



## Third Haven Friends Meeting

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## March 2021 NEWSLETTER

*How do we make sense of the lives we are living?*

*What values can give a satisfying shape and purpose to our lives?*

*Advices 99*

### **Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Fourteenth Day Second Month 2021**

**Opening Silent Worship** Molly Brian, Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 4 p.m. with a brief period of silence.

**Attending:** 20 attended: Molly Burgoyne Brian, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Larissa Kitenko, Connie Lewis, Steven Meixner, Priscilla Morris, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, Priscilla Sener, Jonathan Slocum, Dona Sorce, Paige Tilghman, John Turner

Comments on Second Query (Deepening our Faith: Meeting for Business)

We are centered in spirit and intention for our Meetings for Business, which is different from any other business meetings we might experience.

**Approval of minutes** for January Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

**Approved**

**Clerk's Desk- SQM March 21st**

Consider using one Zoom link for all of our meetings. Clerks and tech people will consider this. This would simplify access. Simultaneous meetings will need different accounts. We might also open early for socializing from 9:30-9:50 a.m. and have First Day Conversations once a month if not in conflict with Testimonies and Concerns meeting the first week of the month from 8:30-9:30 a.m..

**Membership Annual Recorder's Report – *Marsie Hawkinson Accepted***

**New Members –**

Ellen Silbergeld – transfer from Baltimore Yearly Meeting

Jonathan Williams - by application

Deaths – none

Resignations – none

Current Adult Membership – 148 (this reflects a more accurate counting)

Children – 11

As I went through the book of members, amid the distraction of sorting out the children who are now counted as adults, I was struck by the number of members who are in the age range of 80 and above – 22. Of that number 8 are in their 90s. On the one hand this could be taken as a concern. On the other it could be evidence that being a Quaker is a healthy organization to be a part of. Kenneth Carroll leads the list at 96 years.

Comments: We might wish to analyze our demographics and get the younger folks involved in the Meeting. Many members are not engaged in activities or work. Diversity is also an issue for consideration. We treasure our senior members and children, a wide range of ages.

**T&C Committee Annual Report – *Paige Tilghman Accepted***

Testimonies and Concerns Committee for 2020 was made up of the following members: Stephanie French, Sandra Herbert, Connie Lewis, Beth Mufson, Mary Yancy, Dona Sorce, Bob Wack, Harvey Zandt and Paige Tilghman, serving as Clerk; with interest in the work of: Cynthia Quast, supporting Marilla's Lunches; Sarah Sayre supporting the TIS; and Tom Corl, supporting the Detention Center Library. The committee meets from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Zoom on the 1st First Day.

The committee assists members in focusing attention on our work in the community, as Quakers. Faith & Practice recommends: a plan to carry out social service projects; a role to recommend particular actions to individuals and to the meeting itself, as corporate body; encouragement to work for social change through Quaker organizations; support for a member in seeking to bring a concern to the attention of monthly, quarterly or yearly meeting; contribution of services or

financial support for individuals as “released friends” to initiate consciousness raising and skill building activities that reflect our testimonies.

The T&C budget for operations was \$1,500. \$3,000 was set aside for Contributions. Expenses were minimal due to COVID and the lack of activities.

The work of the committee has been impacted by the isolation of the COVID Pandemic and on our day-to-day activism. We have all found it frustrating to be cut-off from our usual volunteer work and social outreach. T&C held several meetings to discuss our engagements in important issues and found ways to contribute back to our community and to Quaker organizations. The Giving Guide, first published in 2019, was updated and circulated again in 2020 and printed in the January 2021 Newsletter with suggestions for members to direct resources. T&C was briefed on the activities of Quaker Voice, a Baltimore Yearly Meeting initiative to address issues presented to Maryland General Assembly, most specifically environmental issues. Many of us continued our individual efforts to work locally on social justice issues, income and racial inequities, homelessness, and nature sanctuaries. We provided a forum for our member, Ellen Silbergeld, to share the injustices for meat packing workers, made more difficult with COVID. T&C supported the efforts of Historic Easton Inc. and the Asbury United Methodist Church to rebuild their soup kitchen where our Marilla’s Lunches program operates with other churches for community use. T&C recommended our annual \$3,000 contribution for the meeting be awarded to this effort and additional funds were found to offer a total \$5,000, The Committee also discussed the allocation of funds from our Shoffner Educational fund for international education outreach to the Bolivian Quaker Education Fund, the Patamos School in Guatemala and an Agriculture Education project in Puerto Rico. The funds will be allocated in 2021.

Comments: The Giving Guide was thorough and most helpful.

**Property and Grounds Priscilla Sener Approved**

Peace Pole placement comments favored flag #2 by the Common Room former maple tree, allowing some landscaping as well. The pole stands in place of the tree and is visible from all 3 buildings. While some folks commented on placing the pole in the driveway oval, this is a wet area with multiple trees, which might not be good for the pole, Testimonies and Concerns concurs with P&G decision on the placement by flag #2. Decision: Place pole at #2 spot.

**New Business none**

The meeting closed with silent worship at 4:47 p.m.  
D. Rein, recorder

## In The Light



**MK Parham Shean** passed away January 16, 2021 at age 70. As an electrical engineer, MK traveled the world and mentored others in her profession. Upon returning to the US and Charlottesville, Virginia, severe health issues overtook her dynamic spirit. She closed out her days in Easton, MD. She was greatly loved and will be truly missed. Please hold her husband Brian and family in the light. A memorial service of

limited attendance due to Covid 19 was held at Third Haven January 28<sup>th</sup>.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/stardem/obituary.aspx?n=mk-shean&pid=197592715&fhid=41635>



**Susan Dickinson**, passed away on Saturday, February 13 at age 74. Her contributions at Third Haven included enthusiastic hospitality hosting and First Day Conversations, which now continue as Conversations with Susan. Please hold Bill Schauer and their family in the light. A memorial service will be held for Susan Dickinson Saturday, March 20th at 2 PM at Third Haven Friends Meeting House, 405 S. Washington St., Easton, MD 21601, Due to Covid-19 in person attendance is limited.

A simultaneous Zoom session will be available for those who choose to remain off-site but still want the opportunity to participate in the memorial.

**Please RSVP** by e-mail to [3rdhaven@gmail.com](mailto:3rdhaven@gmail.com) by March 15<sup>th</sup> indicating your preference: in person attendance or Zoom attendance. You will be sent a confirmation and, if you choose Zoom, a link to participate in the live session.

<https://www.moorefuneralhomepa.com/obituary/Susan-Dickinson>



**Kenneth Lane Carroll**, a long lived Quaker and Clerk of this Meeting for many years, died peacefully on Thursday, February 25th while a resident of Bayleigh Chase. He leaves this world as our oldest member at age 96. To honor his wishes, we will plan a memorial service in May closer to his 97th birthday. We will hold the service at THMM in hybrid format to accommodate his numerous world-wide Friends. A link to his full obituary will follow in our announcements later this week.

<https://www.fhnfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Kenneth-Carroll-6/>

## **Updates from the Upstairs of the Meetinghouse**

As we make our way through the end of winter, watching and waiting for the Covid-19 troubles to pass, many find hope in planting seeds in our lives that will bloom brightly this spring and summer. And this is exactly the theme that First Day School celebrated at our February 7th virtual session. Susan Claggett shared the Parable of the Mustard Seed, using the engaging Faith & Play storytelling style. Our Zoom screens were filled with a half-dozen boxes holding smiling, familiar faces. Such joy to be together for a bit. Looking ahead, First Day School will continue with virtual sessions on the first Sunday's of every month, with plans for a special Easter edition in the works.

Susan will continue her **storytelling series - upcoming on March 7, at 10:30**

**AM.** Susan will share a story about the Parable of the Sower, using the engaging Faith & Play storytelling style. Here's the Zoom info:

Topic: Third Haven's First Day School

Time: Mar 7, 2021 10:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

## **Announcements**

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.

Announcements

<http://www.thirdhaven.org/announcements.php>

Calendar of Activities

<http://www.thirdhaven.org/calendar.php>

## **March 1 and 15 [Monday]**

### **Caregiver Support Meeting**

We have a Caregivers Support Group for those who are caring for others (family members.) Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7 p.m. on Zoom. The purpose is to provide support during a time that can be isolating, as well as provide help in finding supports both within Third Haven and in the larger community. It is expected that the nature of the group will evolve as the needs evolve. You might not feel this is the right time yet, but when it is, feel free to join us. Next meeting March 1.

## **March 14 [Sunday] Daylight Saving Time Begins**

**Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business at the rise of meeting** using Meeting for Worship Zoom link.

## **March 21, 2021**

### **Southern Quarterly Meeting**

Plan now to join fellow Delmarva Quakers on Sunday, March 21st at 10:00am. Chester River Friends Meeting will be hosting. This meeting will be in Zoom format, facilitated by Third Haven Friends Meeting.

- Stay connected with regional Friends as George Fox advocated.
- Strengthen ties with other Meetings.

- Friends can attend from home.
- More details will follow in our announcements

**Mar 24-28, 2021**

**Pendle Hill Retreat**

**Perfection of the Present Moment**

A Five-Day Virtual Mindfulness Meditation Retreat with Mary Grace Orr, Anne Briggs, Larissa Kitenko, and Rebecca Kronlage

How can we be present in all the varied and often difficult experiences of our lives open heartedly and with acceptance? The simple technique of mindfulness, taught by the Buddha, teaches us to do just that. This silent virtual retreat will have periods of sitting and walking meditation, opportunities to talk with a teacher, and formal presentations. It is suitable for both beginners and experienced students from any faith tradition. The schedule will follow a simple daily rhythm.

Live sessions conducted via Zoom. Pre-recorded sessions shared via links or e-mail.

Retreat from Wednesday evening at 7pm to Sunday 4pm via Zoom. (All times are Eastern Standard Time)

Leaders:

Mary Grace Orr is a teacher emeritus at Spirit Rock Meditation Center in Marin County (CA) and the founding teacher of Insight Santa Cruz. She now teaches from both the Buddhist and Christian perspectives. A beloved teacher at Pendle Hill, Mary Grace has led retreats here since 1997. She lives in Hawaii and teaches both there and on the mainland.

Anne Briggs from Chester River Friends Meeting leads the Insight Meditation Community of Chestertown.

Larissa Kitenko from Third Haven Friends Meeting leads the Easton Meditation Group and Insight Meditation Community of Grasonville.

Rebecca Kronlage will teach yoga. For more information and to register

please contact <https://pendlehill.org/events/perfection-of-the-present-moment/>

**March 28**

**Conversations with Susan Resume**

With memories of our Friend Susan Dickinson who created First Day Conversations, we resume that tradition at 9 a.m. on the last First Day of the month. Susan led discussions of life and spiritual topics over hot coffee and homemade cream drop biscuits. Bring your own coffee and join us on Zoom before Meeting for Worship for 45 minutes of invigorating, thoughtful conversation. Proposed topics are welcome!

