



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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“The day will come when you will trust you more than you do now, and you will trust me more than you do now. And we can trust each other. I do believe, I really do believe in the New Jerusalem, I really do believe that we can all become better than we are. I know we can. But the price is enormous, and people are not yet willing to pay it.”

James Baldwin

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Ninth Day, Eleventh Month, 2020

Opening Silent Worship Molly Brian, Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:20 a.m. with a brief period of silence.

Attending: 24 attended: Mark Beck, Molly Burgoyne Brian, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Connie Crow, Stephanie French, Whitley Gray, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Sandra Herbert, Katherine Johnson, Bill Lane, Connie Lewis, Steven Meixner, Priscilla Morris, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, Jonathan Slocum, Paige Tilghman, John Turner, Kevin Walsh, Mary Yancey

Comments on Eleventh Query, Stewardship of Resources read by *Susan Claggett*

We should consider if we are using our resources and time in a Quakerly way.

What's appropriate for us to have in cash versus using the money donated in the community to promote our beliefs?

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

Smart Recovery- *Dee Rein*

Self-Management And Recovery Training (SMART) is a global community of mutual-support groups. At meetings, participants help one another resolve problems with any addiction (to drugs or alcohol or to activities such as gambling, sexual activity or over-eating). Participants find and develop the power within themselves to choose change and lead fulfilling and balanced lives guided by our science-based and sensible 4-Point Program[®].

SMART Recovery is an abstinence-oriented, not-for-profit organization for individuals with addictive problems. Addictive behaviors can serve a purpose — to cope with life's problems and emotional upsets. However, while addictive behaviors may be effective coping methods in the

short term, they may cause harmful problems in the long term. In SMART we focus on learning coping skills that work well short- and long-term.

SMART Recovery's approach to behavioral change is built around our 4-Point Program[®]: (1) Building and maintaining the motivation to change. (2) Coping with urges to use. (3) Managing thoughts, feelings, and behaviors in an effective way without addictive behaviors. (4) Living a balanced, positive, and healthy life. Our meeting discussions focus on how to apply SMART's tools for change so that people can go on to lead more productive and connected lives.

SMART Family and Friends is a mutual support group for people with loved ones dealing with unhealthy behaviors. SMART Recovery's **Family & Friends** print materials and meetings offer a two-pronged approach: 1. Tools and support for the wellbeing of **Family & Friends** based on cognitive therapy to help people level out their emotional roller coaster and learn better ways of dealing with their unique situations and 2. Tools and support for providing effective, non-confrontational support for a loved one, strategies to help change the dynamics of the relationship with a loved one. This method has been proven to be more successful than harsh interventions or complete detachment. Our mutual desire is that the loved one will take on the choice to pursue their own recovery and that family and friends participants will learn ways of improving their own lives at the same time.

Visit <http://www.smartrecovery.org> for more information and to find a local meeting. Third Haven Friends Meeting supports the Easton SMART and Family and Friends meetings. Facilitators are Dee Rein and John Turner. We appreciate the support of Third Haven.

Nominating Committee Preliminary Report – *Connie Crow*

The current list was posted for review and comments. Changes were noted and are in the works on a continuing basis heading to a report at next meeting with attention to business. Still needed are help with Outreach, Testimonies and Concerns, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and American Friends Service Committee among others. More volunteers are welcome!

Testimonies and Concerns Annual Report – *Paige Tilghman*

Annual report is deferred to a later date.

Third Haven giving guide for nonprofits and resources working toward our testimonies is being updated and will be shared in December. Testimonies and Concerns continues to be an ombudsman to help us direct our resources as a meeting as well as individually. Their Charitable Giving guide for Friends will be available before the holidays to guide us in our own personal giving. They encourage special attention to Quaker organizations.

Recommendation #1: Talbot Interfaith Shelter wants to purchase property next to their current property on Goldsborough St. They request our support by letter for a zoning change so this can take effect. **Approved**

Recommendation #2: Allot from our \$3000 charitable contributions budget \$2500 plus \$2500 from our general fund to create a \$5000 contribution to Asbury United Methodist Church kitchen renovation, which will be matched in 2020, and the remainder distributed as \$100 each to Multicultural Resource, Talbot Interfaith Shelter, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Shore River Keepers, and Neighborhood Service Center. **Approved**

Worship and Ministry *Susan Claggett*

We desire to stay connected in this different phase of our worship time with people in person as well as on Zoom, holding us together in spirit as well as in the different formats. We want all members and attenders to feel equally connected and valued. We ask, "How can we support the mtg for worship so each option feels authentic, embraced and connected?" We're working on this, dealing with technical issues, making changes as necessary.

Wednesday 5:30-6p.m. Meeting for Worship sees it getting dark and cold. Some Friends are interested in meeting in the Brick Meeting House. This would require following Covid guidelines with limited attendance and a continued Zoom connection provided by Stephanie French. This is a normally a small group of maybe 5-7, 10 maximum, participants meeting for half an hour, with rare message presentations. Some people only come on Wednesdays. With this small group no special ventilation would be necessary. **Approved**

We are tracking the positivity rate on a regular basis and over 5% could indicate closing facilities. New virus information also should be considered as it arises.

First Day is a totally different matter given the number of participants and continues in the Old Meeting House. For now, we will continue meeting only in the Old Meeting House on First Day.

Clerks' Desk

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business will continue on the second Monday at 7 p.m. having received the approval of those present at this meeting. People present at First Day Meeting for Worship will also be consulted. Friends who have an ongoing conflict every second Monday evening, please contact the Clerk.

New Business-none

The meeting closed with silent worship at 8:30 p.m.

D. Rein, recorder



Meeting in Person or Virtual: Decision Process

Dear Friends,

With the current COVID surge throughout the country, I wanted to give a quick update on the guidelines I'm following for meeting in person. If the 7-day positivity rate in Talbot County gets close to or over 5%, we should stop meeting in person in the Old Meeting House on First Day. The Talbot Spy publishes data for the Shore every day and is a very easy site to follow the numbers surrounding us. Their website is:

www.talbotspy.org. Look under Spy Covid-19 daily update for the numbers. Practicing safety is still a top priority. With much confusing data still surrounding us, remember our simple basic guidelines: Keep your distance, wear your masks, stay away if you're sick and wash hands before and after being in public.

Thank you Friends for remembering this and keeping ourselves and our fellow man healthy. *Molly Brian*

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

Wreaths created by First Day School families are pictured throughout this newsletter with numbers below. Can you identify the Third Haven buildings these wonderful, creative efforts adorn? Answers on page 8.

Fridays Zoom Happier Hour 7PM

At 7PM Fridays we assemble for a Zoom Happier Hour: *Themes are announced weekly.* Host is John Turner. See weekly announcements for Zoom link access information. *For further information contact: 3rdhaven@gmail.com*

December 6 [Sunday]

Virtual Meeting for Worship 10 AM

Meeting for Worship will be held virtually only. Information available from 3rdhaven@gmail.com

December 12 (Saturday)

Clean Up Day

Grounds Clean Up Day, moved to Saturday December 12th, 2020, 9-Noon. Please join us for some fresh air, exercise, and outdoor fellowship on Saturday December 12th. We have two big raking jobs. One is to tidy the grounds of fallen leaves and the other is to distribute our plentiful pile of wood chips. We'll use the leaves and chips to suppress invasive weeds on our native planting border (the area by the apartments). Wear sturdy work shoes, work gloves, and masks. Bring your leaf rakes, garden rakes, and landscape rakes. If you need a some wood chips for home projects, bring a few buckets to fill. Thanks. *Priscilla Morris*

December 13 (Sunday) Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Virtual Meeting will convene at 4 p.m. as we experiment with a time that hopefully will be convenient for all, having had a break from our virtual Meeting for Worship that morning. Use the Meeting for worship Zoom connection in the above announcement to join this meeting:

Quaker Voice Legislative Letter

Based off the guidance of Friends from across Maryland who submitted their input as individuals, committees, and Monthly Meetings we will be focusing our efforts on legislation that speaks to the following:

1. Criminal Justice & Law Enforcement Reform
2. Climate Justice

3. Expanding Access to Healthcare
4. Gun Violence Prevention and Peace Building

Stay tuned: Once we have finalized our priority list we'll be sharing out resources to all our contacts along with our advocacy action plan for the General Assembly. In the meantime, check in on the [Advocacy & Action Bulletin Board](#) and feel free to email the Quaker Voice working group if you have an event, resource, or action you'd like to have posted.

Nominations for 2021

The latest summary of Clerks, Committees and Liaisons prepared by the Nominating Committee for next year is below. Please let them know if you wish to participate.

Nominating Co. Worksheet 2020

Committee Clerk Members Notes Clerk of the Meeting Molly Burgoyne Brian Tom Corl, Assistant clerk

Recording Clerk Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins

Record Keepers Marsie Hawkinson, Adrienne Rudge

Budget & Finance Bill Lane Doreen Getsinger, Cynthia Quast (Treasurer of the Meeting), Bill Shauer (assistant Treasurer) Steve Meixner, Bob Wack

Burials & Memorials Molly Burgoyne Brian Priscilla Morris, Dona Sorce Clerk of the Mtg, Clerks of P&G, Pastoral Care

Charitable Contributions, part of T&C Lorraine Claggett Norval Thompson, Deb Danser

Communications John Hawkinson, newsletter editor Tania Hamboyan Harrison, website manager; Dee Rein, newsletter, phone; Marie Leonard, directory; Amy Owsley, Beth Mufson, photographer

Facilities Use Larissa Kitenko Adrienne Rudge, Anny Williams, Emerita

First Day School Amy Owsley Susan Claggett, Kulveen Virdee Plus other parents and volunteers as needed.

Hospitality Beth Mufson & Mary Yancy Dona Sorce, Heidi Wetzal, Whitley Gray

Library Whitley Gray Joyce Macijeski

Nominating Committee Nancy Robbins Jon Slocum, Clerk of the Meeting will nominate someone

Outreach Lorraine Claggett, Jeanne Halpin

Pastoral Care (Overseers) Dona Sorce & Adrienne Rudge Lorraine Claggett, Marsie Hawkinson, John Schreiner, Dee Rein, Katherine Johnson, Connie Crow

Property & Grounds Priscilla Morris & Larny Claggett Ed Danser, John Hawkinson, Clay Owens, Bill Lane, Winslow Womack, Nancy Robbins, Bob Wack, Joan Wetmore, Robert Gladney, (Ben Tilghman, liaison with Long Term Planning) (Steve Meixner, consulting)

Scholarship Marsie Hawkinson Judy Warder, treasurer, treasurer; Benita Cooper, Sumner Parker, Deb Danser, Joan Wetmore, Paige Tilghman, Lorraine Claggett, Doreen Getsinger

Testimonies & Concerns Paige Tilghman Beth Mufson, Stephanie French, Dona Sorce, Mary Yancey, Connie Lewis, Harvey Zendt

Worship & Ministry Susan Claggett Mark Beck, Catherine Cripps, Deb Danser, Steve Meixner (tech advisor), Jon Slocum, Janet Kemp, Sandra Herbert

Long Term Planning Ben Tilghman Tom Corl, Susan Claggett, Amy Owsley, Bill Lane, Bob Wack, John Hawkinson, Mark Beck, consulting

Liaisons & Representatives 1 **Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM)** Lorraine Claggett

Southern Quarterly Meeting Marie Leonard, Paige Tilghman, Katherine Johnson

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Lorraine Claggett Needs an assistant.

Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center (CMRC) Harvey Zendt

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

Food Link Winslow Womack

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) Paige Tilghman

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

NAACP, Talbot County Doreen Getsinger

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

Talbot Association of Clergy and Laity (TACL) Jeanne Halpin

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

Quaker Voice Liaison Whitley Gray & Dona Sorce

A Reverse Advent Invitation to the entire meeting:

Join the meeting community this Advent with a special adventure in exploring the journey of Mary and Joseph on the way to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus. Our First Day School leaders are introducing this activity to the families and invite all meeting folks to join in for a meaningful, fun, outreach activity. You can focus on different parts of the nativity story each week and connect people's needs during their journeys to Bethlehem to the needs in our communities today. The attachment *First Day School Reverse Advent for Friends* provides instructions. This week the donation would be food as Joseph and Mary take food on their journey.

Reverse Advent: A Spiritual Practice of Giving In December, young people and their families have an opportunity to connect a story of the season with service to a local food cupboard or shelter. While Friends do not always "celebrate Advent," the story told in this way over the weeks leading to Christmas is a useful tool. You can focus on different parts of the nativity story each week and connect people's needs during their journeys to Bethlehem to the needs in our communities today.



How to participate at home:

1. Gather 4 plain brown paper bags (one for each week of Advent)
2. Create four signs with pictures or words that illustrate the focus each week, and attach one to each bag.

Week One: Mary and Joseph on the road to Bethlehem

Week Two: The shepherds in the fields at night watching their sheep

Week Three: The Magi on the way during the long journey to Bethlehem

Week Four: The baby named Jesus is born

3. Collect items at home throughout the week, and bring them to meeting (or your local food cupboard) on Sunday. Suggested contributions listed below, and ways to connect the materials goods you gather to larger conversations about supporting people in our local communities who experience food insecurity and poverty.

Week 1 - What food would Mary and Joseph need for their journey to Bethlehem? Place non-perishable FOOD ITEMS in bag #1 for those living with food insecurity. **As a family:** Talk

about the role of food in your own life. *Hold in the Light the families in our community who are living with food insecurity.*

Week 2 - What do people need for warmth, like the shepherds watching their sheep? Place WARM CLOTHES (hats, gloves, scarves, socks) in bag #2. **As a family:** Talk about the clothes you wear to stay warm in the winter. *Hold in the Light people who do not have shelter in our community.*

Week 3 - What kinds of things do you pack for a very long trip? Place BASIC TOILETRIES (toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, soap, shampoo, comb, nail clippers/file) in bag #3. **As a family:** Talk about the things you need each day to care for yourself. *Hold in the Light those who often have to choose between food and basic care items for survival.*

Week 4 - What is needed to care for a baby? Place BABY ITEMS (bottles, diapers, wipes, children's board or picture books, etc.) in bag #4 for infants and toddlers. **As a family:** Talk about the many ways babies depend on their caregivers for basic needs. *Hold in the Light parents and children who live in poverty.*

Adapted by Melinda Wenner Bradley from work by Krista Lovell, found on www.buildfaith.org 2018

Details: Molly has volunteered to be in charge of pickup and delivery every week. If you have children or grands to discuss this with, ask them first so they will feel a part of the story. We will talk more about the second week advent on Monday but get kids and grands thinking about warm winter gear! Molly will put our food collection bins out underneath the eaves of the Common Room on Saturday around 12 noon and pick them up Sunday at 3PM, deliver gifts to the Neighborhood Service Center and take pictures of our gifts to share with the children. The Center can always use nonperishable canned food and staples for the kitchen, and their giveaway is on Monday. Then we can do the same for subsequent weeks. Susan will weave this into story time on Sunday the 13th. We hope to connect children and adults of our entire meeting community in this wonderful shared activity.

Good News from the Talbot Interfaith Shelter: Tuesday morning, we had a hearing with the Town of Easton Board of Zoning Appeals (BOZA) to determine whether we would receive a special exception permit to operate a second shelter facility at 109 Goldsborough Street, directly next door to Easton's Promise. We are thrilled to announce that the Board of Zoning Appeals voted unanimously to award us our permit, and that we will be moving forward with the purchase of 109 Goldsborough!

What's it like to be a student in 2020? Third Haven students can share their reflections and photos through a column in the meeting newsletter that will document school or college life during COVID-19. e-mail to 3rdhaven@gmail.com



Updates from the Upstairs of the Meetinghouse

First Day School is gearing up for the holidays! This year is going to look different, of course, but we are finding new ways

of connecting. First, we are continuing are annual tradition of making wreaths to adorn the Meetinghouses, Common Room, and the caretaker's cottage. Families are taking wreaths home this year to decorate on their own. These should be up soon! Also, carrying forward another tradition, kids will gather (virtually) to hear Susan tell the Faith&Play Christmas story, scheduled for Sunday, December 13th, at 10:15 AM (during Meeting for Worship). Feel free to join in the fun - it's always a memorable experience. Lastly, families are considering whether a virtual Christmas pageant will work for December 20th - if you have any ideas for such an event, please give Amy Owsley a ring or email. We are eager for ideas!

Wreath answers: 1. Brick Meeting House 2. Old Meeting House 3. Common Room