



THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING

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“Take heed, dear Friends, to the promptings of love and truth in your hearts. Trust them as the leadings of God whose Light shows us our darkness and brings us to new life.”

Britain Yearly Meeting 2013 Faith and Practice 2018 p. 119

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Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
12th Month, 11th Day, 2022

Opening Silent Worship: Clerk Tom Corl opened with silent worship at 11:38 a.m.

Attending: (hybrid) 27 Molly Brian, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Kristina Herold, Bill Lane Jr., Marie Leonard, Connie Lewis, Joyce Macijeski, Steven Meixner, Priscilla Sener, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, John Schreiner, Jonathan Slocum, Dona Sorce, Nancy Stanford, Sam Steffens, Ben Tilghman, Paige Tilghman, John Turner, Winslow Womack, Mary Yancey

Comments on 12th Query: Witnessing in the World: Witness & Civic Responsibility
Government functions encourage us as Friends to be advocates in the face of political differences.

Approval of minutes from 11th Month 13th meeting for business **Approved**

Clerk's desk: *Tom Corl*

Pastoral Care membership report: Following the clearness process, Terry-Thomas Primer's membership is recommended. **Approved** Welcoming Committee: Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Paige Tilghman.

State of the Meeting Report draft has gone to all clerks for additional comments or corrections to be incorporated. This report will be presented at Third Haven on First Month 8th for approval and then presented to Southern Quarterly and transmitted to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

Spiritual State of the Meeting Report -*Dona Sorce*

The Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Worship and Care Committee is composed of people from all PYM mtgs. This committee reviewed reports from all of the meetings, summarized and identified 3 concerns: 1. Pastoral Care-how to provide intergenerational care in declining memberships with mental health, substance and chronic needs. PYM will offer thread sessions to help meeting broaden their scope. 2. First Day School-how to support FDS for children and make it an intergenerational sharing of programs, also engaging with young families to facilitate their participation. 3. Worship and Ministry- in reach and outreach- how to let the community know who we are and what we do, drawing people from the community to the Meeting for existing events. PYM is seeking \$30,000 to get a Pastoral Care matching grant. Please donate.

Request for marriage, under the Care of the Meeting from Katie Claggett and Adolfo Gaviota and a clearness committee for a May 20th 2023 wedding. Clearness committee: Tom Corl, Marsie Hawkinson, Dona Sorce.

Treasurer's Report – *Ben Tilghman*

With approximately 40% of the fiscal year completed, income stands at 30%, while expenses are at 34% when compared to the FY22-23 budget. This is consistent with past years,

Friends are reminded that they might consider making donations in December to take advantage of the 2022 IRS tax year. Donations to the Annual Operating Budget of the Meeting and to the Meeting Building Fund are both deductible under IRS regulations. Please make note on your checks of the fund to which you wish the donation to be applied, and, if at all possible, provide a separate check for each fund.

As we look to the rest of the fiscal year, please remember that grant applications almost universally look for a demonstration of support within the requesting organization, usually expressed as a percentage of donors to members. 100% participation is ideal; the amount donated by each member is not considered relevant and is never disclosed.

Responding to a question, it was noted that our covenant to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is \$17, 500 annually. No recommendation for individual members donating to Third Haven.

Planning Committee update – *Tom Corl*

The Planning Committee will meet on Monday 12.12 at 3:00 pm, in the common room and on Zoom, to *prepare* for the 2nd Planning Committee working meeting with John Milner Architects (JMA) and Jonathan Ceci Landscape Architecture (JCLA). Members of the Planning Committee will meet with JMA and JCLA for the 2nd Planning Committee *working meeting*, on Tuesday 12.13 at 10:00 am until about 12:30 pm, in the common room. Planning Committee members should try to attend in person. This session may be hard to follow on Zoom. The Planning Committee will meet again on Wednesday 12.14 at noon, in the common room and on Zoom, to *review* the previous day's working meeting with JMA and JCLA, and discuss progress and discerning the way forward.

Third Haven Nominations for 2023 – *Jonathan Slocum- Approved*

Co-Clerks of the Meeting:
Molly Burgoyne Brian, Tom Corl

Recording Clerks:
Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins

Treasurer: Ben Tilghman
Assistant Treasurer: Bill Schauer

Recorder: Larissa Kitenko

Caretaker: Clay Owens

Committees

Budget & Finance
Bill Lane, Clerk; Ben Tilghman, Treasurer of the Meeting; Bill Schauer, Assistant Treasurer; Doreen Getsinger, Steve Meixner

Burials & Memorials
Molly Burgoyne Brian, Tom Corl, Larny Claggett, Dona Sorce

Campaign (Fundraising)
Tom Corl, & Joan Wetmore, Co-Clerks; Molly Brian, Amelia Corl, Susan Claggett, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Bill Lane, Marie Leonard, Steve Meixner, Neil Mufson, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Bill Schauer, Priscilla Sener, Paige Tilghman, Ben Tilghman, Meredith Watters, Mary Yancey, Harvey Zendt

Communications
Clerk Coordinator : John Hawkinson ; Website Manager : Tania Harrison ; Newsletter, phone : Dee Rein ; Directory & Graphic Design : Marie Leonard ; Tech Support : Dee Rein, John Turner, Stephanie French, Mary Yancey

Facilities Use
Larissa Kitenko, Clerk, Lisa Kluepfel, Beth Mufson, Anny Williams, Emerita

First Day School
Susan Claggett and Sarah Hilderbrand, Co-Clerks; Kulveen Virdee,

Hospitality
Mary Yancey, Clerk; Beth Mufson, Heidi Wetzel, Whitley Gray, Jonathan Williams, Kristina Herold, Jillian Murphy, James Womack

Library
Joyce Macijeski, Clerk; Whitley Gray, Nancy Robbins

Nominating Committee
Marsie Hawkinson, Clerk; Steve Meixner, Janet Kemp

Outreach
Joan Wetmore & Stephanie French, Co-Clerks; Lorraine Claggett, Matt Moore, Jonathan Williams

Pastoral Care
Dona Sorce, Clerk; Lorraine Claggett, Marsie Hawkinson, John Schreiner, Katherine Johnson, Bill Schauer, Terry-Thomas Primer, Susan Claggett, Dee Rein

Planning

Tom Corl, Clerk; Molly Brian, Sally Claggett, Sarah Taylor Claggett, Susan Claggett, Liam Ewing, John Hawkinson, Sarah Hilderbrand, Bill Lane, Marie Leonard, Steven Meixner, Amy Owsley, Nancy Robbins, Priscilla Sener, Ben Tilghman, Meredith Watters, Mary Yancey

Property and Grounds

Larny Claggett, Clerk; Priscilla Sener, Clay Owens, Bill Lane, Winslow Womack, Nancy Robbins, Robert Gladney, Matt Moore, Ben Tilghman, Dan Sweeney

Scholarship

Marsie Hawkinson, Clerk; Bill Schauer, Treasurer; Sumner Parker, Joan Wetmore, Paige Tilghman, Lorraine Claggett, Doreen Getsinger, Marie Leonard, Judy Warder, Harvey Zendt

Testimonies & Concerns

Paige Tilghman, Clerk; Stephanie French, Mary Yancey, Harvey Zendt, Lorraine Claggett. Beth Mufson

Worship & Ministry

Jonathan Slocum, Clerk; Steve Meixner, Janet Kemp, Tom Corl, Harvey Zendt, Kristina Herold

Liaisons & Representatives

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC): Lorraine Claggett

Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center (CMRC): Harvey Zendt

Detention Center Library:

Molly Brian, Stephanie French, John Schreiner, Beth Thompson, Mary Young, Jeanne Halpin, Paige Tilghman, Beth Mufson. Jonathan Slocum

Food Link:

Paige Tilghman, Winslow Womack

FCNL: Paige Tilghman

NAACP of Talbot County: Doreen Getsinger

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

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM):

Lorraine Claggett, Nancy Robbins, Susan Claggett, Dona Sorce

Southern Quarterly Meeting:

Marie Leonard, Paige Tilghman,

Quaker Voice of Maryland: Dona Sorce

TACL: Molly Brian, Nancy Robbins

Talbot Interfaith Shelter (TIS):

Sarah Sayre, Coordinator; Harvey Zendt, Heidi Wetzel

Land Use Planning update – *Priscilla Sener, Mary Yancey*

Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake pledge

Signing this pledge is a public statement that we support the goals and ideals of IPC, that we are a like-minded organization. In return we would be listed on their website as a partner which helps people who might be looking for an environmentally minded congregation to join. They would also amplify news about any events that we have, in addition to the many other programs they have, which include: Securing grants for invasive species management, wetlands restoration, pollinator gardens and other Bay-friendly projects. They have free trees and shrubs to give to congregations, and they can provide spiritually-based environmental education materials for children. We can place information from and about IPC on our website, and/or in our buildings to educate ourselves and the public if we wish. Adherence to the standards is voluntary, providing a template for future actions. The Land Use Planning Committee will ask for approval from the meeting to sign on as a partner to IPC, at Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business in January. The IPC pledge has and will continue to be attached to announcements for your consideration.

Campaign Committee (fundraising) update – *Tom Corl*

The Campaign (fundraising) Committee will meet on Saturday 12.17, 9:30 - 11:00 am, in the common room and on Zoom. Friends are encouraged to attend in person. At the first 11.19 meeting committee discussed the name of the committee, the name of the campaign and tag line for the campaign, and considered an overall financial goal. At the first meeting, the committee formed several working groups to carry out the Meeting fundraising campaign.

The Meeting Support group will reach out to members and attenders, asking them to contribute to both the Meeting's annual operating budget and the Meeting Building Fund. The goal is to increase the giving rate to the Meeting from 50% to something closer to 100%. Friends should give what they can. The amount is not important. The giving rate will be very important to securing grants and getting financial contributions from outside the Meeting community.

Testimonies & Concerns: – *Paige Tilghman*

Testimonies & Concerns recommends Charitable Contributions to our 12th month Meeting for Business. T&C met 11th month to review the organizations that support our local and wider communities as viable considerations. We are especially concerned about the shortage of available and affordable housing, our focus off effort for this year's committee work. We are also concerned about those misplaced and in need of shelter and food in Ukraine. We believe anything we can contribute to the Ukraine people at this time is significant. The Charitable Contribution budget is \$3,000 for distribution. We submit the following recommendations: \$500, \$500 Talbot Interfaith Shelter (TIS), \$500 to Chesapeake Multicultural Center, \$1,000 to Ukraine relief (International Red Cross and Red Crescent Federation as a suggestion) **Donations Approved**

The 2023 Giving Guide has been updated and is included for your consideration and guidance. Copies will be circulated attached to announcements. Also of note: The Talbot County Detention Center Library Committee has requested \$150 to upgrade software to maintain the rental of books at the Detention Center. **Approved.** New volunteers are always welcome but training is required.

T&C invites Meeting to the Common Room on Saturday, December 17th at 3 pm to prepare and deliver a dinner for 16 occupants at the TIS. All the ingredients for a spaghetti dinner have been donated. All are welcome to help us cook and deliver the dinner.

Art sale report – Marie Leonard

Thanks to everyone involved who helped, visited or participated in the Art Show & Sale that took place on a rainy Saturday, December 3rd, from 11am to 3pm. Ten Third Haven Friends Meeting affiliated artists displayed their artwork & crafts, as well as the First Day School and a Bake Sale table. Artwork included paintings, prints, glasswork, baskets, photography, knit items, jewelry, holiday gifts and baked goods. Artists were able to donate an average of 56% of their sales which will help fund the renovation of Third Haven's historic buildings and grounds. Despite the rain, there were approximately 83 attendees and more than 20 visited the meetinghouse(s) to learn more. The total amount donated to Third Haven from this event was \$1,023.

New business

A Friend spoke to the need to reach out to visitors to the meeting, welcoming them.

Closing silent worship, the meeting closed with silent worship at 12:15 p.m.
D. Rein, Recorder

**Financial support may be mailed separately for the Operating Budget or the Building Fund of the meeting to: Treasurer,
Third Haven Monthly Meeting
PO Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601**

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>

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.

December 30(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.*

Attached: Zoom Link

January 1 (Sunday)

Meeting for Worship

Meeting for Worship will be held in the Brick Meeting House on New Year's Day at 10 AM with simultaneous virtual meeting.

January 4 (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.

January 8 (Sunday) First Day school children's program 10 a.m.

Photographs for the Directories

<https://www.thirdhaven.org/members/dir.php> is the updated online directory: the username is **3rdhaven** and the password is **friends**

We also print a directory each year in the late winter. Both versions are current and new information is frequently added. Photographs are included to enable identification. To improve communication within the Meeting, we encourage you to please send a clearly recognizable (**jpeg format**) photo to 3rdhaven@gmail.com

Condolences

We extend our condolences to the family, sons and siblings, of Adrienne Rudge on her loss. Adrienne was a long-time member of the Meeting, clerk of pastoral care and President of the Trustees of Third Haven Friends Meeting.



Adrienne Wheeler Rudge, a resident of Easton, Maryland, died on Saturday, December 10, 2022. She was 80.

Adrienne was born on December 15, 1941 to Betty Jean Hammond and Charles Elliot Wheeler. She grew up on her family's waterfront farm on Trippe Creek in Easton and graduated from The Country School, George School in Newtown, Pa., and in 1963 from Wheaton College in Norton, Mass. She received a master's degree from the New York University School of Education.

After a year of teaching English at Dana Hall School in Wellesley, Mass., Adrienne married Kit Rudge, and they moved to New York City in August 1964. She joined the faculty of Nightingale Bamford School while he practiced law. They moved to Chappaqua, NY, in 1975 where they raised their two sons, John and Andrew.

While living in Chappaqua, Adrienne served on the boards of several non-profit organizations. Retiring in 2001, she moved to Easton, where she built a home on her family's farm. Her involvement in the local community has included board membership at Talbot Hospice and Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers. She enjoyed her participation in the Garden Club of the Eastern Shore and her membership in The Harbor Club, where she had a regular Friday afternoon bridge game with good friends. She was an active member and a trustee of Third Haven Friends Meeting. During her retirement, she enjoyed traveling both nationally and internationally. She returned to New York City frequently to visit friends and family and to enjoy the theater and visits to the many museums in Manhattan.

Adrienne is survived by her son John Rudge of White Plains, NY, her son Andrew Rudge and her daughter-in-law Shelley Jones Rudge of Chevy Chase, Md., by her sisters Lindsley Smith and Susan Wheeler, both of Easton, her brother Charles Wheeler of Berkeley, Calif., and by her four grandchildren: Charlie, Elizabeth, Avery and Kate Rudge. Kit Rudge died in 1995.

A memorial service will be held at Third Haven Friends Meeting at 405 South Washington Street in Easton in spring 2023 (date and time to follow).

Contributions in Adrienne's memory may be made to Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers, 133 N. Washington St, Easton, MD 21601 or to Talbot Hospice, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD, 21601.



The **Peace Float** prepared by our Outreach Committee was awarded first prize in the Easton Holiday Parade.

First Day School

Children and adults enjoyed a Christmas program featuring Godly Play nativity story and the children's impressions, which they shared with the Meeting. Hospitality with music, Christmas cookies and other treats rounded out the event. The next children's program is January 8th at 10 a.m. Future dates are: Jan 8 & 22, Feb 5 & 19, March 5 & 19, April 2 & 16. We have been teaching the children about our Quaker testimonies of Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality and Stewardship. We are also hoping the children will help this Spring with maintaining the organic plant composting box now located on the Third Haven grounds. It is with great pleasure that I welcome Sarah as a co-clerk of this committee. As always, we continue to rely on all the talents of our wonderful families and thank you for all your efforts. HNY! *Susan Claggett*



Fifty years of First Day School memories. Sally Claggett, Katie Hawkinson



Financial Contributions

Financial contributions to Third Haven Friends Meeting from members and attenders are essential to our Faith and Practice, the work of the Meeting's committees, maintenance of property and grounds, and support for our parent organization, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) of the Religious Society of Friends. We do not "pass the basket" at meetings for worship, nor do we ask Friends to pledge an amount each year. The expectation is that all will prayerfully discern what they consider to be an appropriate contribution and act accordingly. All contributions are tax-deductible.

Meeting Operations

The Meeting's annual fiscal year budget, July 1 – June 30, estimates income and expenses. The annual operating budget is open for all to review and may be found on our [website](#). Annual operating expenses are paid from the Operating Fund. There is a contributions box in the lobby of the brick meeting house. **Checks for our annual "Operating Fund" may be sent to:**

**Treasurer, Third Haven Friends Meeting, Operating Fund
PO Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601**

Meeting Building Fund

Third Haven Friends Meeting is carrying out a long-term master planning process, and capital campaign, to implement a building program and land use improvements, over the next several years, through the Meeting "Building Fund." **To support the Building Fund, send checks to:**

**Treasurer, Third Haven Friends Meeting, Building Fund
P.O. Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601**

Additionally, contributions may be made through Donor Advised Funds or direct donations of stocks or other securities. Please contact Third Haven's treasurer directly at thmmtreasurer@gmail.com for assistance.

Trustees of Third Haven Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends Inc.

The Trustees of Third Haven Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends Inc. and Third Haven Friends Meeting are two separate nonprofit entities. The Trustees of Third Haven Monthly Meeting owns the Third Haven property and receives donations to support historic preservation, often involving major capital expenditures. The Trustees assist the Meeting substantially each year with capital projects and related expenses. The Trustees encourage all to consider a planned legacy gift or bequest, as well as an annual contribution. Gifts may be designated for the Trustees General Fund or the 1684 Meetinghouse Maintenance Fund.

Contributions for historic preservation, capital improvements and the long-term care of the Third Haven property can be made to:

**Trustees of Third Haven Meeting, Treasurer, Diana Rein, 9249 High Banks Drive,
Easton MD 21601**

Scholarship

Contributions may also be specifically designated to our Scholarship Fund. **Please indicate “Scholarship Fund” with your gift and send to: Scholarship Fund, Third Haven Monthly Meeting PO Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601**

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

Third Haven Friends Meeting as a Monthly Meeting is part of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM). The Meeting supports PYM financially and in turn PYM supports the programs and work of Third Haven. **Contributions may be made directly to PYM: Mention Third Haven and mail contributions to PYM Development Office, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102, or contribute online [on the PYM website](#).**

As part of our Campaign Planning, there is a small group called Meeting Support entrusted with contacting members and attenders of Third Haven to increase participation in giving. The goal is to have 100% participation in order to qualify well for grants in aid in the future. Amount of donation is not as important as showing that we all as we are able support the efforts of the meeting.

