



THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING

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“In all debates, let truth be thy aim, not victory, or an unjust interest.”
— William Penn

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Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
8th Day, Fifth Month, 2022

Opening Silent Worship – Clerk Molly Brian opened the meeting with a period of silent worship at 11:41 a.m.

Attending: (hybrid) 26 Molly Brian, Mia Brown Echerd, Susan Claggett, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Kristina Herold, Marie Leonard, Steven Meixner, Beth Mufson, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, John Schreiner, Priscilla Sener, Jonathan Slocum, Nancy Stanford, Ben Tilghman, Paige Tilghman, John Turner, Kevin Walsh, Winslow Womack, Mary Yancey,

Comments on Fifth Query (read at Meeting for Worship)

Per the first query: Quaker History has been shared with our community during the Home and Garden tour and the Multicultural Festival. Asbury Methodist, our sister church, had an all you can eat pancake breakfast yesterday morning.

Worship and Ministry seeks ideas for religious education activities, resuming our active role from before the Covid pandemic. The committee would welcome more members. Get in touch with Jonathan Slocum to volunteer.

Approval of minutes from Fourth Month business meeting **Approved**

Clerks Desk

Clerk Molly Brian will be gone May 22- to the end of August and can be reached by email or What's App, but not text or phone. Stephanie French is taking over detention center library and Asbury Methodist outreach work. The Outreach Committee will coordinate visits worshipping at Asbury Methodist, our sister church. September they will have a new pastor, and we will plan to meet together.

Southern Quarter will meet at Wicomico Monthly Meeting on September 25th. Details will follow.

Mark Beck's Memorial Meeting for Worship is May 21st at 1 p.m. with a reception in the Common Room. Zoom at our normal Meeting for Worship link will be available.

Sarah Claggett/Tim Nowicki's Meeting for Worship wedding is May 28th at 3 p.m. in the Old Meeting House.

Trustee Annual Report- *Adrienne Rudge, President of Trustees of Third Haven Monthly Meeting Accepted*

Seventy-four years ago, the members of our meeting took the bold step of incorporating the Trustees of Third Haven Monthly Meeting. One factor that influenced their decision was the possibility that Third Haven might have to be "laid down," in which case our historic Meeting House and graveyard would revert to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. The Trustees became owners of the buildings and grounds and began to grow what one could call an endowment for THFM.

Funding for the Trustee accounts has come from donations, legacy gifts and from the growth of investments. Traditionally the Trustees support capital projects, large and small. In the 1980's, the construction of the Common Room was partially financed by the Trustees, and in the 1990's a major restoration of the Old Meeting House was supported by nearly \$450,000 of Trustee funds.

Nearly two years ago, under the leadership of Bill Lane, the Trustees embarked on another restoration project of the Old Meeting House. Since then, a laser scan of the meetinghouse has been completed and dendrochronology confirmed lumber and doors dating from 1680 and 1709. In addition, the plaster was stabilized by Christopher Mills Plaster Conservation Services. Consideration is being given to ways of promoting passive ventilation in the building.

James Mosner has begun the work of restoring the 14 windows in the meetinghouse but a shipment of glass from Germany has been held up, prolonging that process. Other work to be done includes siding repair and painting. Willie Graham, an architectural historian, is providing oversight and will produce a report that includes a long-range maintenance plan.

Current Trustees are Larny Claggett, Marsie Hawkinson, Bill Lane, Allan Mielke, Diana Rein, Adrienne Rudge and Priscilla Bond Sener.

I urge all members and attenders to support the preservation work of the Trustees of Third Haven Monthly Meeting by making an outright gift or by designating a legacy gift in their estate plans.

Comments:

Property and Grounds expressed concerns about the slow process on Old Meeting House windows restoration. Supply chain delays are a factor. The topic will be referred to Bill Lane and Willie Graham.

A member thought it would be wonderful to have a sharing with the trustees no matter what. Members rarely have an opportunity to understand/communicate with them. Moisture under the Old Meeting House has been addressed. The Brick Meeting House has a vapor barrier on the dirt in the crawl space. Reduction of rhododendron should reduce brick moisture problems. Ventilation on both buildings continues to be addressed.

Budget & Finance: Presentation of Proposed Budget for FY 2021-22 – Ben Tilghman

A copy of the current FY 22-23 proposed budget has been sent to all clerks for their final approval. Additionally, copies were made available for all attendees of the Meeting for Business. The expense portion of the budget is considered mostly complete, and the finance committee will begin work on the income side within the next week or so. The Finance committee will present the completed budget for final approval at Meeting for Business in June.

For FY 21-22, current projections indicate we will experience a modest shortfall in income in the last two months of the fiscal year. Molly and Tom are in the process of preparing a letter to Members and Attenders outlining our current financial position; we anticipate that we will be asking for additional funds to ensure we end the year in the free of any shortfall.

Some Committees have not reported any expenditures against their 21-22 budget, it is requested that those committees either submit receipts for expenditures made to date, or revise their 22-23 budgets to reflect their actual projected costs. Note that the budget for Hospitality is intended to fund the routine hospitality after Meeting and stock the kitchen with basic supplies, and is not intended to fund any specific committee events where food is involved. Committees hosting events pay out of their budget funds. The Budget must be finalized by June Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

Comments:

A member proposed that the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting contribution should increase. Since 1996 we give per covenant decided by the Meeting and paid quarterly. The current amount, \$17,500, has been stable since 2017. Proposal was \$1000 additional. Others prefer to stay with current covenant given state of the current budget. Individuals are encouraged to make personal contributions to PYM. PYM provides supports via First Day School, insurance for the property and other services. The sense of the Meeting is to consider a possible increase contribution for FY 2023-24 budget but continue with current amount for the upcoming year.

Annual contributions to AFSC and FCNL should be a regular part of the budget. It could also be a set amount under contributions under Testimonies and Concerns Committee as a recurring commitment.

A contribution solicitation letter to be sent prior to end of the fiscal year is in the works. The goal is to balance income and expenses.

Update Summer Camps and First Day School- Susan Claggett

The 2022 Third Haven Summer Mindfulness camp will be held on the Meeting grounds on July 11-14, 2022 from 9-1130. There are currently 13 students ages 6-12 and the camp registration is full. Many thanks to Amy Owsley and Tania Harrison for registration and advertisement on our website. The camp teachers this year will be Cherie Baron and Liam Ewing will be junior counselor. Any questions please contact Susan Claggett, FDS Clerk

Update Planning Committee- Tom Corl

The Planning Committee completed the 3rd and final charrette on 4.22. The PC met on 5.2 to discuss the 3rd charrette and evaluate the 3 firms' relevant experience, similar projects, approach and suitability. This led to a ranking of the 3 firms. This ranking will not to be made public until we have selected a firm for the planning contract and eliminated the other 2. At the 5.2 meeting the PC discussed a design proposal from Winslow Womack and his cautionary note about what and how much, we need to do now.

At the next meeting on 5.18, the PC will review and revise an updated scope of work for the planning contract, to address: a masterplan, a building program and land use improvements. The updated scope of work will be the basis for a meeting with the leading firm to begin to explore the details of the deliverables, the process and the cost of the planning contract.

There are not enough funds in the Meeting Building Fund (MBF) to cover the cost of a planning contract, When the PC has a more accurate cost estimate, the PC will request funds be transferred from reserves to the MBF to cover the planning contract. Trustees may be willing to help support the planning contract.

The planning contract and masterplan will help the PC and the Meeting better understand our building program and land use needs, alternatives for meeting these needs, priorities and sequencing. The planning contract will not produce precise estimates of cost for land use and the building program. The Meeting will need to raise a great deal of money over some period of time to carry out the building program and land use improvements.

A copy of "Vision, Purpose and Guidance," 5.3.22, was presented for Meeting information, based on the "Third Haven Guiding Principles," approved at the 12.22.2016 meeting for business. This has been updated to reflect discernment in the PC planning process and the 3 charrettes. The PC plans to review and may approve this at the 5.18. This can be used in the planning contract development work.

Land Use Planning Subcommittee- Mary Yancey

Final meeting will occur this week with Morgan State Landscape graduate students on Thursday at 1 p.m. available on Zoom. See link in announcements. This committee will then synthesize the ideas.

New Business

The Testimonies and Concerns sponsored meeting with Food Network Coop was successful. Around 15 people are interested. Tell Paige Tilghman if interested. It will take a month to get registered.

Note for history that in the Recorder's recent census of the Meeting, people moving away was influenced by the Covid 19 pandemic.

The four graduates to be honored in June 5, 2022 during Moving Up Day are Molly McCall and Anya Eshram graduating from 8th grade; Serena Claggett, graduating from Annapolis High School and Maya Claggett, graduating from Earlham College.

Property and Grounds plans to remove Brick Meeting House venetian blinds during the Summer. **Approved.**

Closing Silent Worship 12:40 p.m.

D. Rein, Recorder

May in Review

The Talbot County Garden Club held their annual Tour and Pilgrimage on May 7th. Third Haven Friends Meeting was where ticket holders picked up boxed lunches. Friendly Presences answered questions and showed people the Old Meeting House and grounds

After mid- May, both fourth day and first day Meetings for Worship moved to the Old Meeting House. The Meeting has enjoyed the beautiful window art that the children made during last week's First Day School. During the Children's program was on May 15 at 10am, the children were outside exploring and reviving the garden near Clay's house. Sarah Hilderbrand wrote, "We had a good time this morning. Ben, Wyatt, Brodie, Elliot and Jackson joined First Day. The energetic crew used their senses to learn about some flowers in the children's garden and then pulled some weeds and each planted a black-eyed Susan. It was really nice to have Mary's help.



The final Morgan State Landscape Architecture studio review on Thursday, May 12, at 1pm via Zoom.

The Meeting conducted a memorial service, in the manner of Friends, for our beloved member Mark Beck, on May 21, Saturday, at 1:00 pm, in the 1684 meetinghouse.



Our clerk, Molly Brian writes, "As announced, I will be gone May 22 to the end of August. I can be reached by email and What's App (Molly Burgoyne Brian) but not by phone or text. Tom will be here but may call on some of you to help when he is on vacation this summer. Stephanie will be in charge of the Detention Center Library and the Outreach Committee will help with those who would like to worship and visit Asbury during the summer. Mark your calendars for Sept 25th for our next SQM at Wicomico Friends. I'll miss you wonderful folks and will hold you all In the Light as I make my way across the globe! Thank you for all you do." Molly

The Third Haven Outreach Committee had a table at the Multicultural Festival last week. Attenders shared prayers to be held in the light.

oration partodos - prayers for all living beings

Peace for the world - For family and all incarcerated

For my family [heart] and peace. - peace for Ukrainians

Oracion por mi familia. - for my dogs that are very sick

Seniors & Adult children. - For Women's rights

For my family do not bully. - thank you for everything

partners in care. - Peace on earth to all

Poder ver un dar q mi familia que esta lejos

At **Moving Up Day** on June 5 Susan Claggett read greetings from graduates who are afar and acknowledged children present and moving to the next grade. Graduates are Maya Claggett from Earlham College, Serena Claggett from Annapolis High School, Molly McCall from the Country School, Anya Ehram from 8th grade, and Laura Claggett with an MBA from the Wharton School of Business. Sharing their future grades were Wyatt and Benjamin Sweeney, Brody Grundlach, and Chelsey and Damian Kesler, who also carried in our gifts for graduates.



The wedding of Sarah Claggett and Tim Nowicki, took place under the care of the Meeting, on Saturday, May 28, at 3:00 pm.



Announcements

Our newsletter circulates during the first week of each month to enable readers to review the minutes of the most recent meeting for worship with attention to business.

Testimonies & Concerns Committee is pleased and excited to be moving ahead with the Food Link System for Third Haven Friends Meeting and we hope great synergy will come about and wonderful food offerings at Hospitality will follow - as well as doing our part to reduce waste and cost from the food system. Thank you, Paige Tilghman

Third Haven Summer Mindfulness outdoor camp

is set for July 11-14, 2022 from 8-12 Monday-Thursday. The camp enrollment is currently full. The teachers are Cherie Baron and Kristin Hanlon. Jr counselor is Liam Ewing. If any member is interested in being a friendly presence for the camp, please talk with Susan or Amy Owsley.

Talbot Interfaith Shelter is opening their second house!

Talbot Interfaith Shelter will be able to open the doors of "Evelyn's Place" right next door to the original shelter, "Easton's Promise." This means that more people will be able to benefit from the extraordinary program TIS provides to help people get from homelessness to self-support. For Third Haven Friends Meeting this means that our commitment must increase as well. Instead of every other month, alternating with Grace Lutheran Church, our meeting will provide dinner to one of the houses every month. We will work with Grace Lutheran to fill the shift teams.

Sarah will not be in town on June 17, July 17, or August 17 this summer. We need volunteers from Third Haven to take the lead on these three dinners. Sarah has plenty of ideas for menus which can be easily put together, as well as instruction for delivery. The number and ages of the dinner guests will be provided a week or so ahead. Contact Sarah Sayre Thank you!

Control +Click for article from PYM [Supporting Children & Teens After Violent News](#) In the last two weeks we have been repeatedly confronted with gun violence. The 3 recent events have happened in the kinds of everyday places that should be safe — the grocery store, church, and school. How do we talk to children about gun violence?

COVID notification

Tom Corl writes, “COVID infection rates are up significantly in Talbot County, though the base over 7 days is not large. The Meeting Community must continue to be careful. The current variants seem to be highly contagious but most everyone I know who tested positively recently have not gotten very sick. I urge all who attended to monitor for symptoms, test and quarantine as may be appropriate

Ukrainian refugees

Jeanne Halpin forwarded this message: “The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Easton is beginning the process of putting together a coalition to sponsor Ukrainian refugees to settle in our community. There are financial and logistical considerations to meet and we would like to have partners in this endeavor. If your church or you as an individual would like more information or would like to join us, please contact me at the email address below.” David Stevens, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Easton Social Justice Committee

Fridays

Zoom Happier Hour 7 PM

Zoom happier hour conversation is scheduled on Fridays at 7:00 pm. Typically, about 7-10 people use the hour to reconnect, share news and again, offer fellowship. Please consider joining our group. Use the Zoom for Meeting for Worship to join.

June 12 (Sunday) Meeting for Worship

Meeting for Worship will be held in the Old Meeting House this Sunday at 10 am. with simultaneous virtual meeting. Please try to contribute non-perishable food for the Neighborhood Service Center.

June 15 (Wednesday) Wednesday Meeting for Worship 5:30 PM Meeting for Worship will be held in the Old Meeting House from 5:30 to 6pm with simultaneous virtual meeting.

June 19 [Sunday]

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business has been rescheduled to follow Meeting for Worship on June 19. Please forward agenda items to Tom Corl after June 7.

June 26 [Sunday]

Spiritual Journey

Lucy Lamm Bond will present her Spiritual journey at the rise of meeting for worship, after hospitality, on First Day, June 26.

July 3 [Sunday]

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Priscilla Sener will present her Spiritual journey at the rise of meeting for worship, after hospitality, on First Day, July 3.