

THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
6th Month, 19th Day, 2022

Opening Silent Worship – Clerk Tom Corl opened the meeting with a period of silent worship at 11:30 a.m.

Attending: (hybrid) 29 Mia Brown Echerd, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Kristina Herold, Katherine Johnson, Larissa Kitenko, Bill Lane, Marie Leonard, Steven Meixner, Charlie Miller, Beth Mufson, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, John Schreiner, Priscilla Sener, Jonathan Slocum, Dona Sorce, Nancy Stanford, Ben Tilghman, Paige Tilghman, John Turner, Kevin Walsh, Jonathan Williams, Mary Yancey,

Comments on 6th Query, Stewardship of Resources, read in the meeting for worship
With respect to this week's query, in 1684 the first semiannual yearly meeting was held in this building, then in the shape of a T. An architectural study of the building indicated it took the entire membership of Quakers everywhere to build this. It was built on cedar block foundation. Friends 12 years later were not happy with how the blocks were weathering, so they put out a call to get as many Quakers as possible the next First Day to actually lift the building and put new cedar blocks under it. It took the entire group to make this happen, as it does now. It takes everybody to make things happen.

Approval of minutes from 5th month, 8th day, Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Approved

Clerk's desk – *Tom Corl*

The clerk read a letter from Kristina Herold requesting membership. Referred to Pastoral Care.

Treasurer's report – *Ben Tilghman*

Although the fiscal year still has about 2 weeks to go, the budget numbers of June 16 project a good finish to FY21-22. Income is at 96.8% of budget, while expenses are at 99.3% of budget. We are still receiving checks in response to the appeal letter sent last month, and there is a good probability that we will hit 100% of donations.

Within the expenses, our forecasting leaves a bit to be desired. Some committees have not used any of their budgeted funds for the year, while others have exceeded budget amounts. These are relatively small line items, however, and the larger items have tracked as projected. As mentioned above, we anticipate finishing the year right on budget, if not with a modest surplus. Any surplus will be used as seed money for the Building Fund.

Balance sheets are posted on our website.

Budget & Finance Committee

Meeting budget for fiscal year (FY) 2022 - 23 – *Bill Lane Approved*

See budget balance sheet posted on our website for details.

Comments: We should consider increasing the annual contribution to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting if there is an excess at the end of the next 22-23 fiscal year. The last time the amount was raised was 2018. This will be considered in the next budget cycle.

Worship and Ministry expenses are hard to estimate because plans are not complete for the next fiscal year.

Hospitality receipts have yet to be submitted and should arrive soon. Note hospitality covers hospitality on First Day, but not for special events, which should be covered by the committee sponsoring the event. The budget once set does not get changed. Members are reassured that contingency funds are available should they be needed.

Is there a way for members to contribute services or materials as in-kind donations? Many people make in-kind contributions. The donor can send a note with valuation of the contribution to the treasurer requesting an acknowledgement.

First Day School Annual Report – *Dee Rein for Susan Claggett* Approved

We welcomed the children back in the Fall 2021 for in person learning holding the children's program every 2 weeks. Teachers for the Fall were Susan Claggett, Cherie Baron and Kristin Hanlon. Much of the learning was done outdoors on the Third Haven grounds. In Oct, FDS held a large family event called "Pumpkin Fun" where all families gathered in the Common Room for fellowship and food and carving/decorating pumpkins. As it began to get dark, the children took a spooky walk through the graveyard. It was a big hit!

In Dec, the FDS worked with the Pastoral Care committee in presenting gifts to our children during the annual holiday program. It was a time of connection and reflection while the young people got to know some of the older adults.

For the New Year, FDS had to resume via zoom. Susan Claggett led the zoom classroom twice per month. Some of the curricula this year were Quaker stories from Faith and Play and 2 books sent to us from PYM entitled "Holy Troublemakers and Unconventional Saints" and "Together" by Mona Damluji. Once warmer weather returned in the Spring, we were able to meet in person again and resume many lessons from our natural world. Miss Cherie and Miss Kristin returned as well and during one particular Spring lesson, the children made beautiful window art from natural objects found on the grounds. These can be seen in the brick Meeting House even now.

Finally, FDS ended in June with our annual celebration called Moving Up Day. We were able to acknowledge 4 young women who sent in remarks about their lives and where they are heading next, which was all read out loud to the Meeting. FDS acknowledges these accomplishments of our young people by presenting them with small gifts including a copy of "Faith and Practice."

Our FDS currently consists of 8 committed families -accounting for 15 children that regularly attend. Ages range from Owen Schaefer and Fio Whalen who are our youngest up into Damien Kesler (6th grade) and Serena Claggett, who just graduated high school. Third Haven had a birth this Spring (Whitley Grey) and another baby due in July (Kulveen Virdee.)

Third Haven FDS will be sponsoring the annual summer mindfulness camp in July held on the Meeting grounds. Registration is currently full. Miss Cherie and Miss Kristin along with Amy Owsley and Jr counselor, Liam Ewing will be overseeing the camp.

Although the FDS committee currently does not hold regular committee meetings, the families have been especially receptive to the weekly e mails sent out by the Clerk and they are always helpful with hospitality when asked.

This Clerk enjoys the warm friendship from all the families and continues to appreciate the Meetings' support.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Claggett FDS Clerk

Comments:

Compliments on transition between clerks and keeping FDS active during Covid. Amy, Susan and Kulveen have managed the committee. First Day School seeks additional helpers to plan and implement First Day School programs with new teaching ideas and teachers for the Fall. With added help First Day School could return to weekly programming.

Planning Committee update – Tom Corl

Ben Tilghman, Tom Corl, and Mary Yancey met with Josh Kiehl and Christopher Miller, at their offices in Chadds Ford PA, with landscape architect Jonathan Ceci on the phone. They have enough information to prepare a scope of services document and a cost estimate by the end of June.

The planning committee will indicate to other architects that Milner was chosen architectural firm.

The planning contract, later to be approved by the Meeting, will be paid by meeting resources and a possible Trustees contribution, not from the Meeting Building Fund. A lot of fund raising will be needed. We must continue to support the annual operating budget as well as contribute to the Meeting Building Fund. We plan to do things as we have the money to act, as sequenced and prioritized. Some may involve sequenced donations.

Growth of the meeting is not the goal of the building program. The meeting membership has remained stable for 40 years and is currently shrinking. Our goal is capacity for the current demography and activities as well as safety and accessibility.

The following documents are available on the website:

- “Vision, Purpose and Guidance,” 5.19.22
- “Scope of Work for the Third Haven Planning Contract,” 5.19.22

Land Use Planning Committee (LUPC) update – Mary Yancey

The final presentations by the Morgan State University landscape architecture students were very interesting. The 4-hour video link will be shared in the future.

The LUPC will distill and synthesize the presentation information and documents and discern the best ideas. These LUPC results will be presented (in pdf form) to the Meeting community in sessions at the rise of Meeting for Worship to be scheduled this summer.

Discussion about public access to and uses of the Meeting grounds will consider entrance changes, interpretive signage, at a called worship sharing session to discuss public access, safety and security ideas. This discussion should follow the LUPC presentations and occur in the Fall for greater participation. A survey map of the grounds is available on the website and in the common room. Walking the grounds on Meeting for Worship dates might be helpful for envisioning these issues

Members and attenders appreciate the planning process and everyone’s efforts.

New business

Use of Brick Meeting House Jonathan Williams has a small business teaching music lessons and performances using music as something more than entertainment. He currently has a few students and looks for a place to use as a studio for teaching, rehearsal and administrative activities. He requests to use the second floor of the Brick Meeting House for a donation of \$3000 per year for 25-35 hours per week. Jonathan has liability insurance. Susan Claggett supports Jonathan and will coordinate First Day School activities and materials. Bill Lane will coordinate the agreement. Priscilla Sener, Susan Claggett will work with Jonathan on arranging the space for First Day School, Jonathan’s and any other uses.

Approved

Trust Circles will start in the Fall, hoping to attract participants from Asbury AME church.

Closing Silent Worship 12:52

D. Rein, Reporter