



THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING

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“We see that the teachings of divine spirit have been the same in all ages. It has led to truth, to goodness, to justice, to love.

Lucretia Mott 1858 “Faith and Practice” p. 149

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business 1st Month, 14th, 2024

Opening silent worship: Clerk Tom Corl opened the Meeting with silent worship at 11:36 a.m.

Attending: (hybrid) Mia Brown-Echerd, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, Marsie Hawkinson, Amy Kimball, Larissa Kitenko, Bill Lane, Marie Leonard, Connie Lewis, Beth Mufson, Marian Murphy, Clinton Pettus, Terry-Thomas Primer, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Bill Schauer, Priscilla Sener, Dona Sorce, Nancy Stanford, John Turner, Jonathan Williams

Reading and Comments on 1st Query: Deepening Our Faith: Meeting for Worship

One commented that waiting upon God infers serving God. Still, silent worship is the opposite of active waiting.

Another member noted Meeting for Worship is the heart of our faith, why we do what we do, being prepared with heart and mind. For younger parents this is a challenge, to be here on time and prepared. Note that Meeting starts when the first person arrives.

Approval of minutes for 12th Month 10th meeting for business Approved

Clerk’s items – Tom Corl

Sam Steffens was welcomed into membership by the welcoming committee. She is an active member of the reading the gospels group and committees.

Treasurer’s report – Bill Lane for Ben Tilghman Currently we have \$90,500 in Operating cash, and \$184,000 in the building fund. Our liabilities against our cash

consist of our credit card monthly bill, and 4th quarter payroll taxes of approximately \$1,000.

With a little over 50% of the budgeted year behind us our operating expenses (\$48,700) are at 67% of budget, with operating income (\$37,600) at 52% of FY 23-24 budget. Member contributions (\$30,375) are at 55% of budget of \$55,250. Donations tend to increase in December as friends adjust their taxable donations; it's not surprising that donations are running a bit ahead of budget.

Expenses are consistent with past activity in that we made our Covenant payment to PYM early, in December, even though it's due in January, and expended our entire charitable donations budget of \$3,000 in December. If we remove those expenses from our year to date, our percentage of expenses to budget becomes 58% with 50% of the year past. We are still spending more than we are bringing in in operational funds. At this point in the year, we need not be overly concerned with the shortfall as long as we recognize that supporting the Operating budget must not be taken for granted.

Pastoral Care Committee 2023 Annual Report – *Dona Sorce* Accepted

During 2023 the committee was represented by the following members: Dona Sorce (Clerk), Lorraine Claggett, Marsie Hawkinson, Katherine Johnson, Dee Rein, John Schreiner, Bill Schauer, Susan Claggett, Terry Thomas-Primer.

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 2023:

- Coordinated transfer of membership for Sam Steffens,
- Annual and regular updates to the directory of members and attenders,
- Provided support for members experiencing emotional and or financial distress,
- Revised name tags and created new name tags for new attenders.
- Purchased and distributed Advent Calendars for First Day School families,
- Hosted annual members and attenders lunch,
- Developed and hosted Aging as Friends series.

Comments: Thanks were offered to Dona for her service as clerk. Friendly Eights are being discussed to return this year.

Planning Committee update – *Tom Corl*

The Planning Committee (PC) met on 1.10.24 and decided that we want:

- No roof over the south side doorway on the BMH, and
- To restore the windows in the transoms above the north and south side doors. We do not know what is behind the present covers. This is likely to be favorably viewed by the Historic District Commission

The PC plans to identify several contractors and interview each. The potential contractors are: ER Harvey Metalworking Company, Easton, may be able to fabricate the stairway; Bruce Harrington Construction, Easton; Harper and Son construction, Easton; Frank E Daffin Inc, Easton; and Willow Construction, Easton.

When we have complete building drawings, we can contact these companies and begin to arrange interviews. Contractors will be able to give us cost estimates. We plan to

arrange preliminary meetings with the Easton building department and the Historic District Commission (HDC) before going for permits with a contractor.

The PC will develop and integrate the renovation plan for the 2nd floor of the BMH for First Day School (FDS), to include the 1st and 2nd floor bathrooms. Susan Claggett will convene a meeting of FDS parents and the PC to walk through the 2nd floor of the BMH and develop a plan for 2nd floor renovations.

Outreach Committee update – Nancy Robbins

Question: Outreach is talking about having speakers come in and inviting the community as we have in the past. What topics are suggested? Perhaps we could have the local Rabbi and Imam come to hear from their perspectives. What format is preferred?

Art Show and sale update – Marie Leonard

We had a good turnout with 16 different artists and raised \$1124 for Third Haven. The funds go toward renovations via the building fund.

New business

Comment: Hearing the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business reports shows how we put our faith into action using our property. We use our facilities to reach the community.

Nancy Robbins asked if an open mike poetry group which floats locations may use our space. Nancy Robbins could serve as a Friendly Presence. Referred to Facilities Use Committee.

Closing Silent Worship 12:02p.m.

D. Rein, Recording Clerk

News of Friends

Betsy Harrell writes:

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This annual New Year's letter is to inquire how & what you're doing these days! Additionally, I wish for you & those whom you care about a very fine 2024! I shall be truly pleased to hear back from you any news you care to relate. My thoughts are with you as I tell a bit about my relatively quiet 2023. Since giving my Prius car to daughter Avis, I'm rendered more confined to my home on Friends House campus. I try keeping my rooms neat & I visit my best friend Ruth next door & I care for a few plants. I feel busy enough & am never bored. I continue in some of the same activities which you always knew me for, such as using the English language. For example, every Friday I'm invited to the main office to edit our weekly community events newsletter.

Three times yearly I compose 2 articles for what's called "Inside Friends House." These provide off-campus people some concept of what living here is like & what's happening. Our weeks roll by in a certain rhythm due to many activities instigated by both residents & administration. For instance, we run activities for Game Night, Climate, Programs, Poetry, Food, Birthday Party games & refreshments, Buildings & Grounds, Film, Happy Hours, & Sunday song & meditation. Your correspondence is always welcome!

In the Light

Friends are asked to hold Mary Yancey in the Light as she faces major surgery February 6th and resultant six or more weeks of recuperation. See the Special Announcement for details.

Southern Quarterly Meeting

On February 4th Friends from Southern Quarter Meetings, Chester River, Camden, Wicomico and Third Haven gathered for Meeting for Worship and Meeting for Business. Included on the agenda was sharing the state of the meeting reports from the Meetings attending. Following Meeting for Business, all present gathered for a potluck luncheon hosted by Third Haven. It was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with Quakers from other Meetings.



Meeting for Quarterly Business



Meeting for Lunch and Fellowship

Talbot Interfaith Shelter Changes

Because THFM has been a stalwart supplier of dinners since the very earliest days, we were asked to yield to a new team for the 17th of the month. So, we are released from that commitment. Thanks to all of you who provided food and cooked over the years. Lately we have had fun cooking together in the Common Room kitchen.

We are still charged with helping to provide "Housesitting" during weekdays on the 17th so that the staff doesn't have to answer the door or phone, or can go off-site. Mary Yancey, Stephanie French, Phil Sayre, and I have been regularly covering the three daytime slots (8-11, 11-2, 2-4) and we welcome others to join us to see how easy yet useful it is. There is a requirement of an online background check which is easy to accomplish. Easton residents are perfect for the early slot. If interested contact Sarah Sayre. Thank you, *Sarah Sayre*

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. Additional articles of interest to the Third Haven community are always welcome.

Announcements with calendar events circulate Monday and Friday each week. Please submit ready to post announcements by the preceding day.

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>

Memorial Intentions

Third Haven's Pastoral Care Committee invites you to complete the Memorial Intentions form found below, as well as attached for easy printing, and return it to a Pastoral Care Committee member.

Third Haven Friends Meeting Memorial Intentions

Instructions

Friends are reminded to "make provisions for the settlement of all outward affairs, while in health so that others may not be burdened and so that one may be freed to live more fully in the Truth." See *Faith and Practice*, 2018, pp 219-222. Each Friend has the responsibility to settle outward affairs, in good order, and make clear his or her memorial intentions and directions, so as to lighten the burden on family and Friends, at the time of her or his death.

This Memorial Intentions form is intended to help Third Haven Friends Meeting and your designated Personal Representative carry out your intentions and directions at the time of your death, with regard to a memorial service, under the care of the Meeting, burial, grave marker, plaque and any other of your intentions and directions. As of December 31, 2019, Third Haven Friends Meeting will no longer allow casket burials in the Meeting Burial Grounds.

This form can be a great help to those who will miss us when we are gone. A member of the Pastoral Care Committee can help you through the process of completing this form, as well as identifying sites for burial site, grave marker and/or plaque in the Meeting burial grounds.

This form is available on the Meeting website in the Pastoral Care/ Declaration of Intentions section as a Microsoft Word file, which can be drafted, revised and edited on a

personal computer. If you are computer-free, a member of your family or a friend may be able to assist you.

In addition to completing your Memorial Intentions, the Meeting recommends that Friends complete a will, Advance Medical Directives or 5 Wishes, Financial and Medical Power of Attorney. You can consult with a lawyer, Talbot Hospice, Brookletts Place (The Talbot County Senior Center), or other agencies or resources about your estate planning.

When you have completed your Memorial Intentions, retain paper and electronic copies for yourself and your designated Personal Representative, and return a paper copy to the Pastoral Care Committee, to be retained in the Memorial Intentions records for members and attenders of the Meeting.

Memorial Intentions

Information

Full name:

Address:

Date and place of birth:

Name, phone number, address and email address of your designated Personal Representative, directed to carry out your wishes at the time of your death.

Burial

Do you wish your cremated remains to be buried in Third Haven Friends Meeting burial grounds (yes or no)?

Please provide the name, address and phone number of the funeral home or cremation service that will cremate your remains.

Have you selected a specific grave site, in consultation with the clerk or another member of the Pastoral Care Committee (yes or no)?

Have you recorded your grave site selection with the Pastoral Care Committee and the Burial Ground Archivist (yes or no)? If yes, what is the grave site designation?

Grave Marker

If you intend to be buried in the Third Haven burial grounds, it is customary to have a grave marker installed at your burial site. Grave markers must be keeping with the Quaker testimony on Simplicity – of a size, scale, form and composition that is consistent with the existing historic grave markers present in the burial grounds. Your Personal Representative needs to secure the approval of the Burial Committee for the grave marker prior to its being installed.

Memorial Plaque Do you intend to have a memorial plaque installed on the brick wall adjacent to the Third Haven burial grounds (yes or no)?

Have you selected a specific plaque site, in consultation with the clerk or another member of the Pastoral Care Committee (yes or no)?

Have you recorded your selected plaque site with the Pastoral care Committee and the Burial Ground Archivist (yes or no)?

Your Personal Representative needs to secure the approval of the Burial Committee for your plaque prior to its being installed.

Memorial Service at Third Haven Friends Meeting

If you want to have a memorial meeting for worship, at Third Haven Friends Meeting, under the care of the Meeting, describe your memorial service intentions and directions. Describe all specific requests for your memorial service, such as readings, speakers, flowers, financial donations, and other such requests. Provide as much detail as you want.

Conclusion

Whether or not these Memorial Intentions statements are legally binding on Third Haven Friends Meeting, I expect that Pastoral Care Committee and Third Haven Friends will try to help fulfill these Memorial Intentions and directions. Third Haven shall act as a depository and advisor for the fulfillment of my Memorial Intentions at the time of my death. I execute this document for the purpose of guiding my Personal Representative(s), family, the Meeting, Friends and friends at the time of my death.

Signed _____

Date _____

Name

Printed

(Witnesses are Optional)

Witnessed _____

Date _____

Name

Printed

Witnessed _____

Date _____

Name

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For Third Haven Friends Meeting, Clerk of Overseers – Acknowledgement
of Receipt

Date _____

Name

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11.6.19 – 9:00 am
Tom Corl, Dona Sorce, et al