



THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING

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November, 2023 Newsletter

"Age is opportunity no less than youth
itself though in another dress,
and as the evening twilight fades away
the sky is filled with stars, invisible by day."
--Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business 10th Month, 11th, 2023

Opening silent worship: Clerk Tom Corl opened the Meeting with silent worship at 11:35 a.m.

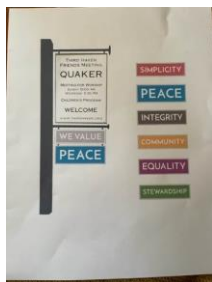
Attending: (hybrid) Mia Brown-Echerd, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, Marsie Hawkinson, John Hawkinson, Bill Lane, Marie Leonard, Steven Meixner, Beth Mufson, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Priscilla Sener, Jonathan Slocum, Nancy Stanford, John Turner, Winslow Womack, Mary Yancey

Approval of 9th Month minutes: Approved

Clerk's Items: *Tom Corl*

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's strategic directions have been sent out with announcements.

Tom emailed the outline for the State of Meeting Report for 2023 to clerks for them to provide information which will be combined by the Clerk to complete the draft report for presentation to Meeting for Business in November and approval in December. Content should be emailed to Tom no later than November 6.



Old Business

Signs: *Marie Leonard*

WE VALUE will be attached to the bottom of our street sign, staying all the time, with the SPICES words painted on wood and intermittently changed using screws to securely affix them.

Property & Grounds Annual Report: *Larny Claggett*

Committee members: Winslow Womack, Bill Lane, Robert Gladney, Nancy Robbins, Matt Moore, Drew Gundlach, Dan Sweeney, Priscilla Bond Sener, Clay Owens, Ben Tilghman, and Larny Claggett, clerk.

Activities from 10/22 to 10/23

- A. Implement recommendations by Guide One, our insurance carrier, to reduce risk. We were “advised” to service smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and install exit signs in common room. This was a joint effort with the Trustees with special help by Clay Owens, Bill Lane, Priscilla Sener, and Larissa Kitenko.
- B. Repair and paint wainscoting and north wall of brick meetinghouse. Scott Cronshaw and Mark Cummings were the primary contractors and Robert Gladney coordinated the effort for the Meeting.
- C. Meeting-wide semi-annual clean-up days in the spring and late fall with the usual efforts to mulch the beds with raked leaves, weeding and vine pruning, mowing, painting of Annie’s cottage, and general cleaning of buildings. It was recognized that some persons couldn’t make the clean-up day, but were able to come at other days. There is always much to do.
- D. Coordinated the spreading of stones on the drives and deep cleaning of the common room in advance of special meetings in May.
- E. Vines are a growing problem. Most of the ivy and other vines were removed along the brick wall and some treatment has been applied, but they will grow back. Efforts to keep ahead of weed and vine growth in the border area have been less successful. But that is a much larger and wilder area. Property and Grounds, with support of the Land Use Planning Committee (now merged with the Planning Committee), is obtaining professional help with vines and other destructive invasive species. .

Comments: Thanks to those doing the tree survey. There is good support from many special groups and the Trustees.

1684 Meetinghouse update: *Bill Lane*

Last Spring the Trustees applied for a Maryland Historic Trust (MHT) Grant. Back in late July we received word that our application had been approved. Just this past week the MHT contract/agreement was signed and returned to MHT. The grant amount is up to \$100,000 of reimbursable expenses. All of our contractors have to be approved by MHT.

Some of you may have seen our carpenter doing some preliminary work by removing some siding. He has been checking on sill work and recording his findings. The entire bottom clapboards will be coming off and replaced with cypress. Flashing will be redone, siding replaced, shutters and doors repaired. Window sills will be fixed properly.

We still have 3 sets of window sashes out for repair work. Bill Lane checked with Gramps Mosner on his progress this past week. There are 7 more windows that will need to come out and be repaired. Since last January, we have been monitoring our condensation and moisture issues. The plastic vapor barrier that was installed in February is partially solving our moisture problem.

Bill met with our carpenter and painter and they will be able to work together nicely. The old meetinghouse (OMH) will be washed and old paint scraped off in the next couple weeks. Rotted and bad clapboards will be re-identified. Lumber will be delivered and then actual work gets started. The shutters will have to come off and go to a shop for repairs/reworking. Everything will be documented. MHT will be coming to visit our work site. We do still need MHT approval for our gable end vents. With the supervisory help and expert knowledge of Willie Graham, I am sure all will go well.

Comments: People raised questions about the specific timing of tasks. Care will be taken for bats residing behind the shutters. Bats should be migrating south as this work proceeds. Sill plate repair will be done with properly installed flashing.

Planning Committee update: *Tom Corl*

The Planning Committee and 4 work groups are working on the 4 Phase 1 projects approved by the Meeting: 1) external stairway to the 2nd floor of the brick meetinghouse (BMH); 2) ADA compliant accessibility ramp to the BMH; 3) renovations to the 2nd floor of the BMH, including the rest rooms, for First Day School (FDS) use and safety; and 4) tree succession planning, including vine removal.

Deliberations — by the Planning Committee (PC), the Campaign Committee (CC), and the designated work groups, in consultation with the Property and Grounds Committee (P&G) — led to a decision by the PC to merge the design work on the external stairway and BMH ramp projects. Both will entail construction and masonry work on the BMH and the 2 designs will need to be done together and be integrated. Permitting and construction will need to be integrated as well. Accordingly, Tom asked Joshua Kiehl of John Milner Architects (JMA) to add a design service request for ramp design to the existing agreement on external stairway design. Some discussion and clarification followed.

The basic stairway design will be \$18,900 and the ramp supplement \$4,500 for a total of \$23,400, exclusive of reimbursable expenses. The Meeting **Approved** the merging of the project design work and the proposed expenditures. As previously agreed, these will be paid from the Meeting Building Fund (BF). The current balance in the BF is approximately \$157,000. The cost of construction and implementation of the Phase 1 projects will require much more funding. Tom encouraged Friends to make designated financial contributions to the BF.

Several Friends noted their appreciation of the work on the tree inventory, tree locations and conditions, tree succession planning and the attention to the invasive vines harming our trees. The Meeting is grateful to these Friends for their work.

The Meeting expressed its great appreciation for the work of the recording clerk — Dee Rein — for service to the Meeting in preparing and distributing complete, accurate and timely minutes for our meetings for business, keeping with the long and strong tradition of minutes and record-keeping among Friends.

Testimonies & Concerns Proposal: *Mary Yancey for Paige Tilghman* Approved

T&C Suggests we use the time that was originally Coffee with Susan on 4th First Day of the month to discuss the month's query, considering its incorporation in our lives, starting in January.

New Business

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Christie Duncan-Tessmer, General Secretary of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, would like our impressions about the activities during her recent visit and what else you would like to know about PYM. Please share with Nancy Robbins who will convey them to Christie.

Comments followed: Note the Strategic Directions document from PYM circulated in announcements. This might have been helpful to have been included in the presentation.

Christie was interested in input from us about PYM. The exercises seemed odd to some folks and unrelated to her topic: decision-making in the manner of Friends, a topic which we might revisit. There used to be an intermittent representative meeting at PYM which established personal connections. Some think we need to go to PYM and participate. Some found PYM committee meetings unproductive but visits from PYM staff very helpful.

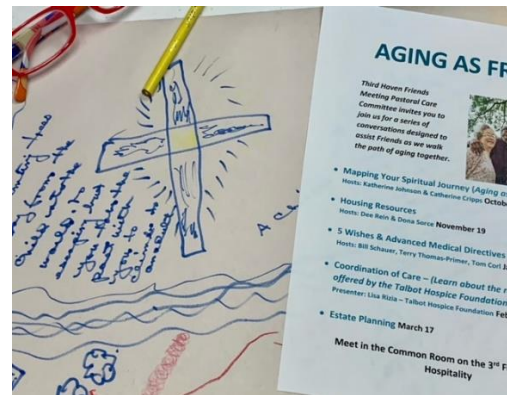
Closing Silent Worship 12:10 p.m.

Recording Clerk D. Rein

Aging as a Spiritual Practice

We need to reframe aging as a passage of discovery and engagement, not decline and inaction.
Parker Palmer

On October 22nd following hospitality Katherine Johnson and Catherine Cripps led a conversation of aging as Friends as a spiritual practice. Participants drew life review maps, observed patterns in their lives and shared thoughts the practice elicited. Later copies of two poems presented and a resource list were shared as announcement attachments. This presentation was the first in a series of Aging as Friends topics that will be presented over the coming months. November 19th brings Housing Options as a topic for exploration. Further topics may be seen below.



Aging as Friends
 Third Haven Friends Meeting
 Pastoral Care Committee invites you
 to join us for a series of
 conversations designed to assist
 Friends as we walk the path of aging
 together.



Housing Resources

Hosts: [Dee Rein](#) & [Dona Sorce](#) November 19

5 Wishes & Advanced Medical Directives

Hosts: [Terry Thomas-Primer](#) & [Tom Corl](#) January 21

Coordination of Care – *(Learn about the range of services offered by Talbot Hospice)*

Presenter: [Lisa Rizia](#) – [Talbot Hospice Foundation](#) February 18

Estate Planning

Hosts: [Tom Corl](#) & [Bill Schauer](#) March 17

Memorial Gift

The Garden Club of the Eastern Shore has donated a sunset maple tree in memory of our Friend Adrienne Rudge. Planted in front of the holly hedge on the north side of the burial ground, this tree will be a glorious red in future fall weather, apropos to our lost red headed member. A plaque below notes her memory.



CIRCLE UP

An award-winning restorative justice film

The world's problems often feel too overwhelming for any individual to even think about acting, but we wanted to share some news of our little cell-like contributions to a bigger vision of transformative change and a bit about how you can join us.

[CIRCLE UP](#) is a documentary film that tells the story of a grieving mother, the men who murdered her son, and the unexpected bonds they create to prevent more violence in their community. Schools, churches, prisons, courthouses, and community groups have been using this film to help people experience what restorative justice looks like. Organizations can also purchase a DVD or stream of CIRCLE UP at [New Day Films](#).



Forever in our Hearts

Community Remembrance Service

November 14th @ 6pm

**Uniting together around Talbot County
for a brief outdoor candlelight service to remember
the special people in our lives who have died**

Cordova:

Cordova Vol. Fire Department
11864 Kittys Corner Rd.

St. Michaels:

Chesapeake Maritime Museum
213 N. Talbot St.

Easton:

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic
Church
1214 S. Washington St.

Tilghman:

Characters Bridge Restaurant
6136 Tilghman Island Rd.

Oxford:

Oxford United Methodist Church
101 N. Morris St.

Trappe:

Scott's United Methodist
Church
3748 Main St.



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