



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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April 2022 NEWSLETTER

'Our earth is like one little polka dot, among millions of other celestial bodies, one orb full of hatred and strife amid the peaceful, silent spheres. Let's you and I change all that and make this world a new Garden of Eden...'

Yayoi Kusama.

Third Haven Friends Meeting **Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business** **Thirteenth Day Third Month 2022**

Opening Silent Worship – Clerk Molly Brian opened the meeting with a period of silent worship at 11:30 a.m.

Attending: (hybrid) 28 Molly Brian, Mia Brown Echerd, Susan Claggett, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Sandra Herbert, Kristina Herold, Marie Leonard, Connie Lewis, Steven Meixner, Beth Mufson, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, John Schreiner, Priscilla Sener, Jonathan Slocum, Dona Sorce, Nancy Stanford, Paige Tilghman, John Turner, Kevin Walsh, Winslow Womack, Harvey Zendt

Comments on Third Query- Deepening our Faith: Spiritual Nurture

A Friend was thinking of going deep to intensify our faith even before the query was read. Another was struck by the cleansing nature of silence.

Approval of minutes from February business meeting-Approved

Clerks Desk- *Molly Brian*

Update on Southern Quarterly Meeting

The state of Southern Quarter Meetings was covered and plans for the next meeting were made for September hopefully in person. Do we want to host this meeting here or prefer to travel? What September date would be good? Two open dates are 18th and 25th. Given our robust location and meeting, we are blessed. Perhaps we should take this opportunity

to visit other meetings, like Wicomico, who are finding their centers and strength. Asking Wicomico to host seemed appropriate, and the clerk will do so.

Relationship with Asbury United Methodist Church 5 of our members met with 5 Asbury members online this week. They have offered to do a concert for us; we would provide a potluck. Open dates are May 7 & 14, June 4/5, June 11, June 18/19, 25/26. Scheduling will consider First Day School moving up and Pastoral Care Members and Attenders luncheon schedules. The clerk will arrange with Asbury. We are also invited to worship with them (First Day at the same time as our Meeting for Worship) as well as visiting to see their renovation. Asbury is also planning a June Tenth celebration for which we invited to help.

Facilities Use 2021 Annual Report - Larissa Kitenko, presented by Adrienne Rudge- Accepted as Amended

<u>TYPES OF USAGE 2021</u>	<u>NUMBER TIMES ON CALENDAR</u>	<u>DONATION (per Treasurer)</u>
<u>TYPE 1 Meetings</u>		NONE
Third Haven Committees & Functions; Other Quaker Mtgs		
A Course in Miracles	43	
All Clerks	2	
Budget & Finance		
Caregiver Support	18	
Christmas Potluck Lunch, Carols	1	
Clean-up Day	2	
Clearness Comm	1	
Coffee w/Susan	11	
Dream Group	25	
Eldership	1	
Facilities Use Comm	1	
Land Use Comm (aka Grounds Plan)	3	
<u>TYPES OF USAGE 2021</u>	<u>NUMBER MEETINGS PER CALENDAR</u>	<u>DONATION (per Treasurer)</u>
Happier Hour	53	
Holding In Light (Healing)	5	
Intro to Quaker Mtg	3	
Journal Group	51	
Journal Group #2	7	
Light Meditation	23	
Long-Range Planning	35	
Meeting for Business	10	
Meeting for Worship with Pendle Hill	54	
Mtg for Worship(Wed)	2	
	51	
Native Plant Swap	2	
New Members & Attenders' Luncheon	--	
Nominating Comm	10	
Outreach Comm	2	
Pastoral Care Comm	12	
Peace Pole	1	
Property & Grounds Comm	12	
Property		
Ground Work (water)	2	
Laser Scan (OMH)	5	
Restoration	2	

Scholarship Committee	1	
Smart Recovery	48	
Spiritual Journey	8	
Southern Quarter	1(Plan) + 1	
Testimony & Concerns	12	
T & C Luncheon	1	
Trustees' Meeting	1	
Worship & Ministry Comm	14	
Worship Sharing	1	
SUBTOTAL	540	N/A
<u>First Day School</u>		
First Day FDS	16	
Children's Garden	1	
Moving Up Day	1	
Christmas	1	
Halloween	1	
Summer Camp	4	1400
SUB TOTAL	24	1400
<u>TYPE 2 Meetings</u>		DONATION
Asbury Meth Bazaar	1	
Holiday Art Sale Planning	4	
Holiday Art Sale	1	\$89.23
Improv Class	2	\$56
Meditation Class	1	\$30
MidShore Mediation	2	
SUB TOTAL	10	175.23
<u>TYPE 3 Meetings</u>		DONATION
Bus Tours	1	0
SUB TOTAL	1	0
<u>TYPE 4 Meetings</u>		DONATION
Memorials MK Shean Susan Dickinson Ken Carroll Sally Vermilye Jane Escher	5	
SUB TOTAL	5	
2021 TOTAL	580	\$1565
2020 TOTAL	291	\$170
2019 TOTAL	368	\$4734
TOTAL 2018	348	\$5303
TOTAL 2017	330	\$2517
TOTAL 2016	-----	\$1544
TOTAL 2015	-----	\$1596
TOTAL 2014	-----	\$1721

CONSIDERATIONS:

1 – Due to the COVID pandemic, Third Haven Meetings for Worship, for Business, FDS, and other meetings were held via Zoom until May when meetings were held in-person, or hybrid format.

Third Haven was innovative in developing its own style of “hybrid” meetings for Worship, viz., combining an in-person with an on-line meeting all per state guidelines.

2 – The Meeting decided to use the Sunday Mtg for Worship Zoom link for all Zoom activities.

3 - The decreased usage of the facilities is reflected in the decreased number of in-person meetings and the decrease in donation.

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

Members are notifying Facilities Committee with plans for meeting times, Weddings, or Memorials.

Non-members leave a voice message on our answering machine or contact the web administrator. All such requests for facilities' use are forwarded to Facilities Committee.

5 - Appropriateness of facility donations

The current system of categorizing meeting/event types had been working well. This is listed on the webpage.

6- Donations

Donations have been forwarded by Facilities Comm/Friendly Presence to our Treasurer along with the event, date, and time.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1 - Members to continue informing Facilities Committee of desired dates/times for their in-person and on-line meetings/event. This insures that each Committee has on-line time.

2- Continue the current donation schedule.

3 - Continue communications among Treasurer, Facilities and Communications Committees.

Planning Committee Update – Tom Corl

Future meetings are planned. Site visits with architects have occurred and more are pending. One architect came with a site plan and ideas to share. The visits indicate the character of the companies; some have more technical expertise. All groups are worth consideration. Charettes are scheduled for April 6 and 22, May 2, 9, or 16th. By the end of April all 3 charette visits will be completed. Then we'll be in a position to proceed. Planning committee documents provided thus far are private and confidential. Please do not share or publicize.

Land Use Planning Committee Update- Priscilla Sener, Dona Sorce

The property survey is complete except for the burial ground. The back 4 acres part now shows mature trees and stream bed, setbacks and critical areas boundaries. Morgan State students presented their ideas on land use designs. This was a classroom exercise, not available for public distribution. They return April 18 and May 9th. Discussion covered striking a balance between public use and respectful care for the property. Feedback from the Meeting may take discernment, perhaps through a worship sharing. The stream restoration person from Town of Easton presented information on the Rails to Trails, which has a much more open view from Third Haven right now. Wooden fences and switch grass will be added to obscure the view and limit access to Third Haven. Currently trees have been planted. The caretaker has important ideas to contribute regarding the impact of visitors on the campus. Questions covered grading, the critical area, and the potential development area. Future paths for Rails to Trails are 5-10 years out. Coordination with the Town of Easton continues.

T&C Update- Paige Tilghman

As a faith-based community we seek to interact and create a project as a community. The highest interest topic was climate change: how we interact with our environment. A representative from the Cooperative Network, which makes available bulk food in a sustainable, energy efficient fashion, will present this organization on April 24th along with a potluck lunch at the rise of meeting.

Third Haven Logo Discussion- Marie Leonard

Copies of the proposed Third Haven logos were in the announcements. Creating a typographic identity for Third Haven Friends Meeting provides a consistent identity. The typefaces proposed are old and historic, showing a sense of history and longevity of Third Haven. These fonts were used in late 1600/1700. Tom Corl, John Hawkinson and Marie recommend the logo proposed to be used on directory, pathways to membership and other documents representing the meeting. Those present commented on the various options. The choices will be presented in the Common Room for further comments. The final choice will be available as a jpeg which is resizable for use; help will be provided.

New Business

The **apartment building** to the left of the driveway as you exit Third Haven has been sold. We need to interact with those people there with awareness of their use of our parking lot and property.

Closing Silent Worship 12:40 p.m.

D. Rein, Recorder

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

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

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

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.



First Day School

Next Children's program will be April 3 where we read the book "Together" and discuss ways to be peaceful inside. Don't forget Sunday April 17 is Easter where we will have our annual Easter celebration and egg hunt. Hope to see everyone at these upcoming events for families. Thank you, Susan Claggett FDS Clerk 410-200-6345

Our children's program on Sunday March 20 was a great success Our beloved summer camp instructors, Miss Cherie and Miss Kristin led the children of many families exploring and learning from our natural environment.

Testimonies and Concerns: For the latest from the **Maryland State Legislature** go to <http://www.Quakervoice.md.org> and also note the weekly report attached to announcements.

April 2 [Saturday] 8 AM to noon

2022 Spring cleanup & Spruce-up day

April 2 Morning (8 for the first comers to noon for the late bloomers)

A chance to get to know a different side of the meeting up close and in person. Tasks:

Weed the graveyard. Bet you've never done that before.

Sweep, dust, de-cobweb, vacuum (?) the old meetinghouse.

Weed and mulch the natural plant buffer. Weed ivy.

And the new big project – Paint Annie's Cottage!

Bring gloves, garden tools, rakes, shovels, paint scrapers, and, most importantly, yourself. This is not a hybrid meeting function.

Coffee and donuts (or the like) will be provided. And the meeting has rakes and shovels if you can't find yours.

See you then and thanks,

Larny Claggett

April 3 [Sunday]

Meeting for worship

Hybrid Meeting for Worship (Live in Brick Meeting House and on Zoom) will be held at 10 am. Donations of non-perishable food will be taken to the Neighborhood Service Center

April 3 [Sunday]

Spiritual Journey, Joan Wetmore

At the rise of meeting for worship, after hospitality, Joan Wetmore will present her Spiritual journey. This will be in person and available on Zoom. Please join us.

Detention Center Library

A small group from Third Haven and friends maintain the library at the Talbot County Detention Center. This was started many years ago by Ralph and Mary Young. The group would benefit from added members to replace the ones we've lost in the past couple years. Each volunteer works with a partner about once a month for about two hours. It involves checking books in and out with contact only with detention center staff. If you have time and inclination to join us please contact Stephanie French or Molly Brian.

Hospitality committee, Please consider signing up to help with hospitality. Volunteers needed in March, April and beyond. Sign up on the refrigerator in the Common Room or call Beth Mufson.

April 24 [Sunday]

POT LUCK LUNCH with speaker from Natural Systems Food Buying Cooperative Testimonies & Concerns offers a Presentation by Elizabeth Beggins including a pot luck meal on April 24th at the Rise of Meeting. Elizabeth will be providing information on the benefits of joining a Cooperative Network for purchasing food supplies, personal and household goods. Elizabeth is a member of the Natural Systems Food Buying Cooperative and will speak to us about the merits of joining a Food Cooperative, as an individual or a group; what is required to join a cooperative; and what the benefits may be from such actions.

Meetings and food collection resume in person With the decline in covid incidence in March, we have resumed hybrid meetings for worship, collection of food for the Neighborhood Service Center, hospitality, and committee meetings in the Common Room.

Printed 2022 directories are available in the Common Room to members and attenders.

The Papermill Branch Stream Restoration Project

Waterways were the roads of tidewater Maryland during colonial times. During the past 300 years, modes of travel have changed and many water connections have filled in and grown over. The Papermill Branch of the upper Tred Avon River is very close to the site our meeting. This is where we have seen earth moving equipment in action. In recent years improvement in watershed management has led to restoration of this vital link to our past. A major project in our back yard is clearly and beautifully described in this brief video. Link to video <https://youtu.be/u-z8pw3nGEO>

Peace Vigil Quakers from around the world are in anguish and deeply concerned with the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Our hearts are with the people of Ukraine and Quakers in the affected areas in this dark time.

The peace vigil continues at 5PM Thursday in front of the courthouse in Easton.

