



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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June 2016 NEWSLETTER

"Patience recognizes suffering in the difficulties" of one's life and that of another. Nowadays, it might conjure up ideas of complacency but, with a long view of time--in which time is understood as abundant--patience becomes a way of bearing sorrows. Unlike resilience, which implies returning to an original shape, patience suggests change and allows the possibility of transformation as a means of overcoming difficulties. It is a simultaneous act of defiance and tenderness, a complex existence that gently breaks down barriers. In patience, a person exists at the edge of becoming."

Samira Thomas

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Eighth Day Fifth Month 2016

Molly Burgoyne, Co-Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:40 a.m. after a brief period of silence.

Attending: 29 people attended: Dawn Atwater, Gwen Beegle, Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Deborah Cox, Susan Dickinson, Leigh Anne Dodge, Doreen Getsinger, Larry Robinson, Nancy Robbins, Marsie Hawkinson, Jim Herbert, Sandra Herbert, Peter Howell, Larissa Kitenko, Bill Lane, Connie Lewis, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Bill Schauer, John Schreiner, Robert Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Robert Wieland, Winslow Womack, Ralph Young.

Comments on Fifth Query, on Education (read at Meeting for Worship)

Correspondence with students receiving Third Haven support, included responses from Katie Claggett and Juliette Neil to Marsie Hawkinson.

A Friend reminded us that a visitor recently asked when Third Haven would establish a Friends school.

Minutes from Fourth Month business meeting Approved

Clerks Desk

June 11 All Clerk Meeting 10-noon in Common Room for long range planning.

Certificate of transfer was received from Newcastle Presbyterian Church for Ted and Christine Brooks Corbett who became members of Third Haven Friends Meeting last year. This is given to the recorder for her yearly records.

Carriage Shed sale was a success. Work with Asbury Methodist Church rewarded us with getting to know each other as well as improving the houses of worship. After paying expenses for tent and advertising, each house of faith will receive approximately \$2000. Final accounting will be presented at next meeting for business.

Overseers John Schreiner presented the clearness meeting with Ben Tilghman who is requesting membership. They recommend Ben for membership. All approved. The welcoming committee will be Norval Thompson, convener, Nancy Robbins, and Susan Claggett.



Budget & Finance: Presentation of Proposed Budget for FY 2016-17 – *Bill Lane*

Spreadsheets present the end of April balance (available on our website) and the 2016 Budget worksheet (see website as well as below) showing last year, this year to date, and the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year, which is about \$3000 more than the current year. Given expected expenses for routine items this year of over \$10000, we are over spent unless more contributions arrive. There is a small contingency fund. We are on budget for expenditures this year but under budget for contributions. Documents were available in paper form and

will be posted on the Third Haven website.

Questions about the Property and Grounds Committee budget led to presentation of a proposed 10% increase for the caretaker apportioned over the year if he meets specific objectives assessed by a subcommittee on a merit basis. He has not had an increase in 6 years. Friends suggested that more detail regarding the proposed increase be discussed at the next meeting for business. The other anticipated property and grounds expenditure is continued work cleaning up boundary vines.

Expense questions covered Communications Committee (website, directory, newsletter) expenses and General Administration (updated QuickBooks software) expenses. The Meeting now has one month to ask questions or make comments on the proposed FY16-17 budget. B&F will seek approval of this budget next month.

**Third Haven Monthly Meeting of Friends
2016-2017 Budget Worksheet**

Proposed Budget 2014-2015	Actual 7/1/14-6/30/15		Budget 2015-2016	July 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016		Budget 2016-2017
				Actual 7/1/15-4/30/16		
Income						
Member Contributions	50,000	48,168		51,250	38,161	53,345
Attender Contributions	5,000	8,230		5,500	7,645	7,000
Other Contributions	1,000	20		200	365	300
Interest & Dividends Earned	1,700	527		100	18	25
Sales & Cash Box	800	940		800	575	600
Use of Facilities	2,250	2,047		1,500	964	1,000
Total Income	60,750	59,932		59,350	47,728	62,270
Expense						
Property & Grounds Philadelphia Yearly	30,000	25,500		29,000	24,750	30,000
	16,500	16,500		16,900	16,900	17,000

Meeting Charitable Contributions	3,000	3,000	3,500	0	3,500
Communications	850	856	600	1,315	1,520
Conferences & Seminars	600	170	600	355	600
Contingency	2,500	1,174	1,500	310	1,500
First Day School	300	171	300	152	300
General Administration	600	611	600	542	1,000
Hospitality	850	784	850	884	850
Library	150	120	150	149	150
Outreach	1,000	1,255	1,000	1,904	1,500
Overseers	250	80	250	0	250
Quarterly Meeting	200	0	200	0	200
Resale Items Purchased	400	362	400	0	400
Scholarships	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Testimonies & Concerns	1,200	1,199	1,200	838	1,200
Worship & Ministry	250	0	300	50	300
Total Expense	60,650	53,782	59,350	50,149	62,270
Net Income	0	6,150	0	-2,421	



Charitable Contributions Committee (CCC) Report - April 2016

CC Committee presentation of Proposed Charities for FY15-16 *Norval Thompson*

On April 18th 2016, the CCC met to review last year's (2015) Third Haven Friend's charitable contributions, its beneficiaries and to make any adjustments.

We had three aims with the budgeted amount - \$3500:

- 1) We sought to be inclusive of our wider Quaker community, leveraging our contributions through their better fulfillment capabilities. Here our recognition, our appreciation and support rather than the size of the gifts were expressed as important.
- 2) We provided assistance to local organizations that are doing good work to address the needs of the less fortunate in the local community. In this case small contributions significantly impact their abilities to function, given their limited budgets.
- 3) In meeting our directives, we wanted to provide integrity of oversight, good stewardship of our finances and assist in educating our meeting membership, so they might have less reservation about making their individual tax-deductible contributions to these worthy causes.

Our process included interviews with representatives from each organization, to see how they are doing fiscally and in terms of fulfilling their mission. We then arranged for each organization to give a presentation to our meeting community, so that each might better understand our commitments through Q/As.

The committee recommends continued contributions to the same organizations for year 2016 and possibly the following year as well. Thought the organizations remain the same as last year, we adjusted the size of each donation, to better assist the strongest service needs.

Going forward we will be looking into organizations that focus on environmental work. Your assistance in sharing any knowledge or preferences that you may have in terms of environmental charities would be much appreciated.

The committee is requesting that the Meeting's budget for charitable contributions remain the same \$3500 for this upcoming fiscal year.

Respectfully, Molly Burgoyne- (clerk), Leigh Anne Dodge, Lorraine Claggett, Norval Thompson and Sally Vermilye.

THFM Charitable Contributions Committee
Outline for Giving 2016
Fourth Month, 10,2016

I. FRIENDS ORGANIZATIONS

		TESTIMONY*	MISSION/GOALS	FINANCIAL FACTORS	AMOUNT
1.	Friends Committee on National Legislation	Peace Equality	Priorities set every two years as new Congress convenes in order to focus time, energy, and resources.	Audits, IRS Form 990 and pie charts published yearly online. Almost all revenue goes directly to lobbying efforts.	\$400
2.	American Friends Service Committee	Peace Equality	Promote lasting peace with justice as a practical expression of faith in action. Extensive field work in US and overseas.	Audits, pie chart and annual report published online. Bulk of money spent in operational costs.	\$250
3.	Friends General Conference	Outreach Community	Provides services and resources for individual Friends, meetings, and people interested in the Quaker way.	Audits and annual report online plus a “learn what your donation does” page online. Most money spent on salaries and educational publications.	\$150
4.	Friends Journal	Education	Communicate Quaker experience in order to connect and deepen spiritual lives.	Publishes IRS Form 990 online; approx. 28% of revenue derived from subscriptions; there is an endowment.	\$100
5.	Pendle Hill	Education	To create peace with justice in the world by transforming lives.	Website provides one pie chart showing that admin costs are less than 20% of overall budget.	\$200
6.	William Penn House	Community	Offer education, organizational and service opportunities and hospitality for those who seek a better world	Website provides annual report and financial data	\$200

* Note: All Friends Organizations incorporate Testimony of Integrity

II. "LOCAL" ORGANIZATIONS

	TESTIMONY	MISSION/GOALS	FINANCIAL FACTORS	AMOUNT
1. Talbot Interfaith Shelter (TIS)	Equality Community	Dedicated to providing safe temporary shelter to men, women, and children who lack adequate housing; and to increase community awareness of the issues faced by the homeless in our community.	Budget available on request; most of funds are spent on operations.	\$400
2. Chesapeake Multi-Cultural Resource Center (ChesMRC)	Equality Community Integrity	Coordinates services and informational programs to empower people from different cultures to become engaged members of the community. Education is a major focus of programs.	Financial information available on request. Most of funding goes directly to costs. Large State Education grant administered by Talbot County School System.	\$400
3. ESS Carepacks	Stewardship Integrity	Foremost goal is to provide a backpack filled with nutritious foods for our most vulnerable students, including homeless students and other families in crisis.	Funds are handled and audited thru Mid-Shore Community Foundation.	\$350
4. Neighborhood Service Center (NSC)	Community Equality	Works to improve the quality of life both socially and economically for low-income residents in Talbot County.	Publishes IRS Form 990 online; approx. 28% of revenue derived from subscriptions; there is an endowment.	\$250
5. Good Samaritan Fund (GSF)	Community Equality	Fund helps people who have fallen through the cracks. GSF serves as a clearinghouse for all Faith Groups. Individuals are referred by Faith Groups.	Funds will be handled and audited thru Mid-Shore Community Foundation.	\$600
6. BAAM (Building African American Minds)	Community Equality	Helps children in Talbot County in an afterschool setting teaching values, homework skills and providing educational opportunities	Has annual budget of \$150,000 with over \$125,000 used in direct benefits.	\$200

	Testimony	Mission/Goals	Financial Factors	Amount
Quaker Organizations			Subtotal	\$1300
Local Organizations			Subtotal	\$2200
			TOTAL	\$3,500

Different from last year: \$100 less each to FCNL, AFSC, and FGC
\$100 more to Pendle Hill, William Penn House, TIS, CMCRC, NSC, Good Sam, BAAM; \$200 EES Carepacks
The meeting approved following these charitable contribution recommendations for 2016.

Facilities Use Proposal- Larissa Kitenko



Left hand side is original proposals presented during 3rd month meeting for business; right shows later ideas following discussions, especially regarding charging fees, to which there is no objection.

Hence, it is suggested that fees be based on the length of time, rather than the profit or non-profit status of the organization.

Clarification included request for donation of \$3 per person for tours.

Events hosted by members but not related to Third Haven Friends Meeting make a donation.

Reservations to be kept on the paper calendar as well as the on line calendar should be advised by the Facilities Use Committee to avoid double bookings.

Groups currently meeting are doing well at reserving facilities.

Contact information will be posted in the Common Room so Friendly presence, donations recording and clean up can be assured.

General policies and guidelines were reviewed and written out with revisions below.

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS OF FACILITIES COMMITTEE PER 2015 ANNUAL REPORT</u>	<u>PROPOSALS FROM MEETING OF CANDACE S., MOLLY B., ANNE W., LARISSA K., (ADRIENNE R. EXCUSED)</u>									
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General Policies & Guidelines for Usage (as listed on website)

(Revisions in bold & underlined OR crossed out)

The primary purpose of the Common Room is to accommodate the needs of the Meeting. Therefore all Meeting activities shall have scheduling priority over any other group when a conflict arises.

All events and uses must be recorded on the official facilities use calendar posted in the Common Room **or the on-line calendar**. The sponsor will be identified with the group or individual name; the time; and necessary contact information including a telephone number **and** email address.

Both Meetinghouses and the Common Room are available for use by Meeting members **per the donation/fee structure** and Committees for Meeting-sponsored activities without fee.

The Common Room facility may be made available for meetings by attenders and outside ~~not-for-profit~~ groups. Application must be made to the Facilities Use Committee in writing or by email specifying the purpose, nature of use, date and time. The purposes of the group and the proposed use must be compatible with Third Haven principles and practices. The Committee may approve or disapprove such use or refer the request to the Meeting for Business. The Meeting reserves the right to terminate any on-going agreements with outside groups. In all uses approved for non-members and outside groups, the Facilities Use Committee will insure that there are adequate safeguards and oversight in place. If such groups meet on a regular basis and if a Meeting member must be absent, a person deemed responsible will be designated by name and must be present during the entire time. ~~Such groups may not charge an admission fee or seek to make a profit.~~ These groups will be charged **no fee per the donation/fee structure**.

~~but contributions to the Meeting are welcome to help defray costs.~~

If the kitchen is used, the kitchen area must be left clean, in good order, with all items used restored to their proper locations.

The following are not permitted anywhere on Third Haven Meeting property:

- Consumption of alcoholic beverages, smoking, and the use of illegal drugs.
- Fires, firearms, and fireworks.
- Pets in buildings except for guide dogs.
- Rice or confetti.
- Non-electric lamps or lighted candles. The Facilities Use Committee may approve the restricted use of a candle in the Common Room only.
- **No food is to be taken in either of the Meeting Houses.**

Parking should first take place on graveled areas. There are three handicapped spaces in front of the Common Room. Parking may be allowed on grassy areas when attendance exceeds the graveled areas if the ground is firm and dry. For all large events such as weddings, memorial services, carriage shed sale and like events, the event sponsors shall provide direction and supervision for parking.

Discussion covered:

Excellent comprehensive report;

Nonmember wedding charges could be higher or different dependent on Common Room use; the advisability of soliciting wedding “business.”

Term should be “donation” rather than “fee”.

This report will season until next month in order to publicize it and solicit comments.



Shoffner International Education Fund Update- *Leigh Anne Dodge*

Testimonies and Concerns administers this Meeting fund. This year, 5% of Friends Fiduciary Fund comes to about \$700. For the last 3 years, the money has been sent to Aguayuda providing water in a desert area of Columbia.

Aguayuda has recently merged with Water Aid for America, a much larger organization that may not need our funds any more. T&C is back looking at discernment and suggested moving their report to September Meeting for

Business, which was agreeable to all present. SIEF guidelines are on our website and T&C welcomes suggestions in line with those guidelines.

New Business:

The meeting closed with Silent Worship at 12:40 p.m.

D. Rein, Recorder

Condolences

Our condolences go out to the Kemp family. After a brief illness, our longtime member Bob Kemp died peacefully at home May 23, 2016

Minga Claggett-Bourne writes, "I remember Bob Kemp as a man tall in stature, with a smile that lit up his whole face, and a life filled with integrity. He was courteous and thoughtful to me, as a child growing up in the Meeting. He lived his life fully and miraculously. I didn't detect that he judged others for their lifestyles. Bob was a solitary man; maybe it was difficult, like all of us, to describe the undercurrents of the Holy Spirit in these turbulent times. He was a stalwart Quaker and very dedicated to Third Haven Meeting.

He was a man full of life with few words. Dad always had respect for Bob Kemp. He was family. May each of us take this opportunity to live our lives more attuned to the land, live more simply and truly knowing our lives are a shining light fueled by those who preceded us."

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions

I'm writing to invite you to join many, many other Friends from four states and 105 monthly meetings at Annual Sessions this summer, July 27th to the 31st, at Muhlenberg College. Annual Sessions also always holds great promise for me. It's when I see old Friends, some dating back to my days growing up in Wilmington Meeting (DE), as well as a time for making new friends. It also affords me, and hopefully you, an opportunity to worship surrounded by others who share the same deep commitment to peace, equality, justice and love of the earth. The power of sitting in that large room with so many Friends never ceases to amaze me!

The Interim Sessions Development Committee has been hard at work, creating a schedule that includes not only worship and fellowship, but plenty of time for fun, learning about what's happening across our yearly meeting and beyond, all kinds of recreation and, of course, relaxation. We will meet as a body for business; our corporate witness in addressing racism will continue; the children and young people will have their own age-specific space and program and we'll all have multigenerational opportunities; and then there will be Work and Witness Programs in the afternoon for all of us to pursue our interests and leadings. Saturday evening we will have a keynote presentation by Tonya Thames Taylor. In other words, there will be something for everyone, and I hope you will come!

I hope you enjoy your days weeding, hiking, relaxing in the gentle sun, whatever calls you in Spring. If you have questions or want more details there is information on the PYM website. Also, you can contact Tricia Coscia, the Sessions Coordinator, sessions@pym.org or 215 241-7238. Link: <http://www.cvent.com/d/NoL1zBI7kkS76pCCHxSMtA/djm4/P1/1Q?>
Contact: Penny Colgan-Davis sessions@pym.org

Southern Quarterly Meeting

Winslow Womack and Connie Lewis attended Southern Quarter on First Day, 5-15-16, at Cadbury at Lewes, DE. Hospitality was available before we had meeting. Meeting was at 10 am. There were about 35 in attendance. Carol Holsman, Director of Cadbury, welcomed everyone.

At 11 am, Nadine Hoover, daughter of Dean and Sharon Hoover who are residents at Cadbury, presented a slide presentation of her work with children and families who have suffered from violence and war-like situations. From her work she has wrote a book entitled "The Power of Goodness-Art and Stories for a Culture of Peace". In some places such as Russia during World War II, children congregated in a basement and wrote stories. These stories have been translated into different languages.

There are some who do not believe peace is possible. In some countries where the religion is Muslim, Nadine cannot go into a village without being invited; however, if she is asked to be a "visitor" then she go into the village.

We each stood up and said who we were and what Meeting we were from and what gifts we believed we have. A lively discussion followed.

A delicious buffet luncheon was served.

Multicultural Festival

Third Haven members and attenders invited multicultural festival participants to Plant a Seed for Peace, as well as pick up information about the Religious Society of Friends and Third Haven Friends Meeting First Day School.



Carriage Shed Sale Success in Cooperation with Asbury AME



Eager buyers



Lots of great "Stuff"



Beverages and Quaker Dogs that don't bite!



and more great "Stuff!"



Congratulations!

Its graduation time and Third Haven First Day School is celebrating some of our youth who are “Moving up” to high school, college, and beyond. Nathan Mullen graduated from Westtown School on May 26, and Lucy Bond is graduating from Easton High School. Two of the Neil children celebrated graduations this Spring. Their mother, Luisa writes that Anna Sofia graduated from the eighth grade one year ago, and is happily finishing her Freshman year at St. Andrew's. Juliette graduates on Thursday from St. Andrew's, and is headed to Yale next year. Nora graduated on Saturday (her 22nd birthday) from Georgetown University, and is going to Venice in September to work at the Peggy Guggenheim Museum/Collection. Maggie is finishing her second and last year in China, where she has been teaching English and History at Zhuhai University. She has a Fulbright graduate study fellowship to be in Italy next year compiling first hand research on the anxiety that Europe and the world are feeling around the current migrant crisis with the goal of a substantial publication at the end. Third Haven FDS will hold a “Moving Up” ceremony to honor these young people and their accomplishments sometime in June. All the best, *Susan Claggett*, FDS Clerk