



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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February 2020 NEWSLETTER

You have to be part of the solution when you see a problem.

Holly Kennedy

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.

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



In Attendance: Mark Beck, Gwen Beegle, Molly Brian, Tom Corl, Larney Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Robert Day, Stephanie French, Doreen Getsinger John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Larissa Kitenko, Bill Lane, Connie Lewis, Marie Leonard, Joyce Macijeski, Beth Mufson, Amy Owsley, Cynthia Quast, Carolyn Regan, Robert Regan, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Dona Sorce, Ben

Tilghman, Kevin Walsh, Winslow Womack, Mary Yancey

Opening Silent Worship 11:39am

Comments on the Query “Deepening Our Faith: Meeting for Worship” – a Friend commented that he would prefer to think of ‘expectant waiting’ to be “expectant seeking.” Another Friend offered that she would prefer the queries to be not quite as long or to have so many words, and that she would run this thought by the Worship and Ministry committee.

Approval of minutes for December business meeting – *approved*

Clerks Desk – 2019 state of the Meeting Report – the introductory page was handed out. The clerk mentioned that her practice has been to distill the annual reports of all the committees, but she decided this year to do the report in a different way. She answered 8 queries which were offered by PYM as a way to assess the state of a monthly Meeting. It gives a snapshot of where the Meeting has been and an idea of where Friends want to go. It is a snapshot given by one member, the Clerk, and she acknowledged that Friends may have opinions about this new format. Some discussion was had regarding the merits of short versus long reports. Brief reports are easier to absorb but posterity is considered with a longer report. A Friend mentioned the Spiritual Journeys and First Day conversations as important ways that the Meeting nurtures its members. Another Friend mentioned that new approaches are helpful in considering committee reports. It was approved that the report get sent in in this format, including the queries that were answered and the clarification that it is a draft. A Friend offered his appreciation for the brief version of the report read aloud today.

Third Haven Monthly Meeting State of Meeting Report 2019

Third Haven Monthly Meeting (THMM), located in Easton, MD, continues to be an active and engaged Quaker spiritual community. We have bi-weekly meetings for worship on Sundays at 10AM and Wednesday at 5:30PM. There is an active children's program on Sunday and other offerings through the week. Currently there are 165 members. Attendance on First Day ranges between 55-79. We have 15 children under 21. Our facilities were used 343 times in 2018. In 2019, we held 2 memorial services for members and had one wedding.

Our website; <http://www.thirdhaven.org>. Is up to date and informative. On this website, one can easily find annual reports by all committees. Our committees include: Pastoral Care, Worship and Ministry, First Day School, Outreach, Property and Grounds, Library, Budget and Finance, Scholarship, Facilities Use, Hospitality, Testimonies and Concerns and Nominating. The committees are vibrant and innovative and their work has been outstanding this year. Their programs have deepened our relationship in community and our spiritual growth. We have formed an ad hoc committee for long range planning to explore improvements to our campus to adjust for current and future growth.

This year, THMM will follow the guidelines written by Quaker Life Council and published on the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) website for our State of the Meeting Report. These queries allow us to consider what we have accomplished in 2019 and where we would like to put our energies going forward. Final approved document will be submitted to PYM by May 2020.

All Clerks Meeting is set to 8:30am Saturday 1/18/20.

Pastoral Care Annual Report for 2019– Dona Sorce

The purpose of the Pastoral Care Committee of Third Haven is to provide and maintain a caring meeting community.

During the past year, the committee has been represented by Lorraine Claggett, Tom Corl, Marsie Hawkinson, Adrienne Rudge, Dee Rein, and Dona Sorce.

In addition to ongoing efforts to reach out and maintain regular communication and support with individual members and attenders, the Pastoral Care Committee has sponsored the following activities:

- New Members and Attenders Lunch in March
- Clearness Meetings for the Purpose of Membership for three new members
- Development of an Aging as Friends resource list for Third Haven Members and Attenders
- Sponsorship of three information and discussion sessions for those concerned about resources related to aging and/or the need for additional care during illness
- Creation of policies and procedures for the use of the Burial Grounds at Third Haven In collaboration with the Property and Grounds Committee
- Revision of the Memorial Intentions form for Friends who desire support from the meeting with their memorial and/or burial plans

The committee looks forward to the addition of three new members in 2020, as well our ongoing development of programs and resources to assist members and attenders in a caring and supportive manner.

Treasurers Report – Cynthia Quast – A Friend asked about the increased expenses for Property and Grounds. Another question was asked about repairs to the caretaker’s house. The trustees underwrote these. There were teacher and camp expenses attached to the FDS budget.

Here is a recap of the Treasurer’s financials for the 2nd Quarter of our 2019/2020 fiscal year.

July 1 – December 31, 2019

Member Contributions	=	\$31,250	= 59 % of annual budget
Total Income	=	\$39,367	= 60 % of annual budget
Total Expenses	=	\$37,542	= 57 % of annual budget
Net Income	=	\$1,825	

First Day School- Amy Owsley – Little Spices update: a mom who is a preschool teacher has been tapped to teach the winter session. The program must be budget neutral to carry forward, and it will once enrollment is full. The Meeting agreed to this. FDS update: the spring schedule is coming along. Themes will be outside activity; peacemaking; Faith and Play and Godly Play stories with focus on the Bible; and Queries and Wonderings. There will be programs on the climate and basket making. FDS can always use adults to help herd and corral younger ones while older kids have age appropriate programs.

Long Range Planning- Ben Tilghman – Property and Grounds interjection: the caretaker has researched and found a system to improve sound for those who have hearing issues. It

is a microphone-based system. It would cost about \$2000. Research is ongoing and not yet complete. The system does require electricity. A Friend asked that Friends be encouraged to speak loudly in general. **LRP**: RFPs have been answered and some questions remain as to determining a good fit for our project budget and the appropriateness to the Third Haven community. One of the organizations will be doing a site visit on 1/20. A Friend voiced a concern that there be an avenue for Friends to participate in the discernment process for the scope of work before an architect begins consultation. The architects are indeed being asked for their input into the requirements needed themselves. It is realistic to expect the project to be at least a 5-year project. Nothing has been set in stone. The RFP itself is available for anyone to read. Ben has decided to back away from his responsibility as clerk for P&G so a new clerk will be needed. A Friend mentioned that the Long Range Planning Committee be made into a standing committee; several supportive voices were heard. A Friend reiterated this idea, since this process has been going on over 2 years already, and we are still not perfectly clear as to what our priorities and needs are. Nominating Committee was asked to address the outstanding needs for P&G and for the nascent LRP Committee. Nominating asks that interested Friends indicate their willingness to serve on the LRP Committee. The clerk asked that a decision be made to form LRP into a standing committee to which Meeting members will intermittently contribute— this was *approved*. A Friend asked that the Committee be called the Planning Committee – this was *approved*.

Request for directory address data - *Marie Leonard* – The new edition is approaching the stage where it will be approved prior to publishing. Friends are asked to make sure their info is updated/correct. Pastoral Care was asked to make sure members and attenders are listed correctly.

New Business – The issue of clerk for P&G was reiterated. The committee and Nominating will address this. Another Friend mentioned the undercurrent among members toward acting on the climate crisis, hoping this will be a galvanizing effort for our Meeting. Amy asked that FDS kids be included in this issue.

Closing Silent Worship 12:47pm

Testimonies and Concerns *Paige Tilghman* T&C met 1st month 12th at 8:45 in the Brick Meeting House to review the following business with committee members Connie Lewis, Stephanie France, Beth Mufson, Dona Sorce and Paige Tilghman.

Climate Reality Project

THF will be hosting a Climate Reality Project meeting on Thursday, February 20th at 5:30 p.m. in the Common Room, located at 405 South Washington Street in Easton. The community is invited to join us for a simple meal that will be followed by a 20 minute film about climate change and a discussion facilitated by Bob Ellis, Climate Reality Project, Philadelphia, who will help those gathered prioritize actionable projects that may be accomplished in our community. The Climate Reality Project, led by former Vice

president Al Gore, and CEO and President Ken Berlin, is a program that empowers people in a community to become climate change activists and equips them with the tools, training and network to achieve solutions and drive change planet wide. There are currently over 20,000 Climate Reality Leaders mobilizing communities in over 150 countries. The Climate Reality Project believes that equity, fairness and the fully engaged voice of frontline communities most impacted by climate change are essential components of an enduring solution. "To solve the climate crisis we must pursue a just transition to a clean energy economy that futures healthy and sustainable communities and ecosystems."

We encourage all who are interested in this topic to join us and bring something to contribute to the meal. Contact Harvey Zendt hzendt@yahoo.com to reserve a seat.

Immigration Task Force

We reviewed the work of members of the T&C Committee who continue monthly visits to Snow Hill and have several pencils. Their work continues to benefit those who are incarcerated. The Immigrations Task Force will be offering an information and training session for those interested in volunteering to visit at the Snow Hill Detention Center or to write to those who have been incarcerated for illegal immigration. The session will be held Saturday, January 25 from 2 to 4 at the Lutheran Faith Church, located at 1416 Old Ocean City Road, Salisbury, MD 21804. RSVP Is required. Contact Jane Conly jconly@hotmail.com. Nancy Sweet, Coordinator for the Detention Visits for Talbot County Immigration Task Force has prepared a summary of the years activities including number of visits and those impacted

The Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform (MAJR) will host its annual Legislative Advocacy Day on Wednesday, February 26th at Senate West 1 Meeting Room, Miller Senate Office Building, in Annapolis beginning at 8:30 a.m. with a program to visit legislators. The goal is to end unnecessary incarceration and build strong safe communities in Maryland. to register www.ma4jr.org

Marilla's lunches will be meeting at Asbury United Methodist Church, located at 18 Higgins Street, Easton, MD 21601 on Wednesday, January 15th (third Wednesday of the month) at 9:30 a.m. to deliver lunches. Volunteers needed.

Climate Crisis Action Group: Dona Source briefed T&C about the Climate Crisis Action Group, formed from a group of interested THF members and others from the community who are participating in a state wide effort to impact climate Change legislation in Annapolis and to work on projects locally to impact a better environment with less green house gases as part of the state goal to reach 0 green house emissions by 2045. Several activities are planned including a presence in Ocean City, Saturday, February 18th to learn more about the Off Shore Wind project. Contact Donna Source at dyesorce@yahoo.com

The T&C Committee distributed the 2019 Giving Guide and presented recommendations for contributions at the 12th month Business Meeting. Contributions were sent to the following organizations: Talbot Hospice, Compass Regional Hospice, Chesapeake

Multicultural Center, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Shore Rivers, Habitat for Humanity, Talbot Interfaith Shelter and Channel Markers. We have received thank you notes.

Announcements:

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>

Acts of Kindness

This past year more than 60 of our immigrant neighbors were provided transportation by local volunteers to legally required immigration proceedings in Baltimore and Salisbury. The transportation is coordinated by a volunteer from the non-partisan Immigration Task Force, Mobilizing for Humane Treatment of Immigrants, in close coordination with the Chesapeake Multi Cultural Resource Center. This is so much more than just a ride. It is a group of people volunteering their time, with no reimbursement for expenses, to support others with kindness and compassion. Reach out to: Helpingimmigrantstc@gmail.com

February 8 [Saturday]

Climate Crisis Action Group

The next meeting of Third Haven's Climate Crisis Action Group will be Saturday, Feb. 8 in the Common Room, 11am to 1pm. We hope to offer other ways for Friends to get involved through letter-writing sessions following meeting for worship on some days. More about that later. Thank you, Mary Yancey

February 16 [Sunday]

Aging as Friends Programs – 2020

February 16, 2020, 12 noon - End of Life Planning: Presentation by Connie Crow and Tom Corl. Presentation and discussion centering around the forms for Health Care Power of Attorney, 5 Wishes, and the Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatments (MOLST). Participants will gain a better understanding of which forms apply to their circumstances.

February 20 [Thursday]

Climate Reality Project

Testimonies & Concerns Committee will be hosting a Climate Reality Project, led by Bob Ellis, on Thursday, February 20th from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Common Room, Third Haven Meeting, 405 South Washington St, Easton, MD 21601. A pot luck dinner will be served.

We will have some description of local initiatives and ways for people to get involved in this important work.

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March 15 [Sunday]

Aging as Friends Programs – 2020 March 15, 12 noon – Housing Options: Presentation by Dee Rein and Adrienne Rudge. Presentation for people interested in exploring a variety of housing options suitable for different life circumstances.

March 19 [Thursday]

Inward Bound Quiet Day

Join us for a day of peace and inward renewal!

March 19, 2020; 10am to 3pm (pot-luck lunch at 12 noon)

Common Room and grounds of Third Haven Friends Meeting, 405 South Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601

Join TH 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. Further Information contact:

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From the Communications Committee

Help us to renew the Directory

Please review your information in the current online directory or paper version, and report any changes to Marie Leonard.

Memorial Intentions Form

For your personal planning

The updated Memorial Intentions form is posted on the website. Please provide as much detail as you want and forward to The Pastoral Care Committee. The committee and the Meeting will help you fulfill your Memorial Intentions. Those who are computer free may ask any Pastoral Care member to provide a copy.

<http://www.thirdhaven.org/pastoralcare.php>

First Day School Adventures

First Day School began the year with a fresh new schedule of lessons for our young families. Our first Sunday together we gathered with teachers Cherie and Kristen in a homemade nest of blankets and pillows, contemplating the quiet of winter hibernation. The week following Kulveen and Lisa led their first Peacemakers class - what messy fun we had making our own stress relief toys out of balloons and flour! Then the following week Susan, with help from Candace, led our first in series of Godly Plan stories, which will build Bible literacy with our kids. Finally, the last Sunday of the month we were treated with a weaving lesson with Heidi, which is always a

favorite! The kids will continue their weaving project through the next week or so, and are already showing great promise as weavers. Coming up in February is another set of our series of nature, stories, peacemaking, and queries, with a little bit of extra love thrown in for the Valentines Day holiday.

Pastoral Care-Choosing Advocates and Helpers

On January 26th Dee Rein led an active group through some thought provoking exercises designed to prepare us for seeking help from others as our life circumstances change. Advocates, people who might represent us legally, financially or with health care providers, and Helpers, people who may provide aid in daily life, require a variety of characteristics and may be drawn from our many social contacts. Share the Care is a book and website, sharethecare.org, which provides scripted guidance in establishing a care committee to organize friends who are willing to help us navigate challenges in life. In all cases, it's important that both the caregiver and the recipient benefit from the relationship, learning, and fun of these interactions. This is a win win for all! Join us for the more in this series: February 16, 2020, End of Life Planning: centering around the forms for Health Care Power of Attorney, 5 Wishes, and the Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatments. March 15th Housing Options for people interested in exploring a variety of housing options suitable for different life circumstances.

Third Haven Friends Meeting Memorial Intentions

Friends are reminded to “make provisions for the settlement of all outward affairs, while in health so that others may not be burdened and so that one may be freed to live more fully in the Truth.” See *Faith and Practice*, 2018, pp 219-222. Each Friend has the responsibility to settle outward affairs, in good order, and make clear his or her memorial intentions and directions, so as to lighten the burden on family and Friends, at the time of her or his death.

This Memorial Intentions form is intended to help Third Haven Friends Meeting and your designated Personal Representative carry out your intentions and directions at the time of your death, with regard to a memorial service, under the care of the Meeting, burial, grave marker, plaque and any other of your intentions and directions. As of December 31, 2019, Third Haven Friends Meeting will no longer allow casket burials in the Meeting Burial Grounds.

This form can be a great help to those who will miss us when we are gone. A member of the Pastoral Care Committee can help you through the process of completing this form, as well as identifying sites for burial site, grave marker and/or plaque in the Meeting burial grounds.

This form is available on the Meeting website in the Pastoral Care/ Declaration of Intentions section – as a Microsoft Word file, which can be drafted, revised and edited on a personal computer. If you are computer-free, a member of your family or a friend may be able to assist you.

In addition to completing your Memorial Intentions, the Meeting recommends that Friends complete a will, Advance Medical Directives or 5 Wishes, Financial and Medical Power of Attorney. You can consult with a lawyer, Talbot Hospice, Brookletts Place (The Talbot County Senior Center), or other agencies or resources about your estate planning.

When you have completed your Memorial Intentions, retain paper and electronic copies for yourself and your designated Personal Representative, and return a paper copy to the Pastoral Care Committee, to be retained in the Memorial Intentions records for members and attenders of the Meeting.

Memorial Planning-in the future...Would you like a plaque?



Hospitality-in the here and now... we grow together



