



## **Third Haven Friends Meeting**

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### **October 2018 Newsletter**

The first gulp from the glass of natural sciences will make you an atheist, but at the bottom of the glass God is waiting for you.

*Werner Heisenberg*

*father of quantum physics*

### **Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Ninth Day, Ninth Month 2018**

**Opening Silent Worship** Molly Brian, Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:40 a.m. with a brief period of silence

**Attending:** 24 attended: Molly Brian, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Debbie Danser, Ed Danser, Marsie Hawkinson, Jim Herbert, Sandra Herbert, Connie Lewis, Priscilla Morris, Beth Mufson, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Adrienne Rudge, Bill Schauer, Candace Shattuck, Paige Tilghman, Bob Wack, Joan Wetmore, Ralph Young, Harvey Zendt

#### **Comments on Ninth Query, on Ministry of Outreach**

Members noted the query may induce guilt or opportunity to consider all aspects of our lives. Another commented that we have benefited from imbalances of economic resources and should make ourselves more aware.

**Approval of minutes from Sixth Month business meeting-** Approved

#### **From the Clerk's Desk-** *Molly Brian*

Arch Street Meeting proposes a visit to share history and solicit volunteers who may be interested in taking part. Many showed interest, and the clerk will schedule the visit.

All Clerks Meeting Notes-Committees shared their activities and the informal minutes will be published soon. In particular Property and Grounds noted consideration of Brick Meeting House egress improvements as well as possible expansion of facilities. Creation of a committee to consider expansion was discussed. Mark Beck and John Schreiner, who previously worked on this project, will gather a committee called "Long Range Planning." All interested people are welcome.

**Hospitality Annual Report** – *Susan Dickinson* – Accepted with gratitude

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 by signing up on the sign-up sheet that is posted on the refrigerator in the Common Room. There are no formal committee meetings.

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 special activities and celebrations throughout the year. This past year's events included the annual Christmas and Easter celebrations, and the Moving Up Day Picnic.

All members and attenders are encouraged to assist with weekly Hospitality by coming early to make coffee and set out food, to provide food, and stay after the Rise of Meeting to greet newcomers as well as help clean up.

Providing hospitality is a gift and mostly a way to get to know each other and strengthen our community.

**End of year Treasurer's Report-** *Cynthia Quast*

Treasurer's Report for fiscal year-end 2017-2018, as of 6/30/18.

In our year-end Budget versus Actual report, our member income is just over \$50,000 or 93% of the budget and our total income is over \$73,000 or 118% of the budget. Our ordinary expenses for the year were over \$59,400. We also had expenses for the Common Room remodel of \$5,300. This gives us a year-end surplus of over \$8,500. On our Balance Sheet we had just over \$52,300 in our local operating bank account, and over \$64,000 in our operating investment account at Friends Fiduciary. On the Prior Year Comparison report our total income for the year was 8.5% more than last year; however, our expenses, including the Common Room, were about 10% more than last year. Detailed financial spreadsheets may be found on our website, [www.thirdhaven.org](http://www.thirdhaven.org).

**Scholarship Annual Report** - *Marsie Hawkinson*-Accepted with gratitude

Friends have a long history of promoting education of its members and indeed some of its schools date back to the late 17<sup>th</sup> century. The intention of this committee is to show the Meeting's support for its young members by encouraging their continued education, particularly in Friends' schools when possible.

The Meeting's support and the generosity of those who have contributed to this fund makes this possible for our current students and for those yet to come. We plan to continue increasing the amount of the grants in the coming terms.

Our students this year are as follows:	yearly	semester
Katie Claggett – senior – Guilford College	\$1200.	\$1200.

Nathan Mullen – junior - Wesleyan University	\$600.	\$300.
Laurence Claggett – junior – St. Mary’s University	\$600.	\$300.
Emma Leibman - ??? - University of Maryland	\$600.	\$300.
Maya Claggett – freshman – Earlham College	\$1200.	\$600.
TOTAL	\$4200.	\$2700.

Juliette Neil – junior – Yale University *	\$300.	
*taking the Fall semester off but plans to return in January.		
TOTAL FOR YEAR	\$4500.	

We are proud of all of our students, but particularly pleased that both Katie Claggett and Maya Claggett are attending Quaker schools. Katie is completing her course in Quaker Studies at Guilford College, and her cousin, Maya Claggett, is just beginning a similar program at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. Both of these girls have been traveling around the world in the last year.

By next Fall Sophie Neil will probably be starting college. Coming along behind her are Max McCall, Serena Claggett, Maeve Mufson, Guiseppe Colbourn, Zadoc and Lucy Bond, Atticus Leibman, Molly McCall, and Liam, Finley, and Riley Ewing.

As of June 30, 2018 our funds at Friends’ Fiduciary Corp. were \$129,562.33 in the Endowment Fund, \$10,060.60 in the Operating Fund, , and \$2,421.35 at Shore United Bank. Once this semester’s grant checks clear, there should be \$521.26 . In January we will probably be increasing the grants to \$700. per term for Friends schools students and \$350. for others.

We continue to hear from our students who express their appreciation of the Meeting’s interest in their lives.

For the Scholarship Committee: Paige Tilghman, Benita Cooper, Deb Danser, Doreen Getsinger, Peter Howell, Sumner Parker, Joan Wetmore, Marsie Hawkinson

**Testimonies and Concerns - Paige Tilghman**

**Minute on Letter to Selective Service Board**, previously circulated in announcements and the newsletter and printed below –Approved

August 30, , 2018

The National Commission on Military, National and Public Service,  
 Attn: RFI Comment Docket 05-2018-01  
 2530 Crystal Drive, Suite 1000, Room 1029  
 Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairs and Committee,

We understand the National Commission on Military, National and Public Service has received a mandate to consider continuation of Selective Service registration and, that a period for public comment is open until September 2018. Third Haven Friends, a Member of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, expresses the following interest.

As Quakers, we find no occasion for war, and seek to recognize that of God in everyone. We are in favor of ending registration for the Selective Service as a process to

send young citizens solely to military service for the United States of America. Additionally, we are adamant that citizens have the option to declare themselves Conscientious Objectors as a choice to not serve military objectives

Thank you for considering Third Haven Friends input on the continuation of mandatory Selective Service registration. We are a membership of 125 participants located in Easton, Maryland. We are available for further discussion and can be reached at [www.thirdhaven.org](http://www.thirdhaven.org).

Sincerely yours,  
Mary Burgoyne Brian, Monthly Meeting Clerk

The merger of Testimonies and Concerns and Charitable Giving Committees was proposed. Tasks for Testimonies and Concerns will be separate from Charitable Giving-Approved

In response to a query, our charitable donations for individuals and families in need of emergency services have been provided through organizations in our community set up for this service.

T&C has several areas of interest. Eastern Correctional Institute is one. Race issues in our community is addressed by working with the Multicultural Center. Under consideration is an Hispanic cultural competency workshop for our meeting community. Nuclear weapons is another area of consideration. The committee can also help people find organizations that speak to a variety of issues.

**Pastoral Care New Member Clearness-** *Nancy Robbins*

Bob Day has requested membership. The clearness committee of Pastoral Care enthusiastically recommends acceptance-Approved

Welcoming committee members are Tom Corl (convener), Joan Wetmore, Marsie Hawkinson and Candace Shattuck.

**Outreach Committee** reported their final summer event in cooperation with the Multicultural Center was a success. Star Democrat publicity has been produced by Pete Howell with great outreach effect.

**New Business**

Friends mentioned numerous Frederick Douglas events and exhibits at the Armory and elsewhere in town. Details will be presented in announcements.

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

*D. Rein, Recording Clerk*

## **Announcements**

To see all Meeting announcements:

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

Third Haven calendar:

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

Philapelpia Yearly Meeting

<https://www.pym.org/news/>

The **2018 edition of Faith and Practice** is here! Every member and attender of Third Haven Monthly Meeting should have a copy of this new summary of Quaker beliefs and our yearly meeting's organization and procedures. The first 100 copies have been paid for by a gift to the meeting. Worship and Ministry has a budget for the purchase of additional copies. Donations are welcome but not necessary. The cost per copy was \$11.48.

*Jonathan Slocum*

## **October 21 (Sunday)**

Southern Quarterly Meeting Sunday, October 21, 2018

Camden Friends Meeting  
Lewes Worship Group  
Chester River Friends Meeting  
Third Haven Friends Meeting

Dear Friends,

I extend warm greetings from Wicomico River Friends Meeting in Salisbury, MD! Below is an agenda for our upcoming Quarterly Meeting. We hope many Friends can attend and look forward to reconnecting and fruitful discussions.

10:30 – 11:00 am Arrival with refreshments

11:00 – 12 noon Meeting for Worship

12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 pm Program with speaker (and attender):

Dr. John Groutt, who will give a presentation on the Wicomico Interfaith Partners for Creation Stewardship (a project of the Wicomico Environmental Trust). Q & A

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or requests:

Susan Holt, Clerk

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**Planning for End-Of-Life Care** was discussed on September 16th. This Pastoral Care Committee program was led by Norma Trax, former Bereavement Coordinator for Talbot Hospice. Discussion covered the conversations and choices we should consider for the end of our lives, particularly the kind of medical treatment we want or do not want. Several documents including *Five Wishes* were made available. Copies are available at Talbot Hospice. Consideration is being given to a “make and take” meeting where we might get together to discuss and individually complete these directives. If this interests you, please let the Pastoral Care Committee know.



On the same day we enjoyed lunch and a discussion with Grace Cook of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting about PYM programs and resources. We have a wealth of resources from which we may draw!



## First Day School October Update

First Day School began the fall with a lineup of monthly themes for the Sunday morning children's programming: "Quakers in Nature" is a continuation of the summer camp teachers and outdoor mindfulness lessons; "Social Acton" engages the kids in a community issue important to the Meeting; "Faith and Play" are stories about Quakerism; and "Finding Peace" connects the kids with a special skill or talent of a Meeting member. So far this fall, the children have enjoyed learning about Marilla's Lunches with Ralph Young, guided meditation with Amy Owsley, how Quakers listen for Spirit with Susan Claggett, and the joy that comes from exploring nature with Cherie Baron.

For these lessons, the Meeting is thrilled to welcome several new attending families, most joining us after their children attended the Quaker summer camp. To welcome these families First Day School hosted an Open House in late September. Featuring speakers Melinda Wenner Bradley and Kimani Keaton from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, the event included an easy supper, games and play together, special presentations about the history of Third Haven with Candace Shattuck and about children's spirituality, and a tour of Third Haven.



First Day School also began a new partnership with River's Edge Forest Play to offer a nature-based toddler/baby program. Called Tiny SPICES, this 8-week series held on Friday mornings in September and October seeks to show parents (and other caregivers) how they can use the outdoors as a place for connection and learning for their children. The 2-hours of the program includes a focus on the Quaker Testimonies, and highlights mindfulness opportunities for little ones in nature. The program has been wonderfully popular and is reaching capacity with eleven children joining the fun!

Upcoming for First Day School is programming about weaving gifts, art, nature, and music; social action about homelessness and the Talbot Interfaith Shelter; and Quaker stories about love and how to let your life speak. As we move closer to the Christmas season, the kids will be eager for the annual tradition of wreath-making for the Meeting buildings, the telling of the story of Christmas, and the children's pageant on December 23.

The First Day School Committee thanks all who have made these program possible. It takes a village and we are deeply grateful for the Meeting's love and support for children and their families. *Amy Owsley*

**Please welcome our new attenders.**

Dan Sweeney and Megan D'Arcy  
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Dan's Phone: 484-459-1952/ email: dfsweeney@gmail.com

Sarah and Greg Hilderbrand  
Son: Jackson  
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Easton, MD  
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Lisa Kluepfel and Drew Gundlach  
Son: Brody  
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Easton, MD  
Lisa's Phone: 201-725-7318  
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## Living Our Testimonies

One Friend who lives her Quaker beliefs is Tatiana Harrison. She is thoughtfully involved with Chesapeake Cats and Dogs. She describes her commitment:



“Chesapeake Cats and Dogs is a no-kill rescue and lifetime haven located behind Chesapeake College. Originally, my role there was cat cuddler; now I serve as a member of the board and my primary role is cat medical oversight. We could always use donations of both funds and supplies (for more information, please visit our website: <http://www.chesapeakecatsanddogs.org/donate/>), as well as volunteers and adopters! We are one of the only rescues in Maryland that will take in diabetic cats; we believe that having a medical condition doesn't mean a cat or dog shouldn't find a loving forever home! Sassy (pictured

with me) is one of our medical cats; she is flying to her forever home on Friday, October 5th!”

## First Day schoolers creating drawings to be included with Marilla's lunches.



## Brick Meeting House Steps-tending to our historic home



## Remembering Buddy Birch



## Welcoming First Day School Families and Celebrating Community



