



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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“Quakers have traditionally been wary of creedal statements as limiting our understanding of God... The rejection of creeds [however] does not imply the society, individual Friends, as well as small groups of Friends and Friends’ absence of doctrine or statements of belief. From the earliest times of our meetings, have issued written statements of their beliefs to the world.”

Faith and Practice

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 10th Month, 12,2014

Call to order: Candace Shattuck, Clerk of Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:20 AM after a brief period of silence.

Attending: Paige Bethke, Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Monique Cook, Benita Cooper, Tom Corl, Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Larissa Kitenko, Bill Lane Jr., Joyce Macijeski, Sumner Parker, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Candace Shattuck, Norval Thompson, Sally Vermilye, Rob Wieland, Ralph Young.

Query; Additional Thoughts: The Tenth Query, “Stewardship of the Environment” was read during meeting for worship. A Friend from P&G remindd us that our Fall Clean-up Day will be on November 8th this year. A Friend from T&C encouraged all of have an interest in the environment to join discussions with their committee as they have been looking for ways to become more involved in this issue. Another expressed interest in tracking our environmental footprint better at Meeting. Another Friend encouraged clerks of committees to consider using the queries as part of their committees’ annual report as a check list, so to speak, of their work through the year.

Minutes from previous Meeting for Business: The Meeting approved the minutes from the 9th Month meeting for business.



Treasurer’s Report: The following report gives a summary of our financials of FY14 and the first quarter of FY15.

For our 2013/14 fiscal year which ended June 30 we have the following results:

- Our member contributions totaled just over \$48,000 giving us 100% of our Member contributions budget. Our Attender

contributions totaled just over \$8,300 giving us 19% more than our annual Attender contributions budget. Our total income totaled just over \$64,300 which is 110% of our total income budget. Our expenses totaled a little over \$54,000 which is almost 93% of our expense budget. This gives us a net income of just over \$10,000 for our last fiscal year.

- On the year-end Balance Sheet, we had over \$38,600 in our operating checking account and a little more than \$41,000 in our Operating Reserves which is invested at Friends Fiduciary. I have added a new account on the Balance Sheet under “Equity” near the bottom of the page to track the unrealized gains and losses on the investment account. As of 6/30 we had an unrealized gain of just over \$1,000. This figure will fluctuate with the investment market.

- In comparing the 2013/14 fiscal year to the prior fiscal year, our Member contributions were up over \$1,000 and our total income was up over \$3,000. Our expenses were also lower by a little over \$900 and our net income was over \$4,000 more than the prior year.

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- For the 1st quarter of our 2014/15 fiscal year which ended 9/30 we have the following results:

- Our Member contributions are a little more than \$4,600 which is 9% of the annual budget, our Attender contributions are just over \$1,000 which is 21% of the budget. Our total income totaled about \$7,000 which is 11.5 % of the budget. Our expenses as of 9/30 were almost \$12,900 which is 21% of the budget. This gives us a negative net income of almost \$5,900 for the first quarter.

- Looking at the 9/30 Balance Sheet, we have almost \$34,500 in our operating checking account. Our Operating Reserves are at just over \$40,000 which is a decrease of over \$1,000 since 6/30.

- In comparing the first quarter to the prior year, our Member income decreased by over \$2,000 compared to 2013. Our Attender income was up by \$230, and our total income was down by just over \$2,000. Our expenses for the 1st quarter were about \$500 more than last year at this time and our net income is about \$2,500 less than it was last year.

Property and Grounds Committee Annual Report October 2014

The Property and Grounds Committee in 2014 consisted of Meredith Watters, Larny Claggett, Posey Boicourt, Nancy Robbins, Priscilla Morris, Ed Danser, Anna Osler, Sally Vermilye, Mary Cotton, and Dee Rein. Aid was proffered by many members in the interest of maintaining our beautiful property. Clay Owens continues to serve as caretaker , including duties as groundskeeper, housekeeper and friendly presence to visitors. Members and Attenders supported Clean Up days in November of 2013 and April of 2014. We certainly hope they will again join us on November 8th!

Projects this year included:

- Design, Md. Historic Trust approval, and installation of railing on the Old Meeting House steps.
- Conversion of the Brick Meeting House furnace from oil to gas.
- Caretaker performance reviews, job description and letter of employment creation and implementation.

- Wheel chair ramp to Common Room doors and landings constructed by Winslow Womack, who also submitted a ramp sketch for the Old Meeting House.
- Thermostat replacement in the Common Room.
- Exploration of Housekeeping and Groundskeeping outsourcing options.
- Replacement of pillar hit by Town of Easton truck.
- Installation of 4 new benches in the graveyard area, with financing by an anonymous donor brought forth by Ann Williams.
- Expansion of parking lots, stair handrail installed in the caretakers cottage per insurance inspector suggestion, repointing of bricks on Brick Meeting House- all projects bid, contracted and overseen by Meredith.
- Common Room refurbishment exploration spreadsheet prepared by Mary.
- Repair of Common Room bathroom plumbing.
- Replacement of the Common Room dishwasher.
- Competitive bidding and contracting for new gas furnace heating and air-conditioning system for Common Room, installation of which commences Oct. 13th.
- Addition of trash and recycling cans behind Common Room to facilitate waste disposal.
- Failing/falling beech tree removed.
- Pending projects include:
- Discussion of sealing Brick Meeting House exterior
- Brick Meeting House bathroom wall repairs
- Brick Meeting House furnace room opening to crawl space closure.
- Brick Meeting House exterior light replacement.
- Old Meeting House handicapped access proposals for presentation to Maryland Historic Trust and Meeting for Business.
- Common Room refurbishment project plans, including replacement of windows losing their seals.

Interested parties willing to help care for Third Haven by planning, competitive bidding projects, or hands on contributions to grounds and building are solicited to join Property and Grounds. Many hands make light work....and keep Third Haven beautiful.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Rein

Interim Clerk, Property and Grounds

The Meeting accepted this report with thanks. The Meeting acknowledges a special thanks to Meredith Watters who guided many of these projects to their completion. The Clerk of P&G gave a plea to all Friends to consider joining this committee as many hands make light work. The money for the new wooden benches came not only from a donor but also out of a bequest from John Todd's estate. A Friend reminded all that the main parking lot area should be used first and that the Common Room parking lot area should be saved for those with limited mobility. Flags are being put out by Clay to remind people not to park on the grass but everyone is encouraged to be mindful of this when coming to Meeting.

Property and Grounds invites Friends to help with **Fall Clean Up Day** planned for **Saturday, Nov 8 from 8 a.m.-12 noon.** (Rain date is Nov. 22.) This is an opportunity to keep our beautiful property looking its best. Priority areas include: oiling new teak benches, lots of leaf raking, winter storage of Old Meeting House cushions, cleaning second floor of Brick Meeting House and kitchen in Common Room, ivy trimming from walls and trees and other areas of interest. Refreshments and Friendly company will be available. Please bring your favorite rake or tools. Don't be leafed out! See you November 8th.

Annual Report for the Scholarship Committee of Third Haven Friends Meeting



From the 5th Query – Faith & Practice –
What help do we provide for the children and adults in our Meeting to pursue the education they seek, whether academic, technical, or vocational? Do we make provision for children in our Meeting to attend a Friends School?

Third Haven's Scholarship Fund began seven years ago with the intention of encouraging our young members to attend Friends schools. We also offer some financial support to college students, so that the Meeting continues to demonstrate its care for them during these important years.

This program has been funded by the Meeting and by the Trustees as well as by memorial and other gifts. This year the Meeting has provided \$2000. from the operating budget. The Trustees have given \$500., but since scholarship is not their mission, this will be the last contribution to the Fund.

Large contributions to the fund were used to initiate an endowment, intended to provide a long-term source of income for the scholarship program. This endowment totaled \$81,661.00 on September 30, 2014, and is managed by Friends Fiduciary Corporation. For the second year in a row we have used distribution from the managed fund to help pay current scholarship grants. This year the scholarship distribution amounted to \$3,250.

We awarded the following grants for the current school year:
\$1000. For Nathan Mullen, a junior at Westtown School (paid directly to the school).
\$250. Each for the first semester to the following:
Nicola Greene – final semester at Goucher College
Nora Neil – junior at Georgetown University
Brandt Bethke – sophomore at George Washington University
Evan Claggett – sophomore at Coastal Carolina University
Cassidy Thompson – Fashion Institute of Technology
Sam Mullen – sophomore at Drexel University

We plan to repeat the grants to our college students in January for their next semesters where applicable.

We anticipate that a few more of our children will be entering college in the Fall – some possibly at Friends schools.

Next year we will probably be adding Lucy Bond to our list of recipients. She will be a senior at Westtown School. Her had not applied for her previously.

The grants we give are very small in relation to the tuition and other expenses incurred for each student. Currently, tuition is \$50,000.00 a year at Friend’s Schools. Additional financial aid possibilities open up to them if their Meeting contributes. Undergraduate students have many expenses beyond tuition. Our contribution to them is intended to help with these. Looking ahead with cautious optimism, we would like to be able to increase the amounts of our grants – hopefully before too long.

Although the Scholarship Fund is growing, we are dependent on the Meeting and other gifts to fund this important program. This committee is mindful that gifts to the Scholarship Fund from Meeting members and attenders should be made AFTER contributing to the Meeting’s Operating Fund. For contributions to the Scholarship Fund : please designate this when you make your donation to Third Haven Friends Meeting, PO Box 2379, Easton, MD

We look forward to continued support from the Meeting. Investing in our children is vital to Third Haven.

Marsie Hawkinson, clerk, Lorraine Claggett, Benita Cooper, Deb Danser, Doreen Getsinger, Peter Howell, Sumner Parker

The report is accepted by the Meeting with thanks with Tom Corl standing aside. The committee did receive a large donation recently that has helped the bottom line. Discussion arose regarding the terms “endowment” versus “restricted fund” as there is a legal difference. We agreed to clarify this matter at the next meeting for business.



Testimonies and Concerns Update Re: TIS Shelter: The TIS shelter on Goldsborough Street is expecting to be operational in the near future. We have been asked to help provide volunteers for two weeks in the near future. Friends feel committed to continue our involvement with TIS as we have been participating with their work from the beginning of the organization. Friends would like a bit more detail regarding the duties required of a volunteer. So far we have been assigned the weeks of November 30-December 6 and February 8-14. We will be partnering with two other churches (the Lutherans and the Royal Oak Methodists), so we will not need to supply all of the volunteers required. We have been asked to find two volunteers for two separate shifts per day from 7-10 AM and from either 5 or 7 to 11 PM Sunday through Sunday. Lorraine will make a sign-up sheet for the Common Room and place this info in the announcements after she clarifies the details. The Meeting approved the continued involvement with TIS.

New Business: A Friend requested more help with Marilla's Lunches and a reminder that this group will help with providing Thanksgiving dinner.

- Meeting for business was adjourned at 12:30PM
- Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne
- IMPORTANT POINTS:
- Treasurer's Report on last FY and first quarter current FY
- P&G Annual Report
- Scholarship Annual Report
- Approval of continued service partnership with TIS

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

Calendar of Activities <http://www.thirdhaven.org/calendar.php>

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

Southern Quarterly Meeting was held on November 19, 2014 at Third Haven meeting. There were about 15 - 20 visitors from other Quarters. We met for meeting at 10 am followed by a presentation by Ralph Young and Leigh Anne Dodge on Alternatives to Violence and Prison Ministry. Fellowship and a luncheon followed.

Talbot Interfaith Shelter

"The shelter has indeed come alive at its new location, 107 Goldsborough Street in Easton. The shelter will be open at 107 Goldsborough Street, from Nov. 30 to April 5, 2015.

Each participating faith community is being asked to be responsible for two weeks. Third Haven, with support from Royal Oak Community UMC, is being asked to provide volunteers for the weeks of Nov. 30 - Dec. 7, 2014; and Feb. 8-15, 2015. During those weeks, we are asked to provide:

Two evening supervisors, one male and one female, from 7-11 p.m. As in years past, supervisors will be in charge, interacting with the guests in the common areas, ensuring that everyone plays nicely with others, and ensuring that the house is quiet after 10 p.m.

Two morning supervisors, one male and one female, from 7-10 a.m. Supervisors will be in charge of making sure that guests get up, eat breakfast, make their lunches and, unless they have a particular reason for remaining onsite, leave the shelter by 10 a.m. Morning supervisors should also be prepared to stay later than 10 a.m. in case inclement weather makes it unfeasible to send the guests out.

Supper for 5 guests + evening supervisors + whoever brings the meal. Plan on cooking for 10.

As in years past, volunteer training will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 22, at Miller Hall (the parish hall behind Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, at 315 Goldsborough St.). A second volunteer training session for Friends may be offered shortly thereafter.

Since there are showers and a washer and dryer at Easton's Promise, volunteers are no longer needed to do laundry or ferry guests to the YMCA to bathe.”

There is a sign-up sheet in the common room at Third Haven.

EDITOR’S CHOICE

From time to time a subject or reference is encountered which does not fit into any of the usual headings within the Third Haven newsletter or website. It is my plan to list such items with their links and a brief statement about why the subject has been selected.

The first of these relates to mental health issues facing college students. Most of us have experienced these, with or without adequate help. This reference was prepared by a professional group and should enable one to develop an understanding these issues.

[Top 5 Mental Health Problems Facing College Students](#)

The second is a compilation of readings applicable to Quaker leadership. A brief summary would be easier to handle but these references are the source documents.

[Recommended Reading List for Clerks](#)

www.pym.org/london.../Reading-list-for-Clerks-2012-1015.pdf



Overseers meets for pastoral care

**Third Haven Monthly Meeting of Friends
Income & Expenses Budget vs. Actual-YTD**

July through September 2014

Jul - Sep 14	Budget		\$ Over/Under Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Member Contributions	4,667.72	50,000.00	-45,332.28	9.34%
Attender Contributions	1,060.00	5,000.00	-3,940.00	21.2%
Other Contributions	20.00	1,000.00	-980.00	2.0%
Interest & Dividends	506.92	1,700.00	-1,193.08	29.82%
Earned				
Sales & Cash Box	362.00	800.00	-438.00	45.25%
Use of Facilities	406.00	2,250.00	-1,844.00	18.04%
Total Income	7,022.64	60,750.00	-53,727.36	11.56%
Expense				
Property & Grounds	5,408.53	30,000.00	-24,591.47	18.03%
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting	4,125.00	16,500.00	-12,375.00	25.0%
Child Care	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Communications	48.75	850.00	-801.25	5.74%
Conferences & Seminars	20.00	600.00	-580.00	3.33%
Contingency	682.08	2,500.00	-1,817.92	27.28%
Donations	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.0%
First Day School	95.88	300.00	-204.12	31.96%
General Administration	217.46	600.00	-382.54	36.24%
Hospitality	173.59	850.00	-676.41	20.42%
Library	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
Outreach	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
Overseers	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
Quarterly Meeting	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
Resale Items Purchased	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.0%
Scholarships	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Testimonies & Concerns	126.23	1,200.00	-1,073.77	10.52%
Worship & Ministry	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
Total Expense	12,897.52	60,750.00	-47,852.48	21.23%
Net Income	-5,874.88	0.00	-5,874.88	100.0%

10/11/2014

**Third Haven Monthly Meeting of
Friends
Balance Sheet**

Cash Basis

As of September 30, 2014

Sep 30, 14

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Operating Cash-Talbot Bank 34,474.42

Reserve Funds-FF 40,076.01

Total Checking/Savings 74,550.43

Other Current Assets

Shoffner Int'l Education Invest 15,731.52

Scholarship Fund Cash & Invest 82,767.74

Undeposited Funds 100.00

Total Other Current Assets 98,599.26

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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Credit Cards

Visa Card Payable 123.10

Total Credit Cards 123.10

Other Current Liabilities

Shoffner Int'l Education Fund 15,731.52

Scholarship Fund Liability 82,767.74

Payroll Tax Liabilities 944.38

Carriage Shed Sale Funds 1,366.35

Total Other Current Liabilities 100,809.99

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Equity

Unrealized Gain/Loss-FF Reserve 76.01

Prior Year Fund Balance 78,015.47

Net Income -5,874.88

Total Equity 72,216.60

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 173,149.69

Honoring our Elders Luncheon sponsored by Overseers



Southern Quarterly Meeting



Tom Corl Leads Quaker Process Discussion

