



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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April 2019 NEWSLETTER

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Tenth Day, Third Month, 2019



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

Attending: 35 attended: Gwen Beegle, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Connie Crow, Bob Day, Susan Dickinson, Ryan Ewing, Stephanie French, Doreen Getsinger, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Larissa Kitenko, Bill Lane,

Marie Leonard, Connie Lewis, Steven Meixner, Beth Mufson, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, Bill Schauer, Robert Shattuck, Candace Shattuck, Dona Sorce, Dan Sweeney, Ben Tilghman, Paige Tilghman, Dolores Wack, Bob Wack, Joan Wetmore, Anny Williams, Winslow Womack, Mary Yancey, Ralph Young.

Comments on Third Query

This focuses our attention on last week's Long Range Planning purpose to nurture and grow spiritually.

Approval of minutes from February business meeting-**Approved**



First Day School-Susan Claggett

Tiny SPICES will be continuing as "Nature Tots" through May. In a nutshell, River's Edge Forest Play won't be able to continue partnering for the Tiny SPICES program because they have closed their office in Easton. FDS would like to continue the program (same teacher, format, scheduling, general concept) just without the partner. Current insurance coverage is adequate. Third Haven is taking on the registration processing and teacher payment. Property and Grounds supports the

nature build concept. The Nature Tots concept with all the details may be viewed with the weekly announcements.

Summer camp is again proposed for Summer 2019 with a focus on outdoor mindfulness. Camp will be 2 weeks, 4 mornings a week for ages 4-9, 12 children will be enrolled with the hope of adding diversity. The summer camp information may be viewed with the weekly announcements.-**Approved**



Facilities Use Annual Report- Larissa Kitenko-**Accepted**

Current State:

Third Haven Friends Meeting continues to provide a quiet, reflective space for the Meeting's activities and Members' outside activities as well as the meetings of non-members.

The fee structure approved in September 2017 continues in effect. See our website, www.thirdhaven.org, for details. A statistical analysis of usage during 2018 is also available at the website. 343 meetings and events occurred. Donations totaled \$5303.

Recommendations:

1 – Members to continue checking the Common Room Calendar and notifying Facilities

Committee of desired dates/times for their event.

This will:

- inform the Committee
- prevent double-bookings
- insure a Friendly Presence at each event
- collect & record donations in a timely manner
- insure clean-up

2 - Continue the current donation schedule.

3 – Continue communications among our Treasurer, Facilities and Communications Committees.

Communications Annual Report– John Hawkinson-**Accepted**

This year we have added Amy Owsley, who provides articles and photographs of First Day School activities. Our next most recent member, Marie Leonard, published the new Meeting Directory as well as an insert with current updates. Tatiana Harrison sustains the website; Ralph Young provides photography; Dee Rein monitors the meeting's telephone messages and prepares the newsletter; John Hawkinson responds to the meeting's e-mail messages as well as sending out announcements and newsletters. The meeting has a Facebook page, but we find it difficult to ignore the adverse privacy-related revelations about this provider.

The primary work of our group is to provide weekly



announcements and a monthly newsletter and keep the directories and website current. In this latter regard, each committee clerk will be asked to review and update their portions of the Third Haven website <http://www.thirdhaven.org/index.php>. The Pastoral Care and Scholarship Committees have already made their entries current. We appreciate the support and input of the meeting.



Testimonies & Concerns- Paige Tilghman

The Testimonies and Concerns Committee proposes the following recommendations for Charitable Contributions for THFM for 2019: The Charitable Contribution Budget includes \$3,500 to be made to organizations that work in accordance with our Quaker Testimonies. We received over 30 requests for donation and prioritized the list to ten considerations for contributions that include 5 Quaker institutions and 5 local organizations. We recommend sending \$300 to each organization as follows:

Quaker Led

Friends Committee on National Legislation - The FCNL Lobbies Congress and the administration to advance peace, justice, opportunity and environmental stewardship.

Friends General Conference - provides services and resources for individual Friends, meetings and people interested in the Quaker way as an association of Quaker communities in US and Canada working together.

Friends Peace Teams - under new leadership and supported by Southern Quarter, the Friends Peace Teams work in regions around the world to develop long term relationships with communities to create programs for peace building, healing and reconciliation.

Pendle Hill - a Quaker study, retreat and conference center welcoming all for spirit led learning and community and offering thought provoking programs, pamphlets and workshops.

Right Sharing of World Resources - an independent Quaker organization that works to share the abundance of God's love by working through for equity through community partnerships around the world.

Community Led

Neighborhood Service Center - whose mission is to improve the quality of life both socially and economically for low-income residents.

Talbot Interfaith Shelter - provides shelter and meals for homeless individuals and families in Talbot County.

Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center - empowers people from different cultures to become successfully engaged in our community and enhances multicultural understanding.

Building African American Minds (BAAM) - to provide support to young African American males who are at risk of academic failure and support their education progress.

Shore River Keepers - formerly Mid Shore River Keepers - to provide a voice for clean rivers from the Sassafras to the Choptank Rivers. -

Discussion: Friends also decided to donate \$300 to Friends Journal and praised the choices.

In the future we may publicize other organizations that requested donations.

-Approved

Schoffner Fund Update:

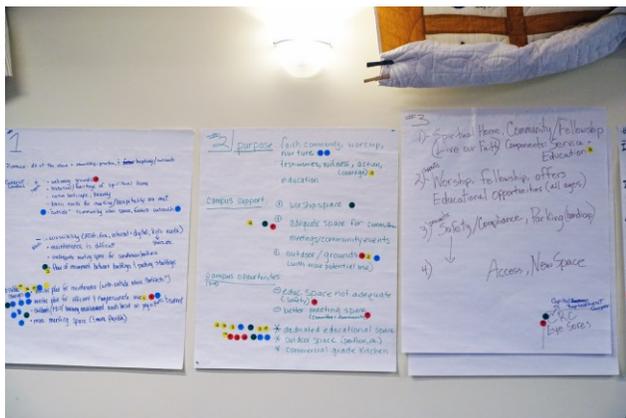
We reviewed the Schoffner Fund with a Market Value of \$16,531.17 on 12/31/2018) and a semi annual income of \$322.94. (\$600 available for the year). We have identified two projects: Los Patojos, in Jocotenango, Guatemala, a school that offers an accredited education program for students Pre k to 9th grade, operated by Head Master, Juan Pablo Romero Fuentes, a native of the town. 50% of Guatemalans do not receive and education. The Los Patojos program impacts 375 children in rural villages providing free classes, tutoring, meals and medical care. The school is working to provide education through art, leadership programs, skills training and community building as a way for students to earn their High School equivalency and be able to apply their skills to earn a living. <http://lospatojos.org.gt/>. We would like to donate \$300 to this school and begin correspondence to determine what else they might need that we might be able to provide.

BQEF, Bolivian Quaker Education Fund to support the award of scholarships. THFM has participated with this Quaker affiliated group in the past. They provide scholarships for advanced education in Bolivia. T&C will discuss the Shoffner Fund further and keep us informed regarding their choices.

The next T&C Meeting will be held on 4th month 7th at 8:45 in the Brick Meeting House. On the Agenda will be a consideration from FCNL for input on revision of “The World We Seek: Statement for Legislative Policy”. FCNL relies on the policy statement to guide positions for legislative support on behalf of Friends. Information will be available for review. We will provide recommendations to 4th month Business Meeting for submittal to FCNL by 4th month 26th where it will be reviewed and considered by the General Committee meeting at the Annual Meeting November 2019.

Clerks Desk- Molly Brian

Transfer of membership of Sue Ann Raring from Winston-Salem meeting to Third Haven Monthly Meeting. She and her fiancée will be married here in June. Welcoming committee- Susan Claggett, Molly Brian, Nancy Robbins, Marie Leonard



Long Range Planning Workshop Feedback

The clerk reviewed the process of the meeting groups answering 4 queries:

- What is the purpose of our meeting overall?
- How does the current campus support this?
- How does the current campus prevent this?
- How might we change our campus to deepen our meeting's purpose?

The way forward was discussed yielding the following comments:

Parking issue, we need a concrete project to get things going. Consider walking, bicycling,

car-pooling to meeting as well as using lot or Trippe Avenue if able to walk. Consider golf cart to transport from parking lot. Property and Grounds is working on this issue. Worship and ministry greeters have helped by parking people's cars for them and retrieve later.

Handicapped access and children's programs need attention too. We need a master look at these programs.

Hire a professional planner. Some of the Philadelphia architectural firms with Quaker principal owners do this well.

Lane Engineering did an accurate survey of the property and Larny Claggett will access it so we have it for planning.

Nearby meetings that have done renovations may have ideas to help us. Members with contacts will gather information.

Prioritize what needs to be done, with an all clerks or ad hoc group to gather themes from the group sheets, then consider resources and time lines.

Decision: A summary group of Molly Brian, Adrienne Rudge, Ben Tilghman, Gwen Beegle, Larny Claggett and Dee Rein will review and summarize the long range planning meeting group sheets. After presenting this to the meeting via an all clerks meeting or other mode, we may be ready for professional help.

New Business

Housekeeping items: We are missing a number of coffee cups. Bill Schauer will put out an announcement about this and look into the purchase of more coffee cups. Several lost and found items will be taken to Goodwill after next First Day.

The meeting closed with silent worship at 12:45 p.m.

D. Rein

Recorder

Film series to highlight Environmental Stewardship

To paraphrase legendary folk singer Woody Guthrie, This world is our world. This world belongs to you and me. Shouldn't we be taking better care of it? A series of four discussions of Environmental Stewardship will address this question this spring. Each meeting will take place in our common room, and be accompanied by a documentary film. Complimentary, soup, bread and beverages will be served before each screening. Each gathering will feature a documentary about the current state of our environment and what is being, or should be, done to preserve and protect it for future generations. Each will be followed by a discussion of what we can do on the Eastern Shore. The following movies remain on the marquee:

The first film was High Tide in Dorchester, attended by the filmmaker, Tom Horton.



5:30 p.m. April 12: *Gasland Part II* (2013, 125 minutes). Gonzo filmmaker Josh Fox follows up his 2010 documentary with a sequel that exposes the gas industry's portrayal of natural gas as a clean and safe alternative to oil, and hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") as a safe way to extract it, as myths. It shows how fracked wells inevitably leak over time, contaminating water and air, hurting families, and endangering the earth's climate with the potent greenhouse gas methane. It also sheds light on the special-interests muscle behind the current fracking craze. Best Documentary, Environmental Media Awards and Wild and Scenic Film Festival.

6 p.m. April 26: *Tomorrow* (2015, 87 minutes). Climate is changing. Instead of showing all the worst that can happen, this documentary focuses on the people suggesting and implementing solutions. French actress and director Mélanie Laurent became increasingly aware of the dangers and the state of urgency that her son will face in the future. She and activist Cyril Dion traveled the world in search of solutions that can help save the next generations. Lumiere Award nomination, and Cesar Award (French version of the Oscar) for Best Documentary.

Time permitting, we will also screen short videos describing the successful efforts of the Earth Quaker Action Team to persuade one of America's biggest banks to stop funding mountaintop-removal coal mining; and Pennsylvania's largest utility company to add more solar energy to its power-source mix. These gatherings will take place in our common room, where we will show the documentary film. Complimentary, soup, bread and beverages will be served before each screening, and will be followed by discussion of what we can do on the Eastern Shore.

Admission to the Environmental Stewardship discussion are free. Attendance will be limited to 50 at each gathering. To reserve a seat, or for more information, contact Pete Howell at 410-924-5752, piratepete@goeaston.net or P.O. Box 222, Easton, MD 21601. In the meantime, tell your friends.

Announcements

To see all Meeting announcements, calendar and charitable contributions information:

<http://www.thirdhaven.org>

In The Light:

Edward Crow Elliott

Tom Corl writes, "I talked with Dr. Elizabeth Elliott today and learned that her father, Edward Crow Elliott, died on Wednesday 3.27. He was 79. His death was due to complications from lymphoma. He had been in the hospital 4 times since the beginning of 2019. There are no plans announced for a memorial service at this time. We hold Dr. Elliott and her family in the Light."

Mary Ruth Hawkinson Temple

February 4, 2019 in Minneapolis, MN. Widow of Robert Temple, loving mother, sister of John Hawkinson, and a respected weaver.

April 7 (Sunday)

Friends Committee on National Legislation Policy Statement for Revision

Friends Committee on National Legislation, a Quaker based lobby in Washington DC, is revising their Policy Statement. The FCNL Policy Statement provides guidelines and embodies Quaker beliefs as a foundation for legislative work. The FCNL believes spiritual clearness can be discerned in community with fellow seekers. The FCNL Policy statement was last revised in 2013 and they are now seeking input for revisions.

<https://www.fcnl.org/updates/2019-policy-revision-process-1886>

Testimonies & Concerns will meet on fourth month 7th at 8:45a.m. in the Brick Meeting House to review the FCNL Policy Statement and prepare input for revision. The work will be then presented to the 4th month Business Meeting for further input so that comments from THFM can be submitted by April 26, 2019. All are welcome to join us for this session.

Please review the FCNL Policy Statement and join Testimonies & Concerns to work on input for revisions.

May 4 (Saturday)

Clean Up Day

Summer Camps (note corrected dates)

We are now promoting our second annual Third Haven Summer Camps. Mindfulness is not just for adults. Even the youngest among us can be overwhelmed by our noisy world and crave quiet and genuine connection with inner peace and the simplicity of nature. Two summer camp sessions will be held: June 10-13, and July 22-25, 9-11:30 a.m.. The theme is mindfulness through nature, and we are welcoming back our teachers Cherie Baron and Kristen Hanlon. Cost is \$100 per child and scholarships are available. Details are in the revised flyer which accompanies weekly announcements- please share this information far and wide! New copies will be placed in the Common Room. Special thanks to Marie Leonard for her fantastic flyer

design (and patience with corrections :))! Registration deadlines are May 31 for the June session and June 30 for the July session. For more information or to register email: amy.owsley@gmail.com.

Information about Islamic and Hindu places of worship

Islamic Society of Easton (Mosque)

126 Port St., Easton

next to Neighborhood Service Center.

Friday prayers start a little after 1PM. Arrive about 1PM to be greeted. Service is over by 2PM.

Remove shoes upon entering. There is a place to put them along the wall and also a box for donations. Women's heads need to be covered but (I believe) they offer scarfs for this purpose.

Men and women are in different rooms.

There are chairs along the back of the room, rather than sitting on the floor as the Muslims do.

They have always been most welcoming to visitors.

Hindu Temple - Akshardham

Robbinsville NJ

Google: BAPS New Jersey

Take exit 7A off NJ Turnpike to the west. Then north on US130. There is a small sign to turn left from the right lane. (It's NJ.) Stay in the middle of 3 lanes. Drive is 2+ hrs. from Centreville.

The temple is open every day.

Dress: Remove shoes before entering the temple. (The floor is heated.) Shoulders and knees should be covered.

Darshan is the ceremony of unveiling the avatars (statues.) This is a meaningful ceremony to Hindus.

For Darshan, men and women sit separately on the floor. If this is uncomfortable for you, chairs can be provided.

Arti is when the priests use lighted lamps along with the ceremony. VERY neat. See the website for the schedule.

After Arti (and maybe other times) priests will bring the candles into the congregation for a blessing. Follow the lead of others. There is also a basket for donations. (You can also make donations at the desk just outside the temple.)

At the end of the ceremony (or at other times) you can walk around the temple area. This is always done in a clockwise direction.

Take your time. Observe the "paintings" on the walls - these are actually stone mosaics.

Volunteers are available to answer questions. Or they will leave you alone, if you prefer. They are very welcoming to visitors.

There is a small gift shop and a place to buy food (to take home.) There is a little food available to eat there - mostly cheese pizza. (Hindus tend to be vegetarians.)

Just outside the temple area is a Sikh center. I have not visited but you might want to learn more about Sikhs, too. *submitted by John Turner*

Discernment

Katherine Johnson led a discussion on Discernment: Guidance of the Spirit



New Members and Attenders Luncheon

March 26th featured beautiful weather and a full house as we honored this year's new member, Bob Day, as well as many wonderful attenders, some of whom rose to introduce themselves. We are pleased to have such a vibrant community and celebrate the hard work of all who make it possible through committee work, outreach and first day school. Those wishing to become members are encouraged to consult Faith and Practice for details on the process and then write a letter to the clerk requesting membership for themselves and, if appropriate, their children. We welcome full participation in the life of Third Haven Friends Meeting.





First Day School News

March was filled with activity for First Day School! Sunday lessons included our monthly Philosophy Club (Jeanne and Dee), Nature Seekers (Cherie and Kristen) and Faith & Play Story (Susan) – plus new lessons on weaving (Heidi) and music (Jonathan). Meanwhile, on Friday mornings Third Haven continued our toddler program with Katelin Frase. This program is bigger than ever! The little ones spent March focused on meditation practices focused on nature – sky, clouds, breath, and outdoor wonderings were our themes. Starting in April, this Nature Tots class will be building, with help from Property and Grounds, a small mud play kitchen, sound wall, and children’s sensory garden on our grounds. Meanwhile, behind the scenes, we have been planning our summer camps (weeks of June 10 and July 22) and prepping for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt (April 21) and Moving Up Ceremony (June 9). Thanks as always to the Meeting for all your support and time for the children and families of Third Haven!

