



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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“God is never far away. God’s Spirit is always so close—closer than breath. But unless we stop and listen, we might not notice. We practice listening. We listen with our whole selves—with our bodies, our minds, our hearts, our imaginations, our souls.”

Faith & Play Working Group, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, 2008

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business 11th Day Fourth 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: 18 attended: Molly Burgoyne Brian, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Catherine Cripps, Stephanie French, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Larissa Kitenko, Marie Leonard, Connie Lewis, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Priscilla Sener, Brian Shean, Jonathan Slocum, John Turner,

Comments on Fourth Query Nurturing Our Community: Care for the Meeting

The pastoral care committee has helped the community during the pandemic. Zoom has extended the reach of Meeting for Worship by people meeting at Pendle Hill and PYM as well as distant members joining us. The reach and engagement of our community have extended. Members are helping each other technologically as well. The caregiver support group also speaks to this issue.

Approval of minutes from March business meeting **Approved**

From the Clerk’s Desk

Hybrid meetings have begun for regular participation from the Old Meeting House. Comments covered: WiFi overload and interference on Zoom could be issues. Participation outside the meeting house with devices could be complex technologically. Device use on the grounds should include either use without audio or with ear buds. Memorials might well require in person RSVPs. 40-45 people could be accommodated inside. Critical mass of vaccinated people may influence number accommodated. Is this a privacy issue? Some groups in the community, such

as singing groups, are requiring vaccination for participation. Medical knowledge is still incomplete. Masks should still be required in the meeting house and perhaps outdoors if meeting there. We hope members and attenders will act responsibly. We will revisit this topic as needed.

Memorial Services For both events in person seating will be limited and hybrid meeting Zoom available. **Please RSVP** by e-mail to 3rdhaven@gmail.com indicating if you wish in person attendance or Zoom attendance. You will be sent a confirmation or, if you choose Zoom, a Zoom link will appear in Third Haven announcements the week before the memorial.

May 8 Ken Carroll 1p.m. RSVP by May 1
May 22 Sally Vermilye, 12 noon. RSVP by May 15

Meetings on the Property

Jung Dream Group wants to meet together in person to discuss tender topics. The meetings would be the even Friday mornings for an hour and a half. They could meet in the Old Meeting House or outside using masks. Coordination with the caretaker or a substitute may be a complicating factor. Other groups might also like to meet together. Property and Grounds might develop protocols for maintenance safety. The bathroom in the Common Room will be available.

Treasurer's Report – *Cynthia Quast*

For the third quarter of our 2020/21 fiscal year, we have the following results:

Member contributions total just over \$36,000 or 69% of our annual budget. Our Attender contributions total just over \$7,900 or 70% of our budget. Our total income was over \$45,800 or 67% of the budget. Our ordinary expenses total over \$46,800 or 68% of our expense budget. This gives us a net ordinary income year-to-date of -\$998.

On Balance Sheet as of 3/31/21, we had over \$63,700 in our operating checking account and over \$85,700 in our Invested operating funds at Friends Fiduciary. We have a new fund on our balance sheet as we received a distribution from the Kemp Family Trust Fund of about \$26,000 and have invested it at Friends Fiduciary. As requested, we intend to use it to support outdoor youth activities of nature and creative arts programs.

In comparing this year-to-date to the prior year, our Member contributions are up by about \$1,280 and expenses are down by \$3,800 giving us a net income that is about \$200 greater than last year.

A question and resultant discussion covered the scholarships provided to young people for Quaker and nonQuaker schools. From 5-9 students get funded annually under the purview of the scholarship committee. Invested funds have grown to provide an endowment for this effort and the Meeting also gives to the Scholarship Fund annually”

First Day School and Summer update- *Amy Owsley/Susan Claggett*

The report covered 5 items: 1. First Day School is holding monthly Zoom Godly Play or Faith and Play stories. 2. The annual Easter Egg hunt last week had 6 families with 12 children. 3. We hope for a May gathering of families to tend the children's garden and mud kitchen. 4. Exploring Summer camp is ongoing but not yet decided. 5. June will feature our annual moving up day for graduates, perhaps on the grounds with light refreshments.

The recent Kemp fund \$25000 donation may be appropriate for funding outdoor activities. Meeting members may want to donate to that fund.

Property and Grounds Update- *Priscilla Sener*

Next Saturday 9-12 will be clean up day. Projects include removing ivy from the trees. First Day School may wish to weed out their boxes. The Old Meeting House has been assessed with laser scanning. Work in the attic to stabilize the plaster will occur as the weather warms. Window repairs will begin in sequence. Once finished exterior paint will occur.

Brick Meeting House new doors and exterior painting as needed will occur. The rhododendron pruning and future growth are under consideration.

The peace pole was installed April 11th by Bill Lane, John and Kristen Hawkinson and Larny Claggett. A base of 2.5 feet keeps the entire pole above ground. Words on it are in a variety of languages, English, Spanish, Arabic and others. A celebration may be planned.

New Business

A member expressed distress at the extensive rhododendron pruning. Another member spoke with sympathy for that response but emphasized the necessity and execution of the decision made thoughtfully by the entire meeting community.

Closing Silent Worship 5:25 p.m.

D. Rein, Recorder

In the Light



Sally Vermilye Our beloved member, Sarah Willis Vermilye, 80, of Easton, MD passed away on Sunday, April 4, 2021 in her home after a day with all her family celebrating Easter. Sally was an active member of the Third Haven Friends Meeting in Easton. She was involved with many aspects of the meeting and served on different committees' such as the property and grounds and library. As a social worker she provided services throughout the Talbot county community.

Sally is survived by her husband W. Moorhead Vermilye, her children Macqueen Vermilye Parker, (Keith) of Mt. Airy, James Moorhead Vermilye of Arnold, Laura Vermilye Wroten of Easton, her 4 grandchildren Sarah Parker, Molly Vermilye, Madison Parker, Jay Vermilye, her sister Virginia Willis Sappington and numerous nieces and nephews. She is pre-deceased by her sister Ethel Willis MacGill.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 22th at 12 noon. at Third Haven Friends Meeting. Due to Covid-19 in person attendance is limited. **Please RSVP** by e-mail to 3rdhaven@gmail.com by May 15th indicating if you wish in person attendance or Zoom attendance. You will be sent a confirmation for in person attendance. Guests can also join the virtual service using the Zoom link to be provided the week of the service through Third Haven announcements. A more complete obituary may be found at

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/stardem/name/sarah-vermilye-obituary?pid=198266972>

First Day School

Children's Gardens: What fun First Day School families had on Saturday morning digging in the gardens at Third Haven! The raised beds near Annie's Cottage are all shaped up for the season now, and the new peace pole garden is newly planted (and looking lovely!). Even the mud kitchen has been restocked, and has already been busy with little bakers mixing up mud cookies and dirt soup. Little Fio (Daven's little bother) is happy to report that the earthworm population is thriving in the gardens, and Riley says the swing is in full working order! There are a couple open spots in the sensory garden that could use a couple new plants - if you happen to be splitting something from your garden, please feel to pop it into the children's garden next time you think of it (looking for plant that are non-toxic and appeal to the senses). Thank you to all the families who helped out! *Amy Owsley, Susan Claggett*



May 2 (Sunday) Virtual First Day School Faith and Play: Susan Claggett will be sharing another wonderful Faith & Play story on Sunday, May 2, starting at 10AM. Zoom details will be sent along the week prior.

June 13th Moving Up Ceremony: Tentatively scheduled for June 13th is our annual celebration to honor children of the Meeting who are “moving up” or graduating to a new level in their education. We are looking for the names of kids whom we can celebrate! Please send information to Amy Owsley so she can reach out to coordinate.

Summer Camps: We are eagerly planning two weeks of camp for the summer! The details are still forming, but will likely be one camp in July and one in August, in the mornings and featuring lots of nature play.

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.

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>

Wednesday Meeting for Worship 5:30 PM

Inside the Brick 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. Host is Stephanie French

Friday Zoom Happier Hour 7 PM

At 7 PM on Friday we will assemble for a Zoom Happier Hour: host will be John Turner

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. Dee Rein will be co-host with John Turner .

May 15 [Saturday]

Immigration Task Force for a training session.

This message is from the Talbot County Immigration Task Force.

This is a notice of training that is provided by the DC Detention Visitation Network and is required in order to visit immigrant detainees in detention centers: The DC Detention Visitation Network will hold an online volunteer training and information session on Saturday, May 15, 1-3pm. Although the use of detention for those immigrating to our Country has decreased in the past year, the plight facing those who continue to be detained in our area is more dire than ever. The DC Detention Visitation Network seeks to lessen the isolation and vulnerability people experience in detention by providing friendship and support through in-person visits and letters. Please join us to learn more about the immigration detention system and some things you can do to help people who are negatively affected by it. Please RSVP to washingtonareadvn@gmail.com or 443-620-3380 to attend. We will hold this meeting via Google Meet conferencing. When it is time for the training, please join us online by navigating to meet.google.com/sfg-xeyx-eye

How To Get Vaccinated Against COVID-19

Sources: CVS Pharmacies

Walmart Pharmacies

MD Covid statewide link for the latest information:

<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine>

Talbot County

<https://talbotcovid19.org>

Caroline County:

<https://www.carolinecovid19.org/vax>

Dorchester County:

<https://dorchesterhealth.org>

Queen Anne's County:

<https://www.qac.org/1460/COVID-19-Vaccination-Info>

Clean Up Day is always a reminder that Friends are generous with their time. Working together helps us know each other a little better and the outdoor chores are fun with many hands helping. On April 17th, an energetic team of masked Quakers tackled the ivy which was choking some of our large trees. Ivy control is a periodic necessity and we can report that, for now, we have it on the back foot. The entrance is more welcoming. Thanks to all who came to help out.

Priscilla Sener



