



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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September 2016 NEWSLETTER

“What, however, can the man of good will do to combat this deeply rooted prejudice? He must have the courage to set an example by word and deed, and must watch lest his children become influenced by this racial bias.

I do not believe there is a way in which this deeply entrenched evil can be quickly healed. But until this goal is reached there is no greater satisfaction for a just and well-meaning person than the knowledge that he has devoted his best energies to the service of the good cause.”

Albert Einstein

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Ninth Day Sixth Month 2016

Candace Shattuck, Co-Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:40 a.m. after a brief period of silence.

Attending: 28 attended: Dawn Atwater, Molly Burgoyne Brian, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Leigh Anne Dodge, Jeanne Halpin, Martha Holthausen, Peter Howell, Larissa Kitenko, Bill Lane, Connie Lewis, Sumner Parker, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Adrienne Rudge, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Robert Shattuck, Dona Sorce, Ben Tilghman, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Anny Williams, Winslow Womack, Mary Yancey, Ralph Young, Joyce Zeigler, Frank Zeigler.

Comments on Sixth Query, Equality (read at Meeting for Worship)

Quaker meeting concentrates our thoughts on this topic, but, the speaker noted, we may not fully understand this issue. Being concentrated on a topic may lead the Meeting to focus and take action.

Minutes from Fifth Month business meeting Approved

Clerk's Desk

Arthur Larrabee is coming Nov. 5th to offer clerking workshop here for the day. Arrangements were discussed.

The all clerks meeting on June 11 drafted a long range plan for Third Haven Friends Meeting. It will be presented at business meeting in September.

Carriage Shed Sale Final Report – presented by Cynthia Quast Accepted

We appreciate all the work of the Members who made the Carriage Shed Sale a successful event. We had a solid team of volunteers who really pitched in and brought new ideas and energy. We had a great time sharing our Carriage Shed/Tag Sale event with the Asbury Methodist work and want to thank everyone for helping us to successfully make our goal \$5,574.76 which was split between the 2 organizations to provide for renovation of stained glass windows and construction of an access ramp. It was a great accomplishment and we enjoyed the community fellowship that was created. Deb Danser is responsible for reinventing our official sign which is portable and reusable. She also organized the sale of flowers and plants this year which was well received in addition to Lorraine Claggett's garden offerings. Dottie and Norm baked up a storm and supplied our bake sale with help from Asbury members. We had great supervision with sorting and pricing from veteran past Chair's Beth Mufson and Marsie Hawkinson who organized many volunteers to pull it all together in time for our Members Sale Friday evening; movers and shakers Ralph Young, John Schreiner and Rob Wieland kept all the big pieces in play; Bill and Susan jumped in to organize the Silent Auction and priced bids for numerous wonderful treasures; Winslow and Helen are now Master Quaker Dog providers; and Mary Yancey did a yeomen's job in helping us clean up. We had the most abundant stock of wonderful donations we have ever had and the Asbury Methodist came with an army of volunteers to help us on Saturday morning. Thanks to all who donated, worked, purchased items, and took it all away again!

Paige and Ben Tilghman

Susan Claggett

Asbury Methodist reports this donation completed the needed funds for the church's front windows.

Treasurer's Report – Cynthia Quast Accepted

Treasurer's report as of 5/31/16

Our member contributions total just over \$45,800 which is 89% of our annual Member contributions budget. Our Attender contributions total just over \$8,800 giving us 161% of our Attender contributions budget. Our total income totals just over \$56,900 which is about 96% of our total income budget. Our expenses total just over \$56,000 which is about 94% of our expense budget. This gives us a net income year-to-date of \$929.

On Balance Sheet as of 5/31/16, we had just over \$34,600 in our operating checking account and just over \$51,500 in our Invested operating funds at Friends Fiduciary.

In comparing to last year at this time, our Member contributions are up by almost \$2,000 and our total income is up by just over \$2,500. However our expenses are higher year to date over last year by almost \$12,000 and our net income is down by over \$9,000 compared to the prior year. Spreadsheets of income and expenses as well as the current balance sheet are available on the website.

Budget & Finance: Presentation of Budget for FY 2016-17 – Bill Lane Approved
 Third Haven Monthly Meeting of Friends
 2015-2016 Budget and Approved 2016-2017 Budget

	2015-2016 Budget	2016-2017 Budget
Income		
Member Contributions	51,250	53,395
Attender Contributions	5,500	7,000
Other Contributions	200	300
Interest & Dividends Earned	100	25
Sales & Cash Box	800	600
Use of Facilities	1,500	1,000
Total Income	59,350	62,320
Expense		
Property & Grounds	29,000	30,000
Phil Yearly Meeting	16,900	17,000
Charitable Contributions	3,500	3,500
Communications	600	1,500
Conferences & Seminars	600	600
Contingency	1,500	1,500
First Day School	300	300
General Administration	600	1,000
Hospitality	850	900
Library	150	150
Outreach	1,000	1,200
Overseers	250	250
Quarterly Meeting	200	200
Resale Items Purchased	400	400
Scholarships	2,000	2,000
Testimonies & Concerns	1,200	1,200
Worship & Ministry	300	300
Total Expense	59,350	62,320
Net Income	0	0

Facilities Use Proposed Revisions - Larissa Kitenko Approved

The Facilities Use report printed in the May minutes presented the chart of revisions and policy statement. One update to that report follows:

Non-THFM PROGRAMS

Donation/Fee Structure

	1-4 hours	more than 4 hours
Single Event	\$50	\$100
Recurring Event	\$50	\$100

First Day School Annual Report - Cathy Thompson presenting for Susan Claggett-Accepted with thanks

First Day School Annual report June 12, 2016

Third Haven First Day School completed another year of offering weekly religious education for the Meetings' children and youth visitors. FDS followed three main curricula for the year. Teachers often used these lessons as guidelines as well as inspirations for them to teach from their heart. In the Fall, we taught the curriculum from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting entitled, "As the Way Opens" which has 5 lengthy chapters. Chapter 1 is called, "Hearing the Call" and a later chapter is headed, "Journeys." During the winter months, FDS followed the curriculum called, "Peaceable Kingdom" using examples from our Peace Testimony. Finally, FDS finished up the year with lesson plans from a curriculum, "What is God?" The children were able to look for God in nature, in others and in their selves. FDS also held monthly Godly Play or Faith and Play storytelling. Most of these stories were told by FDS committee member, Cathy Thompson. Some of the titles of these unique stories told this year were "The Mary Fisher Story", "Living the Wonderful Ways of Love" and "Living the Ways of the Spirit." The FDS also created the holiday wreaths that adorn our Meeting House doors during the holiday months. Finally, as a way to get our message out, FDS would like to thank the Communications committee for diligently sending out timely messages all year to the wider Meeting from our committee.

First Day School holds three large family gatherings every year where the children are present and active. These events are the annual Christmas program held this year on Dec. 20. During this program this year, FDS welcomed new baby Riley Jane Ewing, born in Nov to Amy Owsley and Ryan Ewing. The second larger gathering of the year is our annual Easter Egg hunt on the Meeting grounds. This year held in March. And finally, FDS continues its tradition of honoring graduates in our FD School during a ceremony called "Moving Up." This year's ceremony will be held on June 26 at the rise of Meeting. Four young graduates will be honored. They are Nathan Mullen, graduating from Westtown. Lucy Bond graduating from Easton High School. And two Neil children, Juliette, graduating from St Andrews School and heading to Yale. And Nora Neil who graduated from Georgetown University and is working in Venice this summer. During this special Moving Up celebration, the Meeting members often get to hear from the graduates themselves as they are honored and given a small gift from First Day School.

Back to the children currently present in FDS . First Day School has seven committed families that attend Meeting. Attendance does vary week to week with some Sundays having 2 or 3 children followed by the next week with 5 or 6 children. These families are committed to Quaker values. The current FDS children include Riley, Finley and Liam Ewing, Ember and Finn Theeke, Maeve Mufson, Giuseppe Colburn, Beck and Anya Eshram, Serena Claggett and one of our newest and youngest attenders, Annabelle Lane. The parents care very deeply about FDS and often help with the Sunday lessons. Most of the work and organization that keeps FDS going all year long is done by the terrific FDS committee members. These committee members are: Cathy Thompson, Amy Owsley, Katie Theeke, Mark Beck, Beth Mufson, Sally Claggett, Dawn Atwater, Catherine Cripps and Clerk, Susan Claggett. Third Haven FDS also hosts a variety of youth visitors through out the year, whether they are grandchildren or relatives of a Meeting member or friends of the FDS children, our First Day School is always a welcoming and warm, safe space to learn a little about our Quaker spirit.
Respectfully Submitted, Susan Claggett, First Day School Clerk

Testimonies & Concerns – Dona Sorce for L.A. Dodge Approved

It was recommended that the Shoffner Fund allocation go to the Bolivian Quaker Education Fund for a young woman, Suzanna Ramirez, who is going to nursing school, graduating November 2019. Inez, previously funded, is becoming a teacher. Isaac, previously funded, is a chef.

New Business None

Meeting closed at 12:23p.m. with silent worship.

D. Rein, Recorder

Announcements:

Announcements <http://www.thirdhaven.org/announcements.php>

Calendar of Activities <http://www.thirdhaven.org/calendar.php>

Online directory <http://www.thirdhaven.org/members/dir.php>

September 10 (Saturday)

All clerks meeting at 9:30 am.

September 11 (Sunday)

Meeting for worship followed by meeting for business.

Dawn Atwater writes, “I would like to put an alert in the announcement to ask for volunteers – one from each committee --who would be willing to be trained on the use our projector and how to connect it to a computer in the common room where there is no connections. It is important that each committee have a designated person who can comfortably make use of our equipment. Once we get designated people together we will provide a training course. It is not difficult but a training session would give access to the entire meeting. Call Dawn Atwater to let her know each committee’s selection. She will put together the time and place.” 410-745-5409 or dawnatwater1@gmail.com

September 18 (Sunday)

Third Haven Family Day Picnic (revised time)

Come one, come all to Third Haven's Family Day Picnic scheduled for Sunday, September 18, 2016 at 11:30 am. We will have food, games, music and will focus on making this a fun event for the whole family. We invite you to ask one family that you know who might like to get to know us better here at Third Haven. We plan to have a special First Day School program that day (10am) for families who would like to come to Meeting.

This picnic is sponsored by the Outreach and Overseers Committees and we invite all Third Haven Friends to join us and to invite others. We would particularly like to see individuals and families who have some historical connection to Third Haven but who have not been here in a while, as well as old and new friends!

September 21 (Wednesday)

Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform
MAJR General Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
People for Change Coalition,
9500 Arena Drive, Suite 460
Largo, Maryland 20772

We will continue our planning for the 2017 legislative session and for monitoring progress of the newly-created Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board. Food will be provided.

Visit: <http://www.ma4jr.org>

Hearing Vocal Ministry

On the Topic of Hearing Vocal Ministry in Meeting for Worship

In our meetinghouses, sometimes the voices of those called to give vocal ministry during meeting for worship can be lost. When one is responding to the Spirit, seeking words to articulate the message, perhaps even little conscious of how one came to rise to address the meeting, the spiritual experience and message often takes precedence over its form. It is also fair to say that a number of our members and attenders have age related hearing loss. With these things in mind, how can those called to vocal ministry assist those who have difficulty hearing? And, how can those who are listening and but having difficulty hearing gain what benefit they can from vocal ministry during the meeting for worship?

For those giving vocal ministry: Trust that you've discerned that the message you have been given is for the meeting and that it is valuable to each person there. If you have considered and pondered if the Spirit is not speaking to you alone, be confident that the words are meant to be heard by others. You are giving the meeting the gift that has been given to you to share. Take a deep breath, lift up your head, and speak toward the people in the meeting. . If you can remember to do it, speak as loudly as you comfortably can.

For those hearing vocal ministry: You are in a difficult situation, with the acoustics of buildings and hearing losses typically affecting consonant speech sounds and higher pitched women's voices. There are a few things you can try that may help. One suggestion is to sit toward the center of the meeting, in the middle of the people who are assembled. When people speak, they often address their comments toward the center of the room. If you are facing the people that will help, and, if the voice comes from behind you, turn toward the speaker if you can comfortably do so. Another suggestion is to ask someone in meeting to talk with you about the vocal ministry at the rise of meeting.

Finally, when meeting is over, consider approaching the minister to talk about the message. It will likely be close to their minds and hearts, having spent much time discerning the message and the Spirit's intent and direction. Not only can you discuss the parts of the message that you missed, you can gain deeper insights and help build community through these interactions. It is often reassuring for vocal ministers to have someone express their desire to hear and understand the given message.

In "Members of One Another," Thomas Gates writes: "A true community comes to understand and value the diversity of its members and is able to both accept and transcend those differences." In the dynamic of speaking and listening, each of us can contribute to the experience of meeting for worship by sitting together, accepting our limitations and our gifts, and being mindful of each other's experiences in meeting for worship.

Academy Art Museum Annual Members' Exhibition

August 20-October 9, 2016

The Academy Art Museum is pleased to present its Annual Members' Exhibition. This exceptional tradition represents the best of the region's artists and offers an opportunity to view the creative talents of colleagues and friends. Each member will have the opportunity to show one piece. It should be noted that in the last five years, several members have been offered one-person exhibitions after having participated in the Members' Exhibition.

Third Haven participants included Joyce Zeigler, Heidi Wetzel, Valery Sypula, Allan Mielke, Marsie Hawkinson, Martha Holthausen, Katherine Johnson and Susan Dickinson.

The Academy Art Museum is located at 106 South Street in Easton, and is open Monday through Thursday, 10am to 8pm as well as Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 10am - 4pm (First Friday of each month open until 7pm)

Condolences

Our condolences go to the Kemp family on the recent loss of three of their relatives Bob Kemp, Butch Kemp and Holly Kemp. We are saddened to see the emptiness these members' departures leave in their family and in our meeting community.

Ramp Project nears completion:



Almost before....



Almost after.

Being Friends

