



THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING

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Let not my words offend thee,
My maker, be *propitious* while I speak!
Milton.

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Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Ninth Day, Tenth Month, 2022

Opening Silent Worship – Clerk Molly Brian opened the meeting with a period of silent worship at 11:35 a.m.

Attending: (hybrid), Molly Brian, Mia Brown Echerd, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, John Hawkinson, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Kristina Herold, Katherine Johnson, Janet Kemp, Larissa Kitenko, Bill Lane, Marie Leonard, Connie Lewis, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, John Schreiner, Priscilla Sener, Jonathan Slocum, Nancy Stanford, Paige Tilghman, John Turner, Kevin Walsh, Mary Yancey, Harvey Zendt.

Comments on the Tenth Query-*Witnessing in the World: Ministry of Outreach*

This is a perfect time to contemplate opening ourselves to the community as we contemplate a master plan. We've done a lot to reach out, and we are responsible to be stewards. First Day School studied community today and a five-year-old boy said, "It's a group of people working together."

Minutes from Ninth Month Approved

Clerk's Desk

All clerks meeting yesterday considered committee activities and people power needs for next year as well as other topics

Pastoral Care New Membership- *Marsie Hawkinson*

Tom Corl, Susan Claggett and Marsie met with Kristina Herold for clearness for membership. Recommendation was accepted. Mary Yancey, convener, John Schreiner and Larissa Kitenko will meet to welcome her into membership.

Southern Quarterly Meeting Update - Marie Leonard

Southern Quarterly Meeting was held on September 25th, 2022 at Wicomico River Friends Meeting located in Salisbury, MD. Those attending from Third Haven were Molly Brian, Marie Leonard, Steven Meixner and John Schreiner. Approximately 23 members & attenders from respective meetings introduced themselves (Camden Friends Meeting, Lewes Worship Group, Third Haven Friends Meeting and Wicomico River Friends Meeting). We enjoyed hospitality & fellowship prior to Meeting for Worship and afterwards Jim Laity, Clerk, (WRFM) gathered many for Worship Sharing where we considered queries on Listening, Trusting and Acting. There were many inspiring and hopeful messages. Then a delicious potluck lunch was served. Next quarterly meeting will be in January in Camden.

Property & Grounds Annual Report- Larny Claggett and Priscilla Morris Accepted

The operating guidelines of the property and grounds committee are: Preserve the meetinghouses. Maintain buildings in good repair and grounds in good order. Allow the common room to serve our needs. Keep grounds natural and healthy. To do this the committee relies on: The meeting for funding. We use roughly half of the meeting's budget. P&G budget is \$34,000 and change. Our caretaker, Clay Owens, to do the bulk of the day-to-day work. Meeting committees and folks to employ their time and talents (e.g., clean-up days). Outside contractors.

This year some of the special efforts have been to maintain and expand the native plants along our eastern and northern property lines, repair and paint the entry area of the brick meetinghouse, paint (partially) Annie's cottage, improve grading and drainage around the old meetinghouse, and work with the consultants and contractors on window repairs, ventilation, and siding repairs to the old meetinghouse.

Members of the property and grounds committee have been Priscilla Bond Sener (co-clerk), Robert Gladney, John Hawkinson, Bill Lane, Matt Moore, Clay Owens, Nancy Robbins, Bob Wack, Winslow Womack, and Larny Claggett (co-clerk). Due to personal reasons, Bob Wack and John Hawkinson have stepped down.

Planning Committee Update- Tom Corl

Per the documents published in the Meeting email announcements, today at the meeting for business, on behalf of the Planning Committee (PC), we request:

1. approval of the master planning proposal from Milner, and authority to sign and proceed with implementation; **Approved**
2. approval of the allocation of funds from the Meeting's financial reserves to pay for part of the costs. Trustees will pay \$35K toward this agreement. **Approved.**

Joshua indicates that additional reimbursable expenses should be around \$1200. That brings the estimated total to roughly \$70,000.

Responses to questions:

Duration may be 6 months from start date. We will contact Milner and arrange to proceed.

A formal master plan report to be used for fund raising would be an added expense. We will be getting adequate deliverables for our needs. General idea of costs for the building project will be available, but not precise professionally done cost estimates.

3. We need to establish a fund-raising apparatus. Part of the planning process will be determining priorities, sequencing and fund-raising. Fund raising will take efforts of many people.

4. Community access, openness, welcoming and security for the property require consideration. Clerks are planning a worship sharing on this topic. This includes considering use of the buildings by those outside our faith community.

Budget and Finance notes annual giving supports our annual budget of about \$70K per year. Contributions to the Building Fund are in excess of annual giving. Frugality of our committees and generosity of members help us stay under budget.

New Business

Art Show and Sale *Marie Leonard* **Approved**

Third Haven Art Show & Sale Proposal was made to move forward with the planning of the art show and sale again this year, with work by Third Haven members, attenders, family & friends to benefit the Meeting. **Approved**
This year's Art Show & Sale is proposed for Saturday, December 3rd from 11am–3pm. Invitations to participate will be sent to Asbury Methodist artists, Talbot Historical Society and be included in upcoming Email Announcements. A group of volunteers have started to form with the task of planning the event, much like last year. Volunteers may be needed to help with parking and visitor's questions about Third Haven Friends. No conflict was seen with the proposed date, which is also Fall Clean-Up Day. The proposal for the Art Show & Sale was approved.

Testimonies and Concerns is meeting in the Common Room at 2 p.m., Monday October 17th to make dinner for the Interfaith Shelter. All are invited to help.

Closing Silent Worship 12:30 p.m.

D. Rein, Recorder

Announcements

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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.

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>

Could someone put in a brief farewell to Joyce Zeigler, mentioning that in the pre-computer world she created the newsletter with an old fashioned typewriter.

Activities Reminder: A number of Meeting related activities at Third Haven welcome additional participants. Here is a partial list to consider.

- PEACE Vigil – Come join us Thursdays in front of the Talbot County Courthouse at 5PM.
- Midweek Meeting for Worship will be held in the Old Meeting House from 5:30 to 6pm with simultaneous virtual meeting.
- Zoom Happier Hour each Friday at 7 PM
- There are two groups sharing writing projects.

Please e-mail 3rdhaven@gmail.com or for further information.

New Member Welcome

Kristina Herold

Legislative survey

Quaker Voice of Maryland's Legislative survey is the main chance we have to be heard. Please let them know what legislative topics speak to you. Learn more and complete the survey by going to our website: <https://www.quakervoice.md.org/get-involved/provide-input-on-issues>

Spiritual Journeys

Sarah Sayre will share her Spiritual journey, at the rise of meeting for worship after hospitality, on November 6. Ben Tilghman will share his Spiritual journey, on December 4. The Worship and Ministry Committee plans to continue Spiritual journey presentations in 2023. If you are willing to share your Spiritual journey in 2023, contact Tom Corl.

Third Haven's turn to provide a meal for those at the Talbot Interfaith Shelter is scheduled on 17th of each month.

November 19 [Saturday]

Introduction to Faithfulness Groups: an online workshop sponsored by New England Yearly Meeting, led by Marcelle Martin. Saturday, November 19, 10 am - 12:30 pm and 2 - 3:30 pm (Eastern Time) This workshop is offered on a pay-as-led basis (sliding scale), with a suggested fee of \$15. Register here.

https://lu.ma/faithfulness_groups_2022?tk=tnE4WU

November 24, Thanksgiving Meals

Asbury Methodist Church is resuming preparation and delivery of Thanksgiving meals to those in need in our community. Third Haven is part of an Interfaith Coalition who are working with Asbury to prepare and deliver meals for approximately 200 people.

We still need people to prepare some of the food and bring it to Asbury, 18 S. Higgins St., Easton, left rear entrance, at 8:30am on Thanksgiving morning. We will also need servers to dish up the food into take out containers and people to deliver the food around

Easton. If you would like to sign up to help or have questions, please contact Cynthia Quast at quast@goeaston.net or 410-934-4138.

Remembrance: Your newsletter crew fondly remembers former newsletter preparers, Ginger Howell and Joyce Zeigler. Joyce used a good, old-fashioned typewriter to create our newsletters and arranged for their mailings. Ginger transitioned us to the computer age. John Hawkinson now compiles all submissions, which are welcomed with open arms. Dee Rein solicits pictures and articles, formats and arranges for printing and a few mail copies while John distributes the resulting digital addition. Tania Harrison posts the newsletters on the website for us. This is a great example of the cooperative spirit of the Meeting community. Whatever your talents, your efforts are appreciated.

Condolences

Gretchen Meixner- Please hold Steve Meixner's Mother and their family in the light. Gretchen Meixner was 99 years old, and is survived by her husband of 80 years, David, all six of her children, 9 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren, who lovingly called her Dandy, the name given to her by her first grandchild.

Gretchen and David raised their family near Philadelphia, then retired to the Tampa Bay area, and enjoyed an active retirement for 34 years. She was a community volunteer, award-winning stained-glass artist, and state champion lawn bowler.

She was active, lucid and alert until her passing.

Saints Peter and Paul Visit

Recently students from the seventh grade of St. Peter and Paul middle school visited Third Haven. This class is studying Talbot County history. They were welcomed by Molly Brian, Tom Corl, Marsie Hawkinson and Dee Rein. Teachers reminded them that Third Haven is a sacred space and the Old Meeting House to be treated as a church. With suitable reverence the young people filed in and took their seats in the Old Meeting House. Clerk Molly Brian began by inviting them to imagine how it would be to be their age in the year 1684, traveling to rare Monthly Meetings by boat up the Tred Avon, walking or on horseback or buggy to enjoy the friendship of people their own ages. She explained Quaker beliefs in simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality and stewardship as well as the belief that there is that of God in every man. To complete the Quaker experience students were asked to join in a brief time of silent worship. The grounds of Third Haven were then available for exploration. Students searched the graveyard for the headstones of a 16-year-old and 82-year-old. Some found the overturned earth and recently placed headstone of Joyce Zeigler and asked about her recent death. They were struck by how recent it was and interested in hearing about Joyce and her previously deceased husband Frank. During this visit Third Haven Quakers came alive for some very lively young people.



St. Peter and Paul Students explore as their teacher and Molly Brian consult.

Property and Grounds



Rhododendron heads to a new home.

Care for our Third Haven property is an ongoing process. Previously the rhododendron by the Brick Meeting House were drastically pruned. This year new rhododendron growth energetically reappeared and spread its foliage. To prevent intrusive growth some plants have been relocated to the East edge of the property where they can spread again in full glory.

Friends are invited to enjoy walking the grounds as well as helping in its care. If everyone contributes a little time weeding, raking or taking on any other task one sees, our lovely property will thrive. This contribution can be made at any time or by joining in a Clean Up Day, such as the upcoming one on December 3rd.

First Day School News

Quaker families are busy! It's now Nov and leaves are falling 🍁 Just a reminder of Children's program THIS Sunday Nov 6 (Turn clocks back!) at 10am. Kulveen and Susan are helping the kids make recycled crayons to sell at the Dec 3 Third Haven Art Show.

Thurs Nov 17 at 4pm is Cookie Making in the Common room for the Shelter meal (and if there's any left over, we can sell at the Art show!)

Hope to see you all this Sunday! 🍃

Oct 31, We had a 6-8pm Common room Potluck and discussion on composting on Third Haven grounds. If this idea speaks to you please talk to Susan or Jon Williams.

Nov 6 10am Children's program- emphasis on Simplicity with getting ideas for art show/sale in Dec.

Nov 17 4-5pm Common room- cookie bake for Interfaith Shelter. Please let Susan know if you can supply any part of the meal that day. We will gather all food in the CR and children can come at 4pm to bake cookies for TIS.

Nov 20- 10am Children's program. Led by Cherie and Kristin- our wonderful camp leaders!!

Dec 3 9-1pm Third Haven Art show/sale. Will the children be able to make items to sell? Bracelets? Ornaments? Baked goods? Susan will need help that day creating larger wreaths for the Meeting Houses and smaller ones to sell

Dec 4 10am Children's program emphasis on Peace

Dec 18 10am Children's Holiday program

Feel free to respond to Susan Claggett with ideas, questions or comments.

Third Haven Art Show and Sale

Saturday December 3rd 11 a.m.-3 p.m.



Invitations to participate are being sent to Asbury Methodist artists, Talbot Historical Society in upcoming Email Announcements. A group of volunteers have started to form with the task of planning the event, much like last year. Volunteers may be needed to help with parking and visitor's questions about Third Haven Friends. Come and enjoy the art!



Have a talent? Art of all kinds welcome. Join in the fun for the benefit of Third Haven. This year, the art show participation fee is \$20/table. If you are sharing a table, the fee is \$10/artist. Please mail your check payable to "Third Haven Monthly Meeting" and send it to: Treasurer, Art Show, Third Haven Monthly Meeting, P.O. Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601