



## Third Haven Friends Meeting

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## June 2018 NEWSLETTER

### **Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business 13th Day Fifth Month 2018**

**Opening Silent Worship** Molly Brian, Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:45 a.m. with a brief period of silence. She introduced the purpose of this meeting as limited to discussion of egress for the brick meeting house.

**Attending:** 20: Gwen Beegle, Molly Brian, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Robert Day, Susan Dickinson, Doreen Getsinger, Larissa Kitenko, Jeanne Halpin, Martha Holthausen, Connie Lewis, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Adrienne Rudge, Bill Schauer, John Schreiner, Paige Tilghman, Mary Yancey, Ralph Young.



**Comments on Fifth Query** (read at Meeting for Worship)

A member commented on the beautiful rewriting of the queries but thought that the first individual query was not connected to the Quaker faith.

Worship and Ministry discussed the 5<sup>th</sup> query, noting the lack of a set curriculum. We have a historical Judeo-Christian background. Becoming a Quaker is about living the faith through engagement with each other, learning from the resources in our community.

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

**Approval of minutes from Called Meeting** Approved with addition of Jeanne Halpin as attending

### **Clerks Desk**

The clerk presented a letter from a Kent Brewer, former inmate of Maryland Correctional Institution in Hagerstown, who was a Quaker of South Mountain Friends Fellowship there sponsored by Friends near Ellicott City. Now at Eastern Correctional Institution, East, Westover, Md.. He seeks support for sponsoring a Quaker group there. Friends suggested sharing this with Wicomico Meeting and Southern Quarter Meeting next week, involving more meetings.

Neighborhood Service Center on May 22, Tuesday, 12:30-2pm will hold a Lunch and Learn about the Webb's Hope project. Molly will send out the details in an announcement.

**Budget & Finance:** Presentation of Proposed Budget for FY 2016-17 -*Cynthia Quast*

The treasurer presented comparison budgets for 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and the proposed budget for 2018-2019 highlighting changes and giving reasons. We are better off at this time of year than we were last year. Budget and Finance will send out a "state of the meeting" letter shortly. Our fiscal year ends June 30<sup>th</sup>. Give comments on the proposed budget to Bill Lane of Cynthia Quast as soon as possible. The detailed spreadsheets may be viewed at our website.

**New Business**

Testimonies and Concerns- Paige Tilghman

The Center on Conscience and War sent us information on a country wide review of selective service that is ongoing. Comments are being collected. We may respond in writing.

**Update on Selective Service Hearings: Upcoming Public Meetings**

Dear Friends of Conscience,

May 8, 2018

**The National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service is at work right now to determine the fate of Selective Service (Draft) Registration, and they need to hear from people of conscience!**

A series of public meetings have been announced between now and September, and the public comment period has been extended through September.

Please attend a public meeting in your area if you can, and/or please submit written comments (full details on how to do that are below).

The Commission is scheduled to report its findings to Congress in 2020. *CCW staff met with Commission staff in April and found them to be sincerely engaged and very interested in the views and concerns of conscientious objectors.*

Please weigh in with your voice of conscience!

**Some Background:**

Congress established the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service as part of the compromise reached by the Conference Committee during the 2017 NDAA (National Defense Authorization Act) process.

The Commission's mandate is to consider issues of national service, both military and civilian, including important **questions about Selective Service registration: should it continue, should women be required to register, and are there changes that should be made to the Selective Service System, such as those CCW has long advocated for, which would protect the rights of conscientious objectors.**

It has been decades since there has been a serious national conversation about Selective Service. This is a great opportunity to **lift our voices to call for an end to Selective Service (draft) Registration.** All branches of our government have

affirmed that the primary purpose of Registration is to be prepared for war. This is a violation of conscience for many people of different faiths and beliefs. **There is currently no option to register as a Conscientious Objector**; as a result, individuals who cannot participate are punished for life, without due process.

**If the Commission fails to end Registration, they must allow people to register as conscientious objectors and restore full rights to people of conscience.**

The Commission also needs to hear from people involved with church voluntary service programs about how proposals for mandatory national service will affect them.

Please attend a public meeting in your area if you can, and/or **please submit written comments** through the Commission's website, by email, using the subject line, "Docket 05-2018-01"  
<[national.commission.on.service.info@mail.mil](mailto:national.commission.on.service.info@mail.mil)> ,

or by mail: National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service, Attn: RFI COMMENT—Docket 05-2018-01, 2530 Crystal Drive, Suite 1000, Room 1029 Arlington, VA 22202.

T&C will prepare a minute on this topic for presentation in our June meeting. A meeting for discussion of this topic will be held in the Common Room on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

Carriage Shed Sale made the goal of \$4000 after expenses. Thank you to all who helped. Summer Camp planning is in process and in the first camp 10 out of 12 spots for ages 5-10 are filled.

Meeting closed at 12:23 p.m. with silent worship.  
*D. Rein, Recording Clerk*

### **Third Haven Friends Meeting Announcements**

To see all Third Haven Friends Meeting announcements:  
<http://www.thirdhaven.org/announcements.php>

Third Haven Friends Meeting calendar:  
<http://www.thirdhaven.org/calendar.php>

### **Award of Appreciation**

On Wednesday, May 16, Talbot Association of Clergy and Laity (TACL) presented the Outreach Committee with an Award of Appreciation for "Generously presenting the community with the outstanding film series 'Discussion on Race.'" The Outreach Committee would like to extend their thanks to those at Third Haven who helped make this film and discussion series a success through their contributions of time, participation, and sustenance. The Committee is considering ways to keep the momentum of the series going and will announce their follow-up soon.

## **June 10 (Sunday)**

### **Agenda for Meeting for Business**

Third Haven Friends Meeting  
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business  
Tenth Day Sixth Month 2018  
Opening Moments of Silent Worship  
Comments on Sixth Query, (read at Meeting for Worship)  
Approval of minutes from Fifth Month business meeting  
Treasurer's Report – Cynthia Quast  
Budget & Finance: Approval of Budget for FY 2016-17 – Bill Lane  
First Day School Annual Report – Amy Owlsley  
Testimonies & Concerns re: Selective Service Minute- Paige Tilghman  
New Business  
Closing Moments of Silent Worship

### **Query 6 from Faith and Practice**

#### **6. Nurturing Our Community: Stewardship of Resources**

How does our meeting accommodate ecological, economic and social justice in its uses of property and money?

Does our meeting engage its members in supporting the meeting's work, its ministry and the upkeep of its property?

Does our meeting encourage its members to support with their time, energy and finances the quarterly and yearly meetings and other Quaker organizations?

To what extent does our meeting rely on current members and attenders for financial support and to what extent on other sources?

How do I demonstrate in my own decision making a concern for ecological, economic and social justice?

How do I simplify my needs, making choices that balance self-sufficiency and fair sharing of resources?

Do I balance my work-life and other activities with the time and energy needed for my spiritual growth and service?

Do I contribute to the work of Friends in my meeting, in the quarterly and yearly meetings and in the wider world of Friends?

### **Draft Minute**

The following proposed minute will be presented at June's Meeting for Worship With Attention to Business:

to the National Commission on Military, National and Public Service concerning the continuation of the Selective Service registration. T&C brought the matter to the May M4B and were directed to compose a draft minute for consideration.

The National Commission on Military, National and Public Service,  
Attn: RFI Comment Docket 05-2018-01  
2530 Crystal Drive, Suite 1000, Room 1029  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairs and Committee,

We understand the National Commission on Military, National and Public Service has received a mandate to consider continuation of Selective Service registration and that a period for public comment is open until September 2018. Third Haven Friends Meeting, a Member of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, records submits the following Minute for your consideration on this topic. This Minute has been reviewed by the 125 member body and approved at their sixth month 10th day Business Meeting in accordance with the Religious Society of Friends.

Minute on Continuation of Selective Service:

Also known as Quakers, we find no occasion for war and seek to recognize that of God in everyone. We are in favor of ending registration for the Selective Service as a process to send young citizens to military service in the United State of America. We would encourage continuation of a mandatory national Selective Service registration for the purpose of young citizens serving in humanitarian, conservation, education and infrastructure building activities as a demonstration of support to our country and communities. We recommend a review of other nations programs where young adults serve in many capacities. Finally, we are adamant that citizens have the option to declare Contentious Objection should they believe there is no occasion for war and be provided option to not serve military objectives

Thank you for considering the Third Haven Friends Meeting Minute on the continuation of mandatory Selective service registration. We are available for further discussion and can be reached at [3rdhaven@gmail.com](mailto:3rdhaven@gmail.com)

Sincerely yours,

Mary Burgoyne Brian, Monthly Meeting Clerk

### **June 24 (Sunday)**

#### **Spiritual Journeys**

On June 24, Paige Tilghman will discuss her own personal spiritual journey at 11:30 AM in the Common Room. The presentation will last about 20 minutes including some time for questions. Mary Coady will discuss her spiritual journey on July 1.

This program is offered by Worship & Ministry, monthly. If you would like to share your own journey please email Mark Beck @ [mb4833@aol.com](mailto:mb4833@aol.com)



In May Heidi Wetzel shared her spiritual journey with an interested group of Friends.

## Moving Up Celebration

On June 3rd, the Meeting honored two of our young adults from Third Haven who are celebrating important achievements in their lives. Serena Claggett is moving up from middle school, and Evan Claggett has graduated from East Carolina University with a degree in marine science. At the rise of Meeting, Serena and Evan shared their plans ahead which included high school and lacrosse for Serena, and Chesapeake Conservation Corps for Evan (along with any scuba diving he can find!). We all then relaxed together with our annual start-to-summer picnic filled with wonderful food and the warmth of friendship, despite the rain outside. Special thanks to the Hospitality Committee and all who made the picnic possible. Congratulations again to Serena, Evan, and their proud families.



**THFM works with Temple B'nai Israel & Asbury Methodist preparing and then delivering Marilla's lunches.**



**Southern Quarter Meeting at Third Haven with guest speaker George Shaeffer from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting discussing planning options for seniors.**





**The Pastoral Care Committee meets monthly to provide oversight of the care of the meeting, its members and attenders.**