



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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May 2014 NEWSLETTER

"Our life is love, and peace, and tenderness; and bearing one with another, and forgiving one another, and not laying accusations one against another; but praying for another, and helping one another up with a tender hand."
Isaac Pennington

Third Haven Friends Meeting **Meeting for Business** Minutes for the 12th Day Fourth Month 2015

Candace Shattuck, Clerk of Meeting, gathered the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:30 Am after a brief period of silence.

Attending: Twenty-six Friends were in attendance: Dawn Atwater, Paige Bethke, Christine Brooks, Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Benita Cooper, Ted Corbett, Tom Corl, Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Bill Lane, Connie Lewis, Joyce Macijeski, Sumner Parker, Cynthia Quast, Adrienne Rudge, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Brian Shean, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Sally Vermilye, Bob Wack, Dolores Wack, Winslow Womack, Ralph Young.

Query: A Friend read the Fourth Query "Care for the Meeting Community" at meeting for business. No one added additional comments.

Minutes of Third Month: Those in attendance approved the minutes of meeting for business for the Third Month.



Clerk's Desk: The Clerk of Meeting is pleased to announce the addition of Adrienne Rudge to the Nominating Committee. Paige Bethke is stepping forward to head the Carriage Shed Sale with a date pending in September.

Report from PYM Interim Meeting:



Dawn Atwater, Catherine Cripps and Donna Sorce attended the interim meeting in Philadelphia. Dawn gave the group report and said she felt impressed with the positive spirit of the meeting. The group had a chance to review some new initiatives of PYM including a section of the website that allows better usage such as an online chat and a “visit a Meeting” section. There will also be an interface with social media and an online newsletter. The Implementation Committee for the Strategic Plan has a website: www.pym.org/implimentation-committee will be posting updates and accomplishments. This website is dedicated toward making reality the goals of the 5 Year Plan. The first all community meeting will be held on Westtown School in the fall. Jada Jackson, Clerk of PYM, gave a talk regarding “isms” such as racism, sexism, etc. and this was well received. The capital campaign is set for \$420,000 but currently has only raised \$200,000. They are concerned about these results. Larny Claggett stated that he has been in charge previously of soliciting funds for PYM’s Annual Campaign but agreed to help transition this role over to Dawn.

Treasurer’s Report

Here is the Treasurer’s Report for the third quarter of our fiscal year. The Income and Expenses Budget vs. Actual-YTD, the Balance Sheet, and the Income and Expenses Prior Year Comparison are available on the website.

Treasurer’s Report – for 3rd of fiscal year 2014-2015, as of 3/31/14 presented at Meeting for Business on 4/12/15

In our 3rd quarter Income & Expense report showing budget versus actual, our member income is slightly greater than 80% of the budget and our total income is almost 80% of the budget. So far we have only spent 62.5% of our budgeted expenses giving us a 3rd quarter net income of just over \$10,500.



On our Balance Sheet as of 3/31/15, we have over \$51,000 in our operating bank account, and over \$42,000 in our Operating Reserves which is invested at Friends Fiduciary. Near the bottom of the Balance Sheet under “Equity” you can see the unrealized gains and losses on the investment account. As of 3/31 we had an unrealized gain of over \$2,400. This figure will fluctuate with the investment market.

On the Prior Year Comparison report, our total income to date is about 4% less than last year at this time and our expenses are over 11% more than last year. In comparing this

year to last year, our Member contributions are down by over \$1,500 and our total income is down by just over \$3,000. Our expenses however are almost \$4000 greater primarily due to the timing on sending out our donations. Our net income is down by \$7000 over the prior year. Half of that difference is also due to the timing of sending out our donations.

Our Scholarship Fund and our International Education Fund have been updated to the most current amounts in our investment and local operating accounts.

The Meeting accepted the Treasurer's report.

Update from Trustees: The yearly Trustee Report is as follows:

Annual Report of The Trustees of Third Haven Monthly Meeting Third Month 12th 2015

In 1948 the Trustees of Third Haven Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends was incorporated, with the agreement of the Third Haven Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends. Membership and activity of the of the Meeting was at a low point and it was feared that the meeting might be put down, in which case the buildings and property would revert to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Friends wanted to be sure that the care of Third Haven would remain with the people who had been involved through the years. The Trustees are the owners of the buildings and property.



The seven Trustees, all members of the Meeting, meet yearly in March. Occasionally, there is need for an additional session when particular issues or needs arise. This past year we met in April for the purpose of setting up a local account with Wye Financial so that we have the ability to pay local bills more readily. Most of our funds are held with Friends Fiduciary Corporation in Philadelphia. Another meeting was held in May to review possible expenses arising as a result of our insurance inspector who had come to inspect all of our buildings and grounds. The risk management issues listed by this inspector all have been addressed. Other than fire, our biggest potential risks are areas where people might trip and fall.

The financial relationship between the Meeting and the Trustees has been as follows: the Trustees expect to pay for major capital expenses, such as a new roof, a new heating system, removal of hazardous trees. The Meeting covers operational expenses such as heating bills and salaries.

In 2014 the Trustees covered the cost of a new gas burner for the Brick Meetinghouse, half the cost of resurfacing the driveway and parking areas, Brick work on the Brick

Meetinghouse, new heating and air-conditioning units for the Common Room, a handrail for the stairs in the Caretaker's Cottage, and a final contribution to the Scholarship fund. The total was \$29,799.94 .

The Trustees continue to approve the concept of handicapped access to the 1684 building, but feel that it should be a Meeting project, supported by the Meeting.

We noted the passing of Betty Jean Wheeler. Both she and her husband, Charles Elliot Wheeler devoted many years to the Corporation, for which we are grateful.

As is our custom, our business meeting ended with the election of officers. For the coming year they are as follows: President - Adrienne Rudge; Treasurer – Allan Mielke; Secretary – Diana Rein

The Trustees, for our benefit and information, give this report yearly so Meeting requires no action. Some discussion took place regarding the next steps needed to move forward on the accessibility ramp for the Old Meeting House. Property and Grounds need to make another revision so the ramp will not be so close to the building. Then the issue will come back to meeting for business. After these steps are taken we can go back to the Maryland Historic Trust for their input. All of these actions must take place before a cost analysis can be discussed more thoroughly.

Overseers

Clerk of Overseers reported today on the John Martin Trust. This trust is set up to help financially distressed Friends. Money can be given in the form of loans or grants. The money must be requested by a Meeting on behalf of a member. A letter sent to us by the Trust will be made available on our website.

New Business: Norval Thompson, our FCNL liaison, has been in contact with FCNL to set up a time for their representative to visit Third Haven to make a presentation concerning their work. He hoped to get a date in May, yet is having difficulty finding the right date. May 10 is Mothers' Day, May 17 is Quarterly Meeting, and May 24 falls on Memorial Day weekend. Thus Friends agreed that May 31st, if available, would be a good time for them to come, or barring that defer to a later date.

No further business needing discussion, the Clerk concluded the meeting with silent worship at 12:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Burgoyne

IMPORTANT POINTS

- Adrienne Rudge will serve on Nominating Committee

- Paige Bethke agrees to head the Carriage Shed Sale in September
- Third Quarter Treasurer's Report accepted
- Yearly update from Trustees given
- Information regarding John Martin Trust given

John Martin Trust

Received from the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia, 320 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-625-0627 Office@ArchStreetFriends.org

I write to you as Clerk of the John Martin Trust Distribution Committee. The John Martin Trust (JMT) was established over 300 years ago to help financially necessitous Friends, and funds continue to be available for that purpose. However, we have an ongoing problem with Friends not knowing about it, often those who most need help. Therefore, we are asking each Monthly Meeting in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) to read this letter at Meeting for Business to make members aware of the John Martin Trust. We also ask that you make sure your Care Committees are aware of the John Martin Trust.

We have also heard of Friends thinking that the application process is too burdensome. It's not that complicated and we're here to help. Most importantly, the money can make a profound difference for Friends in financial distress. Typically, the JMT has been used to help elderly persons on fixed income, and Friends affected by illness or accident. However, numerous other scenarios have resulted in grants or loans.

Requests to the John Martin Trust are made by the Monthly Meetings on behalf of Meeting members. One person from a Monthly Meeting, usually the Clerk of Care or Assistance, submits an application to the JMT on behalf of the member who needs assistance. Grant limits per applicant are \$7500 within each 6 month term (January through June and July through December). In cases where a person has significant assets or is only temporarily in need, the JMT Committee may approve a loan instead of a grant.

Where a person has ongoing need, continuous assistance may be given. If you would like more information, please go to www.archstreetfriends.org/jmt.html If you have further questions, please email me at algreenhall@aol.com or call (610) 627-1641. I can easily mail or email application forms to you. In the Light, Audrey L. Greenhall, Clerk John Martin Trust Distribution Committee

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>

Third Haven Friends following the national debate on **incarceration** practices in the United States are encouraged to read the FCNL Washington Newsletter article "Mass Incarceration: Massively Wrong". <http://fcnl.org/resources/newsletter/>

May 2 (Saturday) 10 am – 3 pm **The Talbot Multicultural Festival** at Idlewild Park in Easton. This year Third Haven be represented at the Festival with two tables -- one for outreach and information on Third Haven and Quakers, as well as projects and activities that we support. The second table will be devoted to children's craft activities. We are in need of volunteers to assist with staffing the tables and helping at the beginning and end of the day. Please email Dona Sorce at dyesorce@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping any time between 9 and 4.

May 31 (Sunday) **FCNL** Diane Randall -General Secretary of Friends Committee on National Legislation will speak at rise of Meeting. Friends are asked to submit a topic preference that for her to address. Contact is Norval Thompson norval@nethompson.com

To read **Acting in Faith**, a message designed to connect Friends to the work of the American Friends Service Committee please select the following link:
https://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50601/t/14571/blastContent.jsp?email_blast_KEY=1317045

Several important links:

American Friends Service Committee <http://afsc.org>

Friends Committee on National Legislation <http://fcnl.org>

Friends General Conference <http://www.fgcquaker.org>

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting <http://www.pym.org>

Spring Cleanup Day at THFM. Among those shown are helpers from the Adelphi Friends Meeting



Easter egg hunt



Aguayuda Director, Joan Waagbo, updates the Meeting on Aguayuda activities in Columbia, SA.



First Day School students create colorful bird houses under the colorful direction of Dawn Atwater



Hospitality Fosters Community



In Memoriam

Dan O'Toole, life partner of Third Haven attendee Sheryl Goodspeed, passed away on April 6, 2015 after a long illness. Dan was a documentary video producer and was involved in the founding of the Chesapeake Film Festival in Easton. Dan will be missed by his many friends and by his family including Sheryl, his sister Kathleen (Molly) O'Toole, and his cousin Bridget O'Toole. A memorial service will be held for Dan at 11:00 am on Saturday, May 30th at Third Haven. Friends are welcome to attend.

Southern Quarter May 17 (Sunday) will be at Wicomico Friends meeting? Anyone interested in going may contact Connie Lewis edr327@verizon.net We usually have some people that car pool from Third Haven. Connie will be getting an agenda soon from them on what the program will be and time of meeting.