



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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July 2021 NEWSLETTER

Third Haven Monthly Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Thirteenth Day, Sixth Month, 2021

Opening Silent Worship Molly Brian, Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 4 p.m. with a brief period of silence.

Attending: 14 attended: Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Bill Lane, Connie Lewis, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Priscilla Sener, Jonathan Slocum, Ben Tilghman, John Turner.

Comments on Sixth Query, (read at Meeting for Worship)-none

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

Clerks Desk-

Friends suggested moving the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business closer in time to the Meeting for Worship so it doesn't break up the day.

Treasurer's Report – *Cynthia Quast*

Here is a recap of the Treasurer's financials as of 5/31/21. A budget spreadsheet is available on the website.

July 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021

Member Contributions	=	\$45,163	= 86% of annual budget
Total Income	=	\$64,901	= 94% of annual budget
Total Regular Expenses	=	\$57,469	= 83% of annual budget
Net Income	=	\$7,432	

Contributions Welcome

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution in support of our annual budget to:

Treasurer, Third Haven Monthly Meeting P.O. Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601. Molly Brian and Bill Lane plan to send a letter to members and attenders, reporting on the financial health of the Meeting.

Budget & Finance: Approval of Budget for FY 2021-22 – *Bill Lane Approved*

The proposed budgets have been circulated through the announcements. The \$70,000 budget is larger due to deferred tasks, especially Property and Grounds care. An example is tree care. We anticipate some income from the First Day School camp, and there is camp scholarship money available. Sometimes expenses are not reported because members donate in kind materials. As a result, we have the money to pursue other projects.

First Day School Annual Report – *Amy Owsley/ Susan Claggett Accepted*

The past year threw First Day School quite the curveball! To keep us safe during the pandemic, First Day School has been virtual since March 2020. At first, we joined the regular virtual children's religious education offerings of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's wonderful Melinda Wenner-Bradley. Our kids could join in with Meetings across the region to learn and grow together. Then we felt ready to offer monthly First Day School for Third Haven families that featured Faith & Play stories and sharing with Susan Claggett. This regular drumbeat of monthly gatherings was critically important to us keep us in community through a difficult year.

We had intended to offer our 2020 summer camps, but decided that conditions were not safe enough to proceed. Instead, we encouraged our families to make use of the grounds for walking and exploring, to maintain our connection to the beauty and peace found there. A year later, we are excited to report that the 2021 summer camp is moving ahead - planned for the week of July 26, with registrations already half full.

In lieu of our usual fall open house for families, we instead hosted a Virtual Pizza Party. Susan delivered pizza and cookies to all Third Haven families and then we met together to have our meal together on Zoom. We played games - including a scavenger hunt - and shared our experiences of online schooling, time at home, fears and needs.

At Christmastime, the kids joined the Meeting to say hello and share holiday greetings at the rise of Meeting, many dressed as they would for our annual Christmas pageant (angels, animals of the manger, wise men, etc.). Amy and her family delivered a round of care packages for the kids filled with goodies to bake and make, as well as cards to send to Meeting members who we thought might enjoy a little extra love.

By Easter, we were thrilled to join carefully together in-person for our annual egg hunt. Thanks to the hard work of volunteer Easter bunnies in the Meeting, the kids were overjoyed to run the grounds again, this time in search of treat-filled eggs.

As spring dawned, families again gathered to renew the children's gardens, stock the mud kitchen, and plant the new peace garden. Molly brought cookies to fuel the digging and planting, which were met with great enthusiasm by kids and parents alike.

To close the year, First Day School will hold our first Sunday lesson on June 13 in person - focused on an outdoor meditative walk and journaling. This is in lead-up to Moving Up Day honoring of several Third Haven kids who are graduating: Max McCall, Zadoc Bond, and Beckett Ehram from high school; Ember Theeke from middle school; and Juliette Neil from college.

We thank the Meeting for all the love and support for the youngest members and attenders. Your attention and intention are felt, and makes a world of difference.

Members commented on the joy of seeing the 13 children and 6 families in the Meeting House today and their appreciation for all the work done by Amy, Susan and other First Day School contributors. We hope others will help Susan continue First Day School.

Planning Committee Update- Ben Tilghman

June 2nd meeting was to reinvigorate the Meeting planning process after a hiatus due to Covid 19. The previous plan was to conduct a charrette with architects. Specifications have changed in 3 categories, members and attenders, level of financial support, and priorities of the building and grounds committee and the Meeting. Membership has declined due to deaths and moves. Robust character of First Day School is also a question. Financial contributions will be analyzed. Meeting members' conceptions of all buildings are of interest. Charrette process will be deferred, and the Request for Proposals will be redesigned based on further discernment, and the will of the Meeting, with respect to the future of our buildings and grounds. Friends are encouraged to attend the Long-Range Planning Committee meetings, usually 7:30 p.m. Wednesday or Thursday for an hour to an hour and a half. Next meeting is June 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Common Room in person. Covid has not changed the basic beliefs and practices of the Third Haven Monthly Meeting and the Religious Society of Friends.

New Business

Appreciation was expressed for the rhododendron pruning effort and recent growth. They will be maintained 12 feet from the building. Some plants may be moved elsewhere on the property.

Closing Silent Worship 4:38 p.m.

D. Rein, Recorder

Summer Camp: July 26-29: After a COVID pause last summer, Third Haven is thrilled to offer a week of summer camp this year, focused on nature and mindfulness. We are welcoming back the talented Cherie Baron and Kristen Hanlon as the teachers, and excited this year to have Serena Claggett joining the camp team too! Camp is scheduled for July 26 - 29 (Monday through Thursday) mornings (9 to 11:30 AM). Please spread the word to families who might be interested.

Join our summer nature **Outdoor Mindfulness Camp** at Third Haven Friends Meeting (the Quakers). This unique camp outdoor camp for children 4-10 years old blends mindfulness & nature play for your children on the tranquil grounds of Third Haven located at 405 South Washington St. in Easton.

Camp Dates: July 26-29 Register By: July 1

Each morning will be spent with our talented and experienced preschool/early elementary teachers, **Cherie Baron** and

Kristen Hanlon, in nature with friends as it was meant to be explored: in a full body, hands-on, messy-play way. The camp will help kids develop a toolbox of mindfulness techniques.

Sign up soon as space is limited. Cost is \$100 per child. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register email Amy Owsley.

Mindfulness is not just for adults! Even the youngest among us can be overwhelmed by our noisy world and crave quiet and genuine connection with inner peace and the simplicity of nature.

The Talbot Interfaith Shelter Board recently held a retreat and one of their action items is the updating of volunteer guidance and contact information. As they move forward with the major expansion of opening a second house, they need to have accurate data on their volunteer teams and their members. In order to determine what additional volunteer support they need, they need to accurately know what they have.

TIS hopes to start post COVID procedures in August. They also hope to begin using the recently purchased 109 Goldsborough St home as a second shelter as soon as the sprinkler system is approved. See the TIS website to see this new TIS shelter. This expansion will enable separation of families and single guests. TIS plans to staff the shelter with two volunteer supervisors from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in three shifts (8-11, 11-2, 2-5). Note that they will no longer ask volunteers to serve as evening supervisors. Individuals could serve multiple shifts.

Anyone working with guests must have a satisfactory background investigation. If you are providing all or part of the meal but someone else delivers, you do not need a background check. You can email julielowe@talbotinterfaithshelter.org to request the link for getting the background check online.

We have all provided the information below, but in the interests of ensuring consistency of data (at least for a brief period of time) please provide me with the following and I will format and submit it as requested by TIS. Please submit one email and one phone number--many of us have old email addresses we no longer check.

Name
preferred email
preferred telephone number
mailing address
volunteer status--dinner volunteer, supervisor, both
Background investigation approval received--yes/no

Respond to Phil and Sarah Sayre pssayre@gmail.com

Peace Pole Dedication



On June 20th at the rise of Meeting we welcomed additional guests to dedicate the peace pole in memory of Ralph Young whose persistent efforts led to our establishment of the peace pole. Joe Connor procured the clear cedar pole. Jen Kuhn, master carver and shipwright carved “May Peace Prevail on Earth in 4 languages (English, Spanish, Hebrew and Arabic) on the pole. John Hawkinson, William Lane, Jr. and Laurence Claggett Jr. engineered, built and installed the base. Property and Grounds Committee discerned the pole’s placement. Molly Brian hosted this well attended event. Reverend Nancy Sjada, an interfaith minister and president of P.E.A.C.E. offered an opening prayer followed by Mary Yancey with the poem “Thee Still is Peace.” Jonathan Williams played guitar and Sheryl Goodspeed sang “Let There Be Peace on Earth.” Paige Tilghman on behalf of the Testimonies and Concerns Committee conducted the dedication. With a musical interlude those present were invited to write peace intentions and attach them to ribbons hanging from the pole. The gathering closed with a rousing round of “This Little Light of Mine” and peaceful intentions of all. Mary Young, Ralph’s widow, greeted visitors and her family expressed their appreciation for this wonderful dedication to peace, a cause dear to Ralph’s heart.





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.

Every Wednesday Meeting for Worship 5:30 PM

Inside the Old Meeting House from 5:30 to 6pm with simultaneous virtual meeting. If you plan to attend in person, please observe preventive measures; Usually there are only 5-7 people joining in person on Wednesday and we expect these numbers will stay the same.

July 9 [Friday]

Zoom Happier Hour 7 PM

Hospitality would also like to remind the community that the zoom happier hour conversation is still happening on Fridays at 7:00 pm. Typically about 7-10 people use the hour to reconnect, share news and again, offer fellowship.

July every First Day [Sunday]

Meeting for Worship 10 AM

Hybrid meeting in the Old Meeting House at 10:00 AM. Many of us have been fully vaccinated but we must continue to be mindful of preventive precautions. Friends will still need to abide by social distancing rules and wear masks, but it will be lovely to be together in person. We will hold simultaneous zoom meeting for worship.

July 10 Walk and Talk

Some of us are planning to meet at the Easton Train Station on Goldsboro Rd at 4p Sat for a walk on the rail trail. Please join us if you want a little walking with visiting. Please let me know if you plan to join Stephanie French .

Experiment with Light

A group using guided meditations based on Rex Ambler's *Experiment with Light* meets on Zoom the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m. The recordings direct participants to focus on personal issues or global issues and are mostly silent to allow for contemplation. For more information contact Jonathan Slocum.

Spiritual Journeys will resume on August 1 and continue the entire year on the first Sunday of each month following coffee time. From Worship and Ministry

Happiness is a Meetinghouse re-opened <https://www.pym.org/happiness-is-a-meetinghouse-reopened/>