



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

For when I came into the silent assemblies of God's people I felt a secret power among them which touched my heart; and as I gave way unto it I found the evil weakening in me and the good raised up

Robert Barclay

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 11:35 a.m.

Attending: (hybrid) Molly Brian, Mia Brown Echerd, Susan Claggett, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Kristina Herold, Larissa Kitenko, Marie Leonard, Katherine Johnson, Steven Meixner, Matthew Moore, Beth Mufson, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, John Schreiner, Ben Tilghman, Kevin Walsh, Winslow Womack, Mary Yancey, Harvey Zendt

Comments on Fourth Query “Nurturing Our Community”.

Queries have many questions. The first question talked about how we care for our people. Older people are well cared for here. We need to do better caring for the young people in middle and high school. Visiting housebound people and reading to them is satisfying; a member is available to do so.

Approval of Minutes March Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business- **Approved**

From the Clerk's Desk- *Molly Brian*

Asbury and Third Haven are still trying to get together for a concert date. Hopefully May or June will work.

Mark Beck's memorial service is on May 21st 1 p.m. Volunteers needed. Call Molly or Tom.

Sarah Claggett and Tim Nowicki wedding May 28th 3 p.m. Volunteers needed. Call Molly or Tom.

Molly will be away from end of May through August visiting her son in New Zealand.

Treasurer's Report – *Ben Tilghman*

With three quarters (75%) of our fiscal year behind us, we remain in good financial shape. Our performance of actual income and expenditures to budget is tracking right on target, with income at 75.7% of the annual budget and expenses at 76.1%. Compared to last year at the end of the third quarter, income is up 13%, while expenses are up 10%. We see no reason why this permanence shouldn't continue through the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

The balance sheet reflects an 8% decrease in value of our restricted assets at Friends Fiduciary compared to the quarter ending December 31. This decrease, while regrettable, is consistent with the financial markets in general for the past quarter. We will continue to monitor Friends Fiduciary's performance, but at this time we do not feel any specific action is advisable.

For those committees who have not given me their budget requests for FY 22-23, we will presume that you are requesting the same as last year. Please let me know if you would like something different.

In FY 22-23 we will budget a minimal amount for the Planning Committee - approximately \$600, or a bit more for Land Use committee which is part of Planning. While it is likely that we will have some significant Planning expenditures in FY22-23, we feel it best to address those expenditures on a case by case level, and obtain specific Meeting approval for each.

Posted on our website: Balance Sheet, Income and Expenses Report

Hospitality Annual Report- *Mary Yancey with Beth Mufson* **Accepted with gratitude**

The Hospitality Committee had a relatively quiet year in 2021, as in-person meetings were constrained by COVID 19 at both the beginning and the end of the year. We continue to meet our main function which is to nurture our Third Haven community through food and fellowship at the rise of meeting for worship on first days. We also provided hospitality after a few memorial services which were held at Third Haven this year. In February 2021 (and 2022,) we organized a "Secret Valentine" activity where Friends participated by sending a small Valentines gift to another Friend during the otherwise isolated days of the pandemic.

We encourage Friends to continue to demonstrate our caring for one another by bringing food to share on first days, and assisting with set up and clean up on those days.

Update on Planning Committee-*Tom Corl*

Shamika Godley has completed her report on the assessment of our buildings and grounds with reference to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Committee will review and discuss this report at its next meeting, on April 20.

The Committee met with 2 architect firms — Crosby + Associates on April 6 and Mark McInturff on April 9 — and held “charrettes” to assess the firms’ capacities, relevant experience and suitability for the proposed planning project, as set forth in the request for proposal (RFP). The third firm — Milner — will come for a site visit on April 12 and a charrette on April 22. After the charrettes are completed, the Committee will meet to discuss how to proceed and report back to the meeting for business on a recommended course of action for next steps.

In an earlier report, Ben Tilghman, the Meeting Treasurer, reported that there is approximately \$18,000 in the Meeting Building Fund. This amount will cover the ADA assessment and the 3 stipends for the 3 architect firms. Tom indicated that the Committee has no meaningful estimate for the cost of the planning project, the building program and the land use improvements. However, it very likely that the cost will be a great deal more than the \$13,000 remaining in the Building Fund. Accordingly, the Planning Committee will bring a request to the meeting for business in 5th or 6th month to transfer funds from Meeting reserves to the Building Fund, to cover the cost of the anticipated planning contract. The Trustees may contribute to the cost of the planning contract. Further, The meeting will need to establish a development or fund-raising committee to plan and prepare for raising funds necessary for the building program and land use improvements. The future costs of the building program and land use improvements will be paid out of the Meeting Building Fund.

Land use planning as a subcommittee is working with students from Morgan State students on land use possibilities honoring Quaker values and the sacred nature of the property. Recordings of their meetings will be available through announcement links. We need to think about how much access we are comfortable allowing to the public. Final Morgan State student studio will be May 9th from 4-7p.m.

Update on THFM logo- *Marie Leonard* Approved

Logo comments have been gathered. The logo’s provides consistency in our printed materials. Equal emphasis should be given to the words Third Haven and Friends Meeting. The recommended design has a line holding the words together and an historic font. This will be used on letterhead, communications within our community, press releases, signage, brochures and other communications.

New Business

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Session Report We are reminded of two main areas of concentration: racism and climate change. Collaboratives on economic justice and racism met. Climate change involved 5 special activities, focused on the monthly meetings. Green Street Friends Meeting has come to a decision on reparations with \$50,000 budgeted for the next 10 years to use among the local population there. PYM recommends monthly meeting climate stewards. April 4 will be a special meeting about political lobbying permitted to 501c3 organizations such as PYM and monthly meetings.

Individuals may lobby. Fernando Francisco, Director of Pendle Hill, spoke on theology and Quakerism, emphasizing what your life actions show rather than what you study.

Southern Quarter Meeting plans are still in the works.

Closing Silent Worship 12:15 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>

Our 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.

Recent Events:

On April 2, we swept, dusted, vacuumed, weeded and mulched during Property and Grounds' Spring Cleanup. The major project was to begin painting Annie's Cottage! Hands are still needed to complete the work. Contact Larny Claggett to volunteer.

On April 3, Joan Wetmore gave her Spiritual Journey.

The Planning Committee has hosted charrettes by three architectural firms related to the master plan for the Meeting.

Thursday peace vigils continue.

The new logo for our Meeting designed by Marie Leonard was approved and will be used to head our announcements and the newsletter.

THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING

First Day School

May 1 Next Children's' program is May 1 with Miss Cherie and Miss Kristin. They will most likely lead an outdoor adventure.

May 15, we are planning some garden fun- getting our children's gardens in shape for the season.

June 5 We also plan to have our annual Moving up ceremony at the rise of Meeting.

Summer mindfulness camp is set for July 11-15 at Third Haven.

If anyone has questions or ideas, please reach out to me anytime- Susan Claggett

April 30 [Saturday]

Spring Native Plant Swap

Spring Native Plant Swap at Third Haven will be Saturday, April 30 from 9am to 12 noon - We hope that you will come and participate!

We are asking for extra caution because of the highly destructive asian jumping worms. They're nasty critters, and they've been spotted here on the Eastern Shore. Please see this link for more information:

<http://warren.cce.cornell.edu/gardening-landscape/warren-county-master-gardener-articles/invasive-asian-jumping-earthworms>

In summary we are asking the following:

- 1) If at all possible, please bring bare root plants only.
- 2) If you believe that you have an infestation of these worms on your property, please don't bring any plants to share. We would still love to see you at the swap - and hopefully you will find something new to take home.

If you have any further questions please call me at 410 829 0959.

Thank you Mary Yancey

Maryland Native Plant Society <https://mdflora.org>

May 1 [Sunday]

Meeting for Worship

Hybrid Meeting for Worship (Live in Brick Meeting House and on Zoom) will be held this Sunday at 10 am. Please bring a donation of non-perishable food for the Neighborhood Service Center

May 1 [Sunday]

Spiritual Journey, Molly Brian

At the rise of meeting for worship, after hospitality, Molly Brian will present her Spiritual journey. This will be in the brick meetinghouse and available on Zoom. Please join us.

May 4 (Wednesday)

Wednesday Meeting for Worship 5:30 PM

Meeting for Worship will be held in the Brick Meeting House from 5:30 to 6pm with simultaneous virtual meeting.

May 5 [Thursday]

Peace Vigil

The peace vigil continues (weather permitting, of course) at 5PM Thursday in front of the courthouse in Easton. Nancy and I will be gone the last 3 Thursdays in April. We make up 40% of the usual vigilantes. If at all possible, please fill in for us while we are away.
John Turner

May 7 [Saturday]

Garden Tour and Pilgrimage

Talbot County Garden Club will hold their annual Tour and Pilgrimage on May 7th. Third Haven will be the designated spot for ticket holders to pick up their boxed

lunches. The Garden Club will handle all the lunches and tickets. However, we will need to have volunteers from about 10:30 AM -1:00 PM to be on hand as Friendly Presences who are willing to answer people's questions or show people the Old Meeting House and grounds. Please let Molly know if you are willing to volunteer for an hour that day. The link to the pilgrimage is:

<https://www.visitmaryland.org/events/talbot-county-tour-maryland-house-garden-pilgrimage>

May 21 A memorial service for Mark Beck will be held here on May 21 at 1 PM. His family has donated a memorial bench to the Meeting. It is located in front of the Old Meeting House. Volunteers to help as greeters and with parking may contact Molly Brian.

Morgan State Studio Reviews by the landscape architecture students.

February 17, this is the First review, (prior to the March 10 review) and shows the students first impressions of the THMM grounds.

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April 18 - This is the most recent review, and shows beginning planning phases on their part.

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There will be one more final review on Thursday, May 12, at 1pm and via Zoom. The students will present this review live to the Land Use and Planning Committee members in the Common Room, along with any other meeting members who wish to attend (contact Mary Yancey if you wish to attend.) Due to COVID concerns we would like to limit the number of persons in the room at that time. We will notify meeting members of the Zoom link ahead of the meeting.

Easter Celebration

A hearty Thank you to all the families that came to Quaker Meeting Easter morning and celebrated Easter with the Meeting. Below are some photos. There were lots of plastic eggs with candy and lots of brown eggs to dye this year. At least 2 of our families have

chickens and Guinea fowl so brown eggs were a hit! Also, many thanks to the families who brought yummys to the hospitality table. We had a beautiful morning and the kids romped all around the Meeting grounds looking for eggs.

Natural Systems Food Buying Cooperative pot luck luncheon featured a speaker who described the local food buying co-op, which offers group purchase and distribution of selected grocery items through INFI, a food distributor. This food cooperative functions as a pre-order buying group. There is no membership fee. Food orders are consolidated to facilitate buying in bulk and then distributed through the cooperative efforts of members. Benefits include reduced food costs, access to healthy food, and reduced emissions and waste from packaging. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rftMtFJ5jLc> For further information, contact Priscilla Sener or Paige Tilghman.