



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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April 2020 NEWSLETTER

Both the Meeting Houses are closed to curtail spread of infection
Our silent worship has been known in the past to adjust to extended periods of isolation.

Friends are advised to place God, not themselves, in the center of the universe and, in all aspects of inward life and outward activity, to keep themselves open to the healing power of the Spirit of Christ.

— *Advices, I*

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Eighth Day Third Month 2020

Opening Silent Worship Molly Brian, Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:40 a.m. with a brief period of silence

Attending: 27 attended: Molly Brian, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, Doreen Getsinger, Whitley Gray, Jeanne Halpin, Marsie Hawkinson, Larissa Kitenko, Bill Lane, Marie Leonard, Connie Lewis, Steven Meixner, Nathan Mullen, Amy Owsley, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, Dona Sorce, Paige Tilghman, Ben Tilghman, Kevin Walsh, Winslow Womack, Mary Yancey

Comments on Third Query- The introduction was welcome. Worship and Ministry provides many activities for spiritual nurture. Spiritual gifts are evident among our community and intriguing to consider, note the Pendle Hill pamphlet on Spiritual Gifts.

Approval of minutes from February business meeting- Approved



Clerks Desk- Molly Brian

The clerk suggested an alternative to shaking hands, avoiding causing harm, by bowing with greeting of Namaste “the light within me honors the light within you.”

Worship sharing about our planning envisioning our future for Third Haven Meeting elicited thoughtful responses from all.

We are preserving the past and planning for the future, deepening our values. Another session on the second query: What facilities will be needed to realize *your own* vision in the long-term? is planned for March 29 after hospitality.

Southern Quarter-What do we visualize for a quarterly meeting? This is a small quarter but Third Haven is the largest meeting. Grace Cook from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting suggested a variety of available speakers or working together on a project. We may need to be the impetus for these steps to invigorate the quarterly meeting. Southern Quarter meets in May at Wicomico Monthly Meeting. Maryland Quaker Voice may be something to share there as well.

Communications Annual Report – *Marie Leonard for John Hawkinson Accepted*



This year we have added Beth Mufson as our official Photographer. Our next most recent member, Amy Owsley keeps us up to date on the First Day school. Marie Leonard, plans to publish a new Meeting Directory with current updates. Tatiana Harrison sustains the website, Dee Rein monitors the meeting's telephone messages and prepares the newsletter, John Hawkinson responds to the meeting's e-mail messages as well as sending out announcements and newsletters.

The primary work of our group is to provide weekly announcements and a monthly newsletter and keep the directories and website current. In this latter regard, each committee clerk will be asked to review and update their portions of the Third Haven website <http://www.thirdhaven.org/index.php>. In addition, we respond promptly to a variety of questions, directing each call or e-mail to the appropriate committee or member. We appreciate the support and input of the meeting.

Comments: The communications committee responds quickly, especially for First Day School. Website updates are in the works. All committees are encouraged to update since this draws younger people who are engaged by social media and like to interact there. Webmaster Tania was praised for her efforts and responsive aid to those wishing to post on the website. We might wish to add an Instagram account.

Facilities Use Annual Report - *Larissa Kitenko Accepted*



Third Haven Friends Meeting continues to provide a quiet, reflective space for the Meeting's activities, Members' outside activities as well as the meetings of non-members.

Detailed data on usage and the 2017 approved donation and fee structure policies are available on the Third Haven website.

In 2019 368 meetings took place and donations for usage were \$4734.

CONSIDERATIONS:

1 – In answer to a question posed at the recent All Clerks' Meeting,

Facilities Committee will check with Planning Committee whether it is useful for them to know the number of people who attend committee meetings and events in the 3 buildings at THFM. Please write attendance numbers on the paper calendar.

2 - Scheduling on the Paper Calendar/Syncing with On-Line Calendar

Members are notifying Facilities Committee for the majority of requests of dates/times for meetings, Weddings or Memorials either by contacting Larissa Kitenko (e-mail/text) or Adrienne Rudge.

Non-members typically leave a voice message on Third Haven's answering machine or contact the website administrator. Interestingly, non-members use our on-line calendar to decide when to schedule an event. All phone requests are forwarded by Communications Committee to Larissa. There is frequent communication between Facilities and Communications Committees.

3 - Appropriateness of facility fees

The current system of categorizing meeting/event types seems to be working well.

4 - Donations

Donations are forwarded by the Facilities Comm or Friendly Presence to our Treasurer in a timely manner along with a clear description of the event and its date and time. There is frequent communication between Facilities Committee and the Treasurer regarding upcoming events and their expected donations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1 – Members to continue checking the Common Room Calendar and notifying Facilities Committee of desired dates/times for their event.

This will: inform the Committee
 prevent double-bookings
 insure a Friendly Presence at each event
 collect & record donations in a timely manner
 insure clean-up

2 - Continue the current donation schedule.

3 – Continue communications among Treasurer, Facilities and Communications Committees as well as other committees s needed.

Comments: An increase in activity was noted. We are currently working around the space we have to accommodate activities. Our planning process will consider the nature of our needs. Young families need safe space for enhanced programs, which are now limited by current space.

FDS Update- Amy Owsley & Susan Claggett Approved

Little Spices is up and running for spring for 6 Fridays with 14 children attending including new families. The topics are Quaker SPICES (Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality, and Stewardship). All families were interested in information about Third Haven.

Summer camp sessions beginning June 29 and July 7 are planned and will be advertised for ages 5-12.

First Day School divided up today with different topics for different age groups. We are working to have relevant topics for older children.

Proposed is partner collaboration with Peach Blossom Learning Group for older children. This is First Day School outreach with aid from Peach Blossom, which has liability insurance and paperwork processing ability. The program will focus on our queries on Friday mornings September- May in 6 week sessions, from 9a.m.-12 for 5 sessions, ages 5-14 in two age groups on the grounds and in the Common Room for school year 2020-2021 with 12-20 children. Emphasis will be on science, art, health and wellness. A query on betterment of the community will provide a project for each session. The program will be budget neutral and cover expenses for the Meeting.

Planning Committee Update- Ben Tilghman



4 responses from architects have returned from 7-8 solicitations. Now we are trying to whittle that down, keeping in consideration previous exposure to Quaker values. 3 firms have visited the site. All 4 will be invited for a charrette (a meeting of 4 hours each with high powered, detailed presentations with initial visualizations, drawings or models.) Meeting members may attend. The committee will provide preliminary background information. Suggested is a stipend of \$1200 per firm to cover costs and add an arms length quality to the transaction. Requested: \$5000 to support the vetting process for executing the long range plan. Cash reserves outside our budget exist to cover this. The future planning fee will be somewhere from \$10-

20,000 for a master plan in the future. A member suggested donations of \$100 to support this purpose. **\$5000 from current funds-Approved**

Testimonies and Concerns committee update- Paige Tilghman Accepted



The Climate Reality Project, hosted at THM on February 20, featured speaker, Bob Ellis, Philadelphia Climate Reality Project, who provided an overview of current climate conditions worldwide and the impact new technology is having on energy generation and consumption. The evening attracted over 60 participants from the wider community. Dona Source and Mary Yancey gathered email addresses for continued correspondence and news from the CCAM, a statewide advocacy group that seeks to impact change. The activity is prorated through the T&C Committee at this time as part of the committees interest in impacting climate change locally.

The T&C Committee recommends a total of \$300 of funds from the Schoffner International Education Fund for disbursement (\$150.00 each) to the Bolivia Quaker Education Fund and the Patajmos School in Guatemala. The Friends Fiduciary reports (December 2019) the Schoffner International Education Fund had a Market Value of \$19,476.07 and a Cash Value of \$14,622.81. T&C makes this modest distribution in keeping with a goal to grow the Cash Value of the fund to \$20,000 to provide interest in come for distribution.

T&C reminds members that the 2019 Giving Guide, (to be distributed again with

announcements), was distributed in December, as a guide for charitable donations. The Giving Guide was organized around the PYM Queries to encourage charitable in keeping with our Query considerations. In addition to this reminder of charitable giving, we would like to recommend a consideration of contributions to the Quaker United Nations Office

<https://quno.org/donate>

<mailto:www.qunony@afsc.org>

to direct funds and resources to central Africa being impacted by the Locust blight and sure to require additional food this summer. Members are currently involved in immigration work.

Annual Budget- Cynthia Quast



Committee clerks are reminded that the Budget & Finance Committee will be starting work on the 2020-2021 budget in April. Cynthia reported that she had sent out an email to all the clerks asking for their budget requests for our next fiscal year. The deadline for clerks to send Cynthia their budget requests is March 31, 2020.

New Business -

Photos of meeting participants may be useful, perhaps on a bulletin board. Contact Marie Leonard if you are interested. A template might allow people to volunteer their own photos. Finding space for such a display is an issue.

April meeting for worship with attention of business will be the third week, April 19th.

The New Members and Attenders luncheon due to Center for Disease Control recommendations is postponed to a later date to be announced. **Approved**

The meeting closed with silent worship at 12:52 p.m.

D. Rein, Recorder

Announcements

The Third Haven 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. Other articles about the life of the meeting are welcome. Submit to John Hawkinson.

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

Committee Meetings have moved to Virtual Meetings on Zoom. Please contact the committee clerk for connection details.

April 19 Sunday Meeting for Business

Attend Virtual Meeting for Worship at 10 a.m. via Zoom and stay for Meeting for Worship for Business, or Zoom in at 11:15 a.m. to join in this important work of our community. Use the Zoom link in the Meeting for Worship article below. The agenda will be circulated with announcements.

Carbon Footprint Off-set

“Dear Friends at THMM, At Molly’s request I’m sending to the newsletter an innovative, uniquely Quaker way to off-set our carbon-footprint. Several Meetings in New England YM follow this. <https://www.mounttobyfriends.org/action/voluntary-carbon-tax-witness/> Meetings offer support to those of their members who are believed to be undertaking a spirit-led witness. A small group of Quakers in Cambridge, MA have come together to gain knowledge about our individual carbon footprints, and to calculate a related “carbon tax” on ourselves. We hope to raise awareness in making this calculation and garner more carbon offset contribution.

As a group we decide four times per year a non-profit organization to which to make our contributions. The amount for each witness is confidential and known only by the treasurer. This quarter we decided to focus on the removal of plastic from the oceans, and after some research have chosen to give our \$600 to Ocean Cleanup North Pacific Foundation. Other groups have been NE Grassroots Environment Fund, One Tree Planted, and Mothers Out Front.

The climate calculator is created by Stephen C. Gates, a Quaker from Cape Cod Members of Quaker Meetings in New England learn how to use the calculator—

<http://climatecalculator.org/ClimateCalculator.html>

New England Yearly Meeting would challenge all New England Quakers to reduce their carbon footprint by 10 percent between December 20 of this year and December 20 of next year. Carbon footprint is a measure of how much your activities ultimately depend upon fossil fuels, such as oil, gas or coal, Dr. Gates said. *submitted by Beth Claggett*

Virtual Meetings for Worship

First Day, Sunday 10 AM, Fourth Day, Wednesday 5:30 PM

In order to preserve the health and safety of Friends we are closing the buildings until further notice when they will have had a thorough disinfecting cleaning. Friends are still welcome to visit the grounds while keeping appropriate social distance.

You are invited you to try a virtual Meeting for Worship First Day at 10 a.m. and/or Wednesday at 5:30p.m. You will be able to see and hear those present and share in our very important sense of community and meeting.

We offer these meetings using Zoom, a program some of us host online. Below are the Zoom invitation links for use on a computer. This may be used every week. Follow the messages on your screen, such as Open URL Zoom launcher and other prompts to get your computer tied in to Zoom. A new feature is a phone number that can be used to join by phone. It will take you to the meeting room where your host will be waiting to help you. Brief support sessions are available. Further Information contact: 3rdhaven@gmail.com



Easter Celebration

Join us to celebrate Easter together in one virtual meeting. All are invited to bring their Easter bonnet creations to wear during announcements. It will be a virtual Easter Parade!

New Feature: Dial in to the Virtual Meeting by phone, landline or cell. Note the phone numbers below. If you know a computer free person who would like to join us, please share the numbers, meeting ID and password with them.

First Day 10 a.m. weekly

Fourth Day, WEDNESDAY 5:30-6:00 P.M.

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Password: 031419

Directory Information

The online meeting directory is up to date and available at

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

The new printed directory is in the final stage of editing and will be printed soon.

Climate Change

Dona Sorce has a call scheduled with a staff person from Climate Change Action network next week to talk about next steps re legislation that presented in the state legislature. If anyone is interested in participating in the call, the call is scheduled for Monday afternoon. Contact Dona for details.

First Day School

First Day School has been venturing into virtual First Day School and Family Connection events through Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and other monthly meetings. See more information below. In prior weeks books and activities have kept our young folks involved with all of our wonderful adult leaders.

First Day School Notes

April 4, 2020

Amy Owsley writes, “Boy, do we miss you all! Sure hope you and your families are doing well and taking good care. Third Haven’s kids and families sure have been missing their Quaker community; but, there are still ways we can connect!”

REMINDER: First Day School – Virtually! In addition to Third Haven’s virtual Meeting for Worship, there is also the option to join West Chester Meeting for their First Day School from 10-10:30 on Sundays. A couple of us at Third Haven have been joining these, and really enjoyed the stories, learning, and community – it couldn’t be easier to dial in, plus, we get to attend from our couch in PJs! This First Day School is led by the wonderful Melinda Wenner-Bradley, the Youth Religious Life Coordinator at Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM). This Sunday’s lesson is focused on caring and trees, with a little project to do at home. Coloring page for the lesson is attached; Zoom info is as follows:

Easter [April 12]

We are sorely going to miss our annual Easter Egg hunt next week. Sure would love to hear any ideas for how we might still be together but in a different way. Please send any thoughts to Amy and Susan. Thank you!

PYM Events: Also, for your calendars, here are some wonderful offerings via our Friends at Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM).

- Family Devotionals: (multiple AM and PM time choices) Thanks to NYYM Friend Emily Provance, families stretching from California to England are gathering daily for worship and fellowship! There is singing or centering, a story, and reflection on a simple query. These daily Zoom calls are designed for adults and children participating together. The audience primarily in mind is elementary school and preschool, but all are welcome. PYM's Youth Religious Life Coordinator will be leading the 7:00pm times on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Sign up her
- PYM VIRTUAL Quaker Family Meetup! Saturday, April 18 from 3-5pm Meetups are an opportunity for PYM Families of infants to teens to join together for fellowship, play, snacks and spiritual refreshment. PYM is moving this party online! Join PYM Families to check in, tell jokes, hear a story together, and share fellowship across our homes. BYOS! (Bring your own snacks this time:) More information on the PYM website: <https://www.pym.org/event/quaker-family-meetup/>

