



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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September 2015 NEWSLETTER

Be still and cool in thy own mind and spirit.

George Fox

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business June 14, 2015

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

Attending: Sixteen people attended. Candace Shattuck, Clerk, Paige Bethke, Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Benita Cooper, Leigh Anne Dodge, Doreen Getsinger, Larissa Kitenko, Bill Lane, Connie Lewis, Sumner Parker, Cynthia Quast, Robert Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, and Robert Wieland.

Reflections on the Sixth Query, "Equality": No one offered additional comments on the query at this time.

Minutes from the Fifth Month: The Meeting approved the minutes of the Fifth Month without corrections.

Clerk's Desk: The Clerk raised the possibility of our Meeting developing a long-range plan. We discussed the merits of thinking further "down the road" as a Meeting and perhaps putting together a plan detailing where we would like to be in 5, 10 or even 50 years. The Clerk suggested that we consider this further and place it on the agenda in September for discussion.

Treasurer's Report: Please refer to the complete report attached below and on the website, which show figures through 6/13/15. The first report is Income and Expenses Budget vs. Actual-YTD. In summary, our total income is 93.6% of budgeted and our expenses are 84% of budgeted giving us a net income at this point of \$5,793.14. The second report is our balance sheet. Please note that \$10,000 has been shifted into Friends Fiduciary Fund this quarter. We can access this money easily and it has the potential of earning more than our operating cash.

The third report is the Income & Expenses -Prior Year Comparison. Interestingly, our member contributions are essentially the same as last year. Although our net income grew more in 2014 than in 2015, we have net income growth.

Budget and Finance: Please refer to the complete budget attached to this report. The proposed budget for FY16 underwent a review process during last month's meeting for business. Bill Lane reported that no new changes have been made since that time. The Meeting approved the proposed budget without changes.

First Day School Annual Report: The Meeting accepted this report with thanks for all the hard work this committee does.

FDS Annual Report

June 14, 2015

We have an active, vital First Day School!

Although we may not have the numbers of children we had 10 years ago, we do currently have a handful of committed families. Lessons were taught by the FDS committee members as well as parents and special help this year from members of Testimonies and Concerns committee. Our largest attendance fell on holidays, Christmas and Easter, and, on our inaugural Fall Pancake breakfast. (Nov 23)

The lesson plans centered around the Testimonies; Community- Pancake breakfast, Equality- a book entitled "One"-donated to our library, Peace- a visit by Sophie, the Peace dog. We collected gifts for the multicultural Center at Christmas and made peanut butter birdfeeders in the winter. The new year brought more lessons from our Testimonies. From the PYM curriculum, Sparkling Still, the children did a peaceful mediation. Two books were read about Community. One was "The Can Man", about homelessness and "The House That Love Built" about caring for elders. The Spring brought Easter and lessons on stewardship for the environment. FDS participated in the Multicultural Festival in early May at Idlewild Park. Finally, our curriculum is rounded out with our Godly Play and Faith-and-Play storytelling. A total of 5 different stories were shared throughout the year.

Upcoming plans for FDS are to work with the Library committee to organize a "children's section" in our current downstairs library and, to continue to explore more ways to invite more young families to worship with us.

The First Day School committee consists of Mark Beck, Catherine Cripps, Dawn Atwater, Katie Theeke, Amy Owsley, Beth Mufson, Cathy Thompson and Susan Claggett, Clerk.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Claggett, Clerk

Read by Cathy Thompson

Carriage Shed Sale: Paige Bethke agreed in April to coordinate our next CSS, which we talked about having this coming fall. At this point, Paige says the most feasible date would be October 24. She spoke today of ideas on how to "revitalize" our sale. She feels it is important that we first are committed to the "cause(s)" we are raising money for and suggested that we agree on this first. Her thoughts led her to suggest we designate the handicap ramp for the Old Meeting House as the intended beneficiary of the sale

proceeds. Her thoughts led to further talk regarding the handicap ramp. The Meeting has not given final approval for the ramp. P&G has a couple of different options to discuss first in committee and then bring back to Meeting as a whole in the Ninth Month.

Paige then suggested changes to the organizational structure of the sale to involve every committee in the effort with each one having a specific task, such as Hospitality running the baked goods sale, Property & Grounds running the plants and garden tools and so forth. She is willing to outline this plan for further discussion.

As far as the CSS is concerned, the discussion led those present to conclude that rushing towards an October date is not the best plan. A better process would be to discuss Paige's ideas further at next meeting for business once her outline is complete.

It was also suggested that some of these issues, including how the Meeting uses its funds, could be addressed in a long range plan. Friends mentioned the desire to move toward more diversity by seeking opportunities to partner with other local organizations such as Ashbury United Methodist Church (with whom we already do "Marilla's lunches"), what happens with excess reserve funds, and increasing the Scholarship endowment are important topics for the long range planning session. Those present showed enthusiasm for planning for our future in a more structured and deliberate way. Friends asked that Minutes of this meeting be published sooner than September and a special announcement will be generated to all in Meeting regarding possible long range planning. We discussed bringing this issue to each committee with the clerks bringing ideas and information back to an all clerks session. In summary, we thought this discussion useful and would like to expand on its potential during the summer months and into the Fall.

This meeting closed with silent worship at 12:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne

IMPORTANT POINTS

FY14-15 Treasurer's Report through mid June presented
FY15-16 Budget approved as proposed
FDS Annual Report accepted
CSS revitalization discussed
Ideas discussed to move toward possible long range planning

Current brief financial status:

Here is a recap of our July 2014 – June, 2015 fiscal year.

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| Member Contributions | \$48,168 | 96.3% of annual budget |
| Total Income | \$59,932 | 98.6% of annual budget |
| Total Expenses | \$53,782 | 88.5% of annual budget |
| Net Income | \$6,150 | |

Thank you, Cynthia Quast, Treasurer

Announcements

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

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

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

Username: 3rdhaven Password friends (all lower case)

September 13 (Sunday) Next **meeting for business** follows meeting for worship

September 20 (Sunday) **Storytelling Luncheon:** Please join us at the rise of meeting on September 20th for luncheon in the Common Room. We will celebrate fall, enjoy fellowship and hear some stories from THFM's past. Please bring a dish to share for the buffet table. Questions? Call Adrienne Rudge at 410 822-4959.



September 21 (Monday) 4:30 to 5:30 pm

**LET PEACE BEGIN WITH ME
STAND WITH US OR BRING A
CHAIR AND SIT WITH US**

An Observance of the Annual United Nations

International Day of Peace

Rain Or Shine

Fountain Area Of Idlewild Park on the corner of So. Washington St. and Idlewild Ave

Sponsored BY P.E.A.C.E.

www.talbotcountypeace.org

410-819-6814

September 22, (Tuesday) **Inward Bound Quiet Day** 10am to 3pm (pot-luck lunch at 12 noon) common room and grounds of Third Haven Friends Meeting

Quiet days run from 10 am until 3pm, and participants are welcome to come for all or part of a day, entering with respect for the silence of the group. This is a perfect occasion to reflect on one's spiritual journey while savoring the beauty of Third Haven grounds and buildings.

If you have questions please feel welcome to ask either Candace Shattuck
candace.shattuck@gmail.com

Katherine Johnson katherinekai@goeaston.net

Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

October 17 (Saturday) 10am to 4pm a worship and ministry program entitled **Images and Symbols in Fairy Tales and Dreams: Workings of the Mythopoetic Mind**, presented by Jungian Analyst, Dr. Alden Josey, at the Third Haven Meeting House. Reservations Required: please contact Catherine Cripps LCPC, 506 Goldsborough St., Easton, MD 410-819-8832. General Admission: \$25 Professionals with CEU's: \$50

Prepay Catherine or pay by cash or check at the door

Joys and Concerns

Molly Bond died comfortably and peacefully on August 23, 2015. A memorial service was held for Molly in the old Meeting House on Saturday, August 29. Our condolences go to her entire family.

Kenneth Carroll is at home and welcomes telephone calls.

On Tuesday, August 4th Soren Corl Larson was born to Amelia Cotton Corl and Joel Larson. We wish him and his family well.

Annual Members' Exhibition at The Academy Art Museum,

included works by ten Third Haven artists: Joyce Zeigler, Heidi Wetzel, Valerie Sypula, M.K. Shean, Allan Mielke, Cassandra Kabler, Katherine Johnson, Marsie Hawkinson, Susan Dickinson, and Catherine Cripps.

Contributions to the meeting can be made by way of the contributions box in the Brick Meetinghouse entranceway. Checks can also be sent to THMM, P.O. Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601 or online <http://www.thirdhaven.org/donate.phpa>

Are your names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail listings all correct in the Third Haven Directory? Please review your information both in the printed directory and the online directory.

Testimonies & Concerns reports,

Shoffner International Education Fund update:

Funds withdrawn from Third Haven's Shoffner Fund in 2015 were sent to Aguayuda to continue to sponsor two water trucks per month for the community of Cachaca II near Riohacha, Columbia. Third Haven Friends have sponsored Aguayuda since 2010 in its mission to provide clean water and education to thousands of vulnerable people in developing countries through the implementation of cost-effective, sustainable water and sanitation solutions. Please see www.aguayuda.org for more information on their work.

T & C Faith in Action

presentation by Carmen Farmer, the community manager from the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy.





T&C Faith in Action presentation by Jennifer Williams of the Mid Shore Community Mediation Center and THFM.

Maryland Food Bank: Leigh Anne, Ralph, Robert and Paige helping the people from Asbury Methodist Church distribute food received from the Maryland Food Bank.



The weekly **Peace Vigil** in front of the courthouse from 5 to 6p.m. each Thursday can use some additional hands.



Visitors Welcomed



Friends Connected



Simplicity



Our thanks to Ralph Young for years of wonderful pictures.