



THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING

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February, 2023 Newsletter

“We are called into the deep enduring love of God and man and all creation. Worship is a door into that love. Once we have entered it, our every act is a prayer, our whole life is continuous worship.”

N. Jean Toomer, 1947

Third Haven Friends Meeting

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
1st Month, 8th Day, 2023

Opening Silent Worship: Clerk Tom Corl opened with silent worship at 11:45 a.m.

Attending: (hybrid) 29 Molly Brian, Mia Brown-Echerd, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Kristina Herold, Larissa Kitenko, Bill Lane Jr., Marie Leonard, Connie Lewis, Beth Mufson, Terry-Thomas Primer, Priscilla Sener, Dee Rein, Bill Schauer, John Schreiner, Jonathan Slocum, Dona Sorce, John Schreiner, Ben Tilghman, Paige Tilghman, Kevin Walsh, Heidi Wetzell, Winslow Womack, Mary Yancey

Comments on the 1st Query, Deepening Our Faith: Meeting for Worship

The queries focus our attention, and they are diffuse. Many religions have creeds. Ours is different, encouraging consideration of many aspects of the Query.

Approval of minutes for 12th month 11th day meeting for business **Approved as amended** Amendments; Note charitable contributions should include Habitat for Humanity Choptank \$500. Under comments on the Query replace “advocate” with “reconciliation”

Clerks desk – Tom Corl

Upcoming events: Adrienne Rudge’s memorial service will be May 6, 2023 at 11 a.m. The wedding for Katie Claggett and AJ Rojas will be May 20, 2023.

Property and Grounds will arrange a clean-up date prior to these two events, with special attention to the common room.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting asks if Third Haven will host a remote continuing session gathering on March 11, 2023 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. While the Meeting was not enthusiastic, Beth Mufson and Mary Yancey will investigate the request, further consider resources needed and available for the event, and make a decision on our behalf.

Treasurer's report – Ben Tilghman



With 50% of our fiscal year elapsed as of January 1, our income stands at 48.8% of budget, while expenses stand at 52.8%. The Building Fund, now segregated in a separate savings account at Truist Bank in Easton, has slightly over \$98,000, with no obligations, while the Planning Fund has just under \$26,000 on hand. The Planning Fund is intended to cover the cost of creating the master plan with John Milner Architects and Jonathan Ceci Landscape Architecture. We expect that cost to not exceed \$70,000, half of which will be paid by the Trustees. The Meeting's \$35,000 was transferred from the Friends Fiduciary cash reserves funds, which currently has approximately \$35,000 on hand

Member and attender donations are at roughly 42%. We will continue to get checks dated in December of 2022, and these are recorded as being received on December 31, 2022 so that donors calendar year taxes will reflect their intentions for tax purposes. Accordingly, we will not be able to provide a 6 month budget to actual report until mid to late January

We will be preparing and sending year end summaries to all donors by the end of this month.

Third Haven Friends Meeting 2022 State of the Meeting Report – Tom Corl

Amendments were suggested and implemented. The entire lengthy report for 2022 calendar year continues to be available attached to emailed announcements and will be presented at Southern Quarterly Meeting, next First Day, and transmitted to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

Pastoral Care Annual Report – Dona Sorce Accepted



During 2022 the committee was represented by the following members: Adrienne Rudge (Clerk), Dona Sorce, Lorraine Claggett, Marsie Hawkinson, Katherine Johnson, Dee Rein, John Schreiner, and Bill Schauer.

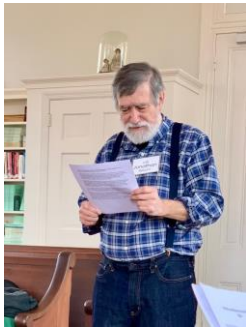
In addition to ongoing efforts to reach out and maintain regular communication and support with individual members and attenders, the Pastoral Care Committee engaged in the following activities during 2022: coordination of clearness

meetings for the purpose of membership for Kristina Herold and Terry-Thomas Primer, and marriage for Sarah Claggett and Tim Nowicke; assistance with the Memorial Services for: Steve Escher, Joyce Zeigler and Mark Beck; annual and regular updates to the directory of members and attenders including separating young adult members from their parents' listings;

Editing of the Pathways to Membership Brochure; provision of support for members experiencing emotional and or financial distress; hosting the annual Christmas potluck; Hosting Blue Christmas worship service; encouraging members and attenders to provide "selfies" for the directory to facilitate better communication; revising name tags and creating new name tags for new attenders; purchase of Friends Journal subscriptions for new members as well parents of children engaged with First Day School; and purchase and distribution of Advent Calendars for First Day School families.

Much of this work was accomplished under the loving care and direction of Adrienne Rudge.

Worship and Ministry Annual Report – Jonathan Slocum Accepted



Worship and Ministry provides greeters for meeting for worship, discusses our experience of that worship and coordinates adult religious education.

Vocal ministry has been good this year and at times excellent. Meetings were quieter during the Spring but have seemed to be getting more vocal this Fall and Winter with increasing attendance. This is despite concerns about the Covid pandemic which has reduced attendance and created a technical barrier for some of our

members and attenders. The Committee agrees that the hybrid model is not ideal but it does allow people to attend who otherwise could not.

Meeting for Worship was not being held in person at the start of the year and we resumed hybrid meetings in February.

One of our most popular programs is the monthly sharing of spiritual journeys. This was previously organized by Mark Beck, who left us a full slate for last year prior to his death. Tom Corl coordinated this program in 2022. Harvey Zendt will do this in 2023. Many of the active members of the meeting have shared their journeys. If you have not then please consider doing so. Sharing your journey helps unite us in what is spiritually essential, and deciding what to share can be a very insightful process.

We had planned to start Trust Circles in the Fall with the help of Clinton and Kathryn Pettus, who designed this process for building community. We invited members of Asbury United Methodist Church to join us. They were awaiting a new pastor, and that delayed their response. They may be interested at a later date, but have declined to participate at this time. At that point the holiday season was approaching. Our intention is to start holding Trust Circles early in 2023.

The Committee updated and reprinted Third Haven's "Advice on Worship & Ministry" with the assistance of Marie Leonard. We are also in the process of reviewing and updating sections of the meeting's web page under our area of responsibility. We purchased 45 copies of *Faith and Practice*.

The Committee is planning to coordinate four sessions to discuss the Gospels, possibly including Sarah Ruden's *The Gospels: A New Translation*, this Spring. We are discussing holding a Quakerism 101 religious education program, perhaps next Spring, and having a visiting speaker as way opens.

The Jungian Dream Group and the Journaling Group remain active. Guided meditations based on Rex Ambler's *Experiment with Light* were discontinued due to low participation.

Sandra Herbert moved to New England early in the year and continued participating in Worship and Ministry meetings, which are held on Zoom. She resigned from the committee in April. Kristina Herold has joined the committee. All presently serving members of the committee will continue in 2023. Members are Tom Corl, Kristina Herold, Janet Kemp, Steve Meixner, Harvey Zendt and Jonathan Slocum, clerk.

Planning Committee Update – Tom Corl

Planning Committee Meeting Dates:



The Planning Committee will continue to meet in Working Meetings — with John Milner Architects (JMA), Chadds Ford PA, and Jonathan Ceci Landscape Architecture (JCLA), Baltimore MD. In consultation with JMA, the Planning Committee has set the 2023 meeting dates. In order to reduce costs, the Working Meetings will be in the offices of JMA or JCLA.

There will be 2 Meeting Workshops to which all Third Haven Friends are invited. The Meeting Workshops will be in the common room. The schedule is:

- Meeting Workshop 1, Tuesday, February 7, Third Haven common room, 10:00 am
- Planning Committee Working Meeting 3, Friday, March 3, JMA or JCLA, 10:00 am
- Meeting Workshop 2, Saturday, April 15, Third Haven common room, 10:00 am
- Planning Committee Working Meeting 4, Friday, April 21, JMA or JCLA, 10:00 am

Planning Committee members and Meeting Friends, please put these dates on your calendars or devices, and plan to attend — in person, if you can. These kinds of meetings are not easy to follow from Zoom.

Campaign Committee Update – Tom Corl

The Campaign Committee is preparing for the fundraising Campaign to carry out the building program and the land use improvements that will emerge from the master planning process, expected to be complete in 4th month 2023. At present, there is no overall financial goal for the Campaign that goal amount will have to follow from the completion of the master plan and when we have better overall cost estimates. The realization of the building program and the land use improvements will necessarily have to be phased, as funds become available from the Campaign and Trustees.

At present, most of the work of the Campaign Committee is in planning and preparing for Campaign fundraising activities. The Committee met on 11.19 and 12.17.22 and formed work groups. The Campaign Committee will meet again on 1.21.23. All are welcome.

The Meeting Support group, convened by Harvey Zendt, will begin soon to contact members and attenders to encourage them to make financial contributions, this fiscal year (July 2022 – June 2023), first to the annual Operating Fund as a priority, and to then to the Building Fund after that. The goal is to increase the rate of giving among members. The historic rate of giving from members is around 50%. The amount each gives is not important. Any gift of any size is valuable and important. Improving the rate of giving will be very important to outside fundraising and securing grants.

The Community Outreach group, convened by Mary Yancey, has met and is working on developing a list of organizations to be contacted. The Grants group, convened by Amelia Corl, has been in communication and will have its first meeting next week. There have been several conversations among the members Planned Giving and Major Gifts group. Tom Corl will convene that group for its first meeting next week. The Treasury and Software group, convened by Bill Schauer, met last week. The group is testing and evaluating fundraising software for Campaign information management. This group has been renamed Campaign Operations and be integrated with Meeting financial reporting. The Campaign Committee formed another group to develop a name for the campaign, a tagline and such graphics and additional text as may be needed. Tom Corl convened. They will have a second meeting next week.

Discussion clarified the process we are following for this project. The Treasurer reminded Friends that the amount donated is known to the Clerk of Budget and Finance, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Meeting Co-clerks. Otherwise amounts donated are confidential.

New business

Old Meeting House A Friend expressed concern about the deteriorating conditions of the Old Meeting House and maintenance of other buildings. The Trustees representative responded with strategies currently being implemented and planned to address moisture problems and continuing historic preservation of the Old Meeting House, including repairs to decaying siding and exterior trim, replacement of skirt and cap at the base of four walls, repairs of windows and sills, repairs to doors and shutter, addition of ventilation to address condensation issue, painting of exterior and on site electrical

access. Members expressed appreciation for the effort and information and requested continued updates from the Trustees.

The meeting closed with silent worship at 12:50 p.m.
D Rein, Recording Clerk

Announcements

Our newsletter circulates during the first week of each month to enable readers to review the minutes of the most recent meeting for worship with attention to business.

Full list of announcements may be found at

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

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

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

February 17 and March 17 [Fridays]

Family Meals

The Hospitality Committee in conjunction with Testimonies and Concerns will sponsor two Third Haven "Family Meals" on Friday February 17, and Friday March 17, 2023.

Those are the days that we gather in the Common Room about 3:30 pm to prepare our monthly meal for Talbot Interfaith Shelter. We are going to make extra-large meals on those days and sit down to our own meal after we deliver the meal to TIS, for fellowship and an informal puzzle/ game night. Our family meal will start about 6pm on Feb 17, and 6:30 pm on March 17 (St Patrick's parade downtown, so a later start time.) Come earlier if you'd like to help prepare the meal, or come on time to enjoy it. See you then!

Contact Beth Mufson or Mary Yancey for more information.

Quaker Voice of Maryland

Quaker Voice is excited to advocate with you over the next couple months. In this report we include some information about our priority bills for 2023 (still working on finalizing a few) and upcoming advocacy events. There is a lot to share, so read this through to the end!

February 5 (Sunday)

Meeting for Worship

Meeting for Worship will be held in the Brick Meeting House at 10 AM with simultaneous virtual meeting.

February 7 [Tuesday]

Meeting Workshop 1

Third Haven Common Room 10 AM

John Milner Architects and Jonathan Ceci Landscape Architects will facilitate a Meeting Workshop to present their progress in concept development for the Third Haven master plan. All Third Haven members and attenders are invited to attend. Friends are encouraged to attend in person, as drawings, site maps and plan details will be difficult to follow on Zoom.

February 8 (Wednesday)**Wednesday Meeting for Worship 5:30 PM**

Meeting for Worship will be held in the Brick Meeting House from 5:30 to 6pm with simultaneous virtual meeting.

February 9 [Thursday]**Spirituality and Aging Workshop**

Sheila Sorkin asks to be introduced as the PYM Aging Support Coordinator and would like to promote the Spirituality and Aging Workshop, February 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (pym.org). Link to register----->

<https://www.pym.org/event/spirituality-and-aging-workshop-with-arch/>

For more information about the program, please contact: Sheila Sorkin, Aging Support Coordinator, (215) 241-7068, ssorkin@pym.org

February 10 (Friday)**Zoom Happier Hour 7 PM**

Zoom happier hour conversation is scheduled on Fridays at 7:00 pm. Typically, about 5-6 people use the hour to reconnect, share news and again, offer fellowship. *Please consider joining our group this evening.*

February 12 (Sunday)**Meeting for Worship and Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

Meeting for Worship will be held in the Brick Meeting House at 10 AM with simultaneous virtual meeting. Meeting for Business will convene at 11:30 AM.

Meeting Workshop 2, Saturday, April 15, Third Haven Common Room, 10:00 am.

There will be a second Meeting Workshop to present further progress on the Master plan. Again, all members and attenders are encouraged to attend.

Valentine Exchange

For the past two years (during COVID restrictions) the hospitality committee has sponsored a "Valentine Exchange" for members/ attenders who wanted to connect with other members/attenders in a randomized Secret Santa type exchange. We are weighing whether there is enough interest to continue this practice. Please let Beth or Mary know if you and/ or your family are interested in participating in a Valentine Exchange this year. The exchanged items usually consist of modest tokens (food/ candy/homemade artwork or crafts etc.) expressing our love, care and support for one another.

Contact Beth Mufson or Mary Yancey to participate.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

Spring Continuing Sessions is a special part of our year! In the past, local meetings hosting the day created an opportunity for intervisitation and bringing Friends together in parts of our community that they may not have experienced before. This year, we are thrilled to return to this tradition . . . but with a twist! Link to Register: [Spring Continuing Sessions](#)

Third Haven Meeting Sign



The Outreach Committee is working with Marie Leonard on a series of small wooden sign riders that would hang below the Third Haven sign on Washington Street. Designed to be rotated throughout the year, each rider would name a testimony - Peace, Community, etc. The objective is to attract attendees who share our values but do not know much about us. A selection of possible designs, options for wording, and color choices are in the attachments to announcements and will be posted in the Common Room with space for comments. We look forward to your thoughts!