



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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September 2018 Newsletter

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Tenth Day, Sixth Month 2018

Opening Silent Worship Adrienne Rudge, Assistant Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:35 a.m. with a brief period of silence

Attending: 18 attended: Lorraine Claggett, Larny Claggett, Doreen Getsinger, Jeanne Halpin, Bill Lane, Marie Leonard, Connie Lewis, Amy Owsley, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, Jonathan Slocum, John Schreiner, Ben Tilghman, Paige Tilghman, Mary Yancy, Ralph Young,

Clerk's Desk

The clerk suggests an All Clerk's meeting be held in August.

Comments on Sixth Query. (read at Meeting for Worship)

Letters from our finance committee and from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting were cited and members were asked in the spirit of the Query to consider their contributions. Nominating committee was asked to seek another contact person for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Financial letters.

Approval of minutes from Fifth Month business meeting- Approved as amended
Amend fifth month minutes by removing egress sentence which applied to another meeting.

Treasurer's Report – *Cynthia Quast*

As of 5/31/18 we have the following financial results:

Member contributions total just over \$37,000 or 69% of our annual budget. Attender contributions total \$8,200 or 150% of the budget. Total income totals over \$56,000 or 91% of the total income budget. Ordinary expenses are about \$57,000 or 92% of our expense budget. This gives us a net ordinary income year-to-date of -\$957. Common Room Remodel expenses total about \$5,300 which brings our Net Income to -\$6,281.

On Balance Sheet as of 5/31/18, we had almost \$41,000 in our operating checking account and over \$63,000 in our Invested operating funds at Friends Fiduciary.

In comparing this fiscal year to the prior year, Member contributions are down by almost \$10,700 and total income is down by over \$4,600. Ordinary expenses are down about \$1,500 giving us a net ordinary income of \$6,000 less than last year at this time. The end of the fiscal year is June 30th. Contributions from members and attenders are welcomed.

Budget & Finance: Approval of Budget for FY 2018-19– *Bill Lane* Approved as amended
The proposed 2018-19 budget as presented in last month's newsletter received no comments. The budget covers committee requests and is a bit higher than last year as a result. Since noted that \$200 for Quarterly Meeting will not be needed until 2020 it was removed from the proposed budget. An increase to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting was proposed for the next budget. Friends discussed the reserve fund, questioning if some of it might be donated. The budget and finance committee's goal is to hold a reserve of one year's budget. This topic will be discussed at the all clerk's meeting. Spreadsheets and the budget for next year may be viewed on the website.

First Day School Annual Report – Amy Owsley Accepted

For this year we have followed the axiom: if you build it, they will come. Thus, ready every Sunday has been a teacher with a lesson plan. Attendance this spring has been limited, ranging from a number of Sundays that had no children in attendance, to many that had 2 to 3 children. This low attendance has felt like the greatest limiting factor for First Day School, though we abound in ideas, enthusiasm and potential!

First Day lessons have included: celebration of heroes and heroism on MLK Day (Dawn Atwater); focus on stewardship through the making and planting of seed balls (Dona Sorce); several books and discussion based on the Quaker testimonies; participation in international peace day with a story and building of peace cranes; Quaker history lessons about Lucretia Mott and William Penn; and Faith & Play stories. The First Day School committee members also joined with the Outreach Committee to host a table at Easton's annual Multicultural Fair. Finally, in June, First Day school helped the Meeting honor Third Haven youth who are "moving up" to a new stage in their lives with a presentation at the rise of Meeting followed by a Meeting-wide picnic.

Christmas and Easter were especially meaningful this year. Susan Claggett led a Christmas Faith & Play for the full Meeting with the kids, and the kids developed wreaths for the Meeting. Easter's lesson focused on the story of Jesus (led by Susan Claggett), followed by the annual Egg Hunt. For these, we were joined by nearly a dozen children and their families.

The Committee has felt led to seek ways to invite more families to Third Haven, and to deepen our meaning to our current families. We began 2018 with a short Committee member survey to explore this intention. Some wonderful ideas were generated about curriculum topics, as well as an understanding that several of the kids who have attended regularly are growing to the age where their needs in religious education change. For them, peer interaction is more important as are activities better matched with the interests of older kids. This is an important area of growth to consider moving ahead.

The Committee also recognizes that we don't have new younger children coming to First Day School either. Toward this, great strides have been taken by the full Meeting toward a set of

summer camps scheduled for June and August 2018. A Carriage Shed Sale, organized by Susan Claggett and an energetic group of Meeting members, was held in April to raise money for these camps and related First Day School activities. Two teachers have been hired for the camps, and registration for the June camp (with 10-12 campers ages 4-9 years old) is nearly complete. The camps are nature-based and focus on mindfulness/peace. Also planned for this fall is a “mommy and me” session (every Friday for 8 weeks, 2 hours each, ages 0-3 years old) in partnership with the nonprofit, River’s Edge Forest Play. This session, called the “Little SPICES” program, will also be nature-based on focused on the Quaker testimonies.

Also of note, thanks to a connection from Candace Shattuck, First Day School Committee members met with PYM’s Youth Engagement Coordinator, Melinda Wenner Bradley. This is a very helpful connection for us as Melinda is incredibly knowledgeable about programs and resources of other Quaker Meetings. She offers her support and connections to others as we move forward.

First Day School was also gifted a lovely assortment of craft and art resources by Dolores Wack, a filing cabinet by the trustees, and a swing set by the Mufson Family (moved by Ben and Paige Tilghman and a small, strong crew).

In sum, we consider this a time of planting seeds for the future growth of the First Day School. We are deeply grateful for the love and support of the full Meeting and look forward to what’s ahead.

Friends were complimentary on all the efforts.

Testimonies & Concerns re: Selective Service Minute- *Paige Tilghman*

Center on Conscience and War recommends if selective service registration continues, a conscientious objector option be available. A minute was presented and discussed in detail. Discussion covered conscription and voluntary service. The committee will revise and present in time for submission by September.

New Business

Property and Grounds Update- Contracts proposals for the Brick Meeting House step repair under Bob Day’s supervision are being collected for presentation and decisions at the next meeting for business.

Meeting closed at 12:21 p.m. with silent worship.

D. Rein, Recording Clerk

Third Haven Friends Meeting Announcements

To see all Third Haven Friends Meeting announcements:

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

Third Haven Friends Meeting calendar:

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

September 7 (weekly on Fridays)

Little SPICES - Young Naturalists Program this Fall

This fall, Third Haven Monthly Meeting is partnering with River's Edge Forest Play in a unique partnership bringing mindfulness and nature play to the youngest of naturalists, ages 0 to 3 years old. This parent/caregiver and child program offers a mindful exploration of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality and stewardship as we immerse children in the joys of nature on Friday mornings. Young children will explore nature with friends in a full body, hands-on, messy play way! Parents are guided in how to play with their little ones in the forest and create similar play experiences at home. The program runs weekly for 8 weeks (beginning September 7, 9:30-11:30) and is \$160 for the entire session (covers child and caregiver). Details and registration: <https://www.riversedgeforestplay.com>

The First Day School Committee asks for the Meeting's help in promoting the Little Spices program - we need to double our registration numbers! Your personal touch and invitation makes all the difference. Please see the flyer attached to previous announcements for your use and look for promotion to share on Facebook (search Third Haven Friends Meeting). Thank you!

First Day School Information

- 1) Included below you will find the lineup for our Sunday programming during Meeting for Worship. Each month carries the themes of nature, social action, faith & play, and an example of how different Meeting members find Spirit in their craft (music, weaving, art, etc.). At this time we have 3 open dates. If you have an idea or a feel a pull yourself to teach, you are needed and encouraged to jump in! For example, re: the open "social action" slot, if you would be willing to talk about the purpose and work of your committee, that would be a lovely experience for the kids. I am planning to send out Monday the fall schedule and an email of welcome to our existing and new families (via summer camp efforts). If you would let me know this week if you have an ideas or want to volunteer, I'd be very grateful.
- 2) Also attached to previous announcements has been the flyer **Spices** for the toddler/baby program that begins September 7. We are in the middle of a promo push to attract more families - if you know of any parents with littles, please share with them this terrific opportunity. Thanks to the Outreach Committee (especially Jeanne and Pete) for helping with some press.
- 3) For the first day of the fall FDS (9/9), we were hoping to refresh some of the welcome materials near the entrance to the Meeting house for kids and families. We have a basket of quiet toys, books, and coloring activities - plus some literature pieces for parents that may be new. I am happy to run this plan by whomever would like input into these materials and where they are placed.
- 4) Lastly, we are rolling ahead with planning a FDS "open house" on Friday, September 21 (5:30-7:30) featuring Melinda Wenner Bradley. Details and promo plan are underway through the FDS Committee. As soon as we have it all together I will share it back to you (and via Meeting announcements) for input.

Amy Owsley

The **Jungian Dream Group** will be open for the month of September and we are inviting Friends and community members to come and see what we are about. Dreams never waste our time, even little dreams carry important messages about how we are living our lives and what may need healing to become more whole. Our souls speak to us in emotionally laden symbols and images. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Common room to support each other to learn from the movement of spirit. We have been using Inner Work by Robert Johnson which offers suggestions and examples for our dream work. Sometimes we will watch a DVD, have additional readings or an outside speaker. Please contact Catherine Cripps or just show up and see for yourself.

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September 9 (Sunday)

Meeting for Business follows meeting for worship

September 16 (Sunday)

Planning for End-Of-Life Care

On September 16 (Sunday) the Pastoral Care Committee is sponsoring a program on Planning for End-Of-Life Care at 8:45 am in the Common Room. The program will be led by Norma Trax, the former Bereavement Coordinator for Talbot Hospice. She will show a short film and lead us in a discussion about 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. Each participant will be given a copy of Five Wishes. Questions? Adrienne Rudge at 410-822-4959 or adriennerudge@gmail.com

September 23 (Sunday)

Clearness Committee Education

On September 23 at the rise of meeting, Worship and Ministry along with Pastoral Care Committees invite you to learn about Clearness Committees. The one-hour discussion will include key characteristics of the clearness process, which include spiritual leading, searching questions, silence, listening, and discernment. A follow up discussion for those interested in developing their capacity to serve on Clearness Committees will be held at the rise of meeting on September 30. Want to learn more now? Watch this QuakerSpeak Video: How to Serve on a Quaker Clearness Committee

<http://quakerspeak.com/serve-quaker-clearness-committee/>

September 29 (Saturday)

Jane Milliken Memorial Service Long time member Jane Milliken recently passed away after a prolonged illness. Although unable to participate much in our activities, she dearly loved the meeting and will be remembered by many of us as a kind, compassionate public health nurse. Her close friends Jane and Steve Escher kept up with Jane and her daughter Pat. The family plans a memorial service on September 29 (Saturday) at 2 PM at Third Haven. They would appreciate the attendance of our community.

October 12-14 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

Spiritual Formation Retreat 2018

PYM's Spiritual Formation Collaborative is reaching out to all who are interested in a deeper communion with Spirit, spiritual formation, and/or spiritual nurture to come together for a weekend residential retreat at the lovely Kenbrook Retreat Center in Lebanon, PA.

Our goals for the weekend are retreat and refreshment; deepening, nurturing, and learning; networking and connecting, and building stronger spiritual community in our Yearly Meeting. Participants will be invited to share their stories and be wholly/holy listened to; share in encouraging and nurturing each other; share gifts, ideas, resources, workshop designs; share in music and fun; share in celebration of the motion of the Spirit in our lives, and share a commitment to move forward together with joy. Please join us!!

Register before Sept. 21, check out the PYM calendar for more details.

www.pym.org/even/spiritual-formation-weekend-retreat

Katherine Johnson from Third Haven Friends katherinekai@goeaston.net can provide more information.

Selective Service Commission Paige Tilghman writes, "I have attached a letter to the Selective Service Commission as an edited version and suggested this be placed on the 9th Month Business Meeting Agenda. We discussed the matter at the 6th Month Business Meeting but did not get approval. I brought the matter to the Clerks Meeting in August and notified Molly that we would have an edited version."

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 in the United State 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 .

Sincerely yours,

Mary Burgoyne Brian, Monthly Meeting Clerk

Third Haven Monthly Meeting – First Day School

Fall 2018 Schedule

September

- 9 **Welcome to First Day School**
Reconnect with Third Haven friends and take a nature tour of the Meeting grounds
- 16 **Faith and Play**
Quaker telling about “Listening for God”
- 23 **Social Action**
Help those in need with Marilla’s Lunches, a project of the Talbot Interfaith Coalition Against Hunger
- 30 **Finding Peace through Art**
Exploration of finding your center through art, with ??

October

- 7 **Quakers in Nature**
- 14 **Finding Peace through Handiwork**
Weaving gifts with Heidi Wetzel
- 21 **Faith and Play**
Quaker telling of “Love’s Way”
- 28 **TBD**

November

- 4 **Quakers in Nature**
- 11 **Social Action**
TBD
- 18 **Faith and Play**
Quaker lesson about “Let Your Life Speak”
- 25 **Annual Wreath-making**
Tradition of kids making wreaths for the Meeting buildings

December

- 2 **Quakers in Nature**
- 9 **Finding Peace through Music**
Led by Jonathan Williams of Shore Community Music Center
- 16 **Faith and Play**
Quaker telling of the Christmas story
- 23 **Children’s Christmas Pageant**
Another annual Third Haven holiday tradition!
- 30 **Finding Peace through Story**
Cozy up with hot cocoa and a reading of the Christmas tale “Amal and the Night Visitors”

Fall Program Notes

Special Family Event!
Friday, September 21
5:30 – 7:30 PM @ Third Haven

Join us for an *Open House* to learn about what Quakerism can offer families and children. Features guest speaker Melinda Wenner Bradley, Youth Coordinator with the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.



What is “Faith and Play?”

These are beautiful stories about the roots of Quakerism and our values, told by teachers trained in a Montessori-inspired manner.

What is “Quakers in Nature?”

These sessions focus on helping kids build their toolbox of mindfulness techniques through immersion in nature. Led by our talented camp teachers, Cherie Baron and Kristen Hanlon.

Spiritual Journeys presented by members enrich our understanding of each other.

Connie Crow



Mary Coady



So many ways to be a Quaker:



Hiroshima Remembrance August 6, 1945-2018



All clerks meeting, August



Casual meetings, weekly!

Mutual caring, daily...



Children's Quaker Nature Camp at Third Haven. *Photos and montage by Amy Owsley*



Posted in the Common Room:

