



## Third Haven Friends Meeting

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## February 2017 Newsletter

*Query 2: Is our meeting for business held in the spirit of a meeting for worship in which we seek divine guidance?*

For, when I came into the silent assemblies of God's people I felt a secret power among them which touched my heart, and as I gave way unto it I found the evil weakening in me and the good raised up; and so I became thus knit and united unto them, hungering more and more after the increase of this power and life, whereby I might feel myself perfectly redeemed.  
Robert Barclay

### **Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Eighth Day First Month 2017**

Molly Burgoyne Brian, Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business after a brief period of silence.

**Attending** 12 attended: Molly Brian, Nancy Robbins, Susan Claggett, Mary Yancey, Paige Tilghman, Robert Shattuck, John Schreiner, Robert Wieland, Marsie Hawkinson, Jeanne Halpin, Bill Lane, Lorraine Claggett

**Comments on First Query** A friend reminded us that silent cell phones are important in our meeting worship.

**Approval of minutes for December Meeting for Business** Approved

**Clerk's Desk** –upcoming events:

Arthur Larrabee's clerking workshop, including hospitality for the day, is January 28<sup>th</sup>. Space is still available. Contact Candace Shattuck if interested.

All Clerks Meeting is February 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m., one of two for the year. Clerks of all committees or a designated proxy are requested to attend.

February 10-12 Third Haven will host the Friends General Conference nominating committee of 11 or more members. Accommodations are arranged. There will be a potluck Saturday 2/11 night for all members to come and meet them. A friend was concerned about their transportation while they are here; their transport from the airport is already arranged, but they will not have cars. They will be working here at the

Common Room on Saturday and will need food Friday night and lunch Saturday. Contact Lorraine Claggett to offer aid.

**Third Haven Monthly Meeting 2016 Annual State of the Meeting Report** – Molly Burgoyne Brian

Third Haven Friends Meeting continues to flourish. Our membership continues to grow (3 new members this year, 152 total members), our weekly attendance is stable (about 40-65/week), and all of our committees are active. On many First Days, we have enjoyed the company of new attenders and visitors.

**Overseers-** This committee continues their excellent work reaching out to members in need, conducting clearance committees, welcoming new members, organizing New Member and Attenders luncheon. They have helped families with memorial services and looked into issues of aging and end of life.

**Worship & Ministry-** This committee is responsible for upholding the spiritual life of the Meeting and deepening our worship service. They have continued sessions on spiritual journeys, devotional readings, Course on Miracles, book club and Inward Bound days. This year they are conducting sessions on the newly revised Faith and Practice and planning a Spiritual Formation course for 2017.

**Testimonies and Concerns-** This group remains active in local, national and worldwide concerns. They continue to work with the Hunger Coalition, Talbot Interfaith Shelter and the Talbot County Detention Center locally. They remain involved with The Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform, White Privilege Conference and the Syrian refugee crisis. They work with the Meeting's Charitable Contributions Committee on right spending of Meeting's resources. They are considering construction of a Peace Pole as a visual reminder of the Peace testimony. They help maintain an active booklist. They manage the John Shoffner Education Fund and keep in touch with students we sponsor in Bolivia. They continue programs on issues of social justice, right sharing of resources and protection of the environment.

**Property and Grounds-** This committee has had a very active year. In addition to regular attention to replacing worn out items, they supervised the building of the lovely handicap access ramp to the Old Meeting house. They also renovated the bathrooms in the Common Room so they are gender-neutral and wheelchair accessible. They have cleared the overgrown brush on our east border and have done much work on this part of the grounds improving it substantially. They are planning to work with Overseers on maintenance and improvement of the burial grounds. Good environmental practices have been the foundation of their focus and efforts.

**First Day School-** Although our numbers in FDS remain small, the core group is active and a joy to the rest of us. We continue to explore ways to attract families and children of all ages. Our **Scholarship Committee** does an excellent job of communicating with grant recipients, reaching out to our College age members and encouraging younger members to attend Quaker schools. The Scholarship Committee is currently giving grants to ten college students and hears from them regularly. Special incentive is available for students attending Friends schools (secondary or college).

**Outreach-**Last year was a very busy year for this group with the George Fox Forums. This venture both attracted many people and at the same time gave us great insight into

the limitations of our Common Room when hosting larger groups. We will be reforming our Common Room Committee in 2017 to look into this with a focus on improving the multi-use of this space.

**Budget and Finance, Library, Communications and Hospitality committees-** These groups are vital to the day to day functioning and life of the Meeting. Communications makes telephone and e-mail contact with inquiries, e-mails current announcements twice weekly, e-mails and mails the monthly newsletter, prepares a printed directory and maintains an up-to-date website.

Their work is reflected in their annual reports and is active and impressive. **Facilities Use** updated our fee structure this year to reflect current practices.

**Representatives of other organizations-** We are fortunate to have several members dedicated to groups outside of Third Haven such as Talbot Association of Clergy & Laity, NAACP, FCNL, PYM and several others. Their communications to us appear in our meetings for business, announcements and newsletters.

**Operating Guidelines-** After several All Clerks Meetings, we have written Operating Guidelines that have been approved by Meeting. We hope these guidelines will give us a template to use as we move forward into the next 5-7 years and help new Friends understand the work of Meeting more clearly.

*Third Haven Friends Meeting is an active, lively and engaged Quaker community of seekers blending together, respecting our differences and moving into the future with love for one another and attention to Quaker Faith and Practice.*

*Molly Brian and Candace Shattuck, Co-clerks*

A friend asked if there was a final draft of the Operating Guidelines – online in the newsletter.

Approved in corrected version above.

**Overseers Annual Report** – *Adrienne Rudge, Clerk*

**Third Haven Friends Meeting: Overseers Committee Annual Report for 2016**

The role of the Overseers Committee is to help maintain a caring community within Third Haven Friends Meeting, with a special emphasis on pastoral care and counseling. We embrace that role while recognizing that many other members and attenders contribute significantly to the health of our faith community.

In 2016, these members served as Overseers: Larny Claggett, Marsie Hawkinson, Connie Lewis, Nancy Robbins, John Schreiner, Dona Sorce, Paige Tilghman, Joan Wetmore, and Adrienne Rudge, clerk. Together we formed clearness committees to meet with potential new members, had an ongoing conversation about mapping the graveyard and eventually developing a scatter garden there, organized opportunities for the THFM family to socialize, and shared news and concerns about members and attenders, helping with challenging situations when we could.

The Committee met monthly with the exception of June, July and December. We kept in touch with the Third Haven Friends Meeting community through a calling tree by dividing members and attenders alphabetically. We spoke with, wrote to and visited with individuals as the year progressed.

During 2016, four attenders requested membership in the meeting: Ben Tilghman, Bob and Dolores Wack and very recently, Connie Crow. The Overseers enthusiastically recommended Ben's membership; he became a member last spring. A clearness committee was formed to meet with Dolores and Bob, but the process was postponed when Dolores's surgery required her prolonged recovery. We look forward to meeting with the Wacks soon in the new year. Connie's request will be discussed by the Overseers at its January meeting, when a clearness committee will be formed.

When an attender becomes a member, the Overseers offer a subscription to *Friends Journal* for a period of time to the new member. This year, at the suggestion of Marsie Hawkinson, we sent subscriptions to some of the young adults in our meeting who have recently graduated from college and are living on their own.

The Committee assisted in the memorial service of longtime member Fred Rossiter, brother of Debbie Cox, and offered help to the Kemp family as they remembered both Bob and Butch Kemp in separate services. Overseers encourage each member to fill out a Memorial Intentions Form and have it on file in the Common Room closet. For those who wish to have a plaque added to the THFM memorial wall, there is an also an opportunity to reserve a spot.

The New Member and Attender recognition luncheon was held on March 6th with the usual bountiful buffet and good attendance. The Hospitality Committee was our partner for this annual gathering. Thirty-one people participated in the 2016 Friendly Eights luncheon/dinner program over the winter and early spring. Each group of eight (or in one case, seven) met twice, with four of the group providing hospitality at each meeting. The participants reportedly enjoyed lively conversations and excellent cuisine. Rather than plan a fall luncheon this year, Overseers joined forces with the Outreach Committee to help with a family picnic at the rise of meeting in September.

Longtime members Paige Tilghman and John Schreiner retired from the Overseers Committee in December. We have benefited greatly from their active participation and devotion to pastoral care. We welcome Dona Sorce as clerk of the committee and look forward to serving Third Haven Friends Meeting in the year ahead.

Adrienne Rudge, Clerk  
Accepted with thanks

### **Treasurers Report** – *Cynthia Quast*

For the first half of our 2016/17 fiscal year we have the following results:  
Our member contributions total just over \$26,500 which is almost 50% of our annual Member contributions budget. Our Attender contributions total just over \$4,500 giving us 65% of our Attender contributions budget. Our total income totals almost \$34,000

which is 54.5% of our total income budget. Our expenses total over \$29,600 which is about 47% of our expense budget. This gives us a net income year-to-date of just over \$4,300.

On Balance Sheet as of 12/31/16, we had over \$36,200 in our operating checking account and over \$54,500 in our Invested operating funds at Friends Fiduciary.

In comparing the first half of our 2016/17 fiscal year to the prior fiscal year, our Member contributions are down by over \$2,600 and our total income is down by over \$2,100.

Compared to the prior year, our expenses are about \$4,700 higher and our net income is about \$6,900 less.

Accepted

Income and Expense, and Balance spreadsheets were passed around may be viewed online at the Third Haven Website, <http://www.thirdhaven.org/reports.php>

At halfway through the fiscal year, budget and expenses are at approximately 50% which is routine and on track. Clerk of Budget and Finance mentioned as long as contributions and expenses are turned in on time for the remainder of the year, we are on track budget-wise. The Clerk pointed out that compared to last year we are a bit behind contribution-wise and slightly ahead expense-wise. Tax letters will be going out soon. One requested clarification on the expense of QuickBooks software indicated one of two copies ordered will be returned.

### **New Business**

#### **Property and Grounds**

The clerk of Property and Grounds brought up the committee's ongoing list of project sand maintenance – "big ticket" items such as the new ramp, the emergency egress from the second floor of the brick meeting house, and reglazing of windows. With respect to the egress, an engineer's consult is necessary. The stairway must be properly drawn and custom-designed and built to specific structural needs. Smoke detectors were also mentioned. A friend remarked a proper project that may cost more up front but be less problematic/expensive in the long run. A proper fire escape is \$1000 per step for a custom structure and might be funded through the contingency fund.

P&G 's clerk also mentioned other items under consideration – a new handrail, and continuing work on the property's boundary – to be prioritized with the meeting's and trustees' (for capital improvements) input of desires and budget considered.

P&G's clerk noted that the trustees meet in the spring and P&G will present a plan at that meeting. A friend suggested that the meeting also be clear on its contribution.

Discussion ensued concerning the use of facilities on the property with considerations of safety, First Day School accommodation, budgetary constraints and carefully considered, cooperative long range planning.

The clerk stated the Operational Guidelines were meant to guide this decision-making, and threshing still needs to be done with committees cooperating to support each other, suggesting a priority list be made by P&G for consideration at the February all-clerk's meeting.

Meeting closed with silent worship.

*Nancy Robbins, Recorder at meeting*

*D. Rein, Recorder*

## Spiritual Formation Program

This is sponsored by our Worship and Ministry Committee in collaboration with Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

*Do you seek a deeper spiritual experience?*

The Spiritual Formation Program is composed of retreats, personal spiritual disciplines, Quaker and associated readings, devotional groups, and prayerful support. These combine to provide a structured community in which each member may discern God's call and prepare to follow it. During the nine months, many insights and deep relationships are forged. Participants agree to participate in their small reading group and their smaller spiritual support group monthly and to attend each of the three retreats. The program is open to all who wish to attend and is led by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Facilitators at Third Haven Friends Meeting.

--Retreat dates for the Spiritual Formation Program are:

Weekend of March 24-26, 2017; Saturday June 3, 2017 all day;

Weekend of November 17-19, 2017

Registration is now available – for registration material or questions, please contact

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Friends shared their Spiritual Formation Program experiences.



## **Friends Music Camp**

This message is from Pam Wilkinson, a co-director of Friends Music Camp, a Quaker-run music camp which takes place at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. "We are actively seeking campers for our sessions this summer. I'm sure it's hard to imagine planning the summer when 2017 is barely upon us but I know many people make decisions about their summer early in the year, so I wanted to get in touch to offer a little more information!

The camp is open to campers from 10 to 18 years old at all musical levels. Our session this year runs from July 9 to August 6, 2017. For campers between 10 and 12 years old, there is an option for a two-week session only, which runs from July 9 to July 23.

During the summer, campers attend lessons, sing in the chorus, play in large and small ensembles, act in a musical theater production, take classes, and, of course, have ample time for hanging out and having fun. We ask that prospective campers have had lessons for at least one year on their chosen instrument, OR that they have participated in a school orchestra, band or choral program for at least one year. Evening activities include capture the flag, a dance, outside speakers, visits to the local pool, and other fun activities. Both students and staff perform at weekly recitals and on weekend concerts.

This is a wonderful experience for any young music student. There is a great deal of information about FMC on our website, [www.friendsmusiccamp.org](http://www.friendsmusiccamp.org) Please feel free to take a look and pass this information along to anyone who might be interested in FMC! You will also be receiving some materials by snail mail sometime in the next month or so. If you have any questions about FMC, feel free to contact me at any time!" Sincerely, Pam Wilkinson [pamwilkinson89@gmail.com](mailto:pamwilkinson89@gmail.com)

*No human being is illegal.*

## **Southern Quarterly Meeting Report**

**Southern Quarter** was held at Wicomico Meeting on Sunday, January 15, 2017. Meeting was at 11 pm. 24 people were present. A delicious lunch was served after rise of meeting.

Camden Meeting was given a grant of \$10,000 for Little Creek burial ground and Camden raised the rest of the money for the walls to be redone around the grave site.

Chester River Meeting has changed their time to 10 am. There is a meditation group that meets there and some are attenders at First Day worship.

Lewes Meeting held an Islamic night and had 85 people attend. Three Islamic people were also there. Cadbury is now a 5 star facility. Sharon left brochures on Peace and gave a story book to Third Haven that was written and illustrated by Russian and Czechoslovakian children on peace and getting along with others.

At Wicomico Meeting Buddhists meet on Monday night to use their facilities. They have also added solar panels at the cost of remaining on the grid and get a check for power not used. Susan Holt will be the new Clerk taking the place of John Bowers.

Dana Kester-McCabe mentioned there is a film coming out called "Walking While Black - a Movie". She will be e-mailing me a link to information on this, which I will pass on.

Trudy from Chester River has been looking for someone to take her place as recording clerk for Southern Quarter. Sharon Hoover from Lewes, DE volunteered, only if a younger person helped her.

It was announced that a Clerking session would be given at Third Haven Meeting by Arthur Larrabee on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Anyone interested needs to contact Third Haven. Also a Spiritual Formation Program will be held at Third Haven from March 2017 till November 2017. The fee is \$50.

We were introduced to Roy Zatcoff who is PYM Quarterly Representative. If the Quarter needs help with anything, he can be contacted at [rjzatcoff@gmail.com](mailto:rjzatcoff@gmail.com) or his phone number is 1-215-760-8273.

It was mentioned that anyone interested in classes at Pendle Hill can call and see if there are matching funds available to help with the cost.

There was mention of Millington Burial Grounds reverting back to PYM. Evidently there are some graves in a small area surrounded by a fence. This was something no one had recently been notified of. Roy Zatcoff will be looking into this situation and reporting back to us.

One member suggested we write a Minute about "What a Beloved Community Would do". The concern was homeless, hungry people in our own communities, and the severe drug epidemic. There were 5 volunteers: Tom from Salisbury, Lorraine Claggett, John Schreiner and Susan Holt.

The issue of Bail Reform was discussed.

The meeting adjourned. Next meetings will be May 21, 2017 at Camden, and October 15, 2017 at Chester River and 1-21-18.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Connie Lewis*

**Announcements:**

Third Haven Announcements	<a href="http://www.thirdhaven.org/announcements.php">http://www.thirdhaven.org/announcements.php</a>
Calendar of Activities	<a href="http://www.thirdhaven.org/calendar.php">http://www.thirdhaven.org/calendar.php</a>
Online directory	<a href="http://www.thirdhaven.org/members/dir.php">http://www.thirdhaven.org/members/dir.php</a>

## Clerking and Quaker Process Workshop

On January 28<sup>th</sup> twenty-five members and attenders attended a workshop on Quaker process as used in Meeting for Business and committee meetings. The presenter, Arthur Larrabee, former General Secretary of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, had distilled his weekend long Pendle Hill retreat into an active day for the group. Quaker process focuses on seeking a Godly outcome in our decision making. Having participating decision makers understand the expectations and nuances of this process facilitates our spiritual participation and helps the clerk leading the meeting, resulting in decisions of benefit to the entire community. Lunch was provided by many contributors and savored by all.



**Friends and friends continue the Thursday Peace vigil in front of the Talbot County Court House.** Woman's March people joined the Thursday night vigil group on the night before Trump's inauguration.



**Faith and Practice Revision Studied**



## Friends Building Community



## Support needed

Stand with Syrian refugees and all marginalized communities. The American Friends Service Committee provides much-needed emergency relief. Your gift goes for food, fuel, medicine, blankets, heaters, rent assistance, essential education and trauma healing to ensure smoother transitions into other cultures. Here is their link:

<https://www.afsc.org>

## **Coming Attractions:**

### **February 10-12 (Friday through Sunday)**

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### **March 23 (Thursday)**

Inward Bound Quiet Day

Join us for a day of peace and inward renewal at the Common Room and grounds of the meeting 10am to 3pm (pot-luck lunch at 12 noon). Join Third Haven Friends in a silent retreat that offers a day of listening for the Light within, contemplation, reading, walking the grounds, writing, and self-chosen art activities. We enjoy a shared, silent potluck lunch, and end our session with a short sharing session. Come for all or part of the retreat.

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