



## **Third Haven Friends Meeting**

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## **September 2013 NEWSLETTER**

" To understand sustainability, think what the opposite means."

### **Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 6th Month, 9,2013**

1. 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.
2. Attending: Luisa Adelfio, Mark Beck, Paige Bethke, Posey Boicourt, Molly Bond, Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Tom Corl, Mary Cotton, Debbie Cox, Debbie Danser, Doreen Getsinger, Peter Howell, Bill Lane, Connie Lewis, Erik Neil, Sumner Parker, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, Candace Shattuck, Robert Shattuck, Ben Tilghman, Frank Zeigler, and Joyce Zeigler.
3. Minutes from previous Meeting for Business: Meeting approved the minutes for meeting for business 5th Month, 2013.
4. Overseers: The Clearness Committee for the membership of Dona Sorce comprised of Molly Burgoyne, Norval Thompson and Adrienne Rudge met on May 27th and recommended her approval to Overseers who in turn, brings the recommendation to Meeting. Dona will be a wonderful addition to our Meeting and all approved of her membership. A welcoming committee comprised of Adrienne Rudge (convener), Pete Howell and Mary Cotton will meet with Dona soon to express our joy that she is part of our community. For information only, Anne Rouse has communicated that she would like to retain her membership with THFM but will continue as a sojourner at her current Meeting in Greensboro, NC.
5. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cynthia Quast gave an updated report of our Income and Expenses and our Balance Sheet. Both of these will be reprinted on the website and placed in the newsletter. Through May, we have received \$55,689.16 or about 90% of our budget. Our total expenses are \$46,943.66 or about 76% of our budget. She estimates that the monthly expense for June will run about \$9000, including our final \$4000 payment to PYM and \$1500 in planned contributions to Quaker organizations. We have received a \$4500 reimbursement from the Trustees for the new mower. Bottom line, she believes that it will be close at the end of our fiscal year, June 30, but she estimates that annual income should be close to equal with expenses. The Meeting approved that checks amounting to \$250 each be sent to the following six

organizations: American Friends Service Committee, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Friends General Conference, Friends Journal, Friends Peace Team and Quaker Earthcare Witness.

6. Budget & Finance- Approval of Budget for FY13-14: Bill Lane, Clerk of B&F, reviewed the proposed budget. This will be published on our website and in the newsletter. The income of \$58,400 equals our expenses. A lower amount for member contributions from \$53,850 to \$48,000 has been proposed giving us a more realistic picture of the amount we actually receive from our members.

Several individual items were discussed in detail. The first item of discussion was to clarify the Contingency fund. It has primarily been used for Property & Grounds unexpected expenses. Last year it was not used at all.

The second item discussed regarded the health insurance policy we currently pay for our caretaker. A notice was received this past week stating that the policy premium would be increased from \$400/month to \$608/month beginning this July. Several suggestions were made regarding this. One was to take the extra money needed from the contingency fund and have the Meeting pay the total amount of the premium. The second was to have our caretaker pay the extra amount while we continue the amount we agreed upon paying last year. The third was have B&F give us more information about the increase in September and let a decision be made then. The Meeting proposed a combination of these suggestions and approved the following plan. We agreed as a Meeting to pay the full \$608/month for July, August and September. In September, P&G will give another report at meeting for business with more information regarding the upcoming changes in health insurance policies with possible recommendations for changes. We agreed for the time being to stay with our allotted budget amount of \$4800 for the caretaker's health insurance. The Dental plan will be dropped but this only amounts to about \$150. P&G is now working on a thorough job description that should cover all expectations better and they will report to Meeting in September on their progress.

The third item of discussion regarded the Scholarship Fund allocation. A presentation was made bringing us up to date with current finances. The Scholarship Committee has done an excellent job in building an endowment now valued at over \$64,000. Their goal is \$100,000. The first year, they awarded 6 grants at \$5150 total. The second year they awarded 9 grants at \$5250 total. This year they have 11 requests for a total of \$6500 promised. They have \$1887.15 in the bank, \$1000 from the Trustees, and \$1100 from FFF distribution. The shortfall is \$2513. The committee requests \$3000 for this coming FY. Many shared varied opinions regarding this expenditure. Some feel that Scholarships are so integral to our Meeting and support of our young members that all money is well spent. Some felt the one-time increase to \$4000 given last year should not be expected every year and the goal of this endeavor was to be more self-sufficient. Some were concerned about approaching people to contribute to the Scholarship Fund may prevent those members from giving otherwise to the Meeting. Some felt that if the committee has more than enough money in the endowment currently to cover their expenses this year as the Meeting itself is struggling to make sure ends meet. In the end, an agreement was reached. This year, we will approve \$2000 in our budget for the Scholarship Fund but request that \$1000 from the proceeds of the Carriage Shed Sale be given to the Scholarship Fund to help make up the difference in the money they have already promised. We also requested that the committee try to come up with a better yearly schedule that is more in sync with the FY calendar of Meeting. This way we hope they will be able to award grants once they know how much they have to give realizing that every year there may be more and more requests. The committee will

give their annual report in September. This was approved with Tom Corl requesting to stand aside.

7. Carriage Shed Sale: Paige Bethke will be clerk of the Sale. The date picked is Saturday, Oct. 5th. We will follow guidelines from the previous year dividing proceeds three ways- Meeting, Local and Non- local needs. Please contact Paige to help her with this project.

8. FDS Annual Report: Please see the full report. This committee does so much to improve the lives of our children. The report was approved with much thanks.

Meeting for business was adjourned at 1PM

*Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne*

#### IMPORTANT POINTS:

- Approval of membership for Dona Sorce
- Up to date Treasurer's Report given
- FY2013-14 Budget approved with discussion in particular re: Health Insurance premium costs and Scholarship Fund
- Date of CSS set for Saturday October, 5th.
- FDS Annual Report approved

### **“Holy Differences”**

*Tatiana Harrison*

Wholly different perspectives  
Stand their ground  
Trip me up  
Put motes in my eyes and  
Cotton in my ears.

Where is the common ground?  
Where is the shift we need to  
See the same?

Yet in the differences rests  
Diversity, the  
Holy harmony of humanity,  
That which turns the  
Wholly different into  
Holy differences.

## First Day School Report to the Meeting

June 8, 2013



**Mark, Catherine and Beth's contributions,  
along with other committee members,  
keep First Day School, First Class!**

### TEACHING

This year we focused on teaching about Quakerism including lessons on the Queries, important historical figures, and evolution/divisions within the faith. A number of Godly plays were given, especially to the younger children.

During the past summer there was a series of programs directed at enlarging the understanding of world issues in emerging nations. This was followed up by students helping to decide on how some Shoffner funds would be directed through various non-profit agencies.

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance was highly variable ranging from zero to eight on any given Sunday, both for the younger, and for the older children. We do not see this changing. We are thinking about having all children retain a notebook and check-off list for the teaching they have been in attendance for. This may mean some one on one teaching sessions.

### SERVICE & APPLICATION

Jointly with Testimony & Concerns, offered financial support and maintained correspondence with 2 Bolivian students.

Studied options for allocating Schoffner funds and presented results to the Meeting.

Maintained Third Haven FDS traditions: carried doves in PEACE sponsored parade, decorated wreaths for TH buildings, presented a short holiday program, colored eggs for Easter egg hunt, and staffed a prayer flag booth at the Multicultural Festival.

### THANKS

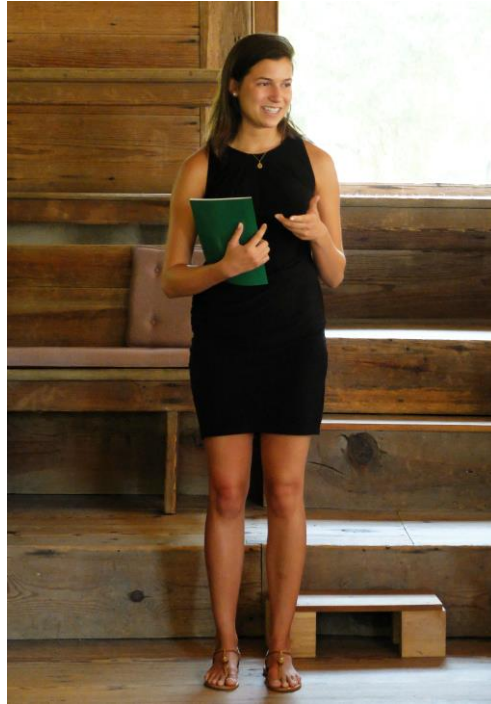
We are grateful to all those who helped teach the children this year: Catherine Cripps, Cathy Thompson, Susan Claggett, Sally Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Larny Claggett, Lisa Johnson, Paige Bethke, Candace Shattuc, Ralph Young, Mark Beck, & Beth Mufson.

### CHANGES

We are very sad to see the Barrett family leave since they have been such a big part of the program for the past several years; they assure us that they will continue to visit when they are back in the area.

*Submitted by Beth Mufson.*

## Former First Day Schoolers Move UP



## Third Haven Monthly Meeting Announcements

Susan Claggett writes, "The Nominating Committee has begun their job of filling the Meeting's committees with members and attenders willing to serve. Please help them by volunteering your expertise and areas of interest. Remember - It is our Meeting, run and maintained by us"

Contact information for the Nominating Comm

Susan Claggett -	410-200-6345	<a href="mailto:susan@dmv.com">susan@dmv.com</a>
Norval Thompson -	410-829-4535	<a href="mailto:norval@nethompson.com">norval@nethompson.com</a>
Rob Wieland -	410-822-5998	<a href="mailto:robertwieland@gmail.com">robertwieland@gmail.com</a>

Updated announcements are at <http://www.thirdhaven.org/announcements.php>

Calendar of Third Haven activities <http://www.thirdhaven.org/calendar.php>

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

Username is 3rdhaven Password friends (all lower case)

Please send new directory information to [3rdhaven@gmail.com](mailto:3rdhaven@gmail.com)

## **Legacy of Slavery in Maryland**

“Dear Friends, I enjoyed talking to everyone about my project at the Maryland State Archives last Sunday. I've been working this summer for the Legacy of Slavery in Maryland project at the Archives, focusing on Quakers in Talbot County and specifically, on all of the people associated with the Third Haven Meeting. The Legacy of Slavery in Maryland Project is at <http://www.mdslavery.net/> The entry about the Meeting is at that address under Case Studies-->Stories of Flight-->Talbot-->Other-->Third Haven Meeting House. The direct link is here: I hope to see you all again soon!”

<http://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc5400/sc5496/051800/051881/html/51881bio.html>

Peace,

Emily Huebner [emilyjhuebner@gmail.com](mailto:emilyjhuebner@gmail.com)

## **Alternatives to Violence Project**

A new organization, Mid-Shore AVP (Alternatives to Violence Project), has been started in our community as an off shoot of the Easton based organization, P.E.A.C.E. The primary purpose of Mid-Shore AVP is to reach out to the youths of the area with a structured and time tested method of demonstrating that there are other ways of dealing with negative feelings than with violence, whatever its form. AVP works to reduce violence by teaching cooperation, respect, communication skills, and compassion. Mid-Shore AVP is partnering with local organizations who work with youths and recruiting from those organizations individuals who will train to become certified AVP trainers. Three two day workshops will take place over three months in the fall. The first or “Basic” workshop will be held on October 4-5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The second or “Advanced” will be held on November 8-9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and the third or “Training for Trainers” will be held on December 6-7<sup>th</sup>, 2013. A \$50 dollar donation is requested for each workshop; however, if \$50 is a challenge, scholarships will be made available to any person who desires to participate. It is hoped that the workshop participants will be both inter generational and multicultural. More information about AVP can be found at: <http://www.avpusa.org/>.” For further information about Mid-Shore AVP. See below for a workshop registration form, or call or write to Ralph Young, 410-819-0050, [rmyoung@goeaston.net](mailto:rmyoung@goeaston.net)

*Submitted by Ralph Young*

## **Thanksgiving Meal**

Mother Teresa once said “Love only grows by sharing. You can only have more for yourself by giving to others.” Please take a minute to consider the blessings that come with Thanksgiving Day; we need your donation of cooked food and/or your time for Third Haven’s share of a traditional meal for shut-ins, senior citizens and others in need. Third Haven will be coordinating the offering of a holiday meal ON Thanksgiving Day and will be meeting shortly to

work with churches around the area. Many programs that usually provide this special meal have had their funding cut or reduced so this Turkey Day is one where you can really make a difference! Please, pledge a cooked turkey (we need about 15!) or casserole-style sweet potatoes, green beans, stuffing, pumpkin pies and cranberry sauce (already out of the can). To assist us, please slice the turkey and include the carcass in a plastic bag because the carcass goes to the soup kitchen to be used for other meals. The food needs to be already cooked (as hot as possible) and in a 13" X 9" X 3", lasagna, aluminum pan. Our delivery will start early (Opportune! There are always extra people in the household) at 9:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning. Also, we will be taking these meals around in Easton and sorely need delivery people. While the cooks are at home send your "underfoot" people out to deliver your food and drive some meals to our shut-ins and elderly.

Contact: Willow Pittman [willow7900@aol.com](mailto:willow7900@aol.com) or 410-200-7990 with what you will share so we can coordinate needs. This is a big undertaking and all assistance offered is ...well .....wonderful!!! Peace, *Willow Pittman*

## **Carriage Shed Sale**

Third Haven Friends Meeting will host its 2013 Carriage Shed Sale on Sunday, October 5th, from 8 a.m. to Noon, rain or shine, on the Meeting House grounds at 405 S. Washington St. The Carriage Shed Sale offers the discerning shopper a wide assortment of treasures and collectibles from attics and basements, including furniture, house wares, books, games and toys, sports equipment, crafts, garden items, tools, baked goods and a silent auction.

Shoppers can work up quite an appetite unearthing the Carriage Shed Sale's hidden gems and serendipitous discoveries. Not to worry: Winslow Womack will be on hand, as always, serving up his gourmet specialty, "Quaker Dogs." No one need go home empty handed or hungry. The proceeds from the Carriage Shed Sale will be distributed equally among three projects in keeping with Quaker testimonies of equality, education and nonviolence. The projects will be indentified at the 9th Month Business Meeting.

We are in need of assistance with design of a poster

Print and distribution of the poster

Distribution of an email to all your Face Book Friends!!

Press Release - Place an article and ad in the Star and other publications

We are in need of several Committee Chairs to organize, price and sale the items

We would like to located a nonprofit who would pick up all the left over items and perhaps use them for their own sale

We have to make arrangements to rent a tent

All are welcome to attend the Carriage Shed Sale and to help out.

Our next meeting will be 9 am on September 8th .

Anyone wishing to donate anything to the sale is invited to contact Paige Russell Bethke at 410-822-4893 or [pbethkke@goeaston.net](mailto:pbethkke@goeaston.net).

Third Haven Friends meeting is also accepting contributions for the three projects, which can sent to: Clerk, Third Haven Friends Meeting, 405 S. Washington Street, Easton, MD 21601.

## **PYM Today Online**

is the monthly e-newsletter for everyone interested in staying up to date about the life of our yearly meeting. The emphasis is on timely information about our Quaker faith and practice, spiritual inspiration, news, activities and upcoming events. Subscription is free and available to anyone at any time.

PYM Today Online is published monthly in addition to our twice-yearly printed journal, PYM Today. Each issue includes brief articles, each linked to more information for those who wish to explore more:

- Message from the General Secretary
- News from Interim Meeting & Junior Interim Meeting
- Spiritually-inspiring readings
- Resources for Meetings
- Upcoming Events

Contact: <http://www.pym.org/online-newsletters/pym-today-online-archive/>

## **Quaker Reddits**

Here are a couple of Quaker "reddits" I just found. Some Friends might find them interesting.  
*Joe Davis*

<http://www.reddit.com/r/Quakers>

<http://www.reddit.com/r/YoungFriends/>

## **Family Reunion**

The Sharpless family. One son and his wife live and work in DC, but have a home in Royal Oak. (Beth Inabinett and Andy Sharpless) Every summer they have a family reunion and everyone comes to Meeting. *Marcie Hawkinson*



**Alternatives to Violence Project  
Registration Basic Workshop**

**Friday/Saturday October 4-5, 2013**

8:30am- 4:30pm

Easton Church of the Brethren

412 So. Harrison St., Easton, MD

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ (We encourage young adults)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Partner Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any mobility issues? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any food allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly, why are you interested in AVP? \_\_\_\_\_

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This is the first workshop in a series of three. Plan to attend the AVP Advanced and Trainers workshops on November 8-9 and December 6-7<sup>th</sup> respectively to insure the future of AVP. The latter 2 workshops prepare participants with the skills required to teach the first workshop. A \$50 dollar donation is requested for each workshop; however, if \$50 is a challenge, scholarships will be made available to any person who desires to participate.

Breakfast snacks and light lunch will be provided.

Please complete registration and return as soon as possible. Space is limited.

Send to: Mid-Shore AVP  
C/o Ralph Young  
612 Windmill Rd. Easton, MD 21601  
410-819-0050

## Third Haven....ever active



Donations for Migrants delivered by Leigh Anne, Rob, Brandt and Sally



Leigh Anne and Tom lead Peace Testimony discussion



No birds yet, Winslow?



The littlest Peace Vigil participants



Candace and Bob consult



Paige and Meredith prep for Carriage Shed Sale



Abundant August Birthdays...don't ask how many!

