



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

O Lord, I did walk upon the earth and my footprints did keep pace with the rain
and I did note, I did note where orange birds flew up from the puddles thou hast made
and where the toads leapt from your trenches, but nowhere was there that I could go...

Magnificat

Mary Ruefle

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 9th Month, 11, 2011

- 1.Call to order: Clerk of Meeting, John Schreiner, called the meeting for worship with attention to business to order at 11:45AM after a brief period of silence.
- 2.Attending: Luisa Adelfio, Mark Beck, Paige Bethke, Molly Bond, Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Tom Corl, Mary Cotton, Leigh Ann Dodge, Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Mary Ann Hillier, Peter Howell, Connie Lewis, Erik Neil, Sumner Parker, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Meredith Watters, John Winterbottom, Winslow Womack, Frank Zeigler, and Joyce Zeigler.
- 3.Minutes: The minutes for meeting for business 6th month were approved after correcting for the date, as it should be recorded as June 12th, not June 13th. The minutes (see below) for the called meeting held on the 9th Month, 4,2011 were also approved after one clarification was made. The Clerk of P&G wanted all to understand that when he referred to our budget from 40 years ago, the percentage of the budget allocated to P&G has remained essentially the same but the “proportion” of the budget allocated to the caretakers’ position was a much “smaller chunk” in the past than it is today.
- 4.Query: The Query, “Outreach and Ministry” was read aloud during meeting for worship. A Friend remarked that during our work with TIS and Marilla’s Lunches, we have formed friendships with those from other faith communities particularly those from our local Temple.
- 5.Friends School (sub-Committee Overseers): (see attached report). Norval Thompson discussed the committee’s work and presented the information regarding events taking place on October 2nd. On that day, at rise of Meeting, we will enjoy presentations from four different schools including The George School, Sidwell Friends School, Sandy Springs School and Westtown. The committee organizing this event consists of Norval, Greg Leibman, Molly Bond, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Marsie Hawkinson, and Adrienne Rudge. The schools will give information about themselves and their admission processes. This event will be publicized to the community.

6. Hosting of SQM on October 16th: We have an offering for a program for October's SQM from a couple now attending Camden Monthly Meeting. Their daughter is involved with the Friends Peace Team in Indonesia. They have visited her and participated in her humanitarian work. They have pictures and stories to share. Connie Lewis suggested that we invite them to talk either before or during our luncheon on the 16th. This program idea was approved.

7. Letter of Transfer: The Clerk read a letter of transfer for Debbie Danser from Downingtown Friends Meeting to THFM. A welcoming committee will consist of Mark Beck (convener), Paige Bethke, Molly Burgoyne, Doreen Getsinger, Norval Thompson and Joyce Zeigler.

8. Nominating Committee Report: Molly Burgoyne, Clerk of the nominating committee, reminded all Clerks of committees to review the list of the current members of their committee and inform the nominating committee of any changes, additions or concerns. This should be done by September 21st. The committee has also emailed surveys to all members requesting updated information. The committee, which consists of Molly, Dee Rein and Susan Claggett, will make their first report to Meeting in November and their final report will be due in December. A Friend suggested that an outline of the committees and their functions be included in the email so that new members and attenders could be more fully informed.

9. Carriage Shed Sale: This year's recipients of money collected by the sale include: 1) AGUAYUDA - website: www.aguayuda.org - a locally based non-profit group working to improve access to clean water in impoverished areas around the globe, 2) Paper and Pencils, Inc. - a locally based group making backpacks and school supply collections for impoverished groups in the USA particularly in Mississippi, Louisiana and Native American reservations (website: www.paperpencilsinc.org), 3) HIPP (Help Increase the Peace Project www.afsc.org) - which is an offshoot of the AVP (Alternatives to Violence Project). Connie Pullen and Sam Mullen hope to start this group up locally and will need some start-up funding. In addition, Jen Miller will be selling tee shirts for \$40 each at the sale and the entire \$40 amount will be sent to help the famine in the Horn of Africa.

Scholarship Committee Annual Report: (see below). A Friend asked what amount we are able to give each year in scholarship money. Currently, slightly more than \$5,000 per year is available to allocate. Another Friend remarked that he read in prior minutes that THFM had an Education Fund in 1978. He wondered what happened to that money. A Friend remembered that those monies were left over when the Friends School in Easton was laid down. At some later time, the money was put back into the general funds. The Meeting approved the report as read. Thanks were given to Lary Claggett for first bringing the Meeting's attention to the need for a scholarship committee some years ago. Thanks were given to Mark Beck for his diligence and work. This committee has been together a short time yet has accomplished a remarkable body of work and funding. The entire Meeting wishes to record how grateful we all are to the work this committee has done.

10. New Business: The Stewardship Committee minute has not yet been formed but will be on the docket for business meeting during 10th Month. T&C committee will bring their donation information to the Meeting during business meeting by 12th Month.

11. Meeting for business was adjourned at 12:45PM

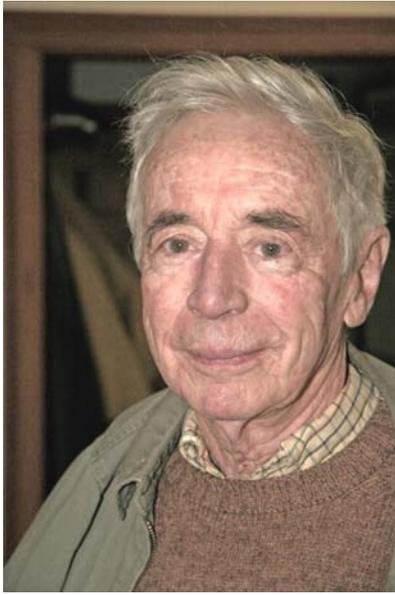
Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne

IMPORTANT POINTS: • October 2- Presentation to the Meeting by Friends School

• October 16th- Hosting of SQM by THFM with program approved

• Letter of Transfer for Debbie Danser

• Carriage Shed Sale recipients announced • Scholarship Committee Annual Report approved.



Condolences to the family of Jim Paul, his wife Peggy, their children and his many friends.

We will miss his company, his ethical contributions and his delightful sense of humor, to name just a few attributes we so enjoyed and admired. A memorial service in his honor will be held Saturday, October 8, 2011 in the Third Haven Meeting House at 1 p.m. Please join us in remembering Jim.

**Third Haven Friends Meeting
Meeting for Business
Minutes for the Called Meeting Ninth Month, 4th, 2011**

1. Call to order: John Schreiner, Clerk of Meeting began the called meeting for worship with attention to business after a brief silence at 11:25 AM.
2. Attending: Mark Beck, Paige Bethke, Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine B. Claggett, Tom Corl, John Cotton, Mary Cotton, Leigh Ann Dodge, Debbie Danser, Ed Danser, Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Connie Lewis, Joyce Macijeski, Priscilla Bond Morris, Clay Owens, Sumner Parker, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Sally Vermilye, Sam Webster, Vickie Webster, Rob Wieland, John Winterbottom, Winslow Womack, Ralph Young, Frank Zeigler, and Joyce Zeigler.
3. Committee Report: The Clerk of Property and Grounds committee, Larny Claggett brought our Meeting's attention to two pressing matters.
The first matter regards filling the position of caretaker. As a prelude, the Clerk discussed our budget from 1971 and even though the figures have changed a good bit, the percentage of what we pay is still similar. He also stated that the caretaker's position has been discussed in our Meeting since the 1830's and reference to this should be corrected in the minutes for business 5th Month, 2011. He read through the committee's proposed minute and the groundwork that led to the formation of the minute. He informed us that the duties of the new caretaker would be the same as our old caretakers. He also reiterated that Clay has another fulltime job so will not be a continuous Friendly Presence on the grounds as the Websters were. Currently, his other employer supplies Clay's health insurance and therefore his overall compensation package will be less than the Websters. Clay will be paid \$12,000 per year and given the use of the cottage as his residence. The P & G committee will work along with Clay to evaluate the position over the next 6 months. Clay will be keeping a record of his time and duties. At 3 months and again in 6

months, the P&G committee will sit down with Clay to review how things are going. Any potential revisions with the duties or compensation for the position will be considered by P&G and then presented for discussion to the Meeting. A few Friends asked questions regarding the appointment, the duties and the wages. Many complimented the committee on their work and recommendation to hire Clay Owens. The Meeting approved the minute as written with the addition of a request for a full review of compensation and job description at 6 months. The second matter concerns the planned renovations for the Brick Meeting House. The Trustees have obligated themselves to do the necessary structural work shoring up the foundation in the southwest corner of the Brick Meeting House as well as improvements to the general entrance area and office. The seat cushions need replacing and the best price found for this is close to \$6,000. The Trustees will pay half of this. P&G requested that the Meeting fund the remaining \$3000. The Treasurer reported that some of our more liquid assets have dwindled this month but there are some less liquid assets we can draw from. The Meeting gave its support to fund the cushion replacements.

4. Minute of Appreciation: Before adjourning, the Meeting gave approval to a minute thanking Sam and Vickie Webster for their 29 years of service to Third Haven Friends Meeting. Sam expressed gratitude on behalf of himself and Vickie with a special thanks to Rob and Larny for helping them to move. He said that their work as THFM has been a labor of love. He then passed on to Clay the large old skeleton key that opens the Brick Meeting House. Clay said he was touched by the faith we placed in him and he expressed his earnest wish to take good care of the meetinghouse property. Thank you Sam and Vickie, we will all miss you and wish you the best in your home in Bozman. We welcome and support Clay in his new position.

Meeting for business was adjourned at 12:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne

Third Haven Friends Meeting Scholarship Committee Annual Report

The following Friends serve on the Scholarship Committee: Mark Beck (Clerk), Lorraine Bowman Claggett, Larny Claggett, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Pete Howell, Sumner Parker, Deb Danser. The Committee meets as needed, in the Common Room at 9 a.m. on the third First Day.

Since it was established almost three years ago, the Scholarship Committee has been raising funds (a total of \$49,516.05 as of June 30, 2011, including \$13,100.68 raised since our last annual report. At the end of June we had \$44,706.95 in the Endowment and \$4,809.10 in the Operating Fund. Contributions have been received from the Meeting, the Trustees, the Carriage Shed Sale, investment income and individual donors.) A total of \$640 was received in memory of Monimia Barker, who served on the Scholarship Committee.

The committee allows donors to the Scholarship Fund to earmark their donations either for the Endowment and/or the Operating Fund. Donations that are not earmarked for any fund will be split 50-50 between them.

To date, ten scholarships, totaling \$12,000 and including \$6,500 since our last annual report, have been awarded to Laura Claggett, Mary Coady, Jamie duHoffmann, Evan Greene, Jacob

Mullen, Aiyana Paterson-Zinkand, Emma Leibman, Chloe Wieland, Cassidy Thompson and Sarah Thompson. Jacob, Jamie and Aiyana are currently receiving ongoing financial aid.

The Committee strikes a balance between informality (no standardized application form) on one hand, and obtaining enough pertinent information to evaluate each applicant fairly on the other. We interview each applicant. The standard scholarship amount is \$500 per academic year for full-time students. In determining how much to award, we consider 5 factors:

- Financial need. Almost every college-bound student completes either the College Board's CSS Profile and/or the U.S. Department of Education's FAFSA. Based on those applications, both the College Board and the Department of Education calculate the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) for each student. So we needn't ask applicants and their families for a lot of financial information. All we need to do to assess financial need is to ask the student: (a) the projected cost of his or her education; and (b) his or her EFC.
- Academic credentials (grade point average, honors, advanced placement courses, etc.)
 - Participation in Meeting
 - Other scholarships received
 - Whether the school the applicant wishes to attend is a Quaker school. The Committee will award up to twice the standard amount to a student attending a Quaker school.
 - Availability of sufficient funds to award more than the standard sum in cases of extreme need

In order to be considered, applications must be written, submitted by the applicant, and received by the posted deadlines.

If the demand for financial aid exceeds available funds, the Committee may have to: (a) tighten eligibility requirements; or (b) reduce the size of individual scholarships. Stricter eligibility requirements might include:

- Awarding scholarships only to members and their families, rather than members and attenders
- Amending the present difference between financial aid to Quaker and nonQuaker schools
- Awarding scholarships only for graduate school, or college, or secondary school, or elementary school, or some combination of the above

Should the need for financial aid exceeds available funds, the Scholarship Committee will welcome input from the Meeting on how to restore the supply-demand balance.

Third Haven has a distinguished past on which we can all look back with pride. Our scholarship recipients have more than justified our faith in them. By helping them reach their dreams, we help to ensure that our future is just as bright.

September 11th Commemorative Service

Presented by John Schreiner: One of many Prayer/Reflections at The Church of the Brethren for the Interfaith Commemoration Service on September 11, 2011.

“Most Quakers I believe, feel as we all do and see that the spirit of the first responders on 9/11 was of the highest order, to save others despite deadly hazards. How we choose to commemorate this 10th anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center is another matter. It offers us an opportunity not only to honor those brave souls acting amidst chaos and danger, but to build upon that heroism. In so doing we can examine choices we have as citizens and as a nation to

guide our actions in the world. We can work toward Peace, and away from fear and retribution. We can use this very moment to reflect, and then act in a way that lays the foundation for lasting peace, knowing that there is that of God in everyone. If we can do this from our hearts, the underlying causes of war will indeed diminish and the lives sacrificed by the dedicated first responders will not be in vain. Our world can be a safer, more joyful place in which to live. I ask for each of us here tonight to take a full minute now to reflect and focus in concert upon how we can form a spiritual home for peace in our hearts and in the world around us, one in which a future catastrophe simply would not form in hearts of men. Let's begin in prayerful silence."

Carriage Shed Sale a Rousing Success!



Susan Claggett and Leigh Ann Dodge got us organized and everyone pitched in for success.

Brief editorial (the first in 7 years)

There are many wonderful happenings at Third Haven Meeting such as Simon Zimmer's presentation about Aguayuda, intended recipient of pecuniary improvement from the Carriage Shed Sale. Could someone please step forward and put a few words into an e-mail to the editor so that we could share Simon's ministry?

PYM news General Secretary's Report September 10, 2011

Staffing Changes: Our new FY12 budget brings with it a reduction in staff and new staffing assignments and responsibilities have emerged. I'd like to share them with Interim Meeting.

Communications: Martin Rebar, whose work has been focused on meeting relations, with now take on responsibility for communications. Martin's new title is "Director of Communications and Meeting Relations."

Human Resources: We have known for some time that Ginny Connolly would be leaving her PYM work (having resigned). Lola Georg will assume overall responsibility for the work of human resources. Lola's title will now be "Associate Secretary for Business, Finance and Human Resources." In addition to Lola's assumption of this responsibility, Celeste Richardson (one of our accountants) and Jill Tafoya (my assistant) will each have some responsibility for aspects of the human resources work.

Development: With Wright Horne's leaving, Jennie Sheeks will be the only professional person doing advancement work. Jennie has been responsible for the annual giving program. Her work will now expand to include additional development work such as working with major donors. Jennie will have a new title, "Director of Development."

Volunteer Coordinator: The position of Volunteer Coordinator has been created. This person will have responsibility for volunteer recruitment, training and oversight. The work will include supporting the volunteers for the library and the Arch Street Meeting House as well as assisting with support for Friendly Adult Presences in the youth programs. This position will also provide orientation and support for new committee and working group members. As of this writing, it is not clear who will fill this position.

Meeting Relations Program: This program has gotten off to a good start although we are not as far along as I had hoped we would be a year ago. We will be working to expand the number of meetings which have a relationship with the meeting relations program and giving attention to how the goals of the program might be achieved with non-staff members.

Communications Plan and Execution: I will be working the Director of Communications and Meeting Relations, Martin Reber, to improve the regularity and quality, as well as the look and feel of our communications.

Adult Young Friends: I have communicated to the co-clerks of the Adult Young Friends Working Group my strong desire to meet with adult young Friends to talk about their vision for their program and to brainstorm and plan for ways in which the Yearly Meeting can support them.

Friends Center Space: We have been working on a plan to reduce our Friends Center office footprint and already there is progress. We have notified Friends Center that we will be giving up some of our space, effective October 1, and we have been told by Friends Center that there is a tenant who will rent the space. We expect a net savings of about \$30,000, the exact number to be determined.

FY 2013 Budget Process: I am very eager to work with and support Financial Stewardship Committee in designing a budget process for the next fiscal year, and those following, that will avoid some of the tensions we experienced this year.

Arch Street Preservation Trust: In June, Interim Meeting approved creating a non-profit corporation to be known as the Arch Street Preservation Trust for the purpose of raising money to support the maintenance and operations of the meeting house. The work of incorporation and applying for 501(c)(3) status is now underway.

Respectfully submitted, Arthur M. Larrabee, General Secretary

Third Haven Monthly Meeting Announcements

Meetings for Worship

First Days 10am Fourth Days 5:30pm

October 2	October 5
October 9	October 12
October 16	October 19
October 23	October 26

October 1 (Saturday) 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Letting Go of Negative Habits

at Third Haven, 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.

This day of practice will include direction in mindfulness of the breath, body, emotions and thoughts as a way of becoming aware of the habits and compulsions that we have developed to cope with life's challenges. Through the practice of insight meditation and concentration, it is possible to work with habits of behaviors, thought and emotional patterns and substances. In this way, instead of the old ways of reacting to life's stresses, you develop more skillful ways of responding to them that will bring you increased meaning, joy and freedom no matter how stressful your life may be.

Teacher: Larissa Kitenko will lead the Letting Go of Negative Habits meditation retreat. She is currently participating in the Community Dharma Leader Study program at Spirit Rock Meditation Center in California. Kitenko has been teaching mindfulness meditation throughout the Eastern Shore for many years.

No Registration Fee; there will be an opportunity to make a donation towards the support of the practice of the teacher & for Third Haven Friends Meeting House. Bring cushions & pillows, chairs will be available; a bag lunch & drink if staying for the full day. Register by Phone or E-mail: 410-430-2005 or lkitenko@yahoo.com or <http://eastonmeditation.wordpress.com> Please indicate time of attendance:

FULL DAY (lunch 12:15 - 1:00) MORNING SESSION (9:00 - 12:15) AFTERNOON SESSION (1:00 – 4:00)

October 1 & 2 (Saturday & Sunday) 10 am to 4 pm (11 am Sun.) Joyce Zeigler and Heidi Wetzler will be exhibiting their work at the Centreville Rotary Club's Annual Artisans Festival located at the 4-H Park on Dulin Clark Road in Centreville. Contact www.centrevillerotary.org

October 2 (Sunday) Meeting of representatives of Quaker Schools with interested school age Third Haven members and attenders. The committee has agreed that the Quaker schools program will begin at the rise of meeting for worship - after after-thoughts, joys and concerns, visitor introductions, and announcements - usually about 11:20. Tom Corl will make the necessary introductions. Each school representative will have 15 minutes to make a oral presentation. We may allow for a few questions, depending on time. This will take about an hour. We will be meeting in the 1684 Meetinghouse, which does not have electricity, so there can be no electrical audio-visual components to these presentations. The order proposed is - Westtown, Samantha Thompson; Sidwell, Tom Farquhar; Sandy Spring, Tom Gibian; and George, Karen Suplee

Hallowell. After the 4 presentations, we will move to the common room where lunch will be provide. Each school representative will have a table and those attending can have lunch, sit and talk with school reps, moving around as they like. They can provide information and handouts and run a slide show on a laptop.

October 14 (Friday) 5:30-7:00 pm - Worship & Ministry will be offering a book discussion of a Pendle Hill Pamphlet by William Taber titled, "The Prophetic Stream" (PHP 256); to be led by Mark Beck in the common room. Some copies will be available to borrow from those in the Spiritual Formation group. Five copies have been ordered from Pendle Hill. It costs about \$6.50 to order a copy from Pendle Hill. Call 800-742-3150, ext. 2 to order.

A few quotes from the pamphlet "The Prophetic Stream" (PHP 256). "These four key ideas from the prophets- justice, knowledge of God, faithful covenant love, and walking with God- bring us back to the paradox of the Quaker understanding of Christianity; we are called to both a powerful inwardness and to a powerful outwardness at the same time. The prophets demand active, measurable, ethical behavior from us outwardly, but they also insist on a special quality of being, inwardly. Howard Brinton spanned this paradox by describing Quakerism as an ethical mysticism. Sometimes I attempt to explain this paradox by describing Quakerism as a nonverbal form of Christianity; that is, we follow Christ in placing much emphasis on outward behavior and service, we follow Christ in placing much emphasis on the reality of inward experience which makes the outward behavior possible, but we put less emphasis on verbal theological statements about Christ." p. 36.

"When Jesus died 2000 years ago, he began a process which can remove the curse of individualism which is threatening to destroy our planet. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. (Isaiah 53:6,7)" p. 58.

"According to Benson's research, Fox most frequently mentioned the office of Christ the prophet, that is, the living inward presence which discerns, admonishes, teaches and leads." p. 60.

October 16 (Sunday) 9:05am - 1:00pm Southern Quarterly Meeting - to be held at Third Haven Monthly Meeting. Needed: projector so Dean and Sharon Hoover, our program guests, may display some of their pictures of their work in Indonesia from their laptop. Contact Connie Lewis edr327@verizon.net

October 21 (Friday) PYM Middle School Event: Hello Friends! Join the Middle School Friends community for an exploration of the masks we wear, the history of witches and Quakers, remembering the dead Friends from centuries past, and what "harvest" time means for all of us. We will gather at Downingtown Monthly Meeting and spend the weekend carving pumpkins and preparing pumpkin seeds, playing in piles of leaves, making art, having interesting discussions, and more. You don't want to miss it! Be sure to bring: clothes you can get dirty in, a pumpkin to carve, a sleeping bag, sheets and a blanket, pillow, pajamas, change of clothes, toothbrush, a costume if you'd like, and excitement! (Leave at home: anything edible, radios, tape players,

pets, pocket knives, hand-held computer games, roller blades, skate boards and pocket laser lights. Cell phones may come, but may be used only with permission. I-pods are allowed, but only to share with the whole community or listen to just before bedtime.)

Registration information: Only individuals in grades 6-8 may apply. The cost of the gathering will be \$70.00. Scholarship money is available, so don't stay away for lack of money! If you can pay more to help cover someone else's scholarship, please do. Preregister and prepay by Wednesday, Oct. 19th . Registration is limited to 35. If you want to attend, send your registration form in today! If you come, plan on staying for the entire program. (Part-time registrants will be placed on the waiting list). Carpool information and a follow-up letter will go out on Oct.20th . If you need to cancel your registration, please call as soon as possible so someone else can come. Important information: Downingtown Friends Meeting is located at 800 E. Lancaster Ave. Downingtown PA 19335 - Directions can be found here: <http://downingtownfriendsmeeting.org/mapdirections.htm>

ARRIVE after supper between 7 and 7:30PM on Friday, Oct. 21st ; DEPART at 12:00 noon on Sunday, Oct.23rd. Parental F/friends are invited to join for Worship at 10:30AM.

Questions? please contact Stephen Dotson at 215-241-7171 or by e-mail: stephend@pym.org

October 29 (Saturday) We Can Do It Day at Arch Street Meetinghouse: an opportunity for Friends to come together for learning and fellowship. The focus will be on healthy, effective and spiritually grounded committee functioning and it is being planned under the care of the Nominating Committee of PYM. Workshops will include such topics as clerking, conflict resolution, developing community and bringing in new members.

Share your ideas! We have consistently received suggestions for additional workshops. For example one Friend asked "Will there be a workshop on what to do when two committees are having a turf war?" I have to admit that such a workshop had not occurred to the planners! However, from this question came the idea for a workshop that focuses on how committees can work together within a meeting.

Please share thoughts about what topics We Can Do It Day should cover in the future (the last two focused on Outreach and on Children respectively). Contact: Christie Duncan-Tessmer hpcell2@gmail.c

Daylight Savings Time 2011 ends on November 6, 2011

The Traveling Brushes, including Joyce Zeigler, Martha Hudson, Mary Ekroos, Bobbi Seger, and Barbara Jablin have a show at the Old Brick Inn, at the corner of Talbot and Mulbery Sts. in St. Michaels from July 16th to October 5th. Visitors are welcome any time and there is no admission.

Please, no more summer clothing for the migrant workers! They are no longer here. However, we are still in the clothing business. Our annual winter clothing drive for the Neighborhood Service Center begins this month. Beginning September 25th and 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.

Each month the Neighborhood Service Center's (NSC) food pantry keeps many families from hunger. Last year they served about 3,000 families. NSC funds are limited and in all likelihood will become even more so in the future. The Eastern Shore branch of the Maryland Food Bank acknowledges that it covers only half of the need. The NSC has been short on canned goods now for some time. They have to spend some of their budget every month filling in the empty food pantry shelves for canned goods. Some of your faith communities already contribute non-perishables to the NSC while others run their own food pantry. Each Sunday, the Unitarian Universalists and the Third Haven Friends promote donations of non-perishable food for the NSC. The current effort is a simple one: A tub or box is placed by the entrance to their places of worship for persons to place their donations as they enter for worship. A designated person then takes the donations to the NSC the following week. **Please notice the gray tubs** at the entrances to the meetinghouse and add something to them. Each week Winslow Womack collects non-perishable items which we bring in and takes them to the Center. We don't want him to go empty handed! Your gifts are truly appreciated by the Neighborhood Service Center.

This is a reminder from the Nominating Committee to all who serve on committees at Third Haven to fill out the questionnaire and return it to Dee Rein at dmr49@verizon.net

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*

The 2011 directory is available at meeting for worship each Sunday. Please send text to be included in the announcements and newsletter to 3rdhaven@gmail.com

Three new attenders:

Meredith Olson, 408 Goldsborough St. Apt D, Easton, MD 21601
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Anna Ossler, 1175 S. Washington St. Unit 3, Easton, MD 21601
301- 908- 0555 acolck@goeaston.net

Susan Tiffany, 28780 Outram Street, Easton, MD 21601, 410-770-3733
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Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friend in Britain

Advice:

"Come regularly to meeting for worship even when you are angry, depressed, tired or spiritually cold. In the silence ask for and accept the prayerful support of others joined with you in worship. Try to find a spiritual wholeness which encompasses suffering as well as thankfulness and joy. Prayer, springing from a deep place in the hear, may bring healing and unity as nothing else can. Let meeting for worship nourish your whole life."

contributed by Frank Zeigler