



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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June 2014 NEWSLETTER

Have you ever introduced yourself to someone you don't recognize after meeting for worship?

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 5th Month, 11, 2014

Call to order: Candace Shattuck, Clerk of Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:30AM after a brief period of silence.

Attending: Dawn Atwater, Paige Bethke, Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Tom Corl, Deborah Cox, Leigh Anne Dodge, Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Peter Howell, Larissa Kitenko, Bill Lane, Sumner Parker, Cynthia Quast, Nancy Robbins, Robert Rowe, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Brian Shean, MK Shean, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Bob Wack, Dolores Wack, Meredith Watters, Rob Wieland, Ralph Young.

Comments on the Fifth Query, On Education (read at meeting for worship): No additional comments were made.

Minutes from previous Meeting for Business: Approved.

Clerk's Desk: The Clerk presented several items for information. PYM is revising Faith and Practice section by section. The proposed revisions are disseminated to the Monthly Meeting for comment. Worship & Ministry has been reviewing the sections. Anyone interested in reviewing these proposed revisions, please contact Tom Corl, Clerk of W&M. PYM is also in the midst of generating a 5-year long-term plan. On June 15th, a speaker will join us at THFM to present highlights of this plan after meeting for



worship. On Wednesday, May 21st, the 8th graders from Friends Community School in College Park will visit us. Marsie Hawkinson and Leigh Anne Dodge will serve as Friendly Presences for the group who would like to have a meeting for worship, a tour of the Old Meeting House and a picnic lunch on the grounds. The money allocated for seminars will exceed the proposed budget this year as we have had several people attend Quaker seminars this year.

Interim Meeting Report: Dawn Atwater and Donna Sorce attended Interim Meeting held in Philadelphia on May 10, 2014. Arthur Larrabee gave an overview of his tenure as clerk of Meeting citing the renovation of 1515 Cherry Street, budget restructuring issues, renovation overruns and staff cuts as examples of both positive and negative outcomes. He had wanted to form a stronger Quaker community but felt he did not complete this goal. Now that the financial picture is improved and the new Clerk has expertise in community building, he expressed hope that this goal would move forward. The Peace and Concerns Working Group demonstrated in Philadelphia on 3/10/14 in protest of the pipeline. Sixteen were arrested. PYM discussed and agreed to pay \$375 for each person arrested, both Quaker and non-Quaker, to cover costs incurred in their arrests. This would be a one-time payment. The budget has a surplus for the second year in a row. The Comely Fund, a substantial amount left to PYM is being adjusted with a larger percentage allocated to Monthly Meetings (20%).

Overseers Clearness Committee Report: The Clearness committee met with Aiyana Paterson-Zinkand and Rick King regarding their marriage under the care of the Meeting. They now live in Louisville, Kentucky. In spite of this distance, Aiyana feels connected to THFM as a spiritual home. The committee felt impressed by the couple's story, commitment to each other and understanding of what it means to be "under the care of the Meeting". On the recommendation of the committee, the Meeting approves this marriage to take place at THFM on July 19th, 2014. The Clerk of oversight for the marriage has not yet been chosen.

Budget and Finance Presentation of Proposed Budget for FY2014-15: The proposed budget can be found below and on the website. The committee feels it is reasonable to expect a total income of \$60,750. The member contributions are increased by \$2000 and attender contributions are decreased by \$2000. On the expense side, P&G budget remains the same. PYM covenant is increased by \$500. Conferences and Seminars, Contingency, General Administration and Donations are all increased. All other expenses remain the same.

A large bequest from the estate of Belle B. Andrews for \$20,000 was received this past month. There are no restrictions on the bequest. The B&F committee recommends this bequest be given to the Trustees for use in long-term property improvement projects. Mrs. Andrews was not a member of THFM but did have ties with the Historical Society and we understand felt drawn to the historical significance of THFM.

P&G committee has been studying the recommendations made in 2011 by an ad hoc committee formed to study improvements for the Common Room. There is a list of these improvements that were approved by the Meeting. P&G does not yet have firm estimates on all of these renovations. There is a rough guess these items could cost around \$18,000. There was much discussion regarding how these items best fit within our annual budget process. It was felt that these renovations represent capital improvements not annual budget items. Because we have Trustees owning the property and grounds, not the Meeting itself, many felt it would be appropriate for P&G to meet with the Trustees first with a list of these items to be discussed in the context of capital improvements and how best to handle these items as we go forward

particularly if these improvements can be done over a period of time. As far as the remainder of this fiscal year, there will be more money spent from P&G before the end of June. Some of their remaining budget will be spent on gravel for the drive and expanding the parking areas.

The Meeting has not yet decided what charities to give to this fiscal year. The ad hoc Charitable Contributions committee recommends the following Charities and amounts to be considered: \$500 each to AFSC, FCNL, and Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center, \$350 to the Good Samaritan Fund and \$100 to the Easton Volunteer Fire Department. Some Friends want to consider this carefully over the next month as they feel it is important to give to FGC and Friends Journal and perhaps Pendle Hill. Discussion over this topic included the belief several have that we should support our good Quaker organizations even if we are only able to give small amounts. Friends are encouraged to propose changes to the above amounts and list of charities if they feel this is important and send their list to Bill Lane, Clerk of B&F, to bring to Meeting for business 6th Month for final discussion. At the next meeting for business, we should all come prepared to discuss and give final approval to next year's budget.

Recommendations of Ad-Hoc Committee on Meeting Donations: The committee report is as follows:

THFM Charitable Contributions Committee Report

May 11, 2014

This committee has now met on 3 occasions. The formal ad hoc committee initially included Molly Burgoyne, Mary Cotton, Cynthia Quast, Norval Thompson and Sumner Parker. However, the meetings have been open to all members for input and each meeting thus far has been well attended by several different members of our community.

In summary, below are our discussion points.

- We donate from 4 different categories: T&C budget, Donations, Shoffner International Education Fund and the Carriage Shed Sale. For simplicity's sake, we discussed each category separately.
- T&C Budget: The committee submits its yearly budget to the B&F committee. Their budget is discretionary. They may use their budget for charitable causes as they decide there are needs. These decisions do not have to be approved by the Meeting. The receipts for expenses however, are turned into the Treasurer and the report on the use of the funds are given to the Meeting in T&C annual report or as needed.
- The Shoffner International Education Fund: The Meeting passed a minute regarding use of these funds in Feb. 2011. A copy of the guidelines remains on our website. Our committee recommends continuing with the process approved at that time. The process is as follows: "The T&C committee envisions that each year a designee from appropriate TH committees would meet to evaluate and review the past year's efforts and to offer suggestions for the coming year. This process is designed to be inclusive of the Meeting's committee structure. Communication with member through committees will assist in interaction and communication within the Meeting. T&C will then bring the plan for the next year's proposal to be approved by Meeting for Business. Funds entrusted would be invested in the Friends Fiduciary Fund. Five percent of the funds balance on June 30 of each year would be withdrawn for distribution as determined by the committee process."

- The Carriage Shed Sale: This event usually occurs every 18 months. Those drawn to work on the event have often been those who have a charitable cause they feel particularly drawn to raise money for although this is not a prerequisite. Our committee feels that those who have volunteered to work on the event should also be involved in deciding the beneficiaries. Once the group most actively working on the sale decides what charity should benefit from the proceeds, the list is presented in meeting for business for approval.
- The Donations line item budget: Our committee spent most of our time together discussing how best to clarify and simplify our process of donations. These are our recommendations.
 1. We feel it is important to continue giving as a Meeting because it is important to do good, to educate our members and attenders regarding worthy charities and to reach out to Quaker organizations and to our community.
 2. We recommend that \$2500 be allocated in next year's budget for Donations.
 3. We recommend that a committee composed of 3-5 members selected with the help of the Nominating Committee have the task of selecting and overseeing the charities donated to each year. This committee would not meet all of the year but would seek input from our community regarding appropriate donations, submit these to the Meeting for approval and take responsible to oversee (as best as possible), how our money has been spent. We believe it is a priority to support Quaker organizations no matter how small the donation may be and would encourage the committee to respect this. We believe this committee should be composed of people who are drawn to this work with the hope that the members come from different committees or facets of our community.

There was discussion regarding a formation of another committee. One Friend wondered if instead of a standing committee, it could be part of another larger committee such as B&F. T&C said their budget would be less this year, as they do not want to have discretionary funds for charities but have ongoing projects they contribute to locally. Most agree that individuals do the bulk of charitable giving but that as a Meeting we align ourselves with Quaker values so the majority of our giving as a Meeting should be to Quaker groups. Another Friend noted that this Meeting has responded well to Faith in Action programs with generous giving simply by "passing the hat". There was general agreement to allow these recommendations to "season" at least for the next month with further discussion on the matter perhaps in June.

Meeting for business ended at 1:30PM.
Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne

IMPORTANT POINTS:

- Approval of the marriage of Aiyana Paterson-Zinkand and Rick King under the care of the Meeting on July 19th, 2014.
- Initial presentation of Annual Budget for FY14-15 by B&F
- Recommendations of Ad hoc committee on Meeting Donations presented

Announcements

June 1 (Sunday) First Day School Moving Up Day: The annual Moving Up Day will be held on after Meeting. This annual celebration from First Day school acknowledges our FDS children who have a special graduation. Afterward all are invited to a welcome summer picnic put on by Hospitality and First Day school. Please plan to attend.

June 7 (Saturday) 11 am "Slavery in Talbot County", Lecture by Bill Dial John Wesley Church, Corner of Oxford and Evergreen Roads in Easton

June 15 (Sunday) 11:30 am Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) Long Range Planning Group Presentation and Discussion: Members of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) Long Range Planning Group (LRPG) will come to Third Haven Friends Meeting on Sunday 6.15 to make a presentation and facilitate a discussion on the work, results and recommendations of the LRPG. Ron Ploeg and Sallie Jones will lead the LRPG discussion at the rise of the 10:00 am meeting for worship and following hospitality, about 11:30 am. All Friends in Southern Quarterly Meeting (SQM) are invited to attend, participate and contribute to the discernment on the LRPG work

June 18 (Wednesday) Inward Bound Quiet Day 10am to 3pm (pot-luck lunch at 12 noon)

Common Room and grounds of Third Haven Friends Meeting

Join us in a day of inward renewal! Join us this spring for a silent retreat day that offers time of listening for the Light within, contemplation, reading, walking the grounds, writing, and self chosen art activities. We enjoy a shared, silent pot-luck lunch, and end our session with a short sharing session.

If you would like to make a public statement of your commitment to our Peace Testimony, the opportunity to do so exists each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Peace Vigils are held each Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. The Tuesday vigil is held in Centerville in front of the Queen Anne's County Court House and the Thursday vigil is held in Easton in front of the Talbot County Court House. You are welcome to come at any time during the vigil and stay as long as you wish.

Contributions to the meeting can be made by way of the contributions box in the Brick Meetinghouse entranceway. Checks can also be sent to THMM, P.O. Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601; or by clicking on the button below:

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Faith and Practice can be read and portions extracted from the PYM website at this link. If you have material for the newsletter, additional announcements, or added information about any of these posted events, please send it to 3rdhaven@gmail.com

Kenneth Carroll Celebration

Allan Mielke writes, "Thank you to the many that help with food, beverage and time for Ken Carroll's 90th BD celebration. Ellie and I really appreciated the way everyone came together. Thanks A&E"





Annual Sessions of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting will be held July 23-27 at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA <http://www.pym.org/annual-sessions-2014/>

“Members come together in annual or special sessions for assessment of the life of the Society, the conduct of business, spiritual refreshment and commitment, and the renewal of the bonds of friendship.“ From PYM Faith and Practice: Worship, Discernment of Business, Fellowship, Learning in Community, Programs for All Ages.

Many friends say the fellowship is their favorite part of Sessions. In between planned activities and Meetings for Business, there is time for relaxing under trees, taking walks, and just being quiet (or noisy) together. In residential sessions we share meals and common living areas, adding more opportunities for deepening our relationships with one another.



Denny Bliss Remembered

Dear Third Haven members and friends of my father, Denny Bliss,

I'd like to thank you for your support and friendship over the last month and for all the warm wishes you sent to my father while he was sick. Third Haven was a notable find for my father 7 years ago when he moved to Neavitt. Not only did he meet many soul mates amongst the pews, but he was also able to continue his special connection to Friends, one that he initiated 40 years ago when I started Kindergarten at Friends School of Baltimore. Over the years, The Stony Run Meeting House was our go-to spot for spiritual occasions both happy and sad. We mourned the brief, nine month life of my brother and celebrated the four births of my children in classic Quaker fashion. It was always thought that we'd return to Stony Run when it came time to celebrate my parent's lives. And then, an unexpected twist; last December my father-in-law passed away after a four year battle with cancer. We celebrated his life at the Johns Hopkins Club with a small orchestra of 22 playing his favorite classics, one of the perks of having a daughter (my sister-in-law) who is a professional violist. As each tune concluded, my father, sitting behind me, reached forward, grabbed my shoulder and said "You MUST play this at my funeral!". Of course, to me this was a ridiculous request, he was the picture of health who could easily out-live me, for that matter. Then, suddenly, we found ourselves in the surreal position of planning a second funeral within 6 months. My father's illness was fast and furious. He was unaware of the little time he had left. So we didn't speak of funerals. When the time came, the only thing I felt obligated to do, was to summons the orchestra. For this reason, we settled on a space that could accommodate it all; a troop of musicians and his vast circle of friends and family. We would love for you to join us on Sunday, June 15th at 3pm at The Harbourtowne

Resort in St. Michaels. We will follow the Quaker lead; allowing for moments of silence and for people who are so moved to speak about him. From wherever he may be able to observe, my father will love the music, he will be humbled and overwhelmed by the crowd and he will insist that we've overdone it. On that last count he will be wrong - no celebration can match the fullness of his life, but it doesn't hurt to try. I sincerely hope you will be able to attend.

Thanks for your support, your friendship and your commitment to the Quaker values that so richly shaped both of our lives -

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Young Friends News

Katie Claggett and her partner got 3rd place in girls' doubles division of the Maryland State High School tennis tournament held at College Park this past weekend. This tournament includes all public high schools in the state. She brought home the bronze medal.

Evan Claggett made the Dean's list for the 2nd semester at Coastal Carolina U. in Conway, SC. He will be returning as a sophomore this Fall. Evan has also been awarded a paid intern position with the MD State Department of the Environment this summer. Susan is proud of both her children.

Brandt Bethke in competitive rowing, and Atticus Leibman in football are also achieving in sports.

Luisa Adelfio thanks the meeting for its support and for that of the scholarship committee. The funding enables her girls to buy their books each semester with ease and always comes at a very welcome time. As you can see, they are both very committed to service.

Maggie graduated from Yale last weekend with distinction in her humanities major, and is the recipient of a two-year fellowship from the Yale-China Association to teach English and American History at Zhuhai University, 20 minutes by the fast train from Hong Kong. She leaves June 10 for three months of intensive language training in Guangdong Province before assuming her teaching post. Before leaving Yale, she curated a photography exhibition for the Yale University Art Gallery, where she worked for most of her time as an undergraduate. The exhibition is slotted to open in October.

Nora, an Arabic major, just finished her sophomore year at Georgetown. She will be spending fall semester of her junior year in Amman, Jordan, (not far from Ramallah) where Georgetown has a program. At Georgetown, Nora has been active in J Street, an organization promoting a peaceful, 2-state solution in the Middle East. She is also the Chief Executive of OATHS, *Organization for the Assistance of the Homeless Student*, providing books, art supplies, meals, and other necessities for K - 12 Students in the Washington, DC area.