



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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MAY 2013 NEWSLETTER

Take care that all your offerings be free, and of your own, that has cost you something; so that ye may not offer of that which is another man's, or that which ye are entrusted withal, and not your own.

George Fox

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Fourteenth Day, Fourth Month 2013

Opening Minute of Silence. Candace Shattuck, Clerk of THFM called the 4th Month Meeting for Worship with attention to Business together at 11:45AM.

Attending: Mark Beck, Paige Bethke, Cynthia Browne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Tom Corl, Deborah Cox, Debbie Danser, Ed Danser, Robert Gladney, , John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Bill Lane, Joyce Macijeski, Sumner Parker, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Candace Shattuck, Donna Sorce, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Sally Vermilye, Meredith Watters, Rob Wieland Ralph Young, Frank Zeigler, and Joyce Zeigler.

The Fourth Query, Care for the Meeting Community was read at the Meeting for Worship. There were no further comments.

Minutes from the Third Month 2013 Business Meeting were approved as written.

The Clerk reviewed the following correspondence and business:

- Note of thanks from the Webster's for recognition at the New Members and Attenders Breakfast held on Seventeenth Day, Third Month, especially for the commemorative plate.

- The Clerk has appointed Robert Wieland as the third member of the Nominating Committee, which also includes Susan Claggett, Clerk, and Norval Thompson .
- Dona Sorce has requested Membership with a letter. Her request was handed to Overseers for their assignment of a Clearness Committee.

Communications Committee Clerk, John A. Hawkinson presented the **Annual Report:**

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The report was approved with thanks.

Treasurers Report was presented by Cynthia Quast. “ Report – for ^{the} Quarter ending 3/31/13.



On our Income/Expense report showing budget versus actual as of 3/31/13, we are now $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through our fiscal year and our member contributions are 66.4% of the annual budget. Other sources of income including attender contributions and use of facilities are significantly over budget so that our total income is 75.3% of the year’s budget. Our expenses to date are only 63% of the annual budget. This gives us a net income of \$7,509.96 as of 3/31/13.

On our Income/Expense report showing prior year comparison, we are slightly over last year in member contributions however attender and other contributions are less than last year with the exception of use of facilities which is \$1,300 to date compared to \$0 at this time last year. Expenses are below last year by 12.6%

On our Balance Sheet as of 3/31/13, we have renamed some of our accounts to try to make it easier for people to understand. This is easy to do (and undo) as requested. We have changed “Checking-Talbot Bank” to “Operating Cash-Talbot Bank”. We have also changed “Queenstown Bank CD” to “Reserve Savings-CD”.

Also on the balance sheet we are now showing a more accurate accounting of the Scholarship Fund to include money that is in a local account to be used as operating funds. The balance also reflects the market value of the invested funds. This adjustment for income, disbursements and market valuation will be made at least twice a year on our balance sheet. This account name has also been changed to “Scholarship Fund Cash & Invest” to better indicate what is included. In February we received a large donation to the endowment part of the scholarship fund and this is reflected in the balance sheet total. The Scholarship Fund Liability account is greater than the

cash and investment account since we recently received a donation that has not yet been sent to our Friends Fiduciary investment account”

The report was approved with thanks.

Marsie Hawkinson provided the following **update from the Trustees:**



“Report of the Trustees of Third Haven to Meeting for Business Sunday April 11, 2013

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a vacancy, the Meeting’s nominating committee is asked to bring forward two or three names. From this list a replacement is chosen. The current Trustees are Kenneth Carroll, Allan Meilke, Diana Rein, Laurence Claggett, Jr., Sumner Parker, Adrienne Rudge, and Marsie Hawkinson. Over the years people have contributed funds to the Trustees – some of them members of the Meeting, and some members of the community whose interest is in preservation of the historic buildings and grounds, particularly the 1684 building.

The financial relationship between the Meeting and the Trustees has been as follows: the Trustees expect to pay for major capital expenses, for example a new roof, a new heating system or removal of hazardous trees. Operational expenses such as salaries and heating bills are paid from the Meeting’s annual budget.

In the calendar year of 2012 the Trustees payments totaled over \$40,000 for construction work on the Brick Meetinghouse, siding on the north end of the old building, repairs to the caretaker’s cottage, tree work, the insurance on the property, and a contribution to the Scholarship Fund. To date in 2013, \$6000 has been paid for tree removal. It may be necessary to fund two additional items this year: conversion of the heating system from oil to gas and purchase of a new mowing machine.

For the last few years, the Trustees have made a contribution to the Meeting’s Scholarship Fund, an annual amount of \$1500.00. Since scholarship is not part of mission, we will soon phase out this contribution.

The Trustees approve the concept of handicapped access to the 1684 building. We hope this project will happen soon. It is felt that this should be a Meeting project with members united and actively involved as well as willing to support it financially.”

The Meeting expressed its gratitude for this communication and for the work of the Trustees.



Last month, Property and Grounds Committee Clerk Meredith Watters brought the question of **handicap access to the old Meeting House** to business meeting, presenting two preliminary options, one leading to the “front” door (south elevation) and another to the right-hand door of the west elevation. The length of the ramp could vary between 17 and 27 feet, depending upon how much site work is done to raise the grade, and options were left open as to what materials might be used (brick, wood, iron, etc). Any change will have to be approved not only by the Meeting but also by the Maryland Historical Trust and the Easton Historical District. We cannot develop cost estimates until we have a specific design. There may be grant money available to help defray costs. In March two things became apparent: a desire to make the building accessible to all; at the same time, great concern about marring the appearance of the building.

The purpose of bringing the question back to Meeting was to ascertain how important it is to Friends that we find a solution and reconcile these two concerns so that a ramp can be built. A number of Friends spoke to the idea that the Old Meeting House is first and last, a place of worship and in keeping with our testimony of equality, should be accessible to all. Others noted that the building has had some changes over the years, the most recent being around 1990, when it was raised up on a brick foundation which had not been there before. A few friends were reluctant to make any change at all. Some noted that skillful use of materials and landscaping should make a ramp unobtrusive. A minute was offered and approved as follows:

“Recognizing the 1684 Meeting House as a place for worship that should be accessible to all, Third Haven Friends Meeting will pursue Handicap Access while retaining the integrity of the building.”

Meredith suggested that we gather at the rise of meeting at the entrance to the 1684 Meeting House to review and discuss options.

New Business: No new Business was brought to the Meeting Meeting for business was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, *Paige Bethke* for Molly Burgoyne, Recording Clerk

IMPORTANT POINTS:

Communications Committee Annual Report presented and approved.

Update from Trustees presented.

Minute approved affirming the importance of finding a way to provide handicap access to the Old Meeting House without marring the appearance of the building.

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History

For information about individuals linked to Third Haven since 1668: most of our records are maintained by the Maryland State Archives located on the north-east side of Rowe Boulevard at the crossing of Herbert Sachs Blvd. in Annapolis. It is worthwhile to preview their website:

<http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/homepage/html/homepage.html>

What We Have and go to the Special Collections Catalog paragraph, click on church records

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Third Haven Association of Young Friends TA

MSA SC 3117

Third Haven Meeting

Easton, MD TA

MSA S 1512-902

Third Haven Monthly Meeting TA

MSA SC 2394

Swarthmore, PA MSA S 1512-908 some Third Haven material is also kept at Swarthmore.

Ken Carroll Miscellany

We are fortunate to have been given a copy of Ken's biography, which he has titled "Miscellany: Odds and Ends." This is an interesting read. There are vignettes of his early years in Easton; anecdotes of his student and teaching life at Duke; recollections of his teaching days at SMU and mentorship of his students; insights into his Quaker relationships and activities (including his

writings), and his fondness for his adopted families in Easton. There are amusing snippets of his travel escapades that reveal an understated sense of humor, as only Ken can do. Many years from now, Ken would like to be remembered as Author, Educator, and Friend and this book exemplifies those attributes.

We hope you will read this biography but would like to request that you be conscientious about returning it promptly and maintaining its good condition. It is a limited edition (like Ken).

Announcements may be found at <http://www.thirdhaven.org/announcements.php>
<http://www.thirdhaven.org/calendar.php>

2013 printed directory is available at meeting for worship.

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

Username is 3rdhaven Password friends (all lower case)

Please send new information to 3rdhaven@gmail.com

You are encouraged to look at the enhanced PYM website <http://www.pym.org/>
Please read the newest report about PYM Interim Meeting: March 2013. All PYM IM materials and background information are available at <http://www.pym.org/interim-meeting>

•An exhibition entitled James Turrell Perspectives opened April 20, and will be at the Academy Art Museum in Easton until July 7.

•Letting Go of Negative Habits, A One-Day (or half-day) Silent Meditation Retreat:

Facilitator: Larissa Kitenko, member of THFM

Suitable for both beginning and experienced meditation students. This silent meditation retreat includes guided meditation periods, silent sitting and walking meditation, a talk in the afternoon, and question-and-answer session. Saturday, May 4, 2013 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at Third Haven Friends Meeting, Common Room. This day of practice will include direction in mindfulness of the breath, body, emotions and thoughts as a way of becoming aware of the habits and compulsions that we have developed to cope with life's challenges. Through the practice of insight meditation and concentration, it is possible to work with habits of behaviors, thought and emotional patterns. In this way, instead of the old ways of reacting to life's stresses, you develop more skillful ways of responding to them that will bring you increased meaning, joy and freedom no matter how stressful your life may be. Bring cushions, pillows, a bag lunch and drink if staying for the full day. Chairs will be available.

Contact: www.stillpointmeditation.org

Register for: FULL DAY attendance (9:00 - 4:00), MORNING SESSION (9:00 - 12:15),
Or AFTERNOON SESSION (1:00 - 4:00)

•May 19, 11:30AM: Southern Quarterly Meeting, hosted at Third Haven

After rise of meeting, we will have a luncheon in the common room and everyone can bring a covered dish. Dana Kester-McCabe has graciously volunteered to do a power point presentation of her trip in 2012 to the World Conference of Friends in Kenya. It will include clips of interviews with Friends from various countries about what being a Quaker means to them. The

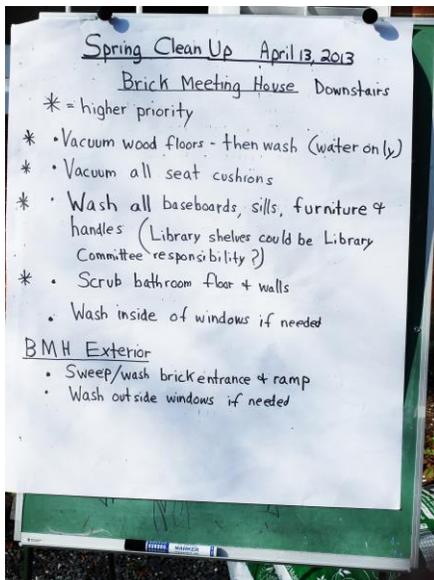
theme for this conference was "Being Salt & Light: Friends Living The Kingdom of God in a Broken World".

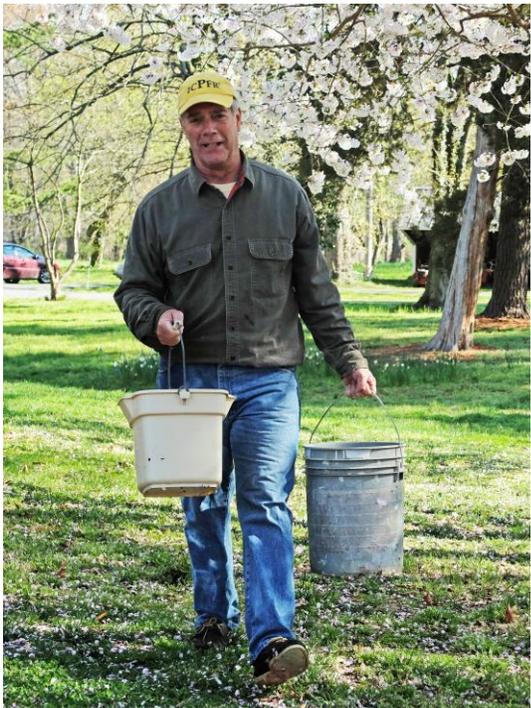
WANTED: We will need to have available for the speaker an audio projector with lap top computer. Dana will have her presentation on a thumb drive including video clips of some people she interviewed. Please contact Connie Lewis if you can provide a projector.

Work Party Needed:

A call for a work party to help with a spring clean up of the Old Meeting House May 11th at 8:30am to 10:30am. The more that come to help, the quicker we will finish. Bring a dust cloth, bucket, and sponge. If you love to clean windows, please come prepared for this!

Spring Cleaning....no task too small, every worker appreciated!





Understanding Immigrants

Matthew Peters, director of the Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center presents one of a series of three lecture/Discussions at Third Haven on " Understanding our Eastern Shore Immigrants From Central America". The series was open to the public with a total of 120 attendees over the 3 nights.



Remember your food pantry donations! Looks like there's still room for more...





Prison Action Rob and Leigh Ann add their efforts to those of Ralph and Mary.



Third Haven Post cards from days of yore

