, 10, 2011

1. Call to order: John Schreiner, Clerk of Meeting, called together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:40am after a brief period of silence.
2. Attending: Mark Beck, Paige Bethke, Molly Burgoyne, Cynthia Browne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Elizabeth Claggett-Born, Debbie Danser, Ed Danser, Doreen Getsinger, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Connie Lewis, Bob Marshall, Clay Owens, Sumner Parker, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Rob Wieland, John Winterbottom, Winslow Womack.
3. Minutes: The Meeting approved the minutes from the meeting for business 3rd Month, 2011.
4. Query: The Query, "Care for One Another", was read during meeting for worship. A Friend reminded us that we must lead by example.
5. Interim Meeting Report: The most recent Interim Meeting was held on 4/9/11 and over 300 Friends were in attendance. The main topic concerned the finances of PYM. PYM faces a deficit of over \$600,000 in this next fiscal year. The fund used to cover previous deficits has dwindled over the past 5 years from \$700,000 down to \$5,000 so the organization must face hard choices. It seems that the properties owned and managed by PYM have become quite a drain on yearly finances and funding to cover these costs have become more and more difficult. Careful thought has to be given now to letting go of hired personnel. A Power Point presentation discussing this situation has been given to Bob Marshall who will pass this on to our members for review. A proposal from PYM will come out to the Monthly Meetings in the near future. At that time, we will have an opportunity to voice our opinions and suggestions. We should have more information on this matter soon and along with the power point presentation, we will form our own response back to PYM. This should be discussed further at next meeting for business as the PYM fiscal year runs from June 30- July1.

6. Carriage Shed Sale: Two members, Susan Leibman and Debbie Danser, have stepped forward to co-clerk the Carriage Shed Sale. Norville Thompson will be acting as their “right- hand man”. A date of September 24,2011 has been selected. The Meeting approved this date and event. The Carriage Shed Sale committee will work alongside of the T & C committee to discuss which charities will receive the proceeds of the sale and bring their decisions back to business meeting for approval.

7. Update on May 1st Event: Sumner Parker has been spearheading a group to fund an honorary gift for Ken Carroll. We will be presenting Ken with a library table complete with an honorary plaque for the Maryland Room in the newly renovated Talbot County Library. The collection for this is going well. Sumner’s committee is in charge of this honorary gift and Cathy Thompson will be in charge of the food preparation for the event. Members are asked to bring in desserts for the luncheon.

8. Annual Trustee Meeting: The meeting of Trustees was held on March 17th. The Trustees of THFM include; Ken Carroll, Larny Claggett, Marsie Hawkinson, Allan Mielke, Sumner Parker, and Dee Rein. Adrienne Rudge has just been selected to replace Monimia Barker and has accepted the position. Both her mother and her father were Trustees and she has a longstanding history and interest in THFM. The Trustees are responsible for the upkeep and the “non-recurring” expenses of the buildings and grounds. There are several items of concern in the Brick Meeting House. The southwest corner will require work to the underpinnings this year. Bids are being looked into for this. There is a mold problem downstairs and a dehumidifier will be installed to take care of this. The cushions have been used for 15 years and need to be replaced and more appropriate storage for the cushions decided upon.

9. Letter of Transfer: Ann (Holly) Ford wrote a letter to THFM requesting transfer to Anchorage Monthly Meeting. Holly’s letter expressed gratitude to and fond memories of THFM. Many present remembered how much Holly helped with the newsletter while she lived here. Her letter will be given to Overseers and her transfer was accepted with regrets.

10. Treasurer’s Report: (see included). On the Income and Expenses sheet, we are now 3/4ths of the way through our fiscal year and have received about 67% of the income we hoped for and have spent about 75% of our budget so these numbers are pretty much on schedule. Please note the Scholarships expense line item is 600.0% of its budget because of the extra \$10,000 transferred to this item from the Shoffner bequest. The Testimonies & Concerns expense line item is 352% above budget because of the \$3,000 we approved from the Shoffner bequest to go to The Fuller Center (note meeting for business 2nd Month 2011). The Balance Sheet needs some explanation in that the Scholarship Fund Investments include \$11,773.00 from the Shoffner International Education Fund (again see minute 2nd Month 2011). In other words, the Scholarship Fund Investments now include three sub-accounts in the Friends Fiduciary Fund: the Scholarship account, the Scholarship Endowment account, and the Shoffner International Education Fund. This last account is allocated under the guidance of T&C committee. The above accounts are listed together for accounting purposes. There remains another \$3,000 from the Shoffner bequest that has not yet been allocated. T & C was to have some responsibility for this remaining \$3,000, which currently resides among the Meeting’s operating funds. A Friend requested that T&C be reminded of the funds so they can be sure to consider these monies in donations this year.

The Treasurer read a letter of thanks from the Fuller Center. This money will be used to build a permanent home for a Haitian family displaced by the earthquake.

A Friend asked the Treasurer to give us a brief update next month on our finances as we approach the end of our fiscal year.

11. Communications Annual Report: (see attached). This report was approved with gratitude for all the work John does and a special thanks for how impressive our website is at this stage.

12. New Business: Larny Claggett gave an informal update on the P & G committee's progress on filling the position of caretaker. There is unity regarding the need for an onsite presence. Many Friends voiced their opinions on whether a full time person should be a Quaker or not. The job description and the amount of money involved were also discussed. It seems that at this point, P & G need our input regarding the caretaker's position. Thoughts on potential candidates, input on job descriptions or thoughts regarding outsourcing particular duties such as lawn mowing, should be directed to Larny or to anyone on P&G for consideration. This committee will meet later in the month and then present a proposal to the entire Meeting next month.

Meeting for business was adjourned at 1:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Burgoyne

IMPORTANT POINTS:

- PYM financial difficulties discussed
- Approved Carriage Shed Sale September 24th
- Update on May 1st project
- Communications Annual Report
- Request for transfer for Ann Ford
- Upcoming Trustee projects
- New Business-caretakers' position

**Annual Report for Calendar Year 2010 of the Communications
Committee to the Third Haven Friends Meeting for Business
fourth month tenth day, 2011.**

Tatiana Harrison maintains the Third Haven Website, www.thirdhaven.org

Ralph Young is our chief photographer and mailer of newsletters.

Dee Rein provides the final editing to the assembled newsletter, in addition to writing specific articles, and provides the finished product to the printer and the e-mail version.

Molly Burgoyne, not formally a committee member, prepares the minutes of meeting for business and collect committee reports.

Our goals are to keep the meeting informed of future events, to provide a place for vital meeting information, and to record the current history of Third Haven.



Weekly announcements go out most Mondays by e-mail. The newsletter is scheduled for publication well in advance of monthly meeting for business. The deadline for submission of articles is set at the 22 of each month. The 2011 Third Haven Directory of members and attenders available. We are currently under budget.

John A. Hawkinson, Clerk

Multicultural Festival Plans

Third Haven will host a table at the Multicultural Festival at Idlewild Park on Saturday, May 7th. We will be creating a Peace Tree decorated with symbols of peace from around the world. We are looking for volunteers to help by baking snacks, helping at the table, taking pictures, and possibly to provide additional material to pass out and discuss with visitors. Please contact Chloe at 410-476-9647 or chloe.wieland@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us! Thank you!

John Schreiner's remarks Honoring Ken Carroll 5/1/11

“Ken, you’re a tough act to follow. Your address gives us much to consider. And we should all have the problem I have this minute to stand up and speak for the members and attenders of Third Haven Friends Meeting and acknowledge your work and thank you for your contributions to our religious community.

Following are just the hi-lights.

Ken’s connection with Quakers began when he was 22 in Durham NC. And, it was in that same winter of 1946 when he first began attending meeting here during holiday breaks and between semesters at Duke University where he was studying. And in those years when he first attended our Meeting here in his native Talbot County, there were only a handful of older folks present; and he was just a youngster. They found inspiration in Ken’s presence.



During his time at Duke, Ken’s studies in history led him on to graduate work

in religion and eventually to a Bachelor of Divinity. After publishing two key scholarly

articles, he earned his PhD in 1953. Those articles stemmed from his having read and studied the minutes of Third Haven monthly meetings dating way back to 1676. And this activity formed what became the beginnings of Ken's spiritual pilgrimage.

Ken's career as a professor of Religious studies flourished at Southern Methodist University in Dallas beginning in 1952, lasting 35 years before he returned back here to the Eastern Shore and to settle down in Easton.

Ken's travels and studies back in the '60's and 70's, led him to persuade notable visitors to visit us here later...from Japan, Ireland and England. On a sabbatical in '69 & '70 Ken spent a year's study @ Haverford as the T. Wistar Brown Fellow.

He became a member of Third Haven in 1986 and began at once, serving on Worship and Ministry. At the request of the Meeting, Ken wrote "300 Years and More of Third Haven Quakerism" to help us celebrate that anniversary in the mid '80s. (not incidentally, copies are available today for purchase in the Common Room)



Ken was asked to serve as our clerk in 1988 and did so until 2001... some 13 years at the helm. During that time he gave a variety of talks on numerous topics including the creation of the Bible; on the life and teachings of Jesus... as well as on many aspects of Quakerism. During Ken's leadership as clerk, we experienced growth in numbers and diversity and the beginnings of Wednesday evening worship. Introductions of new visitors became common place at the rise of meeting.

Ken, we thank you. We thank you not only for you past contributions but for your continued presence; often high-lighted during worship with your inspiration and words of wisdom... sometimes salted with warm humor. And today, in some way, we want to mark our appreciation for your leadership and service.

As a result, Friends have felt called to raise funds in your honor and, in the process, have arranged to have a large, finely crafted, custom cherry table w/ your name on it to be placed in the new, expanded Maryland Room of the new Talbot County library. This is done in recognition of your contribution to passing along local Quaker history to this generation and those to come. Ken, the flow of gratitude and funds keeps coming and, as a result, we're now able to also add a very substantial sum to Third Haven's youth scholarship endowment fund in your name. I want to thank those generous contributors.... but, even more to the point today....

....we say: "Thank you, Ken, for your contribution to our future."

Third Haven Monthly Meeting Announcements

Meetings for Worship

First Days 10am Fourth Days 5:30pm

May 8 May 11

May 15 May 18

May 22 May 25

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

May 8 (Sunday) 10 am Meeting for Business will follow Meeting for Worship. Report of Budget and Finance Committee: proposed budget for next year.

May 12, 2011 9:00 - 3:30 Spring Gathering Chesapeake Covenant Community, Chester Valley Ministers Association At St. Paul's Kent Church, Chestertown, Maryland
EARTH STEWARDSHIP: How can people of faith care for the land, the water and the air
in ways that sustain Earth and its people?

The Chesapeake Bay is, for those who live on its shores, emblematic of the beauty, the richness, the complexity and the generosity of the earth. The problems facing Earth's environment are reflected in the problems facing the Bay and the people who live around it. As people of faith we have a special calling to be stewards of God's creation. But what does this mean?

Speakers*: Roderick Miller, Herb Cain, Donald Berlin. Group discussion and interaction. Guided Field Trip with a Naturalist. Refreshments and Lunch provided (\$10)

Because of space limitations, and to facilitate planning, advance registration is strongly recommended. To encourage energy conservation, we will assist those who want to carpool. For more details, directions, and to register, go to www.chesapeakecovenant.org

*Rev. Roderick Miller is a trustee of the Chesapeake Covenant Community. Rev. Herb Cain is a Kent County waterman and Pastor of the Worton-Fairlee United Methodist Church. Rabbi Donald Berlin resides in St. Michaels and is Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Oheb Shalom in Baltimore.

May 15 (Sunday) Chester River Meeting is pleased to host **Southern Quarterly Meeting** on Sunday May 15, 2011 at our Meetinghouse, 124 Philosopher's Terrace, Chestertown. You are invited to join us for coffee and muffins about 10:30 am and for Worship beginning at 11:00 am. Our First Day School will also welcome visitors during Meeting for Worship--we usually join the adults for the last 5-10 minutes of worship.

We will have lunch about 12:15 and hope to share our program between about 1 pm and 2 pm. The program will be a conversation on "The Future of Friends Journal and Friends General Conference" with Gabriel Ehri who will become Executive Director of Friends

Journal and Barry Crossno who will become the General Secretary of Friends General Conference on July 15th.

We hope many of you will be able to join us on May 15th. It would be helpful if you could let Trudy Rogers, trogers@wildblue.net, know about how many Friends expect to attend from your Meeting by May 11th or so.

Worship and Ministry Committee

May 21st Wedding Hospitality Report: Tom Corl and Mary Cotton's daughter's wedding is scheduled for May 21st at 4 pm. The guests are going to be offered refreshments afterwards of cookies and lemonade before heading to a dinner reception. If any Third Haven members and attenders wish to contribute some cookies for this, it will be appreciated. Please contact Cathy Thompson for details.

Book Discussions: The Worship and Ministry Committee (WMC) is sponsoring a 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.

- **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 are as follows:

May 29 (Sunday) after the rise of meeting and a short coffee/ snack break, Susan Claggett will share her spiritual journey with the meeting in the meeting house.

June 19 (Sunday) Mary Coady will share her spiritual journey.

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 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 Treasurer, Third Haven Monthly Meeting, P.O. Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601 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.

Talbot Interfaith Shelter

The Talbot Interfaith Shelter closed yesterday on April 10 after sheltering and feeding 17 different individuals. Some guests stayed for only a few days or weeks, while others stayed for the entire season. Fran Orndorff, the Operations Manager, counseled many of the guests who successfully found employment and permanent housing. In response to the need for a place to stay during the cold and inclement weather, TIS opened Day

Haven, a daytime shelter, in mid-February. Many of the guests spent time there doing job and housing searches on a donated computer. Asbury UMC donated space for the daytime space, but a supervisor was hired to monitor the operation each day of the week. Funds for Day Haven were not included in the budget for 2010-2011. Consequently, we are asking you, our faithful volunteers, to support a Pit Beef/BBQ Pork fundraiser on May 20 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Fred Smyth, a loyal volunteer from Christ Church, Easton is organizing the event. Please contact him at 410-829-1452 or smyth6@verizon.net. to volunteer for any of the following jobs: - solicit orders from neighbors, businesses and organizations (Pre-paid orders are absolutely essential to the event's success!) - set up tables on the Acme parking lot - fill orders from walk-up customers

- pack large orders for pick up or delivery
- clean up

Quakers in Britain have agreed to boycott products from the Israeli settlements in the West Bank. The settlements are illegal under international law. Quakers consider that this boycott is a nonviolent move for peace for Israelis and Palestinians. The decision makes clear that Quakers are not boycotting Israel.

<http://www.quaker.org.uk/quakers-boycott-products-israeli-settlements>

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.



Talbot County Detention Center 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. 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

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

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

Peace Testimony Anniversary Celebration

On March 26th the Arch Street Meeting House was full of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Friends singing, learning, enjoying each other's company and being challenged. The event is now available for viewing on the PYM website!

The day focused on honoring the 350th anniversary of the peace testimony, sponsored by the Peace and Concerns Standing Committee. Beginning with a reading of George Fox's declaration to Charles II, the event invited Friends to engage with the question of what our testimony of peace has meant in the past and what it means today. In addition to speakers, there was singing, drumming, chanting and a conga line! Friends ate lunch and dinner together and learned about the peace work happening now under the care of the Yearly Meeting.

To view video of the event, click here: <http://www.pym.org/news/video-350th-anniversary-peace-testimony>

Children's Easter Festivities

