



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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How am I helping to develop a social, economic, and political system which will nurture an environment which sustains and enriches life for all?

from query 10. Stewardship of the Environment

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Tenth Day Ninth Month 2017

Opening Silent Worship-Molly Brian, Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:40 with a brief period of silence.

Attending: 26: Gwen Beegle, Molly Brian, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Bob Day, Larissa Kitenko, Connie Lewis, Jeanne Halpin, Marsie Hawkinson, John Hawkinson, Priscilla Morris, Amy Owsley, Sumner Parker, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, Bill Schauer, Patti Shaffer, Dona Sorce, Ben Tilghman, Bob Wack, Joan Wetmore, Anny Williams, Ralph Young, Joyce Zeigler,.

Comments on Ninth Query, on Ministry of Outreach (read at Meeting for Worship)

At the coming Christmas our meeting will be celebrating our 3rd millennium. A Friend proposed a Christmas meeting for worship in the old meeting house, inviting the public as well. Positive comments ensued.

Approval of minutes from Sixth Month meeting for business-Approved

From the Clerk's Desk-

Memorial Plaques have been approved by the burial committee for Robert Lowber Kemp, Robert "Butch" Lowber Kemp, Jr., Philip Sharples Kemp, and Sydney Sharp Mahendra (sister of Bob Sharp). Frank Zeigler's plaque will also be on the wall

Joanna Sharpeless- daughter of Andrew Sharpeless and Beth Inabinett and grand-daughter of Jean and Parvin Sharpeless will marry Michael Li May 12, 2018 at Third Haven but not under the care of the meeting.

All Clerks Meeting will be held Oct 14, Saturday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. to discuss projects and collaboration.

Hospitality Annual Report – Dona Sorce and Susan Dickinson-Accepted

Third Haven Hospitality Report Annual for 2016/2017

Clerks: Susan Dickinson and Dona Sorce (outgoing)

The Hospitality Committee of Third Haven Monthly Meeting coordinates refreshments after the Rise of Meeting each First Day throughout the year. Committee members are those individuals who volunteer to assist with this by signing up on the sign-up sheet that is posted on the refrigerator in the Common Room. While there are no formal committee meetings per se, the Clerks communicate on a regular basis and meet as needed.

This year, Hospitality involved over 20 Third Haven Monthly Meeting members and attenders who continue to generously give of their time and talents in preparing coffee, setting a table with refreshments, greeting new comers, and making sure the Common Room is as they found it before leaving.

The Hospitality Committee works with other committees to support special activities and celebrations throughout the year. This past year's events included the annual Christmas and Easter celebrations, and the Moving Up Day Picnic, the weekend gathering for the Friends General Conference Nominating Committee, and the Memorial Service for Frank Ziegler. All members and attenders are encouraged to assist with weekly Hospitality by coming early to make coffee and set out food, to provide food, and stay after the Rise of Meeting to greet newcomers as well as help clean up.

Multiple members emphasized the importance of hospitality to our sense of community and opportunity to know each other.

End of year Treasurer's Report- Bill Schauer

Reports were generated by Cynthia Quast. Reports may be seen in full at the website.

Expenses include the ramp and tree care for property and grounds. Common Room renovations will go on next fiscal year budget.

Income is exceeding budget. Committees are for the most part within budget.

Net income (after expenditures) exceeded the budget.

A state sales tax exemption approval extension is in the works.

Next month we will be discussing the use of the resultant available funds and fiscal year 2017-18 first quarter report.

Scholarship Annual Report - Marsie Hawkinson 2017 Annual Report

Scholarship Committee Third Haven Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

The Fifth Query on Education asks:

“What help do we provide for the children and adults in our Monthly Meeting to pursue the education they seek, whether academic, technical, or vocational? Do we make provision for the children in our Meeting to attend Friends schools?”

Our students this year are:

Juliette Neil – sophomore – Yale University

Nathan Mullen – sophomore – Wesleyan University

Katie Claggett – junior – Guilford College

Laurence Claggett – sophomore – St. Mary's University

Lucy Bond – sophomore – Syracuse University

Charlie Mufson – junior – University of Vermont

Evan Claggett – senior – Coastal University of South Carolina
Emma Leibman – Montgomery Community College, Maryland

Maya Claggett graduated from Annapolis High School and is taking a gap year before beginning at Earlham College next year.



This Fall term Katie Claggett will be living and studying in Morocco. Those of us who attended Meeting on September 3rd could feel her excitement as she told us of her plans to live with a Moroccan family. “I’ll be home for Christmas!” she said. Then she’ll be back to Guilford to complete her junior year.

Katie and friends

We are happy for Brandt Bethke and Sam Mullen who have both completed their undergraduate years. Brandt was at George Washington University and Sam at Drexel University.

Looking ahead, Sophie Neil is a junior at St. Andrews School in Delaware. Max McCall and Serena Claggett are in 9th grade. After that there will be a smaller but steady group of children with Maeve Mufson, Guiseppe Coulburn, Liam, Finley and Riley Ewing, and possibly others..

Owing to continued support of the Meeting, the generosity of people who have made contributions, and the growth of the Fund held at Friends Fiduciary Corporation, a decision was made to increase our grants. Annual amount will now be \$1200. for those attending Quaker schools and \$600. for those at other schools. Part time students receive half these amounts. In the Spring we plan to revisit this with the hope of a further increase. As of June 30, 2017 the Scholarship Endowment Fund at Friends Fiduciary Corp. was at \$120,449.63. The sum of \$1420. was contributed in memory of Frank Zeigler.

Respectfully submitted
Martha L. Hawkinson, Clerk

Facilities Use-Larissa Kitenko-Approved



Catherine and Larissa enjoy the facilities

POLICIES FOR FACILITIES USAGE FOR THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING

The primary purpose of the Common Room is to accommodate the needs of the Meeting. Therefore, all Meeting activities have scheduling priority over any other group when a conflict arises.

Listed in order of priority below (to rank competing outside requests for use on the same dates) the Meeting has established four types of uses:

Type 1 Meetings:

- Third Haven Friends Meeting committees and functions
- Other Quaker Meetings' events

The Meeting seeks to provide use at no cost for Type 1 uses. Event dates are secured when confirmed by the Facility Use Committee.

Type 2 Meetings:

- Nonprofit groups of which a Meeting member/attender is also a member
- Private uses by Meeting members/attenders where the member/attender will be present at the event
- Other religious/spiritually based groups
- Nonprofits with missions supported by the Meeting

This use is approved with a request that the group make a donation for each meeting to Third Haven Friends Meeting that is commensurate with the:

- User's budget
- Available resources of the attendees
- Registration fees charged to attendees

If the event is cancelled, the Meeting appreciates as much notice as possible.

Event dates are secured when confirmed by the Facility Use Committee. (Cash/Check to be forwarded by the Friendly Presence to our Treasurer with event title and date.)

Type 3 Meetings:

- Other nonprofit organizations (includes fundraisers) with missions supported by the Meeting
- For-profit organizations
- Individuals

The fee for facilities use is \$100 for each 4 hour period, or part thereof, PLUS \$25/hour thereafter. Tours (Bus Company or Personal) are requested to make a donation of \$3/person. If the event is cancelled with more than 1 week's notice, 80% of the total fee will be refunded. With less than 1 week's notice, 60% of the total fee will be refunded.

Event dates are secured when confirmed by the Facility Use Committee. (Cash/Check to be forwarded by the Friendly Presence to our Treasurer with event title and date.)

Type 4 Meetings: use of facilities FOR LIFE PASSAGE EVENTS

- Memorial Service

Members and attenders: \$100 (for caretaker fee)

Non-Members: \$400 (includes \$100 gratuity for caretaker)

If the event is cancelled with more than 1 week's notice, 70% of the fee (\$210) will be refunded.

With less than 1 week's notice, 50% of the fee (\$150) will be refunded.

- Wedding

Members and attenders: \$100 (for caretaker fee)

Non-Members: \$600 (includes \$100 gratuity for caretaker)

If the event is cancelled with more than 1 week's notice, 70% of fee (\$350) will be refunded.

With less than 1 week's notice, 50% of the fee (\$250) will be refunded.

[Adherence to all aspects of this Facility Use Policy is required whether or not there is a set cost of such usage.]

All events are recorded on the Common Room and on-line calendars. The sponsor will be identified by the group or individual's name, the date/time and contact information including a phone number/email address.

The Facilities Use Committee may approve or disapprove such use or refer the request to the Meeting for Business. The Meeting reserves the right to terminate any on-going agreements with outside groups. In all uses approved for outside groups, the Committee will insure that there are adequate safeguards and oversight in place. If such groups meet on a regular basis and if a Meeting member must be absent, a person deemed responsible will be designated by name and must be present during the entire time.

The following are not permitted anywhere on Third Haven Meeting property:

- Consumption of alcoholic beverages, smoking, and the use of illegal drugs.
- Fires, firearms, and fireworks.
- Pets in buildings except for service dogs.
- Rice or confetti.
- Non-electric lamps or lighted candles.
- No food is to be taken in either of the Meeting Houses.

When the kitchen is used, the group is expected to provide all supplies and to leave it in clean order, with all items used restored to their proper locations.

Unusual damage (rug stains, breakage) will be charged to the user.

If decorations are to be used, please discuss the proper display of them with the Facilities Use Committee. All decorations are to be removed and not leave any marks on the walls or furniture. Children will be supervised by an adult at all times.

Parking should first take place on graveled areas. There are three handicapped spaces in front of the Common Room. Parking may be allowed on grassy areas when attendance exceeds the graveled areas if the ground is firm and dry. For all large events, the event sponsors shall provide direction for parking to attendees. The Meeting will oversee the parking.

Should the user not be a member of Third Haven, a Member will be assigned as an unobtrusive "Friendly Presence" during the event.

Approved information on Facilities Use can be viewed on our website.

Questions and comments covered rationales for cancelation fees, differences in events fees, and inclusion of the caretaker's service fee in the total price of facilities use.

Committee effort of Anny, Larissa and Adrienne to delineate all policies clearly was complimented. The final approved decision will be posted on the website.

First Day School Annual Report and Update- Susan Claggett- Accepted with thanks and gratitude.

“If you are prepared, they will come.”

The format of reading a story to illuminate a testimony or positive behavior and then having a discussion afterwards worked well for our FDS last year. Some of the books that were read and discussed were Henry Climbs a Mountain -a take on Fox's "Walk Cheerfully Over the Earth;"

The Quiltmaker's Gift- giving away possessions for finding happiness; Dr Suess; All God's Critters and Edge of Night- kindness; Martin's Big Words- MLKing- words like "Justice" and "Freedom;" Fly Free- "doing good deeds and karma;" All in a Day- self respect. Other topics that FDS covered over the year were the Sanctuary and refugee movements, the election (healing after conflict), the environment, and prayer. Cathy Thompson continued to teach the children once a month with storytelling through the Faith and Play series which focuses on Quaker lessons. The children heard "Meeting for Worship," "Queries," "John Woolman Story," and finally a Godly Play story based on the Bible called "The Sower."

Attendance was small this year with an average of 3-5 kids but often had visiting children or family relations attending. The largest attendance was the holidays of Christmas and Easter. FDS feels celebrating our holiday traditions as well as our FDS rituals help to keep our children connected and interested with the allowance of welcoming newcomers. Every First Day, the children sit in their own circle around a battery operated candle and worship. Then there is time for sharing so that each voice may be heard. Finally we move into the lesson usually after a cooperative game, a song or most likely, a snack.

FDS continues to hold annual traditions starting in Nov when the children decorate holiday wreaths for the Meetinghouse doors. Then Christmas is celebrated with a Holiday play. During this year's Christmas play, all the children thought up personal gifts that they would share with the baby Jesus (Riley Ewing.) Every May, the FDS participates in the Multicultural Festival that happens in the local park. FDS enjoys the diversity of this community event and has been a presence there for many years. Our final two traditions are the annual Easter Egg Hunt and our Moving up ceremony in June. This June, FDS was happy to recognize 4 young people who grew up in Third Haven First Day School and all celebrated a graduation this year. Moving Up day is very special to FDS.

FDS was excited this year to partner with the Hospitality committee and the Outreach committee to put on special events and is looking forward to working with other committees. This spring, the Meeting for business approved the construction of a small tire swing for the children. Property and Grounds is helping FDS with its implementation.

Since this report was prepared for the Sept Business Meeting, the curricula for our Fall will be studying famous Quakers, lessons from Teaching Tolerance, continuing with Faith and Play stories and learning more Quaker songs.

The committee consists of Amy Owsley- assist clerk, Katie Theeke, Beth Mufson, Cathy Thompson, Martha Holthausen and Susan Claggett- Clerk. Members at large- Alyssa Eshram, Sally Claggett, Lorraine Claggett
Respectfully submitted Susan Claggett

Amy Owsley and Susan have been discussing starting a nature based preschool (ages 3-5) on Third Haven grounds. There are interested preschool teachers. The hope is to draw children into our Quaker values. Anyone interested in the effort may wish to contact them.

Common Room Update- Candace Shattuck

Friends are reminded that our beautiful Common Room renovation merits careful use: please, put no nails, pushpins or tape on the walls. We will be discussing needs for bulletin board space and "comfort seating" at the upcoming all clerks meeting.

Property and Grounds Update-Ben Tilghman

The burial grounds need cataloging, organizing and history recorded. John Hawkinson has begun this process. A book in the common room closet has the plaques recorded and space for future reservations.

The brick meeting house back escape stair renovations have met a point of complexity that may require multiple participants to resolve. The fire marshal has not directed any change at this time. Property and Grounds is not yet ready to discuss this issue until it has been discussed by all clerks and trustees.

Profound appreciation was expressed for Rob Wieland's efforts as clerk.

A letter to Chesapeake Bay Trust supporting a watershed assistance design grant application from the town of Easton for the unnamed stream at the edge of property was presented.-

Approved

New Business

A peace pole purchase was proposed and discussed. Originally this came from Testimonies and Concerns. The original idea was to have it created with children's involvement but has stalled due to a dearth of children at First Day School. Testimonies and Concerns were asked to discuss this and bring their ideas to the clerk's meeting. Carving the pole may be more appropriate to Third Haven and John Hawkinson and Winslow Womack are interested in helping with this.

Fall Cleanup will be November 4 with a rain date of November 18th.

Meeting closed at 1 p.m. with silent worship.

D. Rein, Recording Clerk

Tree planting gets underway at our boundary lines thanks to donations and the hard working property and grounds committee with helpers.



Third Haven Friends Meeting Announcements

To see all Third Haven Friends Meeting announcements:
<http://www.thirdhaven.org/announcements.php>

Third Haven Friends Meeting calendar:
<http://www.thirdhaven.org/calendar.php>

PYM Calendar
<http://www.pym.org/calendar/>

October 15 (Sunday)
Southern Quarterly Meeting Fall Gathering
At Chester River Meeting
124 Philosophers Terrace, Chestertown, MD 21620
9:30am Welcome and Coffee
10am Meeting for Worship
11:15am Presentation by Diane Randall
Executive Director of FCNL about Current Issues & FCNL
12:30 Lunch- If possible, please bring a lunch dish to share.
Contact information: Nina Fleegle, Clerk, Chester River Meeting
nina.fleegle@gmail.com

October 13-15, 2017
Slave Dwelling Project Comes to Dorchester at the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad
Visitor Center, Church Creek, MD; Historic High Street, Cambridge, MD; and Handsell Historic
Site, Vienna, MD. Click here for more info. http://www.restorehandsell.org/?page_id=848

October, 24 (Tuesday)
Holocaust Museum Bus Trip
P.E.A.C.E. will be sponsoring a bus trip to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. on
Tuesday October, 24th. The bus will leave Easton at 8:30 am and will leave the museum no later
than 2:30p.m.

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If you have an announcement to share with the members and attenders of Third Haven, please e-mail it to 3rdhaven@gmail.com

Third Haven Outreach sponsored Family Fun Nights open to the community at Idlewild Park during the Summer. Food and games provided by Friends provided a good time for all!



Thursday Night Peace Vigil joined by Talbot Rising participants



Hiroshima Day Vigil



First Day School Family Day Fall Picnic



Friends being friends



