



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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April 2016 NEWSLETTER

Friends gather for worship in quiet waiting upon God. We come together out of our care for one another and out of our shared hunger to know God, to follow the leading of the Spirit, to feel with clarity our shortcomings and the reality of forgiveness, to give voice to our anguish, faith, praise, joy, and thanksgiving.

Friends: To worship in the manner of Friends, awareness of Friends beliefs and practices helps each of us participate fully in the spiritual life of our community. Faith and Practice is our guide. At the link below, find guidance on worship: Please consider this guidance as you prepare and participate in vocal ministry.

Worship and Ministry Committee

<http://www.pym.org/faith-and-practice/friends-beliefs-and-practices/worship-and-the-meeting-for-worship/>

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

Molly Burgoyne, Co-Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business after a brief period of silence.

Attending: Twenty-five people attended: Molly Burgoyne, Marsie Hawkinson, Peggy Walbert, Ralph Young, Winslow Womack, Candace Shattuck, Meredith Watters, Paige Tilghman, Larissa Kitenko, Robert Wieland, Leigh Anne Dodge, Jeanne Halpin, Katherine Johnson, Dawn Atwater, Anny Williams, Peter Howell, Lorraine Claggett, Mary Yancey, Dona Sorce, Bill Lane, Cynthia Quast, Dolores Wack, Susan Dickinson, Bill Schauer, Bob Wack

Comments on Third Query no comments

Minutes for Second Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business *Approved* with the addition of Jeanne Halpin's name as in attendance.

Clerks' Desk Report on the All Clerks Meeting: All committees were represented and the meeting took the form of Worship Sharing on the topic of long range planning for all aspects of our Meeting

community. A list of thoughts was compiled with many overlapping views. Clerks agreed to take the list back to their committees for further consideration. Another All Clerks Meeting will be held on April 2nd at 10:00 a.m. to assimilate these views.

The clerk received and read a letter requesting membership from Ben Tilghman. Ben's letter will be given to Overseers for our customary process.

Communications Annual Report

Communications Committee Annual Report Sunday March 13, 2016

We prepare and circulate the meeting announcements and newsletter as well as keeping current the website. We monitor all recorded telephone and e-mail messages.

Our website reflects the deft guidance of Tatiana Harrison. The photographs of Ralph Young help project the image of our meeting.

Dee Rein edits the accumulated bits and pieces into the newsletter. I am truly thankful for the help of each committee member.

We appreciate the financial support of the meeting in recognizing the worth of our website.

The 2016 directory is nearly done: both printed and online versions will be identical. This is a plea asking you to report to 3rdhaven@gmail.com any changes in your information so that it can be shared.

John Hawkinson
clerk

This report was prepared by John Hawkinson and read by Ralph Young. Gratitude was expressed for the thorough job this committee does with the newsletter, announcements, and the web page. It was noted that Tania Harrison has set up a Facebook page, which currently has been directed for the Outreach Committee. Friends expressed the desire that it continue to be used once the George Fox Forum series has ended. Tania Harrison will take the lead with page maintenance.

Facilities Use Annual Report Larissa Kitenko presented a thorough report showing the use of our buildings throughout this past year and the resulting revenue. This included from Non-Profit organizations \$50, from For Profit Organization \$500, from Non-member Memorial Services \$300, and from a non-Member wedding \$500. There was a question regarding our policy that groups using our facilities should not be charging fees of their attendees. In one case a group had done this, but only to cover the cost of their speaker. In May the Eastern Shore Land conservancy will be holding a meeting at Third Haven as part of a series whose intent is to inform their members of the historic and outstanding natural locations in this area. Their members who attend are asked to contribute to their fund. It is felt that this event will be an excellent opportunity for the Meeting to educate them about the long presence of Friends on the Eastern Shore .

The committee hopes to increase awareness of the importance of registering requests for the use of our buildings by signing in with "Friendly Bookings," and by reminding Friends to call (or email) Larissa before signing in on the Calendar. This will help "inform the Committee, prevent double bookings, insure a Friendly Presence at all events, collect & record donations, & insure clean-up."

The co-clerks will meet with the Facilities Use committee to clarify the requests of the committee for fees and bookings, which will be brought back to Meeting the following month.

The entire detailed report is available on the Third Haven website.

Property & Grounds Update Robert Wieland reported on several projects, which are being addressed. The first of these is handicapped access to our Old Meetinghouse, which the Meeting previously approved. Estimates for this work total \$15,000 and the committee recommends proceeding with the project. There was considerable discussion of the source of funds with hope that both the monthly meeting and the trustees would share the expense. The following *approved* minute will be sent to the Trustees before their April 1st meeting asking them to contribute to the project:

Third Haven Monthly Meeting affirms its belief in the importance of handicap access to the Old Meeting House, and its support of the proposed design. We accept that the estimated costs of \$15,500 are not unreasonable given our expectation of quality materials and workmanship. We are willing to expend substantial funds toward this project, and wish to invite the Trustees of this property to join us in doing so.

A member proposed that we proceed with the ramp project now as there is sufficient money in our reserves; the meeting *Approved*.

Other projects in the works include completion of the bathrooms in the Common Room, where as much work as possible is being accomplished by members of the committee. Several other important, possibly big ticket items that will require both Meeting and Trustee input were mentioned. The re-glazing or replacement of the windows in the Brick Meeting House is another project which will require professional work and will include estimates from companies able to do it. Robert also mentioned work being done on the sewer line from the Caretaker's Cottage. Property and Grounds has used all of their budget for this year.

The Meeting expressed their appreciation to Property & Grounds for their considerable work on our behalf. Robert will inform the Trustees about these projects as it is customary to share some of these expenses.

Spring clean up is scheduled for April 9th at 9:00 a.m.

Carriage Shed Sale Update April 30th Paige Tilghman reported that we will be holding this in conjunction with the Asbury Methodist Church and that they will receive one half of the proceeds. They will use their share of the money to pay for the restoration of their stained glass windows. It was felt that we should use our portion to help fund the handicapped access to the Old Meetinghouse as it would be a similar project. Paige has been working on lining up publicity as well as an organization to remove the left over items after the sale. The Womacks have promised "Quaker Dogs," and the Methodist church ladies have said they will prepare soup for sale.

Testimonies & Concerns Leigh Anne Dodge read the policy statement which the Meeting received from Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL). The Meeting has been asked to read their policy proposals and indicate our preference for the "Priorities" on which they should go forward in the next year. This will be sent to all members as well as posted in the Common Room. It was suggested that it be placed so that Friends will see it before reaching the food at Hospitality following Meeting for Worship. At the request of Testimonies and Concerns a special email will be sent to all members and attenders for discernment on priorities.

Following a period of worshipful silence, the meeting adjourned.
Marsie Hawkinson and D. Rein, Recordors

Testimonies and Concerns Committee Name Proposal



It is proposed that the name of the Testimonies and Concerns committee be changed because the title “Testimonies and Concerns” is vague and does not specify the tasks of the committee. The possibility is suggested that if the name of our committee actually relates to the work being done, then the committee’s focus may be enhanced. Presumably, the work of other committees is enmeshed in the Testimonies as they (the Testimonies) relate to their work. To label the T&C committee as the

“Testimonies” committee is thus grossly inaccurate and misleading.

It is not proposed that we re-invent the wheel but rather look at the names that other monthly meetings have given to their committee whose work most closely resembles our T&C committee’s effort and in doing so come up with appropriate suggestions for re-naming our committee.

An internet survey of other monthly meetings within the hundred or so member PYM family was made (with the Annapolis Friends Meeting added to the survey because of its proximity). Thirty-four monthly meeting or about one third of the total monthly meetings has their own web sites and includes committee information on the site. A compilation of the names that those meetings have given to their committee whose efforts appears to most closely resemble the efforts of our T&C committee follows along with the frequency of occurrence of that name.

- Peace & Social Concerns (16)
- Peace & Social Action (4)
- Peace & Concerns (2)
- Peace & Service (2)
- Peace & Witness (1)
- Peace & Social (1)
- Peace & Social Justice (1)
- Peace Committee (1)
- Wider World (1)
- Beliefs into Action (1)
- Care & Concerns (1)
- In reach/Out reach (1)
- Testimonies & Concerns (1) (THFM)
- Wilmington Friends Service Committee (1)

Announcements

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

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

April 3 First Day Conversation 8:50 a.m. The Power of Hope- see article below

April 7 (Thursday)

Discussion: The First, Second and Third Beatitudes

The Worship & Ministry committee invites you to attend a discussion group on April 7, 2016 in the Friends Meeting Common Room. The discussion starts at 6:15. This was pushed back a week due to conflict with event at the Avalon.

The topic for this discussion will be:

"The First, Second and Third Beatitudes"

We will be looking at the first three beatitudes called out in Mathew and the first three called out in Luke. We will be doing the remaining Beatitudes in the following months.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven." (5:3)

"Blessed are those who mourn: for they will be comforted." (5:4)

"Blessed are the meek: for they will inherit the earth." (5:5)

A few references to consider:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beatitudes>

The Sermon on the Mount- Peter Fox- Available on Amazon \$7.00+

<https://bible.org/seriespage/7-beatitudes-matthew-51-12>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matthew_5:3

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matthew_5:4

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matthew_5:5

We encourage you to bring a friend.

April 9 (Saturday)

Property and Grounds will host Spring Clean-up on April 9 at 9 am

April 22 (Friday) George Fox Forum on Peace at 6 p.m.

April 30 (Saturday)

Carriage Shed Sale

Time to go through your attic and garage to prepare for The Carriage Shed Sale on April 30, 2016. Committees at Third Haven as well as Asbury Methodist Church will work together with Asbury sharing in the proceeds for their projects.



New Members and Attenders Luncheon

It takes a lot of work to make it look easy: the table set up, yummy food, charming spring flowers, love and friendship shared by all. Many many thanks to Hospitality and Overseers committees and helpers from all of us who were blessed to be there.



Easter Festivities

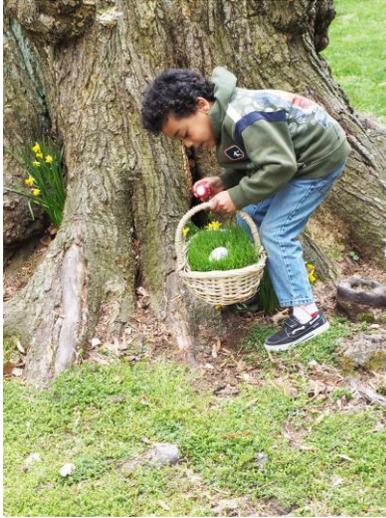


I would like to send out a big thank you to all the families who participated in our annual Easter Egg hunt on the Meeting House grounds on Easter, March 27. We had 6 families represented with 10 children, not including our regular families, most of whom were out of town. The families that attended on Easter were Womacks, Lanes, Mufsons, Coulburn, Claggetts and Bonds. Thank you, too, to all the Meeting members who remembered to bring in some hard boiled eggs for the kids to dye and hide. We had a lot of eggs, and it was a fun day, despite the

clouds. Also thanks to the Hospitality committee who provided yummy food, including an Easter cake. The children at First Day School also heard on Easter Faith and Play story about the mystery of Easter. Many thanks again to the Meeting for all their support of our children and their families.

Sincerely, *Susan Claggett, FDS Clerk*





Friends Committee on National Legislation Priorities

Dear Friends,

FCNL is taking a fresh look at which issues will be the core of our lobbying in the next session of Congress, which runs from January 2017 to December 2018. Will you help FCNL discern which issues to focus on?

As we do every two years, FCNL is asking Friends and their meetings, churches, and other groups all over the country to share which of the many public policy issues and questions identified in FCNL's Policy Statement, "The World We Seek," they think are most important. What needs close attention from Friends, and from FCNL? Your answers to this question are the foundation for the lobbying priorities that FCNL will set this November at our Annual Meeting. This is an invitation for you and your meeting, church, or other Friends group to take part in this priorities-setting process. Enclosed, and on FCNL's website at fcnl.org/priorities2016, you will find information and materials to guide you. **Please share the outcome of your discernment around FCNL's lobbying priorities no later than April 15, 2016.**

If you have additional questions or would like more guidance than what we provide here, please contact Policy Committee members Bill Mims (musicnotwar@gmail.com, 571-235-5884) or Anthony Smith (aojcsmith@aol.com, 908-972-3454).

Your participation is essential. It is what makes FCNL distinct; it is what grounds our work in the Spirit. We hope you and your group will meet together to discern and record the issues that are most important to you. Thank you.

In peace,

The FCNL Policy Committee

Kelly Schoolmeester (Clerk)

Third Haven Friends are encouraged to participate in this effort by adding their comments to the sheets posted in the Common Room by the Testimonies and Concerns Committee. Your participation is vital, your ideas invaluable!

‘First Day Conversations’ begins April 3, 8:50am to 9:50am in the Common Room. The topic is 'The Power Of Hope'.

First Day Conversations, lead by Worship and Ministry, is a new forum for spirited and thoughtful discussions. All are welcome, including newcomers and those unable to attend every session. There are no assigned readings and no prerequisites. Conversations focus around contemporary life, and the intersections of faith, practice, and culture, and our everyday lives lived in awe and wonder. We meet every other First Day. Coffee and biscuits are served. Please join us. For information, contact Susan Dickinson susanpdickinson@gmail.com

George Fox Forum Success Continues

The Common Room was again packed with thoughtful George Fox Forum Friends and visitors seeking ideas on Integrity. Moderator Tom Corl, an interesting TED talk by the son of a terrorist and presentations by Mark Beck, Katherine Johnson and Gwen Beegle led to table conversation on this important topic.



The final George Fox Forum of this series will be April 22nd on the topic of Peace. Reservations are encouraged to facilitate preparations. Please call or email Dawn Atwater at 410-745-5409 dawnatwater1@gmail.com

We Meet and Greet:



Budget and Finance committee keeps us in good order.



Co-clerk consults.



First Robin Spring Greetings!

Third Haven, a place for all seasons

