



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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Spirit of Life,
who has set a restlessness in our hearts
and made us all seekers
after that which we can never fully find:
forbid us to be satisfied with what we make of life.
Draw us from base content
and set our eyes on far-off goals.
Keep us at tasks too hard for us
that we may be driven to Thee for strength.
Deliver us from fretfulness and self-pitying;
make us sure of the good we cannot see
and of the hidden good in the world.
Open our eyes to simple beauty all around us
and our hearts to the loveliness others hide from us
because we do not try to understand them.
Save us from ourselves
and show us a vision of a world made new.

Several years ago, Jim Paul offered vocal ministry in the old meetinghouse at Third Haven in which he read this prayer that, as he described it, Eleanor Roosevelt recited every night before she went to bed.

submitted by Bob Marshall



Benches Return

Be prepared for a surprise seating arrangement at next first day's meeting for worship in the brick meeting house. The floors look fresh and great. New cushions are due this week. And we'll be trying out a new bench alignment looking for a more communal arrangement. Come check it out and let us know how it "sits" with you. Benches will not be anchored and can be changed or reverted to the traditional/old pattern if that's our collective will. See you then, *John Schreiner, Clerk.*

Third Haven Friends Meeting
Meeting for Business
Minutes for the 10th Month, 9,2011

1. Call to order: John Schreiner, Clerk of Meeting, called the meeting for worship with attention to business to order at 11:35am after a brief period of silence.
2. Attending: Mark Beck, Molly Burgoyne, Katie Claggett, Larny Claggett, Susan Claggett, Benita Cooper, Tom Corl, Mary Cotton, Leigh Ann Dodge, Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Mary Ann Hillier, Connie Lewis, Bob Marshall, Clay Owens, Connie Pullen, Michael Pullen, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Rob Wieland, John Winterbottom, Ralph Young, Frank Zeigler, and Joyce Zeigler.
3. Minutes: The minutes for the 9th Month, 11,2011 were approved.
4. Query: The 10th Query, "Stewardship of the Environment" was read aloud during meeting for worship. A Friend wished to recognize the attendance of Katie Claggett at this time with thanks to her diligent stewardship in coming to meeting for business.
5. Carriage Shed Sale Report: Co-Clerks, Susan Claggett and Leigh Ann Dodge reported that the Meeting brought in over \$5400 for our chosen charities. After expenses were paid and \$300 "seed money" set-aside for the next CSS, we will be sending \$1500 each to AQUAYUDA; Paper and Pencils, Inc; and to HIPPI. Mary Ann Hillier, founder of Paper and Pencils, Inc. thanked all for the generous funding saying that she will be able to send out many more school supplies than she had originally planned. Connie Pullen and Sam Mullen will use their money as a start-up for their new HIPPI program for the high school. Susan and Leigh Ann gave special thanks to Janet Kemp and Paige Bethke for all their time preparing for the sale.
6. PYM Report: Bob Marshall, as our representative to PYM, gave an account of the current issues facing the organization as he perceives them. First, the purpose of PYM is not well articulated. Secondly, the financial matters are stretched so thin that the entire time of meeting is consumed with what to set aside and what to keep as expenses far exceed income. The financial realities of 2008 have caused ongoing problems and much of Interim Meeting is in discord often to the detriment of simplicity. The reasons for the financial problems are not exactly clear but in part stem from funds that are designated for specific purposes and either can not or may not be easily used for other programs or operating funds. Our representative feels in an uncomfortable position asking our Meeting for more money for PYM when they do not seem able to balance their budget responsibly. A Friend who has spent much time previously as our Interim Meeting representative said that these problems with the PYM budget predate 2008 but the market changes exacerbate the issues. Many stood and spoke of their discomfort with this situation and feel it may be necessary to address this issue perhaps by writing to PYM of our concern and dissatisfaction. Some spoke of reducing our covenant rather than increasing it. No unity was reached on this issue. It will need to be brought back to meeting for business next month and discussed further.
7. Property & Grounds Annual Report: Larny Claggett, Clerk of this committee, gave the report for this past year. The committee has finished the year more than \$2000 under budget. The work has included smaller and more targeted group efforts such as Leaf Day, Yard Day, and Old Meeting House Day. The Brick Meeting House work is very much on schedule and with the help of the Trustees is proceeding nicely. The work will improve the building substantially. The

transition from the Websters to Clay Owens as caretaker has gone well. Friends have commented recently that the grounds look very good. The Clerk wishes to recognize his entire committee as they all have worked hard and pitched in to get work done. The Meeting appreciates all the efforts of this tireless committee and approved the report with gratitude.

8. Treasurer's Annual Report: (see attached reports: I&E-7/10 to 6/11, I&E-7/11-9/11, balance sheet- 6/30/11 and balance sheet -9/30/11). Rob Wieland, Treasurer, gave the final fiscal report of FY 7/10 to 6/11 and the report of first quarter for this year. As a word of explanation, the Income and Expense reports give a snapshot of where the money "went" while the Balance Sheet gives a snapshot of where the money "is". Last year, member contributions were 85% of the targeted goal and the total income was 97.9% of expected. We had a better year with contributions (thanks in part to a \$5000 donation from the estate of Irene Williams) and our committees spent less than expected leaving us with a net income of \$6270.39. Worship and Ministry actually "made" money due to the selling of material for the Spiritual Formation group. The Balance Sheet for this first quarter is down about \$10,000. The primary reason for this is the first quarter is traditionally slow and then contributions pick up in the second quarter as giving increases near the end of the calendar year. The ING account will probably be closed out in the near future. The report given was approved with acknowledgement of all the time involved with preparation.

9. Discussion of formation of Stewardship Committee: The Clerk of Meeting raised the topic of a possible Stewardship Committee as this was briefly discussed in the meeting for business 6th Month. The goal of having such a committee would be to 1) to help the Meeting's funding remain sustainable, 2) to discern if our process of giving to the Meeting is the best one possible, 3) to help understand how other Monthly Meetings go about asking for contributions. The Clerk brings this to discussion as a way to decide if we can improve our "consciousness" of giving. He raised the question if we were as engaged as we should be in our giving and are we being realistic in our budget. One Friend mentioned that our Assets and Equity has gone from \$60,000 to \$120,000 in a short period of time. We have complicated our finances but this is because we are doing more work with our money. Others felt uncomfortable with the idea of "pledging" and felt that this Meeting has always been principled on individuals giving according to conscience. Another Friend remarked that it is a "mystery" how our budget always seems to balance or how we come in under our budget as in this year but we do. One suggested asking B&F to look at this issue and consider whether a work group for stewardship would be helpful. No final unity was reached on this.

10. Quaker Quest & Outreach: Clerk of committee, Candace Shattuck, gave a report on three recent projects. First, a larger sign on Washington Street has been carefully selected and approved by the committee. Several Friends felt that because the sign affects the public "face" of the Meeting, that input should be sought from the Meeting as a whole. It was decided that a diagram of the sign will be sent out electronically. The old sign will be kept and put to use elsewhere on the grounds. In the process of working on the street sign, the historical sign was taken down and away. We will have to contact the State Highway Administration in regards to putting this back up. Secondly, the Brick Meeting House project to renovate the lobby is underway. A new piece of furniture for this is needed. A plain dark wood cabinet similar to the "bottom part" of the cabinet in the Common Room donated by the Lane family is what is needed. The goal of this renovation is to make the entrance area more welcoming and functional. The third project will be to make a modest change in the brochure rack. This will come in time. The

committee would like to host an open house on Saturday November 12th from 10-2 during Waterfowl Festival. Volunteers to donate time during that day are needed.

11. Testimony & Concerns announcement re: TIS: We have been asked again by Interfaith Shelter and Housing to host the shelter from January 29th to February the 12th, 2012. There does not appear to be any conflict with these dates from the various committees. The Meeting approved this. A volunteer is needed to co-ordinate these two weeks. Please call Lorraine if you are able to take this up. She would like to have an organizational meeting for this the morning of October 19th.

12. Resignation Letter: Clerk of Meeting read a letter from Greg Leibman requesting his resignation from Meeting as a member effective immediately. John met with Greg to be sure of his discernment. Greg has no quarrel with the Meeting and was more actively involved when his children were young. Now his spiritual journey is moving him in other directions. We wish him well and accepted his resignation. The letter is passed on to Overseers.

13. New Business: New business is tabled for our next meeting.

Meeting for business was adjourned at 1:45pm

Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne

IMPORTANT POINTS:

- CSS proceeds reviewed
- PYM finances discussed
- P&G Annual report approved
- Treasurer's Annual report approved
- New Street Sign, renovations of BMH and Open House for Waterfowl discussed
- Resignation of Greg Leibman approved
- Hosting of TIS- 1/29/12 to 2/12/12 approved

Third Haven Monthly Meeting Announcements

Meetings for Worship

First Days 10am Fourth Days 5:30pm

November 6 November 9

November 13 November 16

Daylight Savings Time 2011 ends at 2 am on November 6, 2011

The Thanksgiving Dinner for the Marilla's Lunch recipients will be held again this year. We need to know who will be bringing what so please let Ralph Young (rmyoung@goeaston.net or 410-819-0050) know what your food contribution will be. Initially the total food needed is:

7 whole sliced turkeys	5 pans of stuffing
5 bowls of cranberry sauce	5 pans of green beans
4 oz/person gravy (usual amount)	6 pans of sweet potatoes
14 pies	

The beans, stuffing and sweet potatoes should be prepared in a large disposable lasagna pan. Turkeys need to be delivered sliced. All foods need to be delivered at serving temperature to

Asbury Methodist Church by 9a.m. on Thanksgiving morning. If you plan on being out of town on Thanksgiving Day, you may give your contribution to Ralph before you leave town or he can pick it up and it will be delivered at serving temperature. As we approach Thanksgiving Day, you will be kept informed of any remaining needs. Thank you.

WANTED...preferably alive...Friends who enjoy sharing books, pamphlets and articles with the meeting community. Join the Library Committee which is in need of participants who can help keep the collection in order and share it in an educational manner with the meeting. E-mail the nominating committee if you are interested: dmr49@verizon.net.

Our annual winter clothing drive for the Neighborhood Service Center begins this month. Throughout October, please bring your donations to First Day Meeting for Worship and place in the white Ford Ranger pickup truck with the kayak rack normally parked in front of the Common Room. Thank you.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE!

In order to increase the Meeting's contribution to the Neighborhood Service Center's Food Pantry this week has been proclaimed "Bean Week". So when you go to the food market this week go right to the canned goods isle and pick up a can or two of beans, your choice as to what variety. Or you may choose the dried instead just so long as it is beans. Let's fill up the Food Pantry box this coming First Day.

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

For many people, the loss of a job, the death of a spouse, the onset of medical disabilities, or a series of wrong choices can often lead to homelessness. Struck by personal tragedies, the guests of the Talbot Interfaith Shelter (TIS) are like the homeless in thousands of other shelters across America who need our helping hands. In 2008 a group of concerned citizens organized the TIS. Since 2009 the shelter has been open to men, women, and children who lack adequate housing during the coldest months of the year. TIS has been a rotating shelter, moving from the campus of one faith community to another every 2 weeks or so. The moving is stressful and disruptive to both guests and volunteers and, more importantly, it is not a good model for families with children. In 2010–2011, over 500 volunteers from 18 different congregations and the broader community worked together to operate the shelter from Dec. 5 to Apr. 10. During that time, 17 different guests were served. This number may seem low until you consider that only five guests can stay each night because of strict fire code regulations. A fire suppression sprinkler system is required in order to accommodate more guests. Undoubtedly, this has been the biggest obstacle for the TIS. Fire suppression sprinkler systems are expensive to install, and only one of the

newer parish halls in Talbot County has one. Since the shelter closed in April, over 35 more calls for shelter have been received, some from singles and some from families. Regardless of the season, homeless persons are out there in our community. Some you may recognize from their daily presence on the streets of Easton, whereas others are hidden couch surfers, staying with family or friends until their welcome wears out and they must move on to another couch. Still others seek refuge in their automobiles if they are fortunate enough to own them. Many others live in the woods along Easton's Rails to Trails or in abandoned sheds. It is our hope that each of you will keep the homeless in mind. Consider them when you read an article in the Star Democrat and help support TIS through fundraisers and personal contributions. We would love to have you volunteer with TIS this coming year. Most of all, we hope that you will be on the lookout for a building that can accommodate the shelter and enable us to expand our services, especially to families. For more information check out our website at www.talbotinterfaithshelter.org. To volunteer, please contact Jean Saballus (djsaballus@goeaston.net or at 817-217-3312), a member of the TIS Board and chairperson of the Congregational Relations Committee. To make a monetary donation, please send to Talbot Interfaith Shelter, PO Box 2004, Easton, MD 21601

Financial Contributions are essential both to maintain our facilities and to support our meeting's work. Contributions to our annual budget should be sent to:

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The Third Haven Website includes a current directory of all members and attenders
<http://www.thirdhaven.org/>

Helpful E-mail Housekeeping Tip:

E-mail messages with basements. A considerable number of e-mail messages pass among meeting people giving rapid access to needed information. Many of these messages are initiated by keying *reply*, *reply all* or *forward*, whether or not the new letter is about the same subject. The intended reader of the message clearly needs the new information, but deserves two very vital courtesies.

One: when you start a new e-mail message, please give it a *subject* matching the new content.

Two: please delete the 'basement' full of previous text following your new message.

Submitted by the Editor

Mentor Memories Was there someone in your life who offered encouragement and shared their experiences? January is National Mentoring Month. Be a mentor to a child who needs a friend. For more information please contact Talbot Mentors (410) 770-5999 or visit our website www.talbotmentors.org

Submitted by Peter Howell

Genealogy Visit

On September 23 The Wynne Family Genealogy Society visited Old Third Haven Meetinghouse. One of their ancestors had lived in this area and was a member of Third Haven. In the course of their genealogical research, the family has been to the Maryland Hall of Records in Annapolis to read our early minutes. They wanted to sit in the building where their forbearer had worshiped. They were hopeful that she had been buried in our burial ground, but there is no evidence of that. There were about a dozen in this family group who currently live all around the country - Texas, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Utah. Each summer they join in a research gathering focused on one of their ancestors.

Submitted by Marsie Hawkinson

Friends School Day at Third Haven

Sidwell Friends – Tom Farquhar
The George School – Supplee Hallowell
Westtown School – Samantha Thomson
Sandy Spring Friends School - Tom Gibian



On October 2nd, a chilly day, at the rise of Meeting in the old building, Friends were invited to hear presentations from these four Quaker secondary schools. Tom Corl first introduced Tom Farquhar, Head of Sidwell. Rather than talk in detail about Sidwell, Farquhar spoke of the mission of Friends Schools in general - the message of "that of God in every person" which is central to our belief. The other three spoke more specifically about their respective schools and what is unique about them. Following these presentations, we met in the Common Room for lunch and to have a chance to talk personally and

specifically with the school representatives. Several Meeting families took advantage of this program resulting in a lively interchange between the people from the schools, the children, and the parents.

Thanks to the Friends Schools Working Group for hosting this event: Norval Thompson, Adrienne Rudge, Molly Bond, Marsie Hawkinson, and Greg Leibman.

Southern Quarterly Meeting October saw Southern Quarterly Meeting convening on First Day at Third Haven. Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is divided into four Quarterly, or regional, meetings. Third Haven belongs to Southern Quarter which includes Camden Meeting in Delaware and Chester River and Wicomico River Meetings in Maryland. Their Quarterly meetings rotate among the member meeting as host. The Quarter supports Monthly Meetings in their efforts and offers an opportunity for Friends to expand their circle of Friendly acquaintances. This Quarterly meeting also featured guest speakers Sharon and Dean Hoover who presented highlights of their Peace Mission to Indonesia.



New Third Haven Sign

A topic for discussion at the coming Meeting for Business is the proposed new sign prepared with great diligence by the Outreach Committee. For a look at the proposed new sign to be placed at the entrance to Third Haven Friends Meeting see the pdf files that were attached to the October 10, 2011 announcements e-mailed to all members. (yes, you might have to look in your deleted items folder like I did!) The first file shows a detailed drawing of the new sign. The second attachment outlines the geography of the entrance. The final attachment shows the current sign. Pictures will also be available at Meeting. Thanks to Mark Beck and Candace Shattuck for sharing the drawings and photo.

Submitted by Dee Rein



First Day School discusses the Old Testament

Brick Meeting House Renovation



Recently the complicated task of shoring up the floor joists in the Brick Meeting House was undertaken at the expense of the Third Haven Friends Meeting Trust, which is responsible for the structural maintenance of the property. In the photo the workman is shown in one of two trap doors created to gain access to the area below the building. The second trap door, closed, can be seen in the background. The trap doors are located beneath the original facing benches. Beneath the building, the workmen had only fourteen inches clearance in which to work and, incredibly, all work was done while they were on their backs. The result is a sturdy floor structure. Following this effort the floors were sanded and refinished and benches returned for use. The Monthly Meeting in partnership with the Trust is also replacing the bench cushions for an improved environment. *Submitted by Ralph Young and Dee Rein*

Friends as friends....

