



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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Live in love and learn from one another.

Advices

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Fourteenth Day, Eleventh Month, 2021

In attendance: *In Brick Meeting House and on Zoom:* Mark Beck, Molly Brian, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, Doreen Getsinger, Damian Hannahan, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Kristina Herold, Steve Meixner, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Bill Schauer, John Schreiner, Priscilla Sener, Brian Shean, Jon Slocum, Ben Tilghman, Paige Tilghman, John Turner, Kevin Walsh, Mary Yancey,

Opening Silent Worship – Clerk Molly Brian opened the meeting with a period of silent worship at 11:40 am.

Comments on Eleventh Query, Stewardship of Resources (read at Meeting for Worship)

Why do Quakers have an emphasis on education? It's about using your abilities as best you can and encouraging others to do the same.

Approval of minutes from Tenth Month business meeting **Approved**

Clerks' Desk – *Molly Brian*

A letter from Asbury United Methodist Church was read and various proposals for this relationship were discussed:

October 29, 2021

Third Haven Friends Meeting

P.O. Box 2379

Easton, Maryland 21601

Re: Sister Church Relationship

Dear Molly:

On behalf of the Pastor and members of Asbury United Methodist Church we have accepted and are very excited about being a sister church with Third Haven.

As you are aware Asbury and Third Haven has for many years established a sisterly relationship within our various ministries and are deeply appreciative of the grace that has been extended to us.

It is with great honor and privilege and excitement for the members of Asbury to make our relationship with Third Haven official.

Let us start this relationship with an introductory meeting either at Third Haven or at Asbury (for us it would be contingent on the church receiving an occupancy permit).

Please contact Carlene Phoenix can be reached at 410-443-1944 or via email.

We are looking forward to beginning this new journey with Third Haven and thank you again for prayerfully being one with us at Asbury.

Peace, Blessings and Love,



Alfred Handy

Pastor



George Wilson
Trustee, Chair



Carlene Phoenix
Lay Leader

Discussion: Brainstormed suggestions included that we go to them. On Dec.11 they have bazaar that may be in the Common Room if Asbury does not yet have a certificate of occupancy. Perhaps next year we can have a gathered meeting for worship with a meal and discussion. Putting on a concert has also been suggested. Consider how our committees might connect with those at Asbury. We might also include announcements mutually.

Request for Marriage under the Care of Meeting Referred to Pastoral Care Committee

Dear Molly,

It is our hope that we be married under the care of the meeting. We plan to hold the ceremony in the old meeting house on May 28th, 2022. In addition, it is Tim's wish that his friend and teacher, Tyson Kern, have a brief role in the ceremony as well as hold a place on our care committee. Tyson is not a member but has made the necessary arrangements to be our witness.

Thank you so much for considering our request.

Most sincerely,

Sarah Claggett and Tim Nowicki

Worship in two meeting houses. Thoughts? Audio problems have been a challenge. Practically it might be good to consolidate in the Brick Meeting House with Zoom available. Perhaps do something at Christmas in the Old Meeting House. There is no problem leaving the OMH open, but we prefer to maintain the cohesion of one unified meeting. Some are not comfortable with the number of people in the BMH. A variety of possibilities were offered.

Next First Day we have children's program scheduled, and families will prefer OMH. They are wearing masks and are aware of the COVID risk. We may continue there next week as the Tech team works on the situation. Susan will ask families about their expectations.

We might remind folks to get vaccinated or wear masks in addition to considerate choices on attendance based on health status.

Land use planning committee is part of the planning committee. Participants are Mary Yancey, clerk, Dona Sorce, recording clerk, Priscilla Sener, Meredith Watters, Sarah Hildebrand, John Schreiner, Liam Ewing, Susan Claggett, Sally Claggett, Molly Brian. Meetings will be on the 2nd Thurs in CR 5 p.m. with Zoom access. All interested persons are invited to attend. A survey of the property is in process by Lane Engineering and we hope to have the completed survey in hand by our next scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 9th. If anyone else has a strong desire to be part of this committee, please let Mary Yancey know.

Nominating Committee Preliminary Report – *Nancy Robbins*

Please check your committee commitments on the spreadsheet in the newsletter. Let the nominating committee know of any changes desired.

Worship and Ministry seeks members for help with adult religious education and nurturance of the spiritual life of the meeting.

Testimonies and Concerns Annual Report – *Paige Tilghman Accepted*

The following members attended to the business of Testimonies & Concerns in 2021: Beth Mufson, Bob Wack, Connie Lewis, Dona Sorce, Harvey Zendt, Mary Yancy, Sandra Herbert, Stephanie French, and Paige Tilghman, serving as Clerk; with Cynthia Quast, supporting Marilla's Lunches; Sarah Sayre supporting the TIS; and Tom Corl, supporting the Detention Center Library. The committee meets at 8:45 a.m. in the Common Room on the 1st first day.

T&C assists members in focusing attention on our work in the community and recommends: "a plan to carry out social service projects; a role to recommend particular actions to individuals and to the meeting itself, as corporate body; encouragement to work for social change through Quaker organizations; support for a member in seeking to bring a concern to the attention of monthly, quarterly or yearly meeting; contribution of services or financial support for individuals as "released friends"; to initiate consciousness raising and skill building activities that reflect our testimonies" Faith & Practice

Marilla's Lunches is no longer functioning as an activity under the care of the meeting and we thank Cynthia Quast for her dedication and time in managing the program through difficult times. The Detention Center Library has been reactivated with several members participating weekly. The Talbot Inter Faith Shelter has been represented by Sarah Sayre and has successfully managed volunteers from THFM to serve meals and be a presence. The TIS has successfully expanded to the house next door doubling its capacity to save the homeless in our community. The NSC thanked us for our food donations to the pantry. FCNL and Quaker Voice are represented by member interaction. T&C has been asked to partner with a volunteer group called Food Link to deliver food to shelters in our area.

T&C expenses for operations were minimal due to restricted activities for the first part of the year, impacted by COVID. \$3,000 was allocated for recommendation for contributions from Meeting. T&C developed the Giving Guide in 2019 to recommend worthy organizations to receive contributions from Meeting and Members in keeping with our Monthly Queries. T&C recommended the total \$3,000 be awarded to Historic Easton Inc and the Asbury United Methodist Church for renovations. Meeting approved this recommendation and identified additional funds to offer a total \$5,000 for the project. The Shoffner Fund, under the care of T&C, is designated for monetary awards for International Education and has an approximate market value of \$23,000. The Committee allocated \$300 equally to: the Bolivian Quaker Education Fund, the Patamos School in Guatemala and an Agriculture Education project in Puerto Rico.

A highlight in 2021 was the dedication of the Peace Pole on June 20, in Memory of Ralph Young. The event was hosted by T&C but, it was a Meeting wide project that involved: sourcing a suitable pole; carved, by an expert carver with "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in 4 languages; engineered with a durable and serviceable fitting for installation; and installed in a common place; agreed to by all, with a lovely ceremony that represented community wide participation, to honor a man, 'who led by example' in his commitment to peace and equality. We were all grateful to have had a part in dedicating the THFM Peace Pole for the memory of Ralph Young.

Comments: Paige Tilghman is the Food Link coordinator. Other participants are welcome.

The Talbot Interfaith Shelter might benefit from more participation by our members. Sarah Sayre is the coordinator who can be contacted for these arrangements. There is a screening process required.

Planning committee update. *Ben Tilghman*

A letter to 4 architects making plain our interest to continue to proceed with rethinking our facilities will be sent. Tom Corl will take over as clerk of committee in January. The Americans with Disabilities Act requires reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities. This will be a consideration in our planning.

An ADA audit, with fees, will be useful but could be costly. The audit will take 2-3 months to accomplish with a known expert. Should we do this now and fix a few things

or incorporate it into the plan? The committee will continue to study this matter and keep the Meeting informed.

New Business

Trust Circles Approved

With the approval of the meeting the Worship and Ministry Committee will sponsor a series of Trust Circles at Third Haven beginning in early 2022. This program encourages Friends to share perspectives about building trust and a sense of belonging across ethnocultural backgrounds in a format similar to worship sharing. It provides a safe space to express your experiences, feelings, and concerns. All perspectives are respected and acknowledged in a non-judgmental environment.

Clinton and Kathryn Pettus developed Trust Circles to foster ethnocultural dialog and build worship communities that are a complete and pleasing whole. The program is ongoing at Baltimore Monthly Meeting, Stony Run, where they are members.

Each Trust Circle is limited to 10 participants so that everyone will have ample, uninterrupted time to speak to a series of queries. Meetings last up to an hour and a quarter. Worship and Ministry is seeking participants and people interested in being trained as facilitators of the Trust Circles starting in mid-January. We can support more than one Trust Circle if there is interest.

Please contact Jonathan Slocum for additional information. There is a sign-up list in the Common Room.

Testimonies and Concerns priority session on social concerns invites all for soup and bread at the rise of meeting, next First Day, November 21.

A member requested a visual calendar as attachment to announcements.

Richard Forman is sending us Chandlee's books for our library.

People appreciated being back in Brick Meeting House

Closing Silent Worship 12:42 p.m.

D. Rein, Recorder

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>

The Third Haven newsletter circulates during a week before meeting for worship with attention to business to enable readers to review the minutes of the most recent previous meeting for worship with attention to business.

First Day School



The beautiful holiday wreaths on our Meeting House doors were made by our young families.

December 5- 5 children from 3 families participated in the outdoors children's program with Kristin and Cherie. Children filled glass jars with natural materials and paper messages they wrote appreciating their connections with nature.

December 19- children's holiday program with families and Pastoral care. Our children will be making a short presentation at the rise of Meeting in conjunction with Pastoral care committee. Hot chocolate and cookies to follow in the common room.

January 9, 2022- Happy New Year! Children's program

January 23, 2022 Children's program

For any questions or concerns, please contact Susan Claggett, FDS clerk.

SMART help:

In the holiday season it is common for people to use unhealthy behaviors, like drugs, alcohol, gambling and over-eating to cope with difficult feelings. Third Haven Friends Meeting supports the Easton SMART (Self Management and Recovery Training) and Family and Friends meetings. Facilitators are Dee Rein and John Turner.

Self Management and Recovery Training helps participants find and develop the power within themselves to choose change and lead fulfilling and balanced lives guided by a science-based and sensible 4-Point Program®. SMART Family and Friends is a mutual support group for people with loved ones dealing with unhealthy behaviors. Both groups have Zoom and online meetings available and are free of charge. Our desire is that the loved one will take on the choice to pursue their own recovery and that family and friends will learn ways of improving their own lives at the same time. For more detailed information see Dee Rein and John Turner or visit <http://www.smartrecovery.org>.

Year-End Contributions

Friends who may be considering year-end contributions can find two opportunities at Third Haven Friends Meeting. Our yearly budget is sustained by contributions to support our many programs and property and grounds expenses. A tax-deductible gift may be directed to: Treasurer, Third Haven Monthly Meeting, P.O. Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601. Gifts to the Trustees ensure the long-term maintenance of our property and support capital projects. Please consider making a gift of cash, stock or a planned gift, such as a bequest, to: Trustees of Third Haven Monthly Meeting, % Dee Rein, 9249 High Banks Drive, Easton, MD 21601. Thank you.

Easton Holiday Parade

On the evening of Saturday, December 4th Third Haven families took part in the Easton Holiday Parade 5-7 pm in downtown Easton. Co-sponsored with the PEACE group, after a two year rest, the peace dove was resurrected and reinforced for this year's appearance, accompanied on the float by children and adults singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and let it begin with me. Reportedly the viewing stand exclaimed, "Here come the Quakers!" as our float approached, espousing Work for Peace.



Third Haven Friends Art Show & Sale 2021

The show and sale of artwork created by Third Haven Friends Meeting affiliated artists held on December 4th was a huge success. There were over a dozen artists participating with paintings, pottery, wearable art, baskets, photography, puzzles, gifts, holiday items and more for sale. A portion of the artwork sales helps to fund the renovation of historic buildings and revitalization of the grounds. Open to the public, the event attracted many visitors, introducing them to Third Haven and Quakers as well.



Nominating Committee to Date

Monthly Meeting Clerk: Molly
Burgoyne Brian, Tom Corl, Co-Clerks
Recording Clerks: Dee Rein, Nancy
Robbins
Treasurer. Benjamin Tilghman
Assistant Treasurer. Bill Schauer
Record Keepers.
Marsie Hawkinson, Adrienne Rudge
Caretaker. Clay Owens

Committees (AR annual report)

Budget & Finance (AR May, June)
Bill Lane, clerk.
Meeting Treasurer, Benjamin Tilghman.
Assistant Treasurer, Bill Schauer,
Doreen Getsinger, Stephen Meixner,
Bob Wack

Burials & Memorials

Molly Brian, Clerk of Meeting.
Priscilla Bond Sener, Clerk Property and
Grounds.
Adrienne Rudge, Clerk of Pastoral Care.

Communications (AR April)

John Hawkinson, Clerk.
Tania Hamboyan Harrison, website.
Marie Leonard, directory.
Beth Mufson, photography.
Dee Rein, newsletter editor, telephone.

Facilities Use (AR March)

Larissa Kitenko, Clerk.
Adrienne Rudge
Anny Williams, Emerita

First Day School (AR June)

Susan Claggett, Clerk.
Kulveen Virdee

Hospitality (AR March)

Beth Mufson, Mary Yancey, Clerks.
Whitley Gray
Kristina Herold
Dona Sorce

Heidi Wetzel
Jonathan Williams
Library
Whitley Gray, Clerk.
Joyce Macijeski
Nominating Committee (AR December)
Jonathan Slocum, , clerk.
Marsie Hawkinson

Outreach (AR February)

Lorraine B. Claggett
Stephanie French
Joan Wetmore
Mary Yancey

Pastoral Care (AR January)

Adrienne Rudge, clerks;
Lorraine B. Claggett,
Marsie Hawkinson,
Katherine Johnson,
Dee Rein,
John Schreiner
Dona Sorce

Planning (AR April)

Tom Corl, Clerk;
Mark Beck
Sarah Claggett
Susan Claggett
John Hawkinson
Bill Lane
Marie Leonard
Steve Meixner
Ben Tilghman

Land Use

Mary Yancey, Clerk
Sally Claggett
Susan Claggett
Liam Ewing
Sarah Hildebrand
John Schreiner
Priscilla Bond Sener
Dona Sorce
Meredith Watters

Property and Grounds (AR October)
Priscilla Bond Sener, Larny Claggett

Co-Clerks
Robert Gladney
John Hawkinson
Bill Lane, Jr.
Clay Owens
Nancy Robbins
Ben Tilghman
Bob Wack
Winslow Womack

Scholarship (AR September)

Marsie Hawkinson, clerk.
Judy Warder, treasurer.
Lorraine B. Claggett
Doreen Getsinger
Marie Leonard
Sumner Parker
Bill Schauer
Paige Tilghman,
Joan Wetmore

Testimonies & Concerns (AR Nov)

Paige Tilghman, Clerk.
Lorraine B. Claggett
Stephanie French
NAACP, Talbot County
Doreen Getsinger
Beth Mufson
Dona Sorce,
Mary Yancey,
Harvey Zendt

Worship & Ministry (AR December)

Jonathan Slocum, clerk.
Mark Beck
Tom Corl
Janet Kemp,
Steve Meixner

Liaisons and Representatives

American Friends Service Committee
(AFSC)

Lorraine B. Claggett

Chesapeake Multicultural Resource
Center (CMRC) Harvey Zendt, Kristina
Herold

Detention Center Library

Beth Mufson,
Molly Brian
Tom Corl,
Stephanie French
Jeanne Halpin
John Schreiner,
Beth Thompson

Food Link:
Winslow Womack
Paige Tilghman

Friends Committee on National
Legislation (FCNL)
Paige Tilghman

Interfaith Coalition Against Hunger
(Marilla's Lunches)
Cynthia Quast, coordinator

P.E.A.C.E. John Turner

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM)
Lorraine B. Claggett
Nancy Robbins

Southern Quarterly Meeting
Marie Leonard
Paige Tilghman
Katherine Johnson

Quaker Voice Liaison
Whitley Gray
Dona Sorce

Talbot Association of Clergy and Laity
(TACL)
Molly Burgoyne Brian
Nancy Robbins

Talbot Interfaith Homeless Shelter (TIS)
Sarah Sayre (coordinator)
Heidi Wetzel
Mary Yancey,
Harvey Zendt

Nominating Committee

Please submit comments to:
Nancy Robbins
Marsie Hawkinson
Jonathan Slocum

Illustrated Directory

Adding photos to our directory should help us get to know each other. Posting your personal or family photographs is voluntary. Please send single photos in .jpeg format for individuals, but for families, a group photograph will work better. If you would like to participate, please e-mail your photo to 3rdhaven@gmail.com

Jung Dream Group

New Date January 14

Once a year the Jung Dream Group is open for potential new members. We are having a special program January 14, 2022 from 10:00-11:30 am in the Common Room with a video, *How To Use Dream Incubation To Work With Nightmares and Anxiety During The Time Of COVID* with Diedre Barrett PhD. Dr Barrett is on the faculty at Harvard where she teaches and does research. She is the author of *Committee Of Sleep and Pandemic*. We will watch the video for a while and then have a discussion, Anyone interested learning about using Dreamwork as a spiritual path is welcome to attend or to contact any of the members.

Contact: Catherine Cripps