



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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NEWSLETTER

All things are bound together. All things connect. Whatever befalls the earth, befalls also the children of the earth.

Chief Oren Lyons, Native American Faithkeeper

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Tenth Day, Tenth Month, 2021

In attendance: *In Old Meeting House and on Zoom:* Molly Brian, Mia Brown Echerd, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, Doreen Getsinger, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Katherine Johnson, Janet Kemp, Larissa Kitenko, Bill Lane, Marie Leonard, Cynthia Quast, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, Priscilla Sener, Jon Slocum, Terry Thomas, John Turner

Opening Silent Worship – Clerk Tom Corl opened the meeting with a period of silent worship at 11:37am.

Comments on the 10th Query: *Witnessing in the World, Ministry of Outreach* – a Friend commented that sharing of stories, including the sharing of spiritual journeys, is important to building and strengthening our faith community.

Minutes from 9th month – *Tom Corl* – As the meeting for business was considering the approval of the minutes, A Friend read a statement, respectfully submitted by Susan Claggett: “Firstly, I’d like to thank the recorder, Dee Rein. Secondly, I would like the minutes to reflect that the last paragraph on the discussion of committee membership was raised as a personal concern by one individual without the knowledge (or support) of the Worship and Ministry committee itself. As current Clerk of Worship and Ministry, I affirm that the members of this committee must also “preserve confidentiality.” There

was some discussion. It seemed that the statement did not require any specific change to the minutes. The minutes of 9th month meeting for business were APPROVED

Report on All Clerks Meeting of 9/18 – *Tom Corl* reported that the clerks have deep respect for the support of the committees and ongoing, forward-looking momentum for the Meeting. The capacity of the committees to do the Meeting's work was a spoken concern, due to the departure and/or withdrawal (due to death, moving, and pandemic concerns) of several Friends and Attenders in the past year. It was emphasized that this is a frequent and perpetual concern and Third Haven carries on quite well, having done so for longer than 350 years.

Treasurer's report, 1st Quarter - *Cynthia Quast* – Accepted

First Quarter of 2021/2022 fiscal year:

Member contributions were \$11,950 or 23% of our annual budget. Attender contributions total \$3,790 or 27% of budget. Total income was almost \$17,900 or 25% of budget. Expenses were almost \$15,800 or 22.5% of budget. Net Income year-to-date was \$2,087.

On Balance Sheet as of 9/30/21, we had over \$76,000 in operating checking account and about \$90,300 in invested operating funds at Friends Fiduciary.

Compared to last year, Member contributions are \$3,300 more than last year and our total income is up by almost \$7,700. Our expenses are also up over last year by over \$2,700 giving us a net income of almost \$5,000 greater than last year.

Treasurer's spreadsheets are available on the Third Haven website.

Property and Grounds Committee, Annual Report - *Priscilla Sener* – Accepted

The Property and Grounds Committee (P&G) manages day to day upkeep of buildings and oversees grounds maintenance for the Monthly Meeting. In addition to routine maintenance, P&G also engages in minor improvement projects. Larger improvement projects come under the stewardship of the Trustees of Third Haven. In the fiscal year ended Sixth month, 2021, the committee completed several long-term projects.

New doors and hardware were locally fabricated and installed on the Brick Meeting House, replicating the original doors. Door handles are now located at an appropriate height. The exterior has been cleaned and painted where needed, including the door jambs. The interior foyer and restroom have been painted and the area has been decluttered for a welcoming entrance. First floor windows can now be opened.

Property and Grounds members have assisted the work of the Trustees for comprehensive preservation of the Old Meeting House. Ancient plaster with historic graffiti is stabilized in the attic and the attic is now clean. Windows are being carefully repaired and repainted sash by sash. Grading and drainage problems around the building have been corrected in the past week.

Property & Grounds installed the Peace Pole with a hinged mounting base that allows for future maintenance. It was dedicated to Ralph Young in June. First Day School families

helped plant flowers that symbolize peace around the pole which was created, carved, and finished by Jenn Kuhn of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum.

On the grounds, storm damage and routine pruning of major trees were a large expense. Barring severe weather, major tree work is completed and should not be needed again until 2025. Rejuvenation pruning of the rhododendron by the Brick Meeting House has improved light and air on the building wall where moisture has been an issue. Regrowth is healthy. Once dormant, rhododendron encroaching the driveway and ramp will be relocated to the native planting border to screen the view of apartments. P&G member and Caretaker Clay Owens did extra grounds preparation for summer camp week and for a grounds tour.

Our budget was \$34,100. We exceeded it by \$166.

For the coming year the committee is focused on improving accessibility into and between buildings. We also continue with a project to record and consolidate past maintenance records. The committee holds two major Clean Up Days per year. We thank members and attenders who are led to help with grounds care on Clean Up Days and in other ways throughout the year. The next Clean Up Day is December 4th, 2021.

A Friend added that since the rhododendron pruning, windows in the BMH have been made operable and there is much better ventilation. Another Friend announced that the trustees have been granted significant financial help from the Mid-Shore Community Foundation to help with the historic preservation. The next clean up day is December 4th.

Nominating Committee update - *Nancy Robbins* – a working spreadsheet, appended below, was distributed for comments and potential changes. Please let committee members know any changes or updates before next month's meeting for business.

New Business

Proposed art show and sale of work by Third Haven members and attenders to benefit the Meeting - *Marie Leonard* –**Approved**

The art show and sale event is proposed for December 4th to invite the community to see and experience the artistic talents of Third Haven artists. Sales would benefit the Meeting, and, if the event is successful, it could become an annual event. A description of the proposed event is appended. It was clarified that artists would be Friends, but the public would be invited. No conflict was seen with the proposed date of 12/4, which is also clean-up day. There was a suggestion for a preview night on 12/3. The proposal for the show and sale was approved.

Communications Committee asks whether having an illustrated directory is of interest to the Meeting - *John Hawkinson* –**Approved**

After some years of requests, the committee has offered to add members' and attenders' photos to the directory in both/either the printed and online directories. This would help

us all become more familiar with names matched to faces. If it was successful in the online version, we could decide on the printed one.

Printed directory listing committee clerks as well as committee membership and regularly updating both in the online directory is customary. Continuing this practice was supported.

Outreach Introduction to Quakerism is offered at 5 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month, just before the Wednesday Meeting for Worship. An outdoor sign is posted, and an announcement will be added.

Third Haven Website security: A Friend commented on the lack of security of the Third Haven website – “Not Secure” shows up on the browser, although the online directory is password protected. There was a discussion about the general security, particularly as donations are sometimes made online, and the Clerk offered to ask the webmaster about this.

Calendar proposal: Approved

Creating a calendar for Third Haven using Ralph Young’s photos is proposed. Interest needs to be gauged before printing commences. It was suggested that his wife be asked out of courtesy.

Historic Information: A friend informed the meeting that in the 20th year of Third Haven’s existence, the meeting house needed to be lifted off its rotting foundation. The trustees are creating a report with new informational tidbits being learned during the ongoing historic preservation project.

Cold Weather Meeting for Worship Plans: Cold weather is coming soon. Friends are asked to consider indoor attendance requirements once we move into heated indoor spaces. This issue is being discussed among the clerks and tech assistants.

Closing Silent Worship 12:27pm.
Recorders Nancy Robbins, D. Rein

Third Haven Monthly Meeting NOMINATING 2021

Committee	Clerk	Members	Notes
Clerk of the Meeting	Molly Burgoyne Brian, Tom Corl, co-clerks		
Recording Clerk	Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins		
Record Keepers	Marsie Hawkinson, Adrienne Rudge		
Budget & Finance	Bill Lane	Doreen Getsinger, Ben Tilghman (Treasurer of the Meeting), Bill Schauer (Assistant Treasurer) Steve Meixner, Bob Wack	
Burials & Memorials	Molly Burgoyne Brian	Priscilla Morris, Adrienne Rudge	Clerk of the Mtg, Clerks of P&G, Pastoral Care
Communications	John Hawkinson, newsletter editor	Tania Hamboyan Harrison, website manager; Dee Rein, newsletter, phone; Marie Leonard, directory; Beth Mufson, photographer	
Facilities Use	Larissa Kitenko	Adrienne Rudge, Anny Williams, Emerita	
First Day School	Susan Claggett	Kulveen Virdee	Plus, other parents and volunteers as needed.
Hospitality	Beth Mufson & Mary Yancey	Dona Sorce, Heidi Wetzol, Whitley Gray	
Library	Whitley Gray	Joyce Macijeski	
Nominating Committee	Nancy Robbins	Jon Slocum, Marsie Hawkinson	
Outreach	clerk needed	Lorraine Claggett, Joan Wetmore	
Pastoral Care (Overseers)	Adrienne Rudge	Lorraine Claggett, Marsie Hawkinson, John Schreiner, Dee Rein, Katherine Johnson, Bill Schauer, Dona Sorce	assistant clerk needed

Property & Grounds	Priscilla Morris & Larny Claggett	John Hawkinson, Clay Owens, Bill Lane, Winslow Womack, Nancy Robbins, Bob Wack, Robert Gladney, Steve Meixner, Ben Tilghman	
Scholarship	Marsie Hawkinson	Judy Warder, treasurer; Sumner Parker, Joan Wetmore, Paige Tilghman, Lorraine Claggett, Doreen Getsinger, Marie Leonard, Bill Schauer	
Testimonies & Concerns	Paige Tilghman	Beth Mufson, Stephanie French, Dona Sorce, Mary Yancey, Harvey Zendt, Lorraine Claggett	T&C representatives/liaisons: Food Link (Paige Tilghman, Winslow Womack); FCNL (Paige Tilghman); AFSC (Lorraine Claggett); PEACE (John Turner); TACL (Molly Brian, Nancy Robbins) ; Talbot Interfaith Shelter (Sarah Sayre, coordinator; Harvey Zendt, Heidi Wetzels); Quaker Voice (Dona Sorce, Whitley Gray)
Worship & Ministry	Jonathan Slocum	Mark Beck, Steve Meixner, Janet Kemp	
Planning	Tom Corl	Susan Claggett, Bill Lane, John Hawkinson, Mark Beck, Steve Meixner, Ben Tilghman, Marie Leonard, Sarah Claggett, Sarah Hildebrand	Land Use Subcommittee: Mary Yancey, convener
Liaisons & Representatives			
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM)	Lorraine Claggett; Nancy Robbins		
Southern Quarterly Meeting	Marie Leonard, Paige Tilghman, Katherine Johnson		
Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center (CMRC)	Harvey Zendt		

Committee	Clerk	Members	Notes
Detention Center Library	Beth Mufson, Molly Brian, Stephanie French, John Schreiner, Beth Thompson		
NAACP, Talbot County	Doreen Getsinger		
			working version 2021

Announcements

The Third Haven newsletter circulates during the first week of each month to enable readers to review the minutes of the most recent meeting for worship with attention to business.

Spiritual Journaling

Spiritual Journaling. A new spiritual journaling group will continue meeting 8 PM October 20 based on ideas from the book *Life's Companion*; Journal Writing as a Spiritual Quest by Christina Baldwin. We plan to meet the 1st and 3rd Wed of each month on zoom at 8 PM. If you're interested, please let me know. *Stephanie French*

Illustrated Directory

There have been a number of requests for an illustrated Third Haven Directory. The main reason for wanting photos to go with names is to become more familiar with each other. This initiative was brought to Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business on October 10, 2021, and was approved. Having your personal or family photographs in the password protected online directory is voluntary. Single photos in .jpeg format are the best, but for a family with children, a group photograph will work better. If you would like to participate, please e-mail your photo to 3rdhaven@gmail.com

Openings for Volunteers

Talbot Interfaith Shelter

We are inviting volunteers into the shelter again starting in November. They have had to pay staff for daytime supervision during the pandemic. Now at last they can return to the model of community support. The pandemic only increased the numbers of people and families who need the shelter and that calls, of course, for more volunteers. You may know that TIS has purchased the house next door to be able to serve the increased numbers of people in need.

Third Haven Friends Meeting has long committed to providing dinner for alternate months, on the 17th day. In addition to dinner, on November 17 we will provide two volunteers for each of three shifts: 8-11, 11-2, and 2-5. Phil and I will each partner with

single volunteers, especially new ones. Call or write Sarah if you know of anyone who would care to join our team let me know! Thanks! *Sarah Sayre*

December 4 [Saturday] December 4th

Third Haven Friends Art Show & Sale

We are planning an Art Show & Sale for Saturday, December 4th from 10am-4pm. Friends & family of Third Haven Friends Meeting are invited to show their artwork & crafts. Each artist will get one bench or table in the Brick Meetinghouse or Common Room to show their artwork. There will be a fee of \$10 for each artist to participate. A portion of each artist's sales will be donated to Third Haven Meeting. Each artist will be responsible for set-up (12/3) & clean-up (12/4) of their own display, collecting their own payments, and making a donation to Third Haven based on their chosen percentage of total sales. More information regarding this event will be available soon. If you are interested in participating, please contact Marie Leonard.

Zoom link for ALL meetings now same as Meeting For Worship link:

The link is attached to biweekly announcements

Please use this link to attend all Third Haven Zoom meetings. It is the same as our venerable *Meeting For Worship* Zoom Link. This is now the only link for all Meeting related virtual sessions. You might find it convenient to copy the link to your computer's **desktop** and click on it whenever you attend a Zoom meeting.

Option 1. Join Zoom Meeting by clicking this link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88332001775?pwd=aGo5NE02N3Bwa0RrR2w3YzR1TE5EZz09>

Meeting ID: 883 3200 1775

Password: 808035

Option 2. Go to [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us), click on Join a meeting and insert this information when asked:

Meeting ID: 883 3200 1775

Password: 808035

Option 3. Call in by phone, landline or cell.

+1 301 715 8592 US

Enter this information when asked:

Meeting ID: 883 3200 1775

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Worship Sharing

In addition to Meeting for Worship, in which most community members sit in silence and a few may rise to share vocal ministry, Friends use something called Worship Sharing to deepen our connections to each other and our spiritual lives. In Worship Sharing, we sit in silence, too, but over a given hour or so, each member of the community will speak once, generally. A query, reading, or other prompt opens our time together, and then we settle into silence. We do not respond directly to each other's words, we do not debate, and we do not question: we just listen deeply to each other. We pause in silence before the next person speaks. Friends have found that this approach to spiritual deepening knits us together and nourishes us on our spiritual journeys.



On October 31st about 20 Third Haven Friends gathered for worship sharing on our committees, participation in them, and support for their work. Friends noted the essential work of committees and the ebb and flow of membership and effort for the functions of various committees over time. There was emphasis on the need for support for the First Day School Committee. The Nominating Committee seeks to place Friends on committees consistent with the needs of the Meeting and its committees, and the preferences of individual Friends. The worship was very thoughtful. Friends expressed gratitude for all that we have done in response to the losses and departures of Friends from our faith community, and in response to the pandemic. Those present, including members of the Nominating Committee, seemed to feel that there were useful insights and food for thought as our Meeting community proceeds. *Tom Corl*

Pumpkin Fun Night

Susan Claggett reports that seven families including 12 kids participated in Pumpkin Fun Night.



And adult fun too!

