



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

“The Evening Gatha.”

Let me respectfully remind you,
Life and death are of supreme importance.
Time swiftly passes by
And opportunity is lost.
Each of us should strive to awaken.
Awaken to the true self.
Take heed, this night your days will be diminished by one.
Do not squander your life.

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Fourteenth Day Tenth Month 2018

Opening Silent Worship Adrienne Rudge, Assistant Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:40 a.m. with a brief period of silence

Attending: 20 attended: Mark Beck, Gwen Beegle, Lorraine Claggett, Tom Corl, Bob Day, Marsie Hawkinson, Sandra Herbert, Larissa Kitenko, Marie Leonard, Connie Lewis, Amy Owsley, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, Bill Schauer, Candace Shattuck, Dona Sorce, Ben Tilghman, Paige Tilghman, Ralph Young.

No comments on the Tenth Query-*Witnessing in the World: Ministry of Outreach*

Minutes from Ninth Month-Accepted

Clerks Desk-no items

Treasurer's Report 1st Quarter- *Bill Schauer*-Accepted

A quarter of the way into the fiscal year, we are having a bit of a slow start, similar to 2017. Contributions are at about 5%, but total income is at 10% due to an increase in facility use fees. Expenses are at 20% at this point. We have about \$44K in the bank. The Friends Fiduciary balance is approximately \$66K, up 9% since last



year. In comparison to 2017, member contributions are similar; we normally expect contributions to pick up at the end of the calendar year. Detailed spreadsheets may be viewed on our website, www.thirdhaven.org.



Property & Grounds Annual Report- Ben Tilghman-
Accepted

Property and Grounds completed fiscal year 2017-18 \$2,000 under budget, having been fortunate that there were no major building repairs or need of mechanical work to the furnace or heat pumps. P&G's obligations for the upgrade of the Common Room were met within the budget,

consisting largely of the replacement of the hot water heater with a larger unit. We successfully managed traffic for several large events such as the Carriage Shed Sale, memorial services, and weddings, and have enjoyed supporting the school events which largely occurred this past summer.

To date in this fiscal year, P&G is tracking within budget as well, having been allowed to retain our previous year's \$30,000 for this year's budget. We have every expectation that this year's budget will be met. The work on the steps for the Brick Meeting House have been funded by the Trustees.

What began over a year ago as an investigation into rebuilding the back exterior stairs to the Brick Meeting House has evolved into a strategic planning exercise for our next capital project. While that may overstate the endeavor somewhat, once it became obvious that we had to consider fire codes not only for the back stairs, but for the upstairs rooms for the First Day School, the scope clearly exceeded that of Property and Grounds. We had a called meeting, more than a few subcommittee meetings all of which, at their core, remained beyond our scope. [Footnote: Property and Grounds views its duties as limited to the maintenance and upkeep of the physical plant. We defer aesthetic decisions to interested parties or the Meeting in general.] It has become obvious that there is not yet clarity on the matter of expending somewhere between \$50,000 to \$100,000 to overhaul access to the second floor of the Brick Meeting House without taking a careful look at broader strategic alternatives, particularly for the First Day School. The matter now rests with Long Range Planning Group, Mark Beck, Clerk.

Property and Grounds continues with its normal responsibilities; a clean up day in November - assuming the leaves actually fall out of the trees by then - driveway repairs and the usual maintenance such as creaking benches in the Brick Meeting House. Some of the woodwork around the doors in the Brick Meeting House will be in need of attention, but, in general, the physical plant is in pretty good shape.

I would especially like to thank the loyal members of the P&G committee for their conscientious and dedicated service, and make particular mention of thanks to Bob Day - steps, Pricilla Morris-flora and fauna, and Clay Owens -pretty much everything else.

Brick Meeting House humidity control with dehumidifiers is being pursued.



Update from Testimonies & Concerns- Paige Tilghman-Approved

Social Action activities include multicultural acceptance working with a task force with the Unitarian Universalist and Temple B’Nai Israel. We might host a cultural awareness event on a Saturday morning in the Common Room. Friends agreed.

We continue to hear from a prisoner at Eastern Correctional Institution asking for help having a Quaker Meeting there. We are working through Southern Quarter to help with this.

St. Vincent DePaul has restaurant coupons for sale to help those in need and food pantries.

Talbot Corrections asks for help with a Christmas party. Items to donate need to be in box in the common room by Dec. 2.

T&C has a stack of solicitations for charitable donations for those interested in donating.



Update First Day School- Amy Owsley-Approved

The FDS Spring calendar is being prepared. Heidi Wetzel taught the children basket weaving. Others have provided Godly Play activities. Please contact Amy to donate your time and talent to share with the children.

The Rivers Edge Forest Play 8 week Friday program is going well with a mindfulness kids outdoor program. Themes are based on Quaker testimonies. Many young families as well as grandfathers are dropping in and becoming connected with our property. Rivers Edge would like to continue here through 2018. This is a budget neutral event for Third Haven. Friends were positive about supporting this program.

Update Long Range Planning group- Mark Beck-Accepted

Tom Corl, Bob Day, John Schreiner, Mark Beck

Designing safe access to the Brick Meeting House has engendered a process for assessing our needs on a grander scale. The committee’s job is to examine where we’ve been, are and plan to go long term with emphasis on needs and priorities, considering building, economic and quality issues and alternatives. We are considering trends with First Day School, attendance and meeting activities as well as engaging those who attend with appealing spaces. Other members of the meeting are contributing their expertise in a variety of ways and are welcome. Other methods of researching and evaluating possibilities were mentioned.



Update from Nominating Committee- Dona Sorce-Accepted

The Nominating Committee is composed of Connie Crow, Bill Lane and Dona Sorce.

During our first meeting we established a scope of work and timeline that included the following:

Draft and distribute a survey to Third Haven committees to better understand current participation, plans and needs of each committee.

The survey was distributed in the Spring of 2018, and we received responses from the majority of committees.

During the months of September and into October, the committee has reached out to current committee clerks and members regarding their intentions to remain with current committee assignments.

During the month of October, we will continue these outreach efforts and meet to review responses from our outreach efforts as well as identify committees in need of new members/clerks as well work to inform members and attenders of opportunities to serve on committees.

A draft slate of committee membership will be presented to Meeting for Business on November 11 and the committee will continue work on addressing committee needs throughout the month of November.

The committee will present a final proposed 2019 committee list at the MFB on December 9th.



New Business

Worship and Ministry is considering Christmas worship activity, perhaps similar to last year when we had worship available in both the Old Meeting House and in the Brick Meeting House. Please comment to Gwen Beegle.

Meeting closed with silent worship at 12:40 p.m.

D. Rein, Recording Clerk

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>

Nominating Committee: Call for Service

Please be in touch with us during First Day Hospitality to respond to individual interests and questions regarding the committees and their work. We can also be reached by phone and email:

Dona Sorce – 412-334-8185, dyesorce@yahoo.com

Connie Crow – 910-232-2212, conniescrow@gmail.com

Bill Lane – 410-829-0936, hardalee@goeaston.net

Hospice and Palliative Care month

Upcoming Events at Talbot Hospice for the community and bereavement support groups. The Film Screening on November 15 and the ongoing support groups are all open to all.

November 4 (Sunday)
Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am

November 4 (Sunday)
First Day Conversation

First Day Conversation will meet Sunday November 4, at 9 am in the Common Room. The topic is Practicing Peace In Conflict.

Paraphrasing Pema Chodron, the real work of the peacemaker is to find the soft spot and the tenderness in the uneasy heart, and stay with it. If we can stay with the soft spot and stay with the tender heart, then we are cultivating seeds of peace.

November 4 (Sunday)
Spiritual Journeys

On November 4, 2018, Catherine Cripps will discuss her own personal spiritual journey at 11:30 AM in the Common Room. The presentation will last about 20 minutes including some time for questions.

On December 2, 2018 John Schreiner will discuss his spiritual journey. This program is offered by Worship & Ministry, monthly.

November 11 (Sunday)
Meeting for Worship for Business at the rise of meeting.

November 22 (Thursday)
Thanksgiving meals prep and delivery

Third Haven is part of a group of faith communities who are preparing and delivering thanksgiving meals in our community. Third Haven's share of the food is as follows: 4 - 20 lb. turkeys, cooked and sliced, 2 large lasagna-style pans of each of the following: green beans, sweet potatoes and stuffing, and 2 - 9" pies. A big change this year is that the food is being assembled in the Common Room at Third Haven. The food needs to be cooked but does not have to be hot so it could be prepared ahead of time and then delivered to Third Haven between 8:30 and 9 am on Thanksgiving Day. We also need people to assemble the food into containers and deliver them. If you are able to help or have questions please contact Cynthia Quast at 410-934-4138 or quast@goeaston.net

St. Vincent de Paul's 2019 Dining Out Card. Pete Howell writes, "Sixteen area restaurants will sponsor the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's 2019 *Dining Out Card*. Together, these restaurants and other local businesses all help feed the hungry in Talbot County. Participating area restaurants offer discounts to patrons who buy the card. All proceeds from card sales go directly to help Talbot County neighbors in need.

This year's card, valid from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2019, is still only \$25, and can be used all year. As an added bonus, anyone who buys a 2019 card before Christmas will receive a free 2018 card, enabling him or her to begin enjoying dining discounts immediately.

The 2019 Dining Out Card partner restaurants are *208 Talbot, Ava's, Banning's Tavern, Blackthorn Irish Pub, Doc's Downtown Grille, El Dorado Bar & Grill,*

Harrison's Restaurant, Hot Off the Coals, Hunter's Tavern, Lighthouse Oyster Bar & Grill, Limoncello Italian Restaurant, Peacock Restaurant & Lounge, Pope's Tavern, Robert Morris Inn, Scossa, and Ticklers Crab Shack & Restaurant at Wylder Hotel (formerly Harrison's Chesapeake House) on Tilghman Island.

Dining Out Cards are just the ticket to support a great cause while enjoying great meals at great prices. To purchase one or more, contact Pete Howell at 410-924-5752 or piratepete@goeaston.net

Please take a moment to review your listing in our directory

<http://www.thirdhaven.org/members/dir>

If you have changed your address, telephone number or e-mail address, please send the new information to **3rdhaven@gmail.com**

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Fall Cleanup Day has been postponed to December 1 9 am to noon

Friends are invited to come to the Meeting House Saturday, November 3rd for our Fall cleanup day. Come as you are and bring rake, pruners, step- ladder, squeegee, or any similar cleaning and maintenance items. Please help us to maintain our property and buildings. We will start at 9 am, coffee and light sustenance will be provided.

November 10 (Saturday)

Friends Historical Association,

You are invited to attend the FHA Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 10, at the Arch Street Meeting House, 320 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA. There will be a reception at 12:30 p.m., followed by a brief meeting at 1:00 p.m., and a lecture by Julie Holcomb, "Quakerism, Gender, and Reform: The Life and Work of George W. Taylor," at 1:45 p.m.

There is no cost to register or attend, but for planning purposes, we ask that you register online on the FHA website, www.quakerhistory.org, under "EVENTS."

Meet for lunch beforehand if you wish at the nearby Bourse Food Hall (<http://theboursephilly.com>), where tables have been reserved for Annual Meeting attendees in the seating area.

For more information visit <http://www.quakerhistory.org/eventspage>

Questions? Email FHA@haverford.edu.

November 11 (Sunday)

Detention Center Visitation Training Program

There are nearby facilities that currently house immigrant adults and children. A local committee, "Mobilizing For Humane Treatment of Immigrants". is offering a two hours of

training on visitation or being a pen pal with these individuals in Worcester County Detention Center or surrounding facilities. Training session will take place in Easton November 11 (Sunday) from 2 to 4 pm at Temple B'nai Israel. Next steps:

If you are interested in being part of the visitation or pen pal initiative please:

1) Access the DC Detention Visitation Network web site (<https://dcdetentionvisitation.org>)

2) Complete the online volunteer application form

3) Attend the required 2 hour training session

After completing steps 1 & 2 above please RSVP ASAP to Connie Lewis per contact info below. Co-Chair of Detainee Visitation/PenPal Support, Connie Lewis 410-253-9516 or edr327@verizon.net

First Day School October for First Day School has been full of activity. Our little group enjoyed two lessons taught by Meeting members willing to share their special talent with the kids: Heidi Wetzel showed the kids how weaving can be both meditative and giving, and Katie Theeke engaged the kids in “art” as a mode of community action. FDS also held its monthly “Quakers in Nature” program focused on mindfulness in the fall, and Susan Claggett led a “Faith and Play” story offering the kid an opportunity to contemplate “the light within.”

First Day School also continued a new partnership with River’s Edge Forest Play to offer a nature-based toddler/baby program. Called Tiny SPICES, this 8-week series held on Friday mornings in September and October seeks to show parents (and other caregivers) how they can use the outdoors as a place for connection and learning for their children. The 2-hours of the program includes a focus on the Quaker Testimonies, and highlights mindfulness opportunities for little ones in nature. The program has been wonderfully popular and is reaching capacity with eleven children joining the fun!

Upcoming for First Day School, Lorraine Claggett will share the story of the Interfaith Shelter, and two more Quakers in Nature will be held. Additional programming celebrates the holiday season: the kids will be eager for the annual tradition of wreath-making for the Meeting buildings, the telling of the story of Christmas, and the children’s pageant on December 23.

The First Day School Committee thanks all who have made these program possible. It takes a village and we are deeply grateful for the Meeting’s love and support for children and their families. *Amy Owsley*



Friendly conversations:



Mystery Question...What are they viewing???

Children's Activities

