



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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“I dream of designing: a house of worship, because the idea of a space that’s about silence and reflection is just so appealing. I think of Bernard Maybeck’s First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Berkeley, Calif., or a Quaker meetinghouse. Just the simplest possible quiet volume.”

Deborah Berke, the first female head of the Yale School of Architecture

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Eleventh Day Ninth Month 2016

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



Attending: 28 attended: Gwen Beegle, Molly Brian, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Benita Cooper, Robert Day, Leigh Anne Dodge, Marsie Hawkinson, Martha Holthausen, Katherine Johnson, Larissa Kitenko, Connie Lewis, Joyce Macijeski, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Dona Sorce, Ben Tilghman, Paige Tilghman, Bob Wack, Robert Wieland, Anny Williams, Winslow Womack, Ralph Young, Joyce Zeigler, Frank Zeigler.

Comments on Ninth Query, on Ministry of Outreach (read at Meeting for Worship)

Approval of minutes from Sixth Month business meeting, with minor adjustment of moving words “approved” and “accepted” to the end of each report-Approved

Clerk’s Desk

The Arthur Larrabee Clerking Workshop date has changed to January 28, 2017. He is willing to work with 40 people. Members and attenders interested in learning about Quaker process are encouraged to contact the clerks to reserve a space.

A request for membership from Bob and Dolores Wack was read and submitted to Overseers.



Hospitality Committee Annual Report – *Dona Sorce*

Clerks: Dona Sorce, Heidi Wetzell - outgoing, and Susan Dickinson – incoming

The Hospitality Committee of Third Haven Monthly Meeting coordinates refreshments after the Rise of Meeting each First Day throughout the year. Committee members are those individuals who volunteer to assist with this activity by signing up on the sign-up sheet that is posted on the refrigerator in the Common Room every two months. While there are no formal committee meetings per se, the Clerks communicate on a regular basis and meet as needed.

This year, Hospitality involved over 20 Third Haven Monthly Meeting members and attenders who continue to generously give of their time and talents in preparing coffee, setting a table with refreshments, greeting new comers, and making sure the Common Room is as they found it before leaving.

The Hospitality Committee works with other committees to support activities and events that engage the broader community and /or celebrate the membership. Examples include the Gorge Fox Forum, the annual Christmas and Easter celebrations, and the Moving Up Day Picnic.

In an effort to decrease the amount of coffee being wasted with the use of the large coffee urns, the Committee switched to using smaller, thermal carafes. This change was facilitated by the donation of two coffee makers from Bill Schauer and Susan Dickinson.

Report Accepted



Scholarship Annual Report - *Marsie Hawkinson*

From the 5th Query on Education:

What help do we provide for the children and adults in our Meeting to pursue the education they seek, whether academic, technical, or vocational? Do we make provision for the children in our Meeting to attend Friends schools?

Because of the generosity of the Meeting and of those who have donated individually to the Scholarship funds, this Committee intends to continue our policy of offering \$1000 to our members who attend Friends’ schools or colleges and \$500. to those at non-Friends colleges.

Our list of recipients is as follows:

Katie Claggett – sophomore – Guilford College	\$1000.
Juliette Neil - freshman - Yale University	500.
Lucy Bond - freshman – Syracuse University	500.
Nathan Mullen – freshman – Wesleyan University	500.
Emma Leibman – sophomore – Univ. of Maryland	500.

Charlie Mufson – sophomore – Univ. of Vermont	500.
Sam Mullen - senior - Drexel University	500.
Evan Claggett - senior – Coastal University of South Carolina	500.
Brandt Bethke - senior - George Washington Univ.	500.
Total for the Year	\$5000.

- Laurence Claggett is taking a semester off for travel, but plans to re-enroll for the second semester which would add \$250.

These grants are given each semester, fall and winter.

The balance in Shore United Bank as of 8/31/16 is \$1770.47. When all 10 scholarship checks are cashed the balance will be \$520.47.

From Friends Fiduciary Corp. - At 9/1, the balance of the Endowment Fund is \$108,572.32 and the Operating Fund is \$2,571.12.

In the future we hope to increase the amount of our grants. Historically we have taken a conservative approach toward increases to avoid having to retract them.

There is soon to be a decline in the number of scholarship eligible students within the meeting. Here is a list of those remaining. Maya Claggett is a senior in high school. Sofie Neil is in 10th grade. A couple of years behind them are Zadoc Bond, Serena Claggett, Max McCall, Maeve Mufson, Giuseppe Colbourn, Molly McCall, Liam, Finley, & Riley Ewing, plus a few who are not meeting members at this time.

With the enthusiasm of the Outreach Committee, who knows how many new families we may attract?

The Scholarship Committee continues to feel that it is important to keep encouraging our young members in this way, so that they know how important we feel their education is.

For the Committee:Lorraine Claggett, Benita Cooper, Deb Danser, Doreen Getsinger, Peter Howell, Neil Mufson, Sumner Parker, Sally Vermilye, Joan Wetmore, Marsie Hawkinson, clerk

We continue to hear from our students from time to time:

Evan Claggett –

Thank you so much for the money provided for the Fall semester. Your donations are always very generous. I am still continuing the marine science major at Coastal Carolina University. Although some of the classes have been challenging, I still enjoy learning about how the marine world plays such a vital role on tin planet. Protecting and conserving the oceans and all marine life is very important to me once again.

Thank you so much for your support. Sincerely, Evan Claggett

Juliette Neil –

As you may know, I am starting Yale University this Fall. As it approaches, I am getting more excited about the amazing opportunity I have been given. Yale has a truly wonderful Humanities

program, and I am already giddy at the prospect of deepening my knowledge in an area I am so passionate about. And their motto is a very Quaker one – Light and Truth!

As part of their Financial Aid package, they require that I provide about \$2000 of my own as contribution. I know that, in the past, Third Haven has done an incredible job of supporting the education of its members. My older sisters benefitted greatly from the Meeting's gift, and I know how much they appreciated it. Is the Scholarship committee able to help me, too?

Thank you so much, Juliette Neil

Report Accepted



Nominating Committee - *Paige Bethke Tilghman*

Nominating Committee, Clerked by Adrienne Rudge, with members Dona Sorce and Paige Tilghman have begun the process of identifying members and attendees to serve on Third Haven Friends Meeting committees for 2017. We ask committee clerks to discuss the participation of current members and their interest in continuing to serve so that this information can be shared with the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will be in contact with the Clerks and with each member and attender. A draft recommendation will be brought to the November Business Meeting for consideration.

All Clerks' Meeting Report - *Molly Burgoyne Brian*

Long Range Plan Draft

Third Haven Monthly Meeting STATEMENT OF OPERATING INTENTIONS - DRAFT

OUR VISION

Third Haven Monthly Meeting will remain a peaceful, tolerant and viable community where people seek the Divine in everyday life and share the belief that there is that of God in every human being.

OUR PURPOSE

To continue the tradition of offering unprogrammed silent worship in the manner of Friends; to continue to grow in faith and action, preserving our heritage and building our future.

OUR VALUES

To live guided by the Spirit, consistent with the Golden Rule, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice and with Friends' testimonies of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality and stewardship.

OUR LONG TERM INTENTIONS

Spiritual

Conduct meeting for worship with attention to the presence of God.



Care for one another.

Invite and welcome strangers and newcomers of all ages, abilities, colors, and orientations.

Offer strong religious education programs for adults and children.

Encourage and support active engagement in issues of peace and social justice.

Encourage active involvement in community beyond our doors, especially the Mid-Shore area.

Encourage active participation in the operation of Meeting by a large number of Friends.

Physical

Maintain historical Meeting Houses substantially as they are.

Allow Common Room to evolve over time to serve the needs of our community.

Maintain all buildings in good repair, in keeping with "Quaker aesthetics,"

Plain yet pleasing design - *no superfluities*

Unpretentious

High quality materials

Built to last

Low maintenance

Safe

Keep grounds as natural and healthy as possible, at the same time managed to maximize native plants and minimize invasive species.

Honor good environmental practices.

Use Meeting financial resources prudently, seeking best long-term value for our money.

Maintain graveyard/memorial grounds.

Based on the Operating Intentions the following are examples of possible projects:

Possible Short Term Projects

Spiritual

Continue Outreach programs for example, the Fox Forums, possibly "meaningful movies".

Continue robust adult education, for example, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Spiritual Formation.

Physical

Property management: eradicate vines; manage trees & shrubbery; graveyard plantings?

Explore ways to attract new families with children

- Consider reaching out to homeschooling families to use our space during the week.
- Add a swing and review play area outside Common Room
- Review need to upgrade First Day School space.

Revised- All Clerks Meeting 9/10/16

This report was provided as a draft for threshing of ideas and wording. There were questions about this process and its purpose. The plan is intended as guidance to help those within the meeting and newcomers in decision making and understanding how we operate. Perhaps "Intentions" should be replaced with "Guidelines." Perhaps efforts to erase racism in Talbot County should be included. This was intended to be general with specifics in committees' activities. Mention of the golden rule may not be needed if we follow Faith and Practice

anyway, although Friends Committee on National Legislation is using golden rule phraseology. Such guidelines can help prevent “mission drift,” noted those in support. This might also be useful in decisions for spending our resources. A Friend suggested that an introductory statement clarifying the purpose of this document would be helpful. The meeting agreed the co-Clerks could work on the verbiage of this. These ideas will be threshed and edited by the clerks.

Way Forward on Common Room

Proposed Restructuring of the Common Room Committee

This committee will be formed of 4-5 Meeting members tasked with the following:

- 1) Consider usage needs and priorities of all committees
- 2) Form Interior renovation plan that is unified and cohesive
- 3) Rank components of plan by priorities, possibly in stages
- 4) Work with Budget & Finance to develop a reasonable budget
- 5) Present options/alternatives to Meeting
- 6) Allow creative work and unconstrained ideas for the future as part of process
- 7) Work with Property & Grounds on implementation

Comments included that, given previous efforts on Common Room renovation, it would be helpful to have an organized way to address this effort. Past efforts sought to address the Common Room not being suitable for future needs. At that time an ad hoc committee was established. Recent events like the Fox Forum have brought to our attention that the room is no longer adequate. A committee to address this is congruent with Quaker process where committees do the work. As an important enough matter, this topic merits a full time committee. A member suggested soliciting from each committee information on how the Common Room does not meet their needs. One recommendation is to ignore the practical monetary sources and focus on what would benefit the meeting community then address how to manage implementation, perhaps with the Trustees support. The previous committees did not have clear task directives so some of the ideas went further afield than were currently useable. The Property and Grounds clerk noted tiles are in storage for retiling the kitchen. The ramp took 20 years; what’s another 5 years for the common room? Different configurations of the Common Room committee membership were suggested. Appreciation of all efforts toward the ramp completion and bathroom was noted. The Common Room merits refreshing and remodeling. The decision was made to lay down the ad hoc committee. The Nominating Committee was asked to establish this committee for long term effects.

New Business:

Property and Grounds

Clean up of vines on the back 4 acres has been accomplished. Property & Grounds seeks approval to plant 4 oak trees, a slow growing species, parallel to the boundary. People have volunteered to water these trees. The steep slope to the apartments on Washington Street merits stabilization of the earth with plantings with the apartment owners’ agreement.

Comments included the need for a survey of the grounds and a planting plan. Addressing overgrown vines and ditches is appreciated. Members of the meeting may wish to buy the oak trees as memorials, which would cover the cost. Mid-Shore River Conservancy may be helpful with the bank erosion. Memorial plaque specifications will be discussed in the future.

Fall cleanup will be November 5th.
Planting the oak trees as suggested was approved.

Worship and Ministry has arranged 6 monthly sessions on Faith and Practice proposed revisions which are coming up. See recent announcements and materials available on the website and attached to announcements. Sessions will commence after meeting for worship and run an hour and 15 minutes or so.

Spiritual Formation, a PYM sponsored event, will begin next March. This is a 9 month program with 3 retreats and monthly reading book and friendship groups. An interest group will form in October. Those interested in helping plan the series should check with Worship and Ministry.

Overseers

Overseers is considering a survey of the existing burial grounds to define what's available. Matt Lane, a surveyor, has been approached. A possible scattering garden for cremains is also being discussed.

Southern Quarterly Meeting will be at Third Haven October 16th with a presentation by Matthew Peters of the Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center and potluck lunch.

Meeting closed at 12:45p.m. with silent worship.

D. Rein, Recorder

Faith and Practice Sessions Worship and Ministry will be offering the opportunity to read and discuss the newly revised Faith and Practice. The purpose of these sessions is to learn what Friends believe and how we practice our faith. To do this we will orient new and long time members to the content of the revised text. Each session will be an opportunity for discussion for those who wish to learn what it means to be a Friend. Organized into five, 75 minute discussions, each session will focus on a theme in the text. The reading for each session will be attached in pdf form, and all readings are posted on the Third Haven Website <http://www.thirdhaven.org/>

These sessions will be facilitated by Friends in the Common Room at the rise of meetings for worship. A simple meal will be provided prior to each session. Anyone can come, especially if you have questions about what Friends believe and how we act as a result of our faith. For more information, contact Gwen Beegle or any member of the Worship and Ministry Committee.

Date	Topic
September 25	Experience and Faith
October 23	Faith Reflected in Practice and Daily Life
November 20	Faith Reflected in Our Organization
December 18	Historical Background
January 22	Wider Religious Fellowship and Action
February 26	Guidelines and Procedures

All of the reference material has been posted on the website:

The direct link is: http://www.thirdhaven.org/faith_practice2016.php

Announcements

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

Calendar of Activities <http://www.thirdhaven.org/calendar.php>

Online directory <http://www.thirdhaven.org/members/dir.php>

Testimonies & Concerns Bookshelf

Testimonies & Concerns recommends the following books. The committee welcomes books and reviews for inclusion in this series. Please submit the book, a printed review as well as a Word document to Nancy C. Robbins, ncrm32@hotmail.com

BAYARD RUSTIN: The Invisible Activist (multiple editors)

The story of Bayard Rustin is one of a modern Quaker hero. He worked to fight bigotry, segregation, militarism and nuclear weapons. He helped to teach Martin Luther King, Jr. the value of nonviolence; and he organized the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom where King's "I Have A Dream" speech was heard. Yet who now remember his name, let alone many Quakers?

This is a particularly valuable telling of Rustin's story because it is written for ages 10 and up and is quite readable for any age. Events of the civil rights movement are explained for the benefit of those who did not live those years in outlined inserts dedicated to such topics as apartheid, communism, McCarthyism, the Cold War, with hunts, Jim Crow, What Do Quakers Believe, American Friends Service Committee, and many court decisions.

Give this book to a young person to read and learn the story of a Quaker hero for the 20th Century. This book is a gift from Jonathan Vogel-Borne.

Lorraine Claggett

HEALING THE HEART OF DEMOCRACY by Parker Palmer

This book is brave in the face of politics today. It is discerning, hopeful, heartfelt. It speaks to the inner light, to the core of humanity – our hearts – and posits that this is where we must place and hold and discern our political world. At no point would I call this maudlin or foolishly sentimental. It could be a hard-nosed and realistic way to transform our cynical and self-centered present day. It could be healing.

Read the book to trace Palmer's path from the core of understanding of each person's "that of God" to its incubation in our classrooms, our congregations (meetings for worship) and community life up to the seats of power. He is particularly strong in recognizing that it is diversity and differences among people that are absolutely necessary for a healthy democracy.

Read this book to celebrate difference and find heart and hope.

Lorraine Claggett

Migrants and Refugees

The Testimonies and Concerns Committee has been following news from other meetings within Philadelphia Yearly Meeting as they attempt to find ways to support new immigrants and refugees coming to the Mid-Atlantic region. Green Street Meeting is working with the Nationalities Service Center, the largest and most comprehensive provider of services in the Greater Philadelphia area, as they prepare to serve a large number of refugees arriving this fall. During this month of September alone, this agency is preparing to help 117 refugees start their new lives in Philadelphia. The rapid pace of refugee arrivals means that there are a lot of

apartments to rent, homes to set up, and welcome meals to prepare. Do you want to be part of welcoming refugees to Philadelphia? Here's how you can help: Complete information at this link: <http://www.thirdhaven.org/announcements.php>

Fall Family Picnic sponsored by Outreach and Overseers committees



Peace is the Answer



Ralph gets the shots!

Friends, visitors and the next generation

