



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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March 2018 NEWSLETTER

“Do not think that anything will outlast the Truth. For the Truth standeth sure; and is over that which is out of the Truth.”
George Fox

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Eleventh Day Second Month 2018



Opening Silent Worship. Adrienne Rudge, Assistant Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:35 a.m. with a brief period of silence.

Attending: 21: Robert Day, Susan Claggett, Doreen Getsinger, Larissa Kitenko, Jeanne Halpin, Marsie Hawkinson, Connie Lewis, Sumner Parker, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Robert Shattuck, Dona Source, Paige Tilghman, Ben Tilghman, Bob Wack, Winslow Womack, Ralph Young, Harvey Zendt.

Comments on Second Query (Deepening our Faith: Meeting for Business)

Noted this is the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business and should be listed as such.

Approval of minutes for January business meeting-Approved as amended

Clerk's Desk-

A called meeting will be held on April 15th after meeting for worship and hospitality re: property improvements, particularly to the brick meeting house.

Membership Recorder's Report – Marsie Hawkinson -Accepted ANNUAL REPORT – RECORDER (for 2017)

Membership at Third Haven showed a net increase of one member for the year 2017. While we lost three members by death, we gained three members by application and one by transfer.



In June we lost our oldest and beloved member, Frank Zeigler. Frank became a member of Third Haven in 1956. He was a long time advocate for the Friends Committee on National Legislation and the American Friends Service Committee, as well as for the Friends Journal and our Meeting's Library in general. Forever urging us to check out new books or read recent articles, he was a conscience to us all.

In December we learned of the death of another long time member, Lucinda Sharp Gates. Lucinda had lived in Ohio for many years, but had grown up in our Meeting, the daughter of former members active, Bob and Linda Sharp.

Tragically, we also lost Charles Jae Jung Mufson. Born in Seoul, Korea, Charlie was the son of members Beth and Neil Mufson. He died in Vermont on December 17th.

Our recent additions of members include transfer of Harvey Zendt and new members Connie Crow, Bob and Delores Wack who joined us formally last February, and most recently, Marie Leonard. All of these Friends are taking an active part in the Meeting.

Current membership: 162



Outreach Committee Annual Report – *Jeanne Halpin and Mary Yancey, Outreach Committee co-clerks, and its members Lorraine Claggett and Pete Howell* Accepted

The Outreach Committee has had a busy year increasing our presence and visibility in the wider community and offering a variety of events and activities to put our faith into action. We recognize that outreach is a meeting-wide effort, and we endeavor to offer opportunities for Friends to meet and talk with the wider community and serve as a Friendly presence.

Over the past year we increased Third Haven's visibility through press releases, with several articles appearing in the Star Democrat, and expansion of our website to include the posting of our activities and events. We also arranged to add a listing in the Star Democrat on the Religion Calendar for our meetings for worship. We keep our information brochures stocked here at Third Haven and at the Visitor's Center in Easton. We still need to take advantage of our Facebook page to increase our online visibility and to encourage other committees to post on Facebook as well.

Third Haven is a participating member of the Talbot Association of Clergy and Laity (TACL) where we speak of our concerns and participate in their sponsored and promoted activities. Through their email channel we invite the faith community to join us in our activities. This networking opportunity has helped us in many ways, including giving us the opportunity to lay the groundwork for more interfaith work to come, most notably a Faith Festival for Easton where all faiths and spiritual leanings could come to celebrate their leadings and educate the public on what they have to offer the wider community.

Our major activities have included working with the First Day School Committee and the Testimony and Concerns Committee to staff a table at the annual Multicultural Festival in May where we offered literature and posted several queries on Peace to engage visitors in reflecting on Peace and what it means to them and how they practice peace in the world. In June, July, and August we hosted Family Game Nights in Idlewild Park and received an unsolicited donation of

\$500 from the Talbot Partnership in support of this effort. While we first envisioned those evenings as supporting parent and child interactions, we found that our gatherings were more one of offering a safe space for kids to play with one another and participate in collaborative games. We felt blessed to have a kindergarten teacher from Cordova volunteer to help us organize the activities and keep the children engaged.

In September we partnered with the Overseers Committee (now Pastoral Care) to host the second annual First Day Picnic. While there were only a few visitors outside our Quaker community, we did have one family with younger children join us.

In December we co-sponsored a Peace Float with the P.E.A.C.E. group riding through historic Easton singing the Peace Song and Christmas carols while waving to parade viewers under the wings of our 20 foot dove of peace. Our float garnered a mention in the front page story of the parade in the Star Democrat and included a photo on the back page. January found us hosting our first film in a four-part film/discussion series on race; this event made the front page of the Star Democrat, complete with photograph. We have since hosted the second film/discussion and find this series well attended by those beyond our membership. This series has been met with gratitude and heart-felt thanks for Third Haven hosting these important gatherings. Finally, we have been working with the Pastoral Care Committee to initiate the creation and storage of name tags for all local members and attenders. We expect to roll out the new name-tags soon and expect to make them an integral part of our welcoming of visitors and new attenders.

We recognize that effective outreach involves the willingness of individuals to identify themselves as Friends and to give voice to their faith and practice. It is the belief of our committee that by being a Friendly presence we are our own best advertisement, and we encourage all of our Meeting to embrace their Quaker leadings and to shine their light brightly and joyfully as a welcome example of what we desire to see more of in this world.

Friends applauded Outreach's efforts to publicize Third Haven events.

Property & Grounds Front Steps Update- Ben Tilghman- Accepted

A drawing indicating proposed changes to the Brick Meeting House steps at north and west entrances showed intended modernization and safety improvements. The goals for these two entrances are: making steps even and navigable with the railing more accessible for a hand hold. Property and Grounds and the Trustees are discussing the finances, which are not an obstacle, and the goal is to expedite this project. The drawing is viewable in the Common Room. Comments are welcome. Door rotation and protection, and step dimensions were discussed.



Southern Quarterly Meeting- Connie Lewis

On 1/21/18, 6 people from THMM attended SQM at the Moorings at Cadbury. Winslow Womack, Lorraine Claggett, Marsie Hawkinson, Paige Tilghman, Ralph Young and Connie Lewis attended. Jane Lord clerked the

meeting which met at 10AM. At 10:45 we started business meeting reports from Camden, Chester River, THMM, and Wicomico.

Carol Holzman from the Moorings spoke on the change of name for the facility at Cadbury. They are currently part of Spring Point Senior Living out of NJ which gives back to the community. Last spring Cadbury was sold to Cherry Hill and they are a “for profit organization”. Cadbury didn’t want to lose the Quaker aspect and as Carol spoke, it was evident it had been a difficult time. However, they are pleased with the current arrangement.

The speaker for Alternatives to Violence Workshops was unable to attend to a scheduling conflict. Christa Duncan-Tessmer from PYM spoke briefly. Dean Hood handed out info on Peace teams. Minutes were read for clarity and approved. Meeting was adjourned and a delicious lunch was served.

Carriage Shed Sale- Susan Claggett Proposal Approved

First Day School is willing to be responsible with other committees helping.

The date is Sat. April 21, a day before Earth Day, which is our theme. FDS proposes holding a week or two week nature camp this summer with the shed sale funds going to hire a professional to conduct this event. Support of the incorporation of the Faith and Play Group with some of these funds was requested. The use of funds will be decided later. Contact Susan if you are willing to help with the sale.

New Business

Name tag implementation in both Common Room and Brick Meeting House was discussed.

Meeting closed at 12:15 p.m. with silent worship.

D. Rein, Recording Clerk

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>

March 11 (Sunday)

Daylight saving time begins at 2 am on this date.

March 11 (Sunday)

Meeting for business follows meeting for worship.

March 23 (Friday) 6 to 9 pm

Discussion on racism

Walking While Black: Love is the Answer

This will be the final film in our series Discussion On Racism.

Soup, bread, and beverages will be served before we view the film. Space is limited, so please RSVP to Pete Howell at 410-924-5752 or e-mail piratepete@goeaston.net We hope to see you there!

March 22 (Thursday)

Inward Bound Quiet Day

Join us for a day of peace and inward renewal on March 22, 2018; 10am to 3pm (pot-luck lunch at 12 noon) at the Common Room and grounds of the Meeting.

Join Third Haven Friends in a silent retreat that offers a day of listening for the Light within, contemplation, reading, walking the grounds, writing, and self-chosen art activities. We enjoy a shared, silent potluck lunch, and end our session with a short sharing session. Come for all or part of the retreat. Information and/or RSVP:

Candace Shattuck candace.shattuck@gmail.com

Katherine Johnson katherinekai@goeaston.net

April 7 (Saturday)

Spring Clean Up

Please join us to clean up Third Haven's property and grounds: we plan to start by 9 am and continue into the afternoon if necessary. Projects include cleaning windows and benches in the Old Meeting House, raking, gardening and pruning. If you have ideas for things you would like to see done please share those with the Property and Grounds Committee, but be sure to save the date.

April 14 (Saturday)

Project Clean Stream

John Schreiner writes, "Project Clean Stream" will be coming up on the 2nd Saturday in April. Our task on this clean-up, pickup day will be to make the roadside along Tunis Mills road & vicinity sparkling and free of trash and litter. We will provide trash bags, rubber gloves and camaraderie. Our group, young (over 5 years) and old, will meet at the Tunis Mills Church parking lot (on the right) at 10 am. We should be finished a little after noon. This will be a wonderful community outreach opportunity. I'm bringing my 10yr old mentee. Kids are most welcome." Any questions and to enlist and sign up, Please call John Schreiner 410-310-1431. or e-mail jschreiner7611@gmail.com

April 21 (Saturday) Carriage Shed Sale

In the coatroom adjacent to the foyer of the Brick Meeting House there is a vintage photographic print of the Third Haven Horse Carriage Shed, which stood next to the Old Meeting House. Date not listed, but pre-automobile. This structure is the inspiration for our periodic sale to benefit worthy causes. We will post additional information about this event, but now is the time to inventory for whatever you are willing to donate for the good of the Meeting.

Directory: The newly printed Third Haven Directory is available in the Common Room each Sunday.

Discussions on Racism continued during the past month, fostering thoughtful conversations among a packed house of attendees. The final discussion with film will be March 26th from 6-9 pm. Soup, bread, and beverages will be served before we view the film. Space is limited, so please RSVP to Pete Howell at 410-924-5752 or e-mail piratepete@goeaston.net . We hope to see you there!

James Baldwin: I Am Not Your Negro





New Members and Attenders Luncheon

Third Haven hosted the annual New Members and Attender lunch at the Rise of Meeting on March, 4, 2018. The tables were colorful and set with daffodils to welcome in the Spring and the food was plentiful and appreciated by all. We gathered in a circle, holding hands in silence before introducing ourselves to one another. At the end of

introductions food and friendship became the focus of the next 30 minutes or so. The newest member of 3rd Haven, Marie Leonard was introduced. Marie is a birth right Quaker who relocated to Trappe this past year and transferred her membership to Third Haven. Four attenders were also present who were also welcomed.

Thanks to all who were able to attend and help with love and kindness. Our thoughts were will those members and attenders who were unable to be present with us on this day.



First Day Conversations



John Turner's Spiritual Journey



John Schreiner delivers Marilla's Lunches



The pleasure of each other's company

