



## Third Haven Friends Meeting

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## OCTOBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

Whenever you are confronted with an opponent. Conquer him with love.

*Mahatma Gandhi*

### **Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 13th Day, 9th Month, 2015**

Candace Shattuck, Clerk of Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:30AM after a brief period of silence

Attending: Forty-one people attended. Mark Beck, Gwen Beegle, Paige Bethke, Molly



Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Benita Cooper, Tom Corl, Debbie Danser, Ed Danser, Susan Dickinson, Leigh Anne Dodge, Doreen Getsinger, Mackenzie Goldsborough, Jeanne Halpin, Marsie Hawkinson, Katherine Johnson, Larissa Kitenko, Connie Lewis, Beth Mufson, Sumner Parker, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, Bill Schauer, Candace Shattuck, Robert Shattuck, Brian Shean, MK Shean, Dona Sorce, Ben Tilghman, Cathy Thompson,

Norval Thompson, Sally Vermilye, Bob Wack, Dolores Wack, Rob Wieland, Anny Williams, Winslow Womack, Ralph Young.

Query; Additional Thoughts: The Ninth Query, "Outreach", had been read during meeting for worship. Friends reminded us that this query encourages us to worship with other Friends.

Minutes from previous Meeting for Business: Friends approved the minutes taken during meeting for business 6th Month.

Clerk's Correspondence: The Clerk gave updates on two items discussed at the June business meeting.

Paige Bethke and Susan Claggett have volunteered to be co-clerks for our Carriage Shed Sale in Spring 2016. They will propose a date for the sale before the end of this year.

In June, Friends expressed an interest in developing a long-range plan for the Meeting. The

Clerk would like to start by scheduling an All Clerk's meeting to discuss how best to proceed with this, with the expectation that this group will take leadership in the project.

**Hospitality Annual Report:** The Meeting accepted the report as follows:



Third Haven Hospitality Report Annual for 2014/2015 Co-Clerks Dona Sorce, Heidi Wetzel  
Many thanks go out to everyone who so enthusiastically supports the hospitality of Third Haven Meeting. Especially in 2015, we have had a lot of help from volunteers who have made sure that coffee and refreshments were ready for a get-together in the Hospitality Room after Meeting for Worship.

We have enjoyed many delicious and nutritious contributions to hospitality. A special thank-you for all who bring in home-baked goods, and healthy snacks. Coffee is now purchased at Rise-Up-Coffee, organic and fair trade, rich and tasty. Set-up and Clean-up instructions are posted in the kitchen. Our new dishwasher is working out well.

The cabinets, shelves and drawers all have labels, thanks to MK.

Our committee has lost some of its members because of other commitments, and we are always seeking new members; however, we have appreciated the increased support in 2015. We encourage friends and attenders to sign up on the refrigerator if they wish to assist at any time.

Our sign-up sheets on the refrigerator have been broken down into 3 parts, to make helping out easier. One can sign up for setting up before meeting for worship, or cleaning up after hospitality, or bring some refreshments, or some, or all three. Any help is welcome.

On December 21st we celebrated Christmas Holidays with soup and a party in the Hospitality Room. We helped facilitate a members' and attenders' luncheon, we assisted First-Day School with a school-end picnic and moving-up day celebration.

We welcome plans under way to streamline and upgrade the kitchen and serving areas. We have been able to stay within our budget, and ended up with a small surplus. There is always an opportunity to enjoy one another by participating in Hospitality and all are welcome.



**Scholarship Committee Annual Report:**

The meeting accepted the report as follows:  
9th month 13th 2015

In accordance with the precepts of the Fifth Query, fostered by the generosity of this Meeting and many individual contributors, Third Haven's Scholarship Committee has awarded grants to the following students for

the current academic year. Our policy of giving \$1000.00 to students attending Friends' schools and \$500.00 to those in non-Friends colleges remains the same.

The students are:

Nathan Mullen, senior, Westtown School	\$1000.
Katie Claggett, freshman, Guilford College	500.
Nora Neil, senior, Georgetown University	250.
Emma Leibman, freshman, University of MD	250.
Laurence Claggett, freshman, University of MD	250.
Charlie Mufson, freshman, University of Vermont	250.
Brandt Bethke, junior, George Washington University	250.
Evan Claggett, junior, Coastal Carolina University	250.
Sam Mullen, junior, Drexel University	250.
Cassidy Thompson, Community College of Philadelphia	250.

TOTAL \$3,500.

- At the secondary school level the grant is given for the year. At the college level it is given by the term or semester.

In January we will distribute the grants for the next semester, which we expect to total \$2500.

As of 6/30/15 the Endowment Fund held by Friends Fiduciary is \$98,777.03 and the Operating Fund \$4,919.09. Talbot Bank balance was \$3,319.92 which included \$2000 from the Meeting and \$1250\* transferred from Friends Fiduciary Operating Account. The anticipated Talbot Bank balance once all checks clear is \$569.82. At year's end we should receive a similar distribution from Friends Fiduciary.

\* Twice a year we receive a distribution, which we have used for current scholarships.

From time to time we hear from our young students expressing their thanks to the Meeting.

From Charlie Mufson –  
Dear Members of Third Haven Meeting,

Thank you so much for your incredibly generous donation. I greatly appreciate you thinking of me during this turning point in my life. Your gift was a huge help in keeping the cost of all my books to a much more reasonable level. I have always tried to maintain the Quaker way of thinking and I will continue to do so. Thanks again for thinking of me.

From Nora Neil – (last Spring)

This semester has been great at Georgetown. I spent the fall semester studying Arabic in Amman, Jordan. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity. Classes in were in Arabic Sunday-Thursday and I also spent a week and a couple of sporadic weekends traveling the country! My Arabic has greatly improved and I was able to jump right in to the advanced language level classes this semester. I also decided to add a history minor, a decision I am very pleased with. I am currently registered in a class on Early Modern Europe. Next semester I will be taking the History of the Separation of Church and State as well as History of Women in the United States for the minor. I also will be continuing my Arabic Language study with literature classes; one is

Arabic Poetry and Translation and the other is Arabic Drama. Hopefully I can also fit a class called Islamic Civilization in the Modern World or perhaps an Art History class!

Besides academics, I have two on campus jobs. One is in the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies and the second one is with the Theatre Department. I have become more involved with theatre this semester and was the Assistant Producer for a play!

Having gone to a Quaker High School and coming from a Quaker family, the values of peace and equality are inherent to me in my education. At Georgetown, I am an active member in promoting a peaceful two state solution between Palestine and Israel through our J Street on campus branch.

From Cassidy Thompson

Hi Marsie! It's great to hear from you and feels good to know that I have support from Third Haven, so thank you. Yes, I've finished up my fine arts associates degree in New York and now I'm taking political science classes, calculus tutoring, and French in Philadelphia. So far things are going well. I live in a house near U Penn with U Penn graduate students and I have a part time job at an organic restaurant and I'm currently interviewing my professors about internships. A lot of my friends from George School are also going to college in Philadelphia so it has been really wonderful reconnecting with them. I am very appreciative of all the help from the scholarship committee for it has gone a long way for me. Cathy and my dad suggested I reach out again for more aid if I need it this semester and I think that I should because I have a lot of work ahead of me if I ever hope to succeed enough to one day be able to repay Third Haven for all of your generosity ten fold! Thank you again for reaching out to me and let me know if anyone has questions for me!

Our children are greatest assets - the future of the Society of Friends. For our young people, the value of knowing that they are each supported and cared for by Third Haven is greater than the actual dollars we are able to invest in their futures. As outreach, it is priceless.

More letters from our students:

From Emma Leibman –

Dear Third Haven Friends’

Thank you so much for your generous contribution towards my education at University of Maryland, College Park. While it may not be a Quaker School, one of the entrance essays I had to write upon applying I chose to write about Quakerism: more specifically, about how the Quaker Community instills in me the very sense of “fearlessness” that UMD claims to look for when choosing their student body. Thank you for being part of the community I hold responsible for my own trademark fearlessness, and for allowing me to keep exploring it through my education at UMD!

The first semester I will be taking Honors Calculus, Economics of Social Inequality, an Honors Humanities Seminar, and Intro to Archaeology, in addition to my marching in “The Mighty Sound of Maryland”.

Much love and Light, Emma

From Evan Claggett –

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for sending me money to help with college. Every little bit helps and your donation is always extremely generous. I'm forever thankful for everything the Meeting as well as the Scholarship Committee has done for me and my other Friends attending college.

Thank you!!

Sincerely, Evan Claggett

P.S. – I am still attending Coastal Carolina University and aiming for a degree in Marine Science. This will be my junior year.

From Katie Claggett –

Dear Third Haven Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship. As you are probably already aware, I am extremely excited to be attending Guilford College this coming fall. I feel forever grateful for the support this Meeting has given me over the years. I will keep this committee updated on my college progress as I continue my higher education.

Sincerely, Katie Claggett

- **Property and Grounds Accessibility Report:** Robert Wieland, Clerk of committee first brought forth a plan for a handicap ramp at the southwest side entrance of the Old Meeting House. This is essentially the same plan presented in the spring of 2013. He showed a sketch and an artist rendition of what the ramp would look like. In order to proceed further, the Meeting would first need to approve these plans, then the plans would be presented to the Maryland Historic Trust (MHT) for approval, then competitive bids would be obtained. Most Friends expressed the importance and need for improved access



and thought the plans aesthetically pleasing. There is a sense that the Meeting has been slow in moving forward on this issue and those present wanted very much to proceed without further delay. The Meeting approved the Property & Grounds handicap ramp plans. The committee will now prepare and submit the appropriate paperwork to MHT.

The second issue involves improving the restrooms in the Common Room to accommodate a wheelchair. The Clerk showed two different options for renovations. Option A would change the women's restroom to two stalls in a different configuration and require moving the current plumbing. The men's restroom would change to one stall, become a unisex facility and be able to accommodate a wheelchair. Option B would decrease both women and men's restroom to one toilet each and both restrooms would be unisex facilities. Both restrooms would be able to accommodate a wheelchair. Because option B would require less complicated plumbing, it would be significantly less costly than Option A. After minimal discussion the Meeting approved moving forward with Option B. The next step is to obtain bids on the work needed. The plans for both the handicap ramp and the restroom renovations will be published online and in the newsletter.

- **New Business:** Friends were reminded that on September 20th we will host a Meeting wide "Storytelling" luncheon at the rise of meeting for worship.

- After a period of silent worship, the meeting for business ended at 12:30 PM
- Molly Burgoyne
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- IMPORTANT POINTS:
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- CSS to be held Spring 2016 headed by co-Clerks Paige Bethke and Susan Claggett
- An All Clerk's meeting will be scheduled by Clerk of Meeting to discuss Long-Range Planning
- Hospitality Annual Report accepted
- Scholarship Committee Annual Report accepted
- Meeting approved plans proposed by P&G for handicap access to the Old Meeting House
- Meeting approved Option B plans to improve handicap access to restroom facilities in the Common Room

**Historical Questions** from a descendant of John Edmondson, answered with the help of Kenneth Carroll:

*How often did 17th Century Friends meet?*

They would have met weekly on 1st day and sometimes at mid week, when they could. There were four meetinghouses in this general area, some of them in outlying areas such as Trappe and Bay Hundred. Travel was difficult because of poor or no roads. Water was a primary way of travel and a boat was available for transporting people to meeting. There was some evidence that a boat was designed and built for this purpose.

*Besides worship what were other functions of the meeting?*

Frequently they involved schools, or hiring a teacher for the children. Also, rendering aid to those in need - health, money, visitation, food for families who had come upon hard times. After George Fox visited this area in the 1670s he sent books for a library. Also, from other early leaders meant to deepen the spiritual life of the members.

*In a few transcripts my ancestor was discussing business dealings in Barbados, for example.*

We don't really know where John Edmondson came from, though it might have been from Barbados. There are references having to do with someone named Gamble and a land company in Barbados. He also could have been from Ireland. He doesn't really mention family by name. Ken Carroll tried to find out the name of his wife, or William Edmondson's mother.. He read the record in England as well as those in Talbot county, MD. There is a bibliography at Swarthmore College where you could look.

*Why did the men and women have separate meetings?*

These were the business meetings that were separate. Probably the men's meetings came earlier than the women's. The women's were more likely to deal with questions concerning weddings and the needs of people. The men's had more to do with practical matters of constructing or repairing buildings. The women were thought to be better at providing for the needs of people.

Later when members were married in other churches, with a priest or minister, it was thought to be a betrayal of their beliefs. People could only be married in the sight of God. George Fox came here to see that the system of business meetings was being carried out properly. John Bernier was an early leader in Maryland and led this organization. There is a monograph written of these times - available possibly through Swarthmore College - written by John Perrot.. George Fox .

## Activities for all



First Day School year begins with Godly Play story on Love by Cathy Thompson



Camden members donated comfort throw

## “What brought you to Third Haven?” story telling luncheon



### Friends weather the weather at the Peace Vigil



### Celebrate Friends!



### Happy ?? Birthday!

