



## Third Haven Friends Meeting

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## JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Our prime purpose in life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them. Dalai Lama.....

### Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Eleventh Day Sixth Month 2017



**Opening Silent Worship** Paige Tilghman, Co-Assistant Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:43 with a brief period of silence.

**Attending:** 21: Mark Beck, Molly Brian, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Tom Corl, Connie Crow, Susan Dickinson, Doreen Getsinger, Martha Holthausen, Bill Lane, Michael Pullen, Cynthia Quast, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, Bill Schauer, Robert Shattuck, Candace Shattuck, Dona Sorce, Heidi Wetzel, Winslow Womack, Ralph Young.

Comments on Sixth Query, Equality – a Friend commented she thinks it is the most basic query we have.

**Approval of minutes** from Fifth Month business meeting – Approved  
Fourth Month business meeting minutes amended as follows: Page 2 under Treasurer's report the sentence beginning "Fiscal year 2015-16..." change amount recorded that we were "in the hole" to \$677; Fourth Month business meeting minutes-Approved as amended.

**Treasurer's Report** – Cynthia Quast: Total income as of 5/31/2017 was \$60,947. Expenses included purchases made by the caretaker which will be paid back over time. There was a positive response to the solicitation letter that went out. Other contributions include memorials and other uncategorized types of donations. These items don't normally get budgeted as they are random and not necessarily expected. The balance sheet shows what is in the bank – just over \$28,000. The Friends' Fiduciary account is

almost \$58,000. Trustees will be paying for the painting of the Brick Meeting House which is why it is still notated as an asset; the check has not yet been received. We are higher this year over last in income and lower in expenses. The treasurer's report can be found on our website.



**Budget & Finance** Approval of Budget for FY 2016-17 Bill Lane: Thanks to the treasurer for keeping everything straight and to everyone who made contributions in response to the solicitation letter. No comments were received on the budget presented last month. Every committee was budgeted their requested amount except the Charitable Contributions committee, due to the lack of funds for a higher amount. Over years we have gotten better at matching the budget to the actual needs of the committees without dipping significantly into

contingency. Our budget for this year is on track. There is close to \$86,000 in cash and investments. The B&F committee feels it is important to maintain one year's worth of expenses in reserve. The report was accepted and the 2017-18 budget was approved. The budget can be found on our website.

**Common Room Committee** Candace Shattuck: There has been interest in updating the CR for at least 5 years, during which time some improvements have been made. The 5-member committee of Candace Shattuck, John Schreiner, Mark Beck, Bill Lane and Joan Wetmore, have met every two weeks since January to develop a comprehensive overhaul plan, adhering to Quaker practices and focusing on the Common Room functionality.



Committees responded to the query: "What changes would help your committee do its job better?"

The top priorities were sound control, adequate lighting, and a kitchen update. Also mentioned were furnishings for the main room, including comfortable, handicapped suitable seating, display areas for literature, posters and bulletin boards, and projection/Wi-Fi capability. Highlights of proposals for addressing these concerns are:

- installing acoustic tile on the ceilings of both the main room and kitchen;
- retrofitting the existing overhead fixtures with LED bulbs and new, clear acrylic prismatic lenses;
- replacing current sconces with fixtures that throw light upwards and cause less shadow; mount these higher on the wall, hopefully even with tops of windows;
- creating an archway that defines the kitchen area but does not isolate it;
- using a rolling island cart as the coffee station and extra portable serving area;
- replacing worn countertops with good grade Corian (sample shown); with new, under-counter sinks and faucets with high arcs, a new glass cooktop and exhaust hood, and a disposal;
- installing flooring tile (which we already own) like that in rest rooms; and

- investigating hot water supply upgrades, possibly with a gas line and future gas cooktop.

The major appliances do not need to be replaced at this time. Other items not proposed immediately include painting, new carpeting, and replacement of failed windows, which should be scheduled as part of P&G's maintenance program over the next few years.

Furnishings are in transition. Two cabinets were donated and have been put into use to display literature, hold bulletin boards, library items and the digital picture frame. Stackable armchairs would accommodate those who are less steady, and upholstered furniture can be assessed ongoing. Further discussion will be helpful.

The proposals were well received. Additionally, Friends offered several suggestions for further investigation, such as putting the sconces near the screen on a different switch or rheostat for use during presentations. One comment was received about using LED lights from the warm end of the light spectrum. An area for children was encouraged. Another Friend commented on keeping expectations realistic regarding sound abatement during large group gatherings. A simple type of window shade which would be helpful on bright winter days as well as able to darken room for daytime programs was suggested. Plain yet pleasing design, well-made but no-fuss are the qualities to be adhered to per the meeting's agreed-upon Operating Guidelines.

Costs are estimated to be \$6,000 for changes to the ceiling for sound baffling and lighting. Changes to the kitchen would cost an estimated \$11,165, and furnishings are projected to cost \$1,020. Total, with working 15% contingency: \$20,673. A Friend proposed the funds be raised before the plan is undertaken.

A minute was presented from the Clerks' Meeting in support of the plan with use of funds already in hand and with contributions from the Trustees.

*“Over the past 6 months, our Common Room Committee has diligently sought to incorporate the Meeting's priorities into a well-thought out and comprehensive plan to improve the acoustics, lighting and kitchen updates requested for the Common Room. The plan, as presented, is consistent with Quaker aesthetics and priced within our reach.*

*The improvements are estimated to cost approximately \$20k of which \$10,000 is in reserve funds and \$10,000 will be requested from the Trustees. The project could be accomplished this summer. These improvements will increase the use and comfort of the facility.*

*We recommend this plan be implemented.”*

With a clarifying discussion as to the responsibilities of the meeting and of the Trustees, and a nod to the long period of work to get to this proposal, the minute was approved. It was clarified that items like new meeting house steps are not part of this plan and are a separate issue with Property and Grounds. Ben Tilghman, along with the Property and Grounds committee, will meet to discuss contractor work in the Common Room. Thanks was given to Candace and committee for their hard work.

**First Day School** – report moved to September

**Testimonies & Concerns** Shoffner Fund allocations – Paige reported that the ideas for allocation of the Shoffner Fund’s monies this year are still being discussed in T&C committee.

**New Business**

The Clerk of the Meeting plead for help on behalf of the Hospitality committee, asking that other committees please sign up to assist with hospitality on First Days, mostly for set-up and clean-up. Sign-up is on the fridge.

Volunteers are needed for the jail library and for Marilla’s lunches.

June 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm there is a children’s concert at the UU church to raise funds for a refugee center.

There was a concern raised about denial of funds for contributions juxtaposed with approved funds for our own improvements. A hope was expressed that a Carriage Shed Sale would raise contribution moneys. A friend pointed out that the Meeting always responds to what it is agreed are the Meeting’s priorities. It was suggested that the Contributions Committee meet earlier in the year in order to identify receiving organizations so that the meeting and individuals can plan for contributions further in advance. A Friend asked the meeting to consider the new homeless shelters being built in town (perhaps we could furnish a room) and the Clerk hoped that the meeting would strive to better coordinate projected needs and the budget.

Meeting closed at 12:51 p.m. with silent worship.  
*Nancy Robbins and D. Rein, Recording Clerks*

**Treasurer’s Report Details**

Here is a recap of the treasurer’s financials as of 5/31/17.

**July 2016 – May 31, 2017**

Member Contributions	=	\$47,824	=	90% of annual budget
Total Income	=	\$60,947	=	98% of annual budget
Total Expenses	=	\$55,736	=	89% of annual budget
Net Income	=	\$5,211		

Thank you, Cynthia Quast Treasurer

## **Announcements:**

*Third Haven Friends Meeting announcements:*

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

*Third Haven Friends Meeting calendar:*

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

*PYM Calendar*

<http://www.pym.org/calendar/>

**First Day Conversation** is on vacation for the summer. We will resume in the fall. Thanks for all the great conversations.

**Family Fun Night:** The Outreach Committee will host three Family Fun Nights this summer, from 5-8:30 p.m. June 29, July 27 and August 24 at Idlewild Park in Easton. Volunteers are need to organize games (Capture the Flag, Three-Legged Race, Egg Toss, Egg and Spoon Race, Corn Hole, Horseshoes, Ring Toss and Wheelbarrow Race), staff a Quaker information table and serve fried chicken, lemonade and iced tea. If you can help for an hour or more, please contact:

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## **July 26th to the 30th**

### **Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions 2017**

You are enthusiastically invited to join with me and your many other Friends from four states and 103 monthly meetings for Annual Sessions 2017: Faith Magnified, July 26th to the 30th, at The College of New Jersey!

If you have questions or want more details please visit the PYM website. Or, if you are ready to register you can go directly to the registration form. Also, you can contact me at [sessions@pym.org](mailto:sessions@pym.org)

or 215 241-7238. I look forward to being with you in July,

*Tricia Coscia*

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**Donations:** A reminder from the Treasurer of Third Haven Monthly Meeting: If you would like to mail a contribution to the Meeting, please mail it to this address to get your donation directly to the Treasurer.

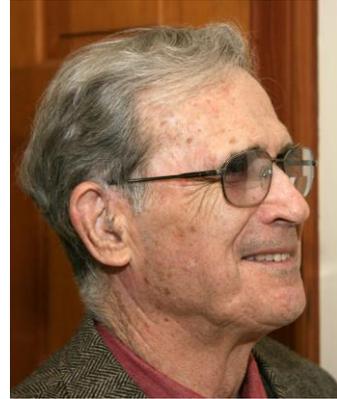
Thank you very much, *Cynthia Quast, Treasurer*

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## **In Memorium: Frank Zeigler**

Third Haven Friends Meeting is sad to acknowledge the passing of Frank Zeigler. Ken Carroll commented briefly about all the years he had known Frank, beginning when Frank talked to Ken about joining Third Haven Monthly Meeting. Frank had ties with the Church of the Brethren and was worried he might not be present at Third Haven every First Day. Ken noted that if Frank did attend every week he'd be the only person doing so and encouraged Frank's membership, now noting what a faithful member he has been, serving the meeting in many capacities. Frank was clerk of Half Yearly Meeting before it became Quarterly Meeting for so long that his wife Joyce thought he'd committed to doing the job for life. During his time at Third Haven Frank was an inspiration to many, a regular attender and a frequent volunteer. He educated attenders and new members with articles he handed out after Meetings for Worship. Frank's enthusiasm emanated throughout his life. He commented with deep admiration on Joyce's artistic skill and sales of paintings, noting that it was better than life insurance, high praise from an insurance agent. Ken complimented Frank's wisdom in always listening for God's message before he spoke at Meeting for Worship. Frank and his ministry were the heart and soul of the meeting. Our condolences go to Joyce and his entire family. Friends will be notified when plans for a memorial service in July or August are finalized.



### **Messages**

“When a message fills thy heart  
And thee is moved to speak  
For heaven's sake, and ours as well  
Thy words we anxious seek.  
Since heaven's ears are ever turned  
But ours just mortal be  
Sing loud thy missive to be heard  
By heaven and by me.  
Thus don't be humble,  
Please don't mumble!”

*Dana Louise Raphael*

## Moving Up Celebration

The moving up day picnic on June 4th honored graduates of high school and college as well as youngsters moving from grade to high school. The honorees receive a copy of Faith and Practice and the Overseers committee sends college graduates a Friends Journal Subscription. The pot luck and fried chicken lunch was organized by First Day School and Hospitality committees and was thoroughly enjoyed by all!



Those moving up this year shared their future plans as well as Third Haven's meaning to them during their formative years.



**Grant Bethke**



**Maya Claggett**



**Zadoc Bond**



## Kids Benefit Concert

First Day School participants created this sign to notify our community of the Kids Benefit Concert to be held in coordination with the Unitarian congregation's youth.

## Court Observation Project

The Maryland Office of the Public Defender is launching a Court Observation Project, part of their Pre-Trial Reform Campaign, funded through an Open Society Institute (OSI) – Baltimore grant. They are seeking volunteers to observe pre-trial bail hearings and gather specified data (training provided). This is your opportunity to observe government in action and help collect real-time objective data that will help identify patterns and long term trends within the court system. It will also make those involved in the judicial process (judges, prosecutors, etc.) aware of the public's interest in the pre-trial process, and educate communities about the justice system, creating a more informed and involved public.

If I can find 10 people willing to be trained (four hours) and commit to observing at least 4 bail review dockets (approximately 8 hours) between now and September 30, 2017, I can arrange to have the training here on the Eastern Shore. The Court of Appeals rule change under study goes into effect July 1, so the sooner I get 10 people, the sooner we can start.

Please contact me at [Jeanne A Halpin@hotmail.com](mailto:Jeanne_A_Halpin@hotmail.com)

ASAP to let me know of your interest in participating; please include dates/times you could attend the training.

*Jeanne Halpin*

## Friends abound



## Greetings from Ramallah

Katie Claggett writes, “Greetings from Ramallah. Please offer greetings to Third Haven from Ramallah, Palestine. Our group helped clean the meetinghouse in Ramallah today and will be attending unprogrammed service tomorrow (Sunday). The clerk, Jean Zaru, author of *Occupied with NonViolence*, met with us and discussed her opinions regarding the Israel/Palestine conflict. I am including some pictures of the Ramallah meetinghouse and Jean. Please share with those interested during hospitality or forward this email to members of the meeting.



**Ramallah Friends Meeting Center**

Yesterday, we visited the Dead Sea and Qumran, the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We also stopped by Jericho.



It is a celebratory time here because Ramadan is about to end. However, us outsiders do notice the conflict that is often taken for granted by locals. The presence of Israeli officers along the borders, checkpoints, and lack of water access inside the city are all evidence of Israel's control in this area of the world. Please keep both sides in the light today and moving forward- I know I sure will.”

With love, Katie