



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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OCTOBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

Curiosity is one of the permanent and certain characteristics of a vigorous mind.

Samuel Johnson

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the Ninth Month, 9th, 2012

1. Call to order: The THFM Business Meeting was called to order by Clerk Candace Shattuck.
2. Attending: Mark Beck, Paige Bethke, Lorraine Claggett, Benita Cooper, Tom Corl, Mary Cotton, Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Mary Ann Hiller, Clay Owens, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Sally Vermilye, John Winterbottom, Heidi Wetzel, Tatiana Harrison, Frank Zeigler and Joyce Zeigler
3. Minutes:
The Minutes for Sixth Month 2012 were approved. The Eighth Month, 12, 2012 Called Meeting for Business Minutes which dealt with medical insurance coverage for our caretaker were also approved.
Query: The 9th Query on the Ministry of Outreach, which was read at Meeting for Worship, generated several comments. Lorraine Claggett spoke to the outreach efforts with the larger faith community and recalled Arthur Larrabee's visit to THFM and his description of how Quakers as a group must come together to say who we are all together. This prompted THFM to develop a statement of "The Essence of our Quaker Faith & Practice", which was approved by the meeting. Marsie Hawkinson noted Ann Williams's ministry as a Quaker and described her work in the community as a "one man band" in Quaker outreach. John Schreiner noted that the query had provided new insight for him in his role as a Quaker, and in the role of the Ministry of Outreach that we all have in sharing our beliefs with others.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Norval Thompson, speaking for the Nominating Committee, brought forth a minute appointing Cynthia Quast as our new treasurer, replacing Robert Wieland, who has served us well for a number of years. Cynthia and Rob will work together over the next few months, with Cynthia gradually taking over by January 1. The meeting approved this appointment with gratitude to both.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT: Co-clerk Heidi Wetzel presented the annual report for this committee. The meeting approved the report with thanks to all who help with hospitality.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT: Mark Beck, clerk, presented the Annual Report for the Scholarship Committee. The report was approved, without discussion, but with thanks for their work. Lorraine Claggett commented that she sees our support for the Bolivian Quaker Scholarship Fund as a parallel to this support of our own students in the U.S.

NEW BUSINESS: Tom Corl raised the question of what is happening to the trees which the meeting is considering taking down, and wondered if further damage has been caused by recent storms. The Clerk noted that the Property and Grounds Annual Report is scheduled for next month and that an update on the trees will be provided at that time.

Respectfully submitted by *Paige R Bethke for Molly Burgoyne*

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Co-Chairs Dona Source and Heidi Wetzel; Many thanks go out to everyone who so enthusiastically support the hospitality of Third Haven Meeting. Our Community of Friends and Attenders has increased since 2011 on First Days. We have enjoyed many delicious and nutritious contributions to hospitality for sharing after worship. Our committee of nine members: Luisa Adelfio, Jen Miller, Beth Mufson, Mary Coady, Susan Tiffany, Ann Womack, Helen Womack, along with co-clerks Dona Source and Heidi Wetzel serve on the Hospitality Committee. We encourage Friends and Attenders to sign upon the refrigerator if they wish to assist at any time. Our efforts for providing refreshments for the Memorial Services for Jim Paul and later in the year for Peggy Paul were deeply appreciated by the Paul family. One June 3rd, we celebrated Moving Up Day. We honor our Quaker youth for their completion of another year of achievement and growth. The Hospitality Committee provided lemonade and fried chicken for the event. The menu was well supplemented with main dishes, salads and fruit from the kitchens of our Friends and Attenders. It is noted that we received a whole table full of desserts which delighted everyone. Special thanks to Clay Owens, John Schreiner and Winslow Womack for set up of the event and a special thank you to Cathy Thompson and Susan Tiffany for the simple help of putting the food out for enjoyment. We all have enjoyed the First Birthday celebrations and are grateful for everyone who brings the birthday cakes. We thank all the volunteers who bring a birthday cake for the First Sunday of every month. A very special thank you to Jen Miller who often provides incredibly delicious cakes that are very popular. The budget for last year was \$700 and we have asked for a \$150 increase for this year since we are serving a larger community now and are providing more refreshments. There is always an opportunity to enjoy one another by participating in Hospitality and all are welcome.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

In 2012-2013, nine scholarships are anticipated which will total \$5,500 in awards. Two of the scholarships were to students attending Quaker secondary schools at \$1,000 each. Seven of the scholarships are to young adults of typical college age at \$500 each. This is more than last year. There are no adults beyond typical college age so far this year. We will be serving 9 students total this year. 10 students anticipated next year and 12 students the year after. We continue to grow relative to supporting eligible youth. The broad support of the Meeting for our youth and

young adults has helped strengthen and integrate the Third Haven Meeting. Students receiving scholarships are asked to address the meeting and speak about the meaning of the gift they have received. The committee receives broad support. This year the Meeting has increased its support from a prior budget of \$2,000 to contribution this year of \$4,000 to support the growing needs of students eligible for support by the committee. The Trustees give an annual \$1,500. Gifts from Memorials and individual bequests, as well as from individual members have and continue to bring additional funds to the committee which makes up any differences from funds received from the Meeting and Trustees, and help to build the endowment fund. The committee's endowment fund has been growing each year since the committees' inception in early 2008 and now stands at approximately \$42,000. That has been an average growth of approximately \$10,000 per year. The committee thanks the Meeting, as a whole, the Trustees and individuals from both within the Meeting and without the Meeting for their past and continued ongoing support. It assists in defining us what it means to be a Quaker and member of Third Haven Friends Meeting. The report was respectfully submitted by Mark Beck, Clerk of Scholarship Committee.

Announcements

The Third Haven community regrets hearing from Charley Todd, one of John Todd's three sons, informing us of John's passing in the presence of his family. John's last days included truly cognicent time for connecting with those present and time for smiles and reminiscences. He had not eaten for over a week and was at his home in Londonderry when he died. Charley wanted us to know that the time John spent with us in worship was precious and meaningful to him. There will be a time to connect with the family and to pay tribute at a gathering set for Sunday Oct 14th @ the Tred Avon Yacht Club starting at 3pm. There will be a brief time for comments to be followed by refreshments. All who wish may come. May we all hold John Todd and his family *In the Light*.

Please hold Lorraine Taylor Claggett and her family in the light due to the passing of her father, Norris Taylor.

October 5 (Friday) 5:30 pm: Meditation Series: Judaic practices, Muslim practices.

October 7 (Sunday) at rise of Meeting for Worship: Second Religious Education session offered by Worship & Ministry: "Silent Worship", facilitated by Tom Corl and Luisa Adelfio, Worship and Ministry Committee

October 14 (Sunday) Meeting for worship followed by meeting for business. Scheduled reports: Property and Grounds, Treasurer.

October 19, 5:30 pm: Meditation Series: Buddhist practices.

October 21 (Sunday) Southern Quarterly Meeting gathering to be held at Chester River Meeting. George Schaefer PYM staff for resources on aging will be presenting about Quaker

Aging Resources and the role of the Meeting in the care of the elderly among us. He has asked to have this session after lunch, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

Schedule: 10:30 am Arrival, coffee and muffins 11:00 am Meeting for Worship

At rise of Meeting--brief interlude with short poems or brief readings of a spiritual nature

12:15-1:00 lunch 1:00 pm George Schaefer presentation.

If there is someone in your meeting who would like to share a brief original poem or thought, please let Joanne Scott know so we can keep track of the balance of reading and time.

Please also let us know how many Friends are expected to attend from your meeting. RSVP to Joanne joanne.art@gmail.com

November 2., 5:30 pm: Meditation Series: Christian practices.

November 4 (Sunday) at rise of Meeting for Worship: Third Religious Education session offered by Worship & Ministry: "Testimonies", facilitated by Gwen Beegle and Lorraine B Claggett, Co-Clerks, Testimonies and Concerns Committee.

December 2 (Sunday) at rise of Meeting for Worship: Fourth Religious Education session offered by Worship & Ministry: "Community", facilitated by Candace Shattuck, Clerk of the Meeting, and Dee Rein, Clerk of Overseers.

Please respond to the request of the nominating committee regarding your participation in committee activity.

Until October 15th, the Seventh annual Neighborhood Service Center winter clothing collection is happening. Emphasis on warmth and durability. Please bring your donations to Meeting on First Days and place them in Ralph Young's white Ford pickup which will be parked in front of the Common Room.

October 20 (Saturday) Talbot Interfaith Shelter (TIS) cycling fundraiser will take place. Contact: Shelter Century website: www.sheltercentury.org or contact: tisboard@talbotinterfaithshelter.org 410-310-2316.

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 Court House and the Thursday vigil is held in Easton in front of the Court House. You are welcome to come at any time during the vigil and stay as long as you wish.

Please join us for FCNL's first Quaker Public Policy Institute in Washington, DC, November 15-16, immediately preceding FCNL's Annual Meeting. If you have already registered for Annual Meeting, the Public Policy Institute is included in your registration. Friends may be interested in FCNL's Nuclear Calendar, a list of events about promoting nuclear disarmament and educating the public about nuclear weapons.

Please remember to greet visitors to meeting—answer what questions they have about Friends, our buildings, our programs and activities. We are all emissaries of Third Haven.

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.

Are your names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail listings all correct in the Third Haven Directory? Please review your information at Directory. The online directory remains protected: please e-mail 3rdhaven@gmail.com for the password. If you have corrections for the Directory, please send them to 3rdhaven@gmail.com

Connie Pullen received the following note from Constance Loux ladychey1@hotmail.com
Subject: Haiti

Do you recall our conversations about Haiti and the medical missions Thomas and I were involved in? Well, the clinic we go to has been damaged and condemned from Isaac. We spoke about your church and their involvement in projects in Haiti. The clinic must be rebuilt to go on serving the people of Chantel, so I am asking you if you would consider bringing this matter before your church. I am not asking that your church bear the cost of this alone but lend a hand in our efforts to rebuild the clinic. We are going in January for the medical mission as planned but we will not be able to use the clinic as before. I am willing to speak to your church or provide any helpful information you might need in order to look at this project. Please consider asking your friends at your church to help. I remain your friend in Florida,
Connie

Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center Presentation

Our country is a country of immigrants and migration is a human phenomenon. Humans migrate for any one of a number of reasons: economics, natural disaster, war & violence or to be with loved ones. On September 16, Matthew Peters and Maria D'Arcy of the newly formed Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center gave a presentation at the rise of Meeting on how this phenomenon is unfolding in our Eastern Shore community.



Matthew Peters spent 13 years living and working in rural Guatemala. While there he observed a rapid transition from an undeveloped to a developed country, from an agricultural society to one of service. He watched the arrival of Walmart, Burger King and highways, however the underlying development and education that the country needed was not there and the migration started. Matthew then had the opportunity to follow and study the migrant's journey. He met with people starting in Honduras and followed

them on their journey which he described to those gathered in the Common Room. The journey is fraught with danger and many die trying to get to a new life. The migrants are aware of the risks but the conditions they are fleeing are frequently so bad that they take the risks.

Maria D'Arcy is an immigrant from Columbia and explained the problems that business owners there face. She also described the conditions that migrants find when they settle here. Most migrants and immigrants to the Eastern Shore work in the agricultural, poultry, construction, landscape, hotels, restaurants and seafood industries. The difficulties the immigrants face here include poverty, poor housing, poor health care, low wages and long hours with no benefits. There is also the language barrier as few of the immigrants speak English.



The Resource Center is a project of the Mid-Shore Community Foundation, which acts as its corporate and fiscal sponsor. Their mission is to help people from different cultures integrate into our community by helping them to become successful, engaged members of the community. Their first program will be after-school homework help for Easton Elementary students with a concurrent educational program for their parents, starting mid-September 2012. Programs are free of charge and open to any student (K-5).

The Center is seeking adult volunteers to be tutors in reading and math, arts and science, crafts, and any topics that will enrich children's lives. By engaging volunteers who are willing to invest in these children's future, they hope to break down barriers and develop a closer interaction between the established community and newcomers. They have help from education professionals to ensure the program is properly established. Anyone interested in volunteering can visit their website at www.chesmrc.org or email Matthew at Mateo@chesmrc.org.

Submitted by: *Cynthia Quast*

Thread Gatherings

The common ministries of our monthly meetings are the threads that weave our Yearly Meeting together. See <http://www.pym.org/threads/newsletters> Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) is organizing "thread gatherings" in the coming year, based on the principal themes in the life of PYM and monthly meetings. We have heard about these from Interim Meeting (IM) and reported to the meeting for business about the development.

Thread Gatherings bring Friends from our monthly meetings together for a shared sense of community and calling. Each gathering focuses on one primary thread and offers workshops, experience sharing of our ministry, wisdom sharing from our experience and more. The Gatherings are held at monthly meetings to encourage intervisitation and provide geographic diversity. These Gatherings are currently scheduled (locations indicated when they are known):

First Day School October 27 (West Chester Meeting)

Worship & Ministry January 26
Communications February 16
Pastoral Care February 23
Peace & Social Concerns April 27

I plan to go to the gathering on 1.26.13 for Worship and Ministry. I pass along the proposed 2013 schedule to the clerks of Communications, John (gathering 2.16.13), Overseers, Dee (pastoral care gathering 2.23.13) and Testimonies and Concerns, Gwen and Lorraine (Peace and Concerns gathering 4.27.13).

Tom Corl
Clerk, Worship and Ministry Committee
PYM IM Representative 2012

PYM News click on
<http://www.pym.org/october-2012-resources-meeting-newsletters>

Interim Meeting has a new schedule for 2012-2013. Interim Meeting will convene in September, November, January, March and May. Meetings will still be held on the second Saturday, gathering at 9:00 am, meeting begins at 9:30 am and ends approximately 1:30 pm. Meetings will be held as always at the Arch Street Meeting House, 4th & Arch Streets, Philadelphia, PA. Parking is available at the meeting house.



First Day students enjoy Labyrinth



George School rep, Karen Hallowell and Frank Zeigler view THFM quilt



Tom Corl leads Worship and Ministry discussion on That of God....



Beth and Maeve Mufson represent THFM at multi faith International Peace Day



Bees from downed tree evacuate to new home.