



THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING

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May, 2023 Newsletter

“My sunrise meditation means more to me now than ever. At dawn it is easier to feel the universe as one organic whole, held together by that Radiating Power of Love which flows through everything-including thee and me.....”

Rachel Davis Dubois 1978, Faith and Practice 1997 p. 137

Third Haven Friends Meeting

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

16th Day, Fourth Month, 2023

Opening silent worship: Clerk Molly Brian opened the Meeting with silent worship at 11:36 a.m.

Attending: (hybrid) Molly Brian, Mia Brown-Echerd, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, John Hawkinson, Kristina Herold, Larissa Kitenko, Marie Leonard, Connie Lewis, Steven Meixner, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Priscilla Sener, Nancy Stanford, Ben Tilghman, John Turner, Winslow Womack, Mary Yancey.

Comments on Fourth Query “Nurturing Our Community”.

Referencing clean-up day: This activity contributes to the life of the Meeting, notes need of others, nurtures our members, welcomes new friends and integrates them, offers assistance (it’s needed), and honors adults and children (all are welcome to this event). This is a golden opportunity.

Having attended Pastoral Care this morning, that committee work was honored, as were all committees which bring to work together. We must caution ourselves not to be complacent. We must continue to work well together, as occurred with our recent new members and attenders luncheon.

Approval of Minutes March Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business **Approved** with correction of one other person in attendance.

Clerk's Desk- *Molly Brian*

April 29 fund raiser for Salem NJ Friends Meeting. Chicken pot pie dinner fundraiser. See salemchickenpotpie@gmail.com

Sipple and Sons, who previously made our memorial wall plaques and standard head stones, has left Easton, having moved to Delaware. Shore Memorials can do memorial plaques. It may take 3 months to get one. They also do standard headstones. Shore Memorials is the conglomerate of most funeral homes on the MidShore.

Upcoming Community Events:

Adrienne's memorial service May 6 11 a.m. in the Old Meeting House

Katie Claggett and AJ Rojas wedding May 13.

Treasurer's Report – *Ben Tilghman*

With 75% of the fiscal year completed, income stands at 74%, while expenses are at 71% of budget. If income and expenses continue as is for the fourth quarter, we should finish the year on budget, if not a bit under. While utilities expenses are projected to be considerably over budget by FY end, income from facilities use has projected to more than offset the increased expense. We continue to support PYM with our annual covenant payment of \$17,000.

A friend noted that we have had monies (\$1,806.68) on the balance sheet as “funds temporarily held, Carriage Shed Sale” for several years, and suggested that we should use the funds for the benefit of the Meeting. Meeting agreed that the money should be transferred to the Scholarship Fund for use to be determined, but most likely in support of First Day School/Summer Camp.

Clerks are reminded that May marks the beginning of the formal budget process for FY23-24, and that they will be hearing from the Treasurer to prepare their budget requests for the next fiscal year. Beginning next week clerks will receive a YTD statement and 3-4 years of history. Please figure out what your needs will be for the coming year. Contact the treasurer if further information is desired.

In addition, we need to think about how we will support new infrastructure if we build a new building. Our income wouldn't cover what the Trustees now cover, so we need to consider how to increase income for future expenses.

Communication Committee Annual Report- *Dee Rein for John Hawkinson* Accepted

The Communications Committee, under the management of John Hawkinson, clerk coordinator, keeps Third Haven Monthly Meeting members and attenders apprised of past and future events of interest from the Meeting, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and the local community. John Hawkinson also handles transmission via our Gmail account of announcements twice a week and monthly newsletters with minutes from Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, coordinating website postings with webmaster Tania Hamboyan Harrison (Line by Line web design). Tania designs, updates and reformats parts of the website as needed or requested by committees. Dee Rein formats and mails the newsletter to those who do not receive it by email via our Gmail account as well as other Meetings. Marie Leonard

(leonardworksdesign@gmail.com) formats directory information compiled by John Hawkinson from a variety of sources. She designs, and arranges printing and distribution of the directory, the latest of which is currently available in the Common Room or by mail if wished. Marie also serves as graphic designer for materials such as the recent Meeting logo development as well as for memorial services and other events. The phone and 3rdhaven@gmail.com are monitored and messages transmitted to members and attenders as appropriate by Dee and John. The technology team of Dee Rein, John Turner, Stephanie French, Mary Yancey and Cynthia Quast facilitate Zoom for Meetings for Worship, Meetings for Worship with Attention to Business, and other events as needed. Clay Owens helps with technology as needed. The Communications Committee welcomes photographs, announcements, and newsletter articles on an ongoing basis as these submissions are crucial in accomplishing our communication mission. New members of this committee are always welcome to share in these interesting tasks.

First Day School *Susan Claggett*

We have the date set for our annual mindfulness nature camp-June 26-29, Monday-Thursday. Ages 5-11. There will be 2 sessions- morning or afternoon. Cost is \$100/ session/camper. Scholarships available. Please check the website this week for the promotional flyer and online application. Amy Owsley and Liam will return to supervise camps. The scholarship committee will help with tuition and pay for the teachers, who are Quakers at heart and speak to the children through the language of nature. Any questions, feel free to call or text Susan FDS Co-Clerk. First Day School is hoping to begin meeting weekly in the Fall with the counselors doing 2 per month and volunteers doing the other weeks. This will help us grow as a Meeting.

New Business

A member expressed appreciation for the help of the Pastoral Care Committee support during her recent relocation.

In response to the query, our committees are truly a village.

Closing Silent Worship 12:30 p.m.

Recording Clerk D. Rein

First Day School

On April 23rd Younger First Day School children worked in the garden and planting flowers with the help of Lisa, Drew and Sarah.



Mary and Dona led a group of four older students age 10 and up. First, we each picked a spot on the grounds to look, listen and notice the life going on around us. Each student received a sketchbook/journal and a copy of the book *Nature's Best Hope* (young reader's edition.) We reconvened and talked about the life we noticed and some of the interconnections. Next session we will discuss chapters 1 and 2 of the book, which talks about the concept of home-grown national park, or how each person can help the environment by

creating wildlife habitat where they live, work, worship or play.

Summer Mindfulness Camp We have the date set for our annual mindfulness nature camp-June 26-29. Ages 5-11. There will be 2 sessions- morning or afternoon. Cost is \$100/ session/camper. Scholarships available. Registration is underway. Please go the ThirdHaven.org and click Camp Registration under FDS on the left column of screen to see the promotional flyer and online application.

Upcoming First Day School Activities:

May 7 - for those kids who started weaving baskets, Ms Heidi will return this Sunday. The other children will be doing a nature project w Miss Cherie.

May 21- children's program with Sarah.

June 4- final FDS of Spring. Moving up day and family picnic.

Spring is an exciting time- I hope you all are staying healthy and enjoying the Spring nature!!
Love and hugs, Susan FDS Co-clerk

Friends Peace Team Visit



The Friends Peace Teams gathering on May 1st featured a potluck supper, a presentation led by Nadine Hoover and sharing of the work and experiences of Asia West Pacific Peace Team

members from Indonesia, the Philippines, and a member from the Ukraine. The stories that were shared focused on the message that **Peace is Possible**, by following the light within each of us and learning to trust one another. Peace Team members presented examples of how their practices *Alternatives to Violence (AVP)* and *The Power of Goodness* have helped them create powerful responses to trauma, impactful community education and development and peacemaking in their cities, towns and villages.

Attendance at the gathering included Friends from Third Haven, Sandy Springs, Annapolis, and Lewes as well North Carolina.

Friends are encouraged to find out more about this essential and inspiring work at:
<https://friendspeaceteams.org/about/>

Food Pantry Donations Wanted!

We continue to support our community at the Neighborhood Service Center with donations of nonperishable food. Please remember to bring an item First Day and contribute to the bin outside the Meeting House. Food is then delivered on Tuesdays to the Neighborhood Service Center.

Spring Cleanup Day was a great success. The grounds were manicured, Meeting Houses cleaned and Annie's Cottage painted. Friends shared company in unity caring for the grounds. It was a golden opportunity to nurture our community per the fourth query with young and old included.



Larry offers a participation opportunity, a chance for fellowship and good works in stewardship.



Nancy, Larry, Marie and Terry-Thomas work on Annie's cottage

THFM Directories

The 2023 printed directories are now available. This year, they have a salmon-colored cover. Friends may pick them up in the Common Room. If anyone prefers to receive a directory in the mail, please email or call Marie Leonard.

Spiritual Journeys Members and Attenders are invited to share their spiritual journeys as Harvey Zendt did on April 30th following hospitality. His travels as an educator and surfer included his growth as a Quaker throughout his life. If you'd like to share your journey, please contact the Worship and Ministry committee. We'd like to hear from you!



On May 20 (Saturday) 4 p.m. Katie Claggett and AJ Rojas Will Wed "under the care of the Meeting," in the Old Meeting House. For those of you who are part of our Meeting but new to the above term, it means that all who are associated with Third Haven Friends are welcome and encouraged to attend the wedding ceremony. As a Quaker community, we believe in bearing witness to a union and signing the wedding certificate as a pledge to support the union. It is a solemn and joyous responsibility.

A request from Katie and AJ to members and attenders from Third Haven: for the ceremony, please sit in the far side of the old meeting house (beyond the wood dividers) to allow for priority seating in the front

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions

"Living with our neighbors. Growing into beloved community."

Wednesday, July 26th to Sunday, July 30th



What is Annual Sessions? Annual Sessions is one of the oldest Quaker traditions! Today, all over the world, yearly meetings gather once a year to bring together members and attenders from their local meetings. We call them "Sessions" because meeting for worship with attention to the business of

the Yearly Meeting is central to these times together. During Sessions we ask: What is God's big idea for PYM Friends?

But there's so much more! The days are an opportunity to greet returning Friends and welcome Friends new to this gathering. It's a time for learning — from keynote speakers, at the Quaker Witness Fair, and in conversations under tents and over meals. For children and youth, it's a time to meet other Quakers their age and have fun together! For all ages, it is a time of spiritual renewal, community connection, and intergenerational worship and fellowship.

Onsite — We are joyfully returning to The College of New Jersey, just outside of Trenton. We have missed hugging in person, laughing together, and those indefinable moments of connection that happen between events. Stay on campus in the dorms, or come as a commuter.

Online — Our three years of being online-only have shown us the power of being together in those spaces, joining from wherever we are. This year, our Annual Sessions will begin with an online-only program so that we may center the experience of virtual community. During the weekend, we will continue with a hybrid model.

Annual Sessions Youth Programs

Friday to Sunday at The College of New Jersey. Bring the whole family! Programs for young people entering K-12 in Fall 2023, and child care for the littlest Friends, are available onsite so that families with children and youth can attend together. Our dorm spaces become a "Family Neighborhood" for parents, caregivers, and younger Friends to support each other in community. PYM Youth Programs staff will facilitate structured programs for the Children K-5, Middle School, and High School groups, and there will also be time to play and rest.

Come worship together, contribute to the business of the Yearly Meeting, play and connect with Friends!

Announcements Our 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.

Additional announcements may be found at <https://www.thirdhaven.org/announcements.php>

May 14 Meeting for Worship 10 AM followed by Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Meeting for Worship will be held in the Brick Meeting House from 10-11 a.m. with simultaneous virtual meeting.

May 17 (Wednesday) Interfaith Shelter Dinner Meeting will be preparing a chicken casserole dinner for the Talbot Interfaith Shelter on May 17 in the Common Room. A signup sheet will be posted on the refrigerator for food donations and to help cook. We will gather at 3 p.m. Come help us prepare a dinner.

May 25, June 15 Thursday Reading the Gospel as Friends The Third Haven Worship and Ministry Committee (WMC) will sponsor 4 sessions on "Reading the Gospels as Friends." Thursday afternoons, 4:30 — 6:00 pm.



Conversations on Race. This will be our last gathering before a summer break. In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, our session partner for May is Mid Shore Behavioral Health.

Monday, May 22, 2023

5:30-7:30pm

Talbot County Free Library (100 W. Dover Street, Easton)

REGISTER HERE to attend

New and returning participants are welcomed.

A light meal and refreshments will be provided.

Nancy Andrew, Executive Director

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