



THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING

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January, 2025 Newsletter

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business 12th month, 8th day, 2024

Opening Silent Worship Clerk Tom Corl opened Meeting with silent worship at 11:35 a.m.

Attendance hybrid: Mia Brown-Echerd, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, Marsie Hawkinson, John Hawkinson, Bill Lane, Marie Leonard, Connie Lewis, Steven Meixner, Marian Murphy, Kathryn Pettus, Clinton Pettus, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, John Schreiner, Priscilla Sener, Jonathan Slocum, Sheryl Southwick, Sam Steffens, Paige Tilghman, John Turner, Jonathan Williams,

Comments on 12th Query, “Witnessing in the World – Witness & Civic Responsibilities” (read at Meeting for Worship)

Thought on Advices: Advice today was well presented in the manner of Leonard Baynum of old. We are returning to the practice of reading the advices at Meeting for Worship.

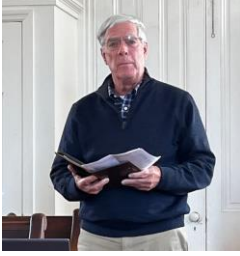
Approval of minutes from 11th month, 10th meeting for business-Approved



Clerk’s Desk – approval of the proposed 2024 State of Meeting Report – Tom Corl-Approved with Worship and Ministry annual report addition.

Clerk will email this report to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and share with other Southern Quarter meetings.

Chester River Meeting may ask to become a Worship Group under Third Haven.



Treasurer's report – Ben Tilghman presented by Bill Lane

Accepted

With 42% of our fiscal year elapsed, our income to date at \$29,300 equates to 41% of our budgeted income of \$72,245. Not bad. Our actual expenses at \$25,600 to date represents 35% of our budgeted \$72,245 expenses for all categories. While our performance in expenses is favorable to budget, we still have the heating season before us. I would estimate that our expenses are closer to 40% of budget. Still good.

General and Administration expenditures so far this fiscal year have totaled \$1,660 against a budget of \$3,250, or 51%. I would expect that we would finish the fiscal year at the budgeted \$3,250, however. Payments to the accountants (\$300.00 to Weaver Mavity) were largely for one time clean-up work on the chart of accounts and correcting some persistent errors in QuickBooks. And, with the addition of an assistant Treasurer who is well versed in QuickBooks, we would project that our need of the accounts services would diminish.

Our balance sheet remains strong, with comfortable margins in operating cash and ample prudent reserves. The building fund stands at a total of \$305,175, consisting of \$123,458 in a certificate of deposit and \$181,717 in checking.

As always, I am grateful to the Trustees of Third Haven who own and maintain the physical plant for the benefit of the Monthly Meeting, effectively allowing us to operate rent free.

And, I am particularly grateful for your support over the last three years. Learning QuickBooks is a pretty steep learning curve, which I hope I handled with good grace. While I am much the better for the experience, happily, and with great gratitude, hand the reins back to Cynthia, and Kristen.



Nominating Committee Report 2024-12-6– Steve Meixner

Approved

Trustees: Priscilla Bond Sener, President; Laurence Claggett, Jr., Marsie Hawkinson, Bill Lane, Allan Mielke, Dee Rein

Clerk: Ben Tilghman; **Assistant Clerk:** Larny Claggett

Treasurer: Cynthia Quast; **Assistant:** Kristin Hawkinson

Recording Clerk: Dee Rein, **Assistant:** Nancy Robbins

Recorder: Janet Kemp; Marsie Hawkinson

Committees:

Budget & Finance: (Annual Reports due in May, June) Bill Lane, Clerk; Treasurer of the Meeting: Cynthia Quast, Assistant Treasurer: Kristin Hawkinson, Bill Schauer, Doreen Getsinger, Steven Meixner

Burial & Memorials: Ben Tilghman, Clerk, Molly Burgoyne Brian, Tom Corl, Larny Claggett (P&G), Bill Schauer (Pastoral Care), Marie Leonard, John Hawkinson

Campaign (Fundraising): Merge into Planning

Communications: (Annual Report due in April) Clerk/Tech support: Dee Rein; Website Manager: Tania "T" Hamboyan Harrison; John Hawkinson; Directory & Graphic Design: Marie Leonard; Photographer: Marian Murphy; Tech Support: Kathryn Pettus, John Turner, Stephanie French, Mary Yancey, Clinton Pettus, Jim Altman

Facilities Use: (Annual Report due in March) Larissa Kitenko, Clerk; Lisa Kluepfel, Beth Mufson

First Day School: (Annual Report due in June) Susan Claggett, clerk; Sarah Claggett, Katie Claggett, Sarah Hildebrand, Melissa Grant, Kulveen Virdee Lisa Kluepfel

Hospitality: (Annual Report due in March) Mary Yancey, Clerk; Beth Mufson, Jonathan Williams, Kristina Herold, Michael "Moe" Moore, Marian Murphy, Sheryl Southwick

Library: Paige Tilghman, Janet Kemp, Lorraine Claggett

Nominating Committee: (Annual Report due in December) Janet Kemp, Clerk; Paige Tilghman, Mary Yancey

Outreach: (Annual Report due in January) Lay down committee and, Merge into Testimonies and Concerns

Pastoral Care: (Annual Report due in January) Bill Schauer, Clerk; Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Marsie Hawkinson, Katherine Johnson, Amy Kimball, Beverly Martin, Beth Mufson, Terry-Thomas Primer

Planning: (Annual Report due in April) Tom Corl, Clerk; Molly Brian, Larny Claggett, Sally Claggett, Sarah Taylor Claggett, Susan Claggett, Sarah Hilderbrand, Bill Lane, Marie Leonard, Steven Meixner, Nancy Robbins, Priscilla Sener, Mary Yancey

Property and Grounds: (Annual Report due in October) Larny Claggett, Clerk; Priscilla Sener, Clay Owens, Amy Kimball, Bill Lane, Nancy Robbins, Robert Gladney, Dan Sweeney, Drew Gundlach, Sally Claggett, Sam Steffens, Carlyle Hooff, Winslow Womack (Emeritus)

Scholarship: (Annual Report due in September) Marsie Hawkinson, Clerk; Bill Schauer (Treasurer), Paige Tilghman, Lorraine Claggett, Marie Leonard, Kristin Hawkinson; Emeritus members; Doreen Getsinger, Sumner Parker,

Testimonies & Concerns: (Annual Report due in November) Paige Tilghman, Clerk; Stephanie French, Mary Yancey, Lorraine Claggett, Beth Mufson, Doris Lauckner

Worship & Ministry: (Annual Report due in December) Clinton Pettus, Clerk; Jonathan Slocum, Molly Brian, Tom Corl, John Schreiner, Sam Steffens, Nancy Robbins

Liaisons and Representatives

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

Southern Quarterly Meeting: Marie Leonard, Paige Tilghman, Katherine Johnson

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC): (Annual Report due in November) Lorraine B. Claggett

Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center (CMRC): Katie Claggett, Nancy Robbins

Detention Center Library: Molly Brian, Stephanie French, John Schreiner, Beth Thompson, Jeanne Halpin, Paige Tilghman, Beth Mufson, Amy Kimball, Melanie Mosner

Food Link: Paige Tilghman, Winslow Womack

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL): (Annual Report due in March)

Paige Tilghman

NAACP, Talbot County: Doreen Getsinger, Mary Yancey

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

Quaker Voice: Dona Sorce

Talbot Association of Clergy and Laity (TACL): (Annual Report due in November)

Molly Brian, Nancy Robbins

Talbot Interfaith Homeless Shelter (TIS): Sarah Sayre (coordinator), Kristina Herold, Marian Murphy, Heidi Wetzal, Mary Yancey

Worship & Ministry Annual Report – Jonathan Slocum Accepted

Participation at meeting for worship at Third Haven Friends Meeting has been about 25 to 35 members, attenders and visitors each week. We have continued to hold hybrid meetings since the pandemic. Vocal ministry is variable as Friends wait to be moved by the Spirit. Ministry seems to have become more frequent since the committee started reading excerpts from the queries during each meeting for worship. Our Wednesday meeting for worship attracts a dedicated group of participants, usually 4-7, with a few also joining on Zoom. Silent worship is profound.

We are holding a series of discussions – Reading the Gospels as Friends – facilitated by meeting member Terry-Thomas Primer, now focused on the Gospel of John. These meetings were held monthly, attended by 5-7 members and attenders in the first half of 2024. These will resume in 2025. We have largely run through the members who are willing to discuss their Spiritual Journeys, with some having presented more than once for this popular program. We have a few groups that meet independently in the meeting facilities, in ways that nurture Spiritual growth. These include a writing group, and a Jungian dream group.

In October, we began a series of 4 programs on building and maintaining relationships across perceived differences in the manner of Friends. These are led by Clinton and Kathryn Pettus. The first was for Third Haven Friends. Subsequent sessions are based on the experience of other meetings, including Alexandria (Virginia) Friends Meeting in November.

Planning Committee update- Tom Corl Accepted

Through Ron Markey of Harper and Son Construction, the Planning Committee has received a letter from the Town of Easton Fire Protection Engineer, that “this office has no objections to the documents provided in the above-referenced project [Milner permit drawings of the brick meetinghouse stairway and ramp], and there are no further comments from a fire protection standpoint at this time.”

We have heard from Matt Lane and Ron Markey that our request for a permit is likely to be approved soon, but we do not have final approval yet.

Priscilla Sener, Steve Meixner and Tom Corl continue to work on the negotiation of the contract with Ron Markey and Benson. We expect construction to begin after 1.1.25.

The next Planning Committee meeting will be Wednesday 12.18 at noon in the common room with Zoom available.

Old Meeting House update- Bill Lane Accepted

The railing on the ramp has been reinstalled. Some spot painting by Eric Harvey was also done.

The siding carpentry work is almost complete. The new bulkhead access to the crawlspace has been installed. There are some minor punch list items that need attention. Spot sanding and screens in the new gable vents creating air circulation are needed. The shutter and west side doors work can hopefully be done over the winter. Some shutters are in shop now.

The window work continues. It is a slow methodical process to do it correctly. Top sashes on the west side are still in shop. They should return soon and the bottom sashes will go out. East side windows will be last on the schedule.

The painting is going well but the cold weather prevents much more work at this time. My hope is that the shutter, door, and window repairs along with the finish painting will be done in early Spring. The Meeting House continues to be open for our use, but that may change while the doors are out for repairs.

I am very pleased overall with the fine quality of work that every one of our contractors is doing. They are very proud to be working on this project. We should be proud of our Meeting House and get ready for a grand 350th year celebration.

New business



Watershed earth care discussion proposal-Sam Steffens-Approved

As examples of a Faith group impacting our watershed and the health of our community.

In light of the devastation to the watershed in NC, Sam Steffens, who has been in NC these past two months, is moved to see an opportunity for Friends at Third Haven around our Earth Care testimony.

Are Friends interested in gathering for a watershed earth care discussion in early 2025?

A discussion aimed at Identifying three points of awareness:

- What are we doing at Third Haven to positively impact water quality and our entire watershed?
- How can visitors and members easily learn about water care on the grounds and in the greater community in which Friends at Third Haven are active?
- Can we identify where we might do well to focus our attention in our efforts to continue to improve our care as a meeting for the watershed we are a part of?

Suggested day and time: (if it is not conflicting) Sunday, the 5th of January 2025

Duration: 1 hour either before or after meeting for worship

Participants would be asked to ponder these questions and write down some ideas to bring. A few moments of centering silence, followed by sharing our thoughts on the three points. After each share, a moment of centering down again, moving around the table as such. At the end of the discussion, a moment of silence to close the meeting. If we would

like to proceed forward in any way, either as a second gathering or a community project, we can bring this back to the meeting as a whole. The proposal is an opportunity for discussion under the auspices of Property and Grounds and Planning.

Closing silent worship 12:15 p.m.
Recording Clerk: D. Rein

Easton Holiday Parade

Under the care of Jeanne Halpin and many helpers, the Quaker Peace Dove was refurbished to participate as a float in the Easton Holiday Parade. Third Haven was represented in the annual Easton Holiday parade held Sat Dec 7 at 6:30pm. Jeanne Halpin, Mary Yancey and others helped to create the Peace Dove, and Drew Grundlach and Adam Grant drove the truck pulling the Dove and all the Friends. It was chilly but a wonderful event 🕊️ A special First Day School thank you goes to all the families that showed up and helped. The magnificent Peace Dove returned, and, as the work crew found out, she's getting a bit worse for wear. Adults and children rode on the trailer behind the Dove after helping with assembly. Next year, we can spruce her up and allow peace to float over our community again!



First Day School Christmas Celebration

On December 15th at the rise of Meeting for Worship, First Day School students and teachers joined the members and attenders present in the Brick Meeting House and on zoom for a Christmas activity. Susan Claggett described how the children had heard the nativity story during First Day School time and picked out their favorite parts. Susan and older young people read the story and younger children shared the parts they liked the best. This was interspersed with Christmas carol singing under the accompaniment of Jonathan Williams and Sheryl Southwick.



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>

Weekly Thursday PEACE Vigil – Come join us Thursdays in front of the Talbot County Courthouse at 5PM. Third Haven sponsors this vigil and we welcome more participation from the community. Come and go whenever you like. Peace is our testimony all the time.

Weekly 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.*

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