



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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MARCH 2004 NEWSLETTER

Announcements

The T. Wistar Brown Teachers' Fund has financial help available for Friends who teach or plan to teach at the primary or secondary school level. A grant application form is posted in the common room.

The Third Haven Wednesday Food Link team needs a new member to do the food run on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Can you spare an hour per month? It usually takes less than this. Food Link delivers surplus food to agencies who distribute it to those in need. The Wednesday run picks up at Giant at 10 am and delivers to the Neighborhood Service Center in Easton. Contact Joe Davis at jmdcpa@goeaston.net or (410) 819-3040.

First day school is still collecting food for the Neighborhood Service Center. We would like to keep non-perishable foods available to the center. We plan a continual response to an ongoing need.

There are many 'lost and found' items which need to be claimed. They will be placed in the common room for identification.

--- **Sign up** to participate in Hospitality
 --- **Visit** Our web site -www.thirdhaven.org
 --- I have been reading the British web site www.quaker.or.uk.... most interesting -- *By Joyce Zeigler*

April 4, (first day) students from Friends Schools and young Friends will gather at Friends Center and Friends Select School in Philadelphia for the second annual "Friends School Day of Peace." This is a day of education about and demonstration for peace, for students and Friends of all ages. Visit the web site: www.dayofpeace.org and contact John McKinstry if interested. (john.mckinstry@westtown.edu)

April 4, (first day) First day school committee will meet after meeting for worship.

April 7, (fourth day) Planning meeting for Annual Friends Spruce Up Day at 7 pm in the common room

April 10 (seventh day) There will be a wedding under the care of the meeting at 3 PM



Baxter, Jenny, Charlie and Jeff Van West catch up on Dr. Suess and conversation in the common room after meeting.

April 11 (first day) Meeting for business follows meeting for worship – Clerk will be Anne Rouse

April 11 (first day) First day school will have egg dyeing and egg hunt from 10 to 12 am. Please bring hard boiled eggs and a basket. If you would like to help contact Susan Claggett (410) 822-5964.

April 17 (seventh day) A Saturday morning workshop "Recognizing & Nurturing Our Spiritual Gifts" is open to everyone. Guest Facilitator Wade Wright from Millville Monthly Meeting, a leader of the Spiritual Formation Program. 10am -1pm at Wicomico River Meeting – bring your own lunch. Contact Dana Kester-McCabe quaker@moonshell.net (410) 352-5827

April 21 (fourth day) 7-9pm, at the Church of the Brethren in Easton, guest speaker, Fahima Vorgetts, who will speak to us about her native Afghanistan. She will be selling Afghan crafts and objects. UUFEB, Church of the Brethren and Third Haven are sponsors

April 24 (seventh day) 9 am Annual Friends Spruce Up Day (Property & Grounds)

April 25 (first day) Thom Jeavons from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting will visit us and speak for 15 minutes following meeting for worship. There will be a luncheon in the common room to follow.

May 16 (first day) Southern Quarterly Meeting at Third Haven

May 22 (seventh day) Carriage shed sale from 8 am until noon sponsored by the first day school.

What's New: Show Time at Third Haven

Fridays are movie nights at meeting, - on March 26, April 23 and May 14 .The show begins at 7:00 in the new meetinghouse under a wide screen. The March presentation of Dr. Helen Caldicott's "New Nuclear Danger" will be invigorating, challenging and good for opening dialogue with friends and neighbors. Come explore the real threat of nuclear accidents, the danger to soil, water, forests and biodiversity, the prevalence of

birth defects in Iraqi and Afghani infants. Then hear ways to eliminate nuclear armaments. Very different fare can be enjoyed in April and May when the films, "Winged Migration" and "Whispers on the Wind" will be shown. More on these will come next month.

Sponsored by: Library & Outreach, Testimonies and Concerns Contact: Lorraine Claggett at (410) 820-5692

Third Haven Friends Meeting: Minutes of the 3rd Month 14th, 2004 Meeting for Business

Attending: Monimia Barker, Paige Bethke, Kenneth Carroll, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Peter Curtis, Doreen Getsinger, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Ginger Howell, Susan Leibman, Robert Marshall, Beth Mufson, Nancy Mullen, Sumner Parker, Peggy Paul, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Norval Thompson, Peggy Walbert, Ann Williams, Irene Williams, Helen Womack, Winslow Womack, Frank Zeigler, and Joyce Zeigler

Clerk of the Meeting Marsie Hawkinson clerked the meeting for business. The meeting opened with a period of silent worship.

Approval of Minutes The minutes of the 2nd Month 2004 Meeting for Business were approved without changes.

Clerk's Correspondence The Clerk solicited representatives for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) Annual Sessions to be held later this month. Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Susan Leibman, Cathy Marvel, Norval Thompson, Marsie Hawkinson and Frank Zeigler were appointed as representatives. Children Evan Claggett, Katie Claggett, Atticus Leibman, and Emma Leibman will also attend. Members of the Van West family may also attend. Several of these Friends offered to fill volunteer needs during the Saturday sessions Marsie noted that **Thom Jeavons of PYM will visit**

Third Haven on April 25 and will speak briefly at the rise of Meeting. Anne Rouse will clerk the 4th Month's Meeting for Business in Marsie's absence. Finally, the Clerk read a moving letter from Paige Bethke thanking the Meeting for its care surrounding the death of Robert Bethke.

Marsie then shared details of the **Recorder's Annual Report** not previously available for the Meeting's consideration. At those close of calendar year 2003, the meeting had 117 adult and 16 minor members for a total of 133. Changes during the year included one death, one transfer in, seven new members by application, and one resignation, for a net gain of 6 additional members. The Meeting APPROVED the report.

Hospitality Committee Annual Report Committee Co-Clerk Ann Williams presented the Annual Report of the Hospitality Committee. Gathering with Friends following worship is an important part of the life of our Meeting, and Friends are heartily encouraged to sign up to provide hospitality on a convenient First Day. During the past year, the committee has arranged for hospitality following Meeting for Worship, coordinated luncheon for Quarterly Meeting when held at Third Haven, and given assistance to other committees on an as needed basis. The committee was blessed by the participation of the entire Meeting in the reception following the Memorial Service celebrating Robert Bethke's life. The Meeting APPROVED the report, with thanks to the committee. A Friend suggested that greater participation by the committee members might ease the need of the Clerks to ask for volunteers from outside the committee. When queried about upcoming potluck dinners, Ann reported that the committee does anticipate scheduling some of these, although potlucks will no longer follow the Meeting for Business.

Frank Zeigler, Clerk of the **Library & Outreach Committee**, asked the Meeting to consider increasing the price of Faith & Practice to \$10.00 (the base price is \$7.00). The Meeting APPROVED this request. Our

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Meeting has for some years paid for subscriptions to Friends Journal for county libraries in Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, and Queen Anne's counties. It was recently discovered that the copies were not prominently displayed and were in fact rather difficult to locate, prompting the committee to consider terminating the subscriptions altogether. Canceling the subscriptions for even one year would help the committee fund expenditures to reorder the heavily-used pamphlet *Your First Time in a Quaker Meeting* and the newly developed packets for newcomers. Friends spoke of the desire to continue both use of the "A First Time" pamphlets and the availability of Friends Journal in the area libraries. Ultimately, Friends became clear to recommend to the committee that we find a way of placing members' copies of Friends Journal at the area libraries.

Common Room Committee Annual Report This newly-formed committee has not yet met, but will henceforth give its annual report during 3rd Month's Meeting for Business. Committee Clerk Susan Leibman shared that the Committee has been asked by the Meeting to organize the use and scheduling of the Common Room, coordinate care of the space with Hospitality and Property & Grounds Committees, and to revise the guidelines for use of the Common Room. Susan anticipates that the first task of the committee will be to understand and articulate the Meeting's philosophical orientation toward usage of our space. For example, should each potential usage be brought to the Meeting for approval, or shall the committee be responsible for evaluating requests? Suggestions for the work of this committee are welcomed. The Meeting APPROVED the report.

Treasurer's Report Budget and Finance Committee Clerk Larny Claggett reported that as of the close of 2nd Month, the meeting has had income of \$4048.90 and paid expenses of \$2892.47. If donations continue at the present pace, the Meeting is on track to meeting the budget. However, Larny wondered if expenses thus far might be artificially low. He thanked Property & Grounds Committee for being so mindful of their budget. Marsie then brought two additional financial items to the Meeting's attention. The first was a letter from Susan Leibman requesting \$136.55 in financial assistance to fund half of her lodging fees to attend PYM annual sessions (she has applied to the PYM fund for the other half). The Meeting APPROVED this request. A Friend spoke of the funds designated for such purposes and encouraged others to make use of them if necessary to facilitate attendance at annual sessions. Marsie then read an appeal from **Urbana-Champaign**

Friends Meeting in Illinois for financial assistance for final construction of their new meetinghouse. Friends were almost immediately clear to help in some way, and a discussion of the magnitude and timing of a gift followed immediately and was also revisited later in the meeting for business. Ultimately, Friends asked the Budget & Finance Committee to consider the amount and timing of a donation and return with a recommendation, and asked Larny to write to the Urbana-Champaign Meeting to notify them of our intentions.

Peggy Paul reported for Overseers. Over 40 people attended the new members and attenders luncheon sponsored by Overseers and the proverbial good time was had by all. Welcoming committees for Cathy Marvel and Ginger Howell have been convened but have not yet met with these new members. Overseers wishes to remind all Friends that they are welcome to sit on the facing benches for worship. Marsie read a letter from Samantha and Tom McCall requesting **membership** for their infant son Maxwell. The Meeting APPROVED this request with enthusiasm and appointed a welcoming committee of Nancy Mullen, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Leibman, and John Schreiner. Susan Claggett reported that she and Irene Williams met with Nora Caldwell (daughter of PYM Friend Sam Caldwell) and her fiancé Greg regarding their **marriage on April 10, 2004** under the care of our Meeting. The ceremony will take place in the old meetinghouse at 3:00 PM, and Third Haven Friends are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Worship & Ministry Committee Clerk Bob Marshall shared the need for consideration of the committee's meeting time to facilitate greater participation. Adult education on the topic of vocal ministry is planned for the 3rd First Day in April at the rise of meeting; childcare including lunch will be provided. Suggested readings will be posted on the web site. The committee hopes to arrange for monthly adult education sessions. The committee is also establishing the practice of having the greeter for First Day worship be available at rise of meeting in the rear of the meetinghouse to visit with newcomers and answer questions.

Candace Shattuck, co-Clerk of **First Day School Committee**, reminded Friends of the upcoming Carriage Shed sale planned for May 22, 2004. The committee recommends that the proceeds of the sale be primarily committed to Heifer International, an organization which provides animals to families in the developing world. The goal will be to purchase an "Ark of Animals", at a cost of \$5,000. The Meeting APPROVED this

recommendation. The committee welcomes suggestions for the use of any additional funds raised. Beth Mufson reported that the structure of the sale will be similar to those held previously, with the omission of a live auction. Donations of household items, small appliances (no large appliances), tools, books, toys, furniture, clothing, and sports equipment are welcome and may be brought to the Common Room during the week immediately prior to the sale ONLY. Friends are encouraged to limit donations to items in good condition, and be discriminating in their donations of clothing. Finer items will be gathered into a silent auction, and baked goods and plants will also be needed. Winslow Womack will once again be offering his world-famous Quaker dogs. The Clerk thanked the committee for their work and shared the enthusiasm of the meeting for the energy invested in this project.

Testimonies & Concerns Lorraine Claggett, Clerk of the committee, requested that interested individuals contact her about the Talbot Partnership breakfast this week, or an April 6 gathering of the social concerns committees of several local churches. In observance of women's history month, the American Association of University Women requests nominations of women who have made outstanding contributions to their communities. Third Haven has nominated Deanna Rein. Volunteers are needed for a program to mentor newly released prisoners. The committee is developing a pool of people willing to volunteer one day per month at the soup kitchen at Asbury church. Interested volunteers please contact Lorraine. Lorraine also queried the

Meeting for interest in a series of Friday night movie nights, with films on social concerns topics and perhaps dinner as well. The Meeting encouraged the committee to schedule the events and provide summaries of upcoming films for publication in the newsletter.

Communications Committee Clerk of the committee Norval Thompson encouraged Friends to send items for the newsletter in writing, preferably by email. Time sensitive items can be sent at any time; other information should be received by the 15th of the month for publication in that month's newsletter. The committee continues to consider how to improve the timeliness of the newsletter, and to work on our ability to maintain the web site on our own. Norval also reported that an update on the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) Annual Fund will be available soon.

Property & Grounds Committee Clerk John Schreiner encouraged Friends to prepare for a successful spruce-up day on April 24, 2004. Hot water has not yet been restored to the Common Room; please wash your dishes by hand.

The next Southern Quarterly Meeting will be on May 16, 2004, at Third Haven.

Other Business A report from PYM Interim Meeting representatives will be delayed due to the lateness of the hour. No further business appearing, Friends concluded with a period of worship, purposing to meet next on 4th Month 11th, 2004.

Submitted by Susan Leibman, Assistant Recording Clerk

Committees at Work

Overseers - Did you know that Friends (members and attenders) are welcome to sit at the facing bench?

Submitted by Peggy Paul

Ministry and Worship Committee appeals for your thoughts on adult education which the committee has been providing for the past year. We have been encouraged by Third Haven to continue providing sessions which offer a forum for learning more about Quakerism, the Bible, historic Quaker leaders, etc. However, in order to improve attendance we are seeking some feedback from you. Below are some questions which the committee would appreciate your thoughts:

What topics are you interested in discussing and learning more about? (some possible answers: a Quakerism "101" or "102" course?, Peace testimony? Christianity and Quakerism? The Bible? Quaker practice? Historic Quaker leaders?)

When is the best time for you to attend? (Some possible answers: 9:00am on Sundays (like we've been doing) Sunday after Meeting for Worship? Sunday late afternoon? Saturday (morning or afternoon?, Friday evenings? Wednesday evenings before/after Wednesday worship?)

Would you more likely attend if ? (some possible answers: There was child care provided? A pot luck dinner involved? "Carry Out" food provided? A moderator/facilitator? A structured program with readings and homework? An informal discussion/roundtable approach?)

Please take a moment and reply to my e-mail.

THANK YOU! Meredith Watters. meredith@friendly.net

Friends General Conference



“Many of the people who come to us are both refugees and seekers. They are looking for a space to find their authenticity, a space in a spiritual context. It is a process of liberation. Some discover what they need among Friends, others go elsewhere....But if someone comes asking for bread, we cannot say, sorry we are too busy discovering our own riches; when we have found them, we’ll offer you a few. Our riches are precisely our sharing. And the world is very, very hungry.”

--Harvey Gillman, 1993

In 1902, the newly organized Friends General Conference created a “Committee for the Advancement of Friends Principles” to increase public awareness of the religious beliefs and social testimonies of the Religious Society of Friends.

Wonderful, encouraged, uplifted, inspired, nurtured, supported and energized. Such words come to mind to describe the emotions shared by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Representatives upon returning from attending the Central Committee Annual Meeting of the Friends General Conference (FGC), held each October at the New Windsor Conference Center, New Windsor, Maryland, a facility operated by the Church of the Brethren. An outstanding accomplishment of the session was the approval of the 2004-2009 Long Term Plan which consists of the Minute of Purpose, four major goals and their



Carrie Glasby, FGC Development Manager and Hellen Helmuth, Administration

numerous associated objectives and detailed action steps. The first FGC Long-Term Plan was approved in 1997 and covered the years 1998 to 2003 and major accomplishments realized under this plan included: the successful conclusion of the four-year-long *Nurturing Quakerism* campaign by exceeding the 2 million dollars goal; the *Traveling Ministers Program* which grew from one volunteer Nurture-Coordinator who visited 6-8 meetings per year to one full-time-staff coordinator and dozens of seasoned Friends visiting 25-35 meetings each year resulting in more than 150 visits since inception; *one thematic conference* with at least 120 participants every other year and *many small conferences, retreats, workshops and consultations* held annually; *annual conferences for Young Friends* which did not exist previously; a newly formed *Committee for Ministry on Racism* which has offered diversity training at Central Committee, Annual Gatherings and Yearly Meetings; three well-maintained and widely used FGC Websites, namely: www.FGCQuaker.org, www.QuakerBooks.org and www.QuakerFinder.org and the *FGC Connections* newsletter was increased from twice to three times a year. Another exciting accomplishment of this 2003 Central Committee Annual Meeting was the approval for the 2006 FGC Gathering to be held for the first time ever on the west coast. It will be hosted by the North Pacific Yearly Meeting and held on the small pleasant campus of the Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington.

—PYM News Article



Bruce Birchard, General Secretary of FGC

Support the Religious Society of Friends?

A deferred gift with Friends General Conference (bequest, charitable gift annuity, trust) will nurture a vital Religious Society of Friends.

For information, please contact Michael Wajda at FGC, 1216 Arch Street, 2-B, Philadelphia, PA, 19107 (215) 561-1700; michaelw@fgcquaker.org

First Day School- Carriage Shed Sale

May 22, 8 AM - Noon

As always, many hands will be needed to make this show a success. Please mark the date on your calendar, and plan to help out when and how you can. Here's an overview:

- The structure of the sale will be similar to those held previously, except there will be no live auction.
- Goods will be accepted at the Common Room Monday - Friday May 17-20. (We can't take things before that time because Southern Quarterly Meeting will be held at Third Haven May 15th.)
- Donations of household items, small appliances (no large appliances), tools, books, toys, furniture, clothing, and sports equipment are welcome. Friends are encouraged to limit donations to saleable items in good condition, and be particularly discriminating in their donations of clothing.
- Finer items will be gathered into a silent auction.
- Baked goods and plants will also be sold.
- Winslow Womack will once again offer his world-famous "Quaker dogs".

The idea of creating a children's area with face-painting, games and possibly even a petting zoo and pony rides has been raised. Anyone interested in pursuing this should speak to Larny Claggett at (410) 822-1707

Proceeds of the sale will primarily go to Heifer International, an organization which provides animals to families in the developing world, both to feed those families and to make them self-sufficient. The goal will be to purchase an "Ark of Animals", at a cost of \$5,000. A decision will be made after the sale concerning distribution of funds raised beyond that amount.

Sign up sheets will be available shortly; your ideas and energy are welcomed. *By Beth Mufson (410) 820-4752*

Testimony and Concerns - *Opportunity for Service*

Members can contribute time at the soup kitchen run by Asbury Methodist Church in Easton. Needed are volunteers, preferably with cars, to deliver meals on Wednesdays. Third Haven will aim to have two or three volunteers on hand for one day at month. To help out, sign up on the list posted in the common room, and this will tell us if we have the people power to be helpful.

Coffee is Green

Coffee is dark, mellow, deep bodied and enriches our hospitality. But conventional coffee, known as sun-grown, often wipes out tropical forests necessary for soil retention, bird habitats and the oxygen we breathe. The farmers that grow it are impoverished by the slump in world coffee prices while the coffee giants are profiting by keeping retail prices high.

The small family farmers, among the best stewards of the land, are being forced to give up their land to those who engage in deforestation and destructive practices leading to soil erosion and water pollution. In Ethiopia 700,000 families depend on coffee and the economic crisis makes it more difficult to deal with HIV/AIDS crisis; in Honduras the crisis has left 30,000 Hondurans suffering from hunger; in northern Nicaragua nearly all the men have left families behind to go look for work.

Fair Trade Certified Coffee is coffee grown by small-scale family farms where farmers grow their coffee in harmony with the Earth. Eighty percent is shade grown and organic. Fair Trade guarantees farmers a fair price for their crop and halts the cycle of debt and poverty. The farmers, organized into cooperatives, receive a floor price 5-6 times more than the price they receive on the conventional market. To buy green coffee, look for the label Fair Trade Certified. It is available at Railway Market, and the mainstream markets Starbucks, Wild Oats, Trader Joe's and Peets. Also the Proctor & Gamble Millstone Coffee carries a brand with this certification. It is not yet in Safeway or Acme in Easton, so a campaign to ask for it might be effective in getting it here. Information by Co-op America and at www.fairtradeaction.org

Submitted by Lorraine Claggett

Outstanding Quaker Woman

Each March, during Women's History Month, the American Association of University Women honors outstanding women who have shown service and dedication to their community. This year our member **Diana (Dee) Rein** was so recognized. For her contributions to a peaceful world and to the healthy development of the individual spirit the meeting submitted her name for this honor. We join the AAUW in appreciating what Dee does to make our part of the world a better place for its citizens.

Submitted by Lorraine Claggett

Getting to know Friends

Diana Rein (Dee) believes in the practicality of a world at peace and her respect for the dignity of every person informs her contribution to our mid shore community life. She works to recognize the potential of the Individual, to teach others, to give opportunities to go from lives of turmoil to fulfillment.



When a teacher at Easton High School she worked with young people to establish and run the peer mediation program where students themselves acted to resolve conflicts and solve disputes. No longer in schools, she is a part of Smart Recovery,

a group with the goal to empower people with addictive and compulsive behaviors redirect their lives. She cannot be here today (March 27) because she is being a rider coach, a person who teaches the motorcycle safety program offered by the Department of Motor Vehicles to get a license to ride the roads. Her women's motorcycle group will be cruising again this spring in Ride Across Maryland and will raise money for breast cancer research. Her self-established business, Choice Consultants and Training, offers continuing education workshops on a variety of topics to social workers, psychologists, educators and other professionals. She serves on and contributes her expertise to the pastoral care committee of her faith group, Third Haven Monthly Meeting (Quakers). And back at home with the man she loves, Dee is the resident car and bike mechanic and chief woodworker. Dee likes the old Quaker saying "If you are so moved". Her life exemplifies the way she has been moved, and her respect for the light in each of us that leads us to make free life choices.

Betsy Harrell - Bryant & I entertained a large crowd, celebrating Christmas as well as our golden wedding anniversary. We took an excursion in the cold forest to see salmon spawn, we cooked & shopped & wrapped presents, & we cut a big shoot off a redwood in our garden to decorate for Christmas. Our children, Avis, Beth & Chandlee, put on a grand & delightful 50th - wedding banquet for us, to which many of our California friends came.

We dined on marvelous seafood, reminisced about the days of our marriage in 1954 at Third Haven's old



Betsy and Bryant cut the cake at their anniversary celebration.

Meetinghouse, & felt very special with so many loved ones around. Later, on 2 January—our real anniversary—we hosted a 10 am-10 pm open house for ourselves. It would've been awfully appropriate if our friends from the Meeting had been here for that!

From Betsy Forman Harrell, member of Third Haven and daughter of the late Caroline and Chandlee Forman.

Thank you Friends

-- Laura Bode-- for gift (tractor) to Meeting ;
 -- Greg Leibman and Emma Liebman –hospitality
 -- The VanWest family – hospitality;
 -- Tom Corl and Susan Leibman –Recording clerks.--

-- Doreen Getzinger and Marsie Hawkinson - -work at Interim Meeting Philadelphia.
 -- Friends who contribute to the Monthly and to the Yearly Meeting.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting - Interim Meeting: January 2004

Minute # 1. Worship and Opening Exercises

The meeting settled into worship at 6:00 p.m. The clerk welcomed 4 new representatives, 3 new alternates, and 11 guests.

Minute # 2. New Business. Bruce Birchard, General Secretary of FGC, talked about their process of having committee clerks named by a nominating committee. This has been suggested for PYM.

Minute # 3. Continuing Business.

A. Interim Meeting naming committee was appointed: Will Bowers, Rick Dow, Diane Metz, and Cheryl Veith.
 B. Update on IRS Suit. Some additional papers have been filed with the court.
 C. Place of Meeting on Worship and Ministry within Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Mario Cavallini, clerk, brought a minute asking that this body report directly to Interim Meeting /Yearly Meeting in Session. Not all Friends were in unity with the proposal. Will this not lift these Friends above others? Those in favor saw value in the rotation and terms of service, and their critical mission of serving our spiritual needs. This will be considered again after seasoning for another month.

Minute # 4. Financial Stewardship Committee

Jackie Bowers, clerk, presented a proposed budget of approximately \$4,931,000 for consideration by Yearly Meeting in session in March. No cuts were made in the Regional Coordinators program; cuts of \$400,000 necessary to balance the budget were made as follows:

- *Half of the Arch Street Interpreter's program staff salary was cut, to one half person.
- *The library was cut from one and one-half staff to just one staff member
- *Two administrative assistant positions in our central offices were eliminated.
- *Some accounting staff were moved from full time to half time.

There will be fewer staff to do things. Things will take longer: quality and quantity of PYM staff work will suffer.

Minute # 5. Report of the Nominating Committee

Sue Makler, clerk reported 2 nominations and 1 resignations. Nominating Committee is working to consider suggestions from the Structure Evaluation report.

Minute # 6. Business of Standing Committees

A. General Services Standing Committee

Anne Moore, clerk, reported for the General Services Standing Committee.

- (1). The Chace Granting Group approved 21 grants totaling \$117,200.
- (2). The Bequests Granting Group approved 9 grants totaling \$105,135.
- (3). Thom Jeavons reported the Annual Fund has raised \$206,454 of the goal of \$435,000

B. Peace and Concerns Standing Committee Howard Cell, clerk, reported workshops on Peace are planned. Carolyn Packard, PYM staff Conflict Specialist reported that she has worked with 50 Monthly Meetings in her nine years. This service is available free and in total confidentiality for any Friend or group within PYM.

C. Worship and Care Standing Committee Jim Morrissey, co-clerk, reported there is a new Working Group being formed; a minute on the term "Overseer" will be considered in February, and a working group retreat is being planned for May.

Minute # 7. General Secretary's Report Much work on "PYM Sundays", PYM tax case, and dramatic increase in health care. But good news on Annual Fund, Ramallah Meetinghouse, and Monthly Meeting involvement.

Minute # 8. Clerk's Correspondence

- A. Travel minute for Mickey Edgerton
- B. Minute from Chester River Monthly Meeting in support of War Tax case
- C. Minute from Quarterly Meeting Clerks concerning adequate recognition of the role of the Quarters by PYM.

Minute # 9. Minutes of 4 December 2003 were revised and approved.

Minute # 10. Announcements and Adjournment

A Protocol for Yearly Meeting or Interim Meeting's Consideration of Minutes from Other Bodies was distributed. Friends settled into worship and adjourned near 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by Chris Mahon, Clerk & Susan White, Recording Clerk

Excerpts From the Writings of George Fox

When I received notice of my wife's being taken to prison again, I sent two of her daughters to the King, and they procured his order to the sheriff of Lancashire for her discharge. But though I expected she would have been set at liberty, yet this violent storm of persecution coming suddenly on, the persecutors there found means to hold her still in prison.

But now the persecution a little ceasing, I was moved to speak to Martha Fisher, and another woman Friend, to go to the King about her liberty. They went in the faith, and in the Lord's power; and He gave them favour with the King, so that he granted a discharge under the broad seal, to clear both her and her estate, after she had been ten years a prisoner, and praemunired; the like whereof was scarce to be heard in England. I sent down the discharge forthwith by a Friend; by whom also I wrote to her, to inform her how to get it delivered to the justices, and also to acquaint her that it was upon me from the Lord to go beyond sea, to visit the plantations in America; and therefore I desired her to hasten to London, as soon as she could conveniently after she had obtained her liberty, because the ship was then fitting for the voyage. In the meantime I got to Kingston, and stayed at John Rous's till my wife came up, and then I began to prepare for the voyage.

" 1669 -George Fox about his wife Margaret Fells"...

William Edmundson and three Friends sailed for Virginia, where things were much out of order; John Burnyeat, Robert Widders, George Pattison, and I, with Friends of the province, went over by boat to the Eastern Shore,²⁰⁴ and had a meeting there on the First-day. There many people received the Truth with gladness, and Friends were greatly refreshed. A very large and heavenly meeting it was. Several persons of quality in that country were at it, two of whom were justices of the peace. It was upon me from the Lord to send to the Indian emperor and his kings to come to that meeting. The emperor came and was at the meeting. His kings, lying further off, could not reach the place in time. Yet they came soon after, with their cockarooses.²⁰⁵ ...they heard the Word of the Lord willingly and confessed to it. What I spoke to them I desired them to speak to their people, and to let them know that God was raising up His tabernacle of witness in their wilderness-country, and was setting up His standard and glorious ensign of righteousness.... They carried themselves very courteously and lovingly,

and inquired where the next meeting would be, saying that they would come to it. Yet they said they had had a great debate with their council about their coming, before they came...The next day we... took horse at the head of Tredhaven creek, and traveled...the head of Miles river, by which we passed, and rode to the head of Wye river, and so to the head of Chester river,....

*...I went back to the Friends that night, and next day we departed thence about nineteen or twenty miles to **Tredhaven creek**, to John Edmundson's again; whence, the 3d of Eighth month, we went to the **General Meeting** for all Maryland Friends(Baltimore Yearly Meeting) This held five days. The first three meetings were for public worship, to which people of all sorts came; The other two were men's and women's meetings. To the public meetings came many Protestants of diverse sorts, and some Papists. Amongst these were several magistrates and their wives, and other persons of chief account in the country. There were so many besides Friends that it was thought there were sometimes a thousand people at one of these meetings; so that, though they had not long before enlarged their meeting-place, and made it as large again as it was before, it could not contain the people.*

I went by boat every day four or five miles to it, and there were so many boats at that time passing upon the river that it was almost like the Thames. The people said there were never so many boats seen there together before, and one of the justices said he had never seen so many people together in that country before. It was a very heavenly meeting, wherein the presence of the Lord was gloriously manifested. Friends were sweetly refreshed, the people generally satisfied, and many convinced; for the blessed power of the Lord was over all; everlasting praises to His holy name for ever!

After the public meetings were over, the men's and women's meetings began, and were held the other two days; for I had something to impart to them which concerned the glory of God, the order of the gospel, and the government of Christ Jesus.

When these meetings were over, we took our leave of Friends in those parts, whom we left well established in the Truth.

*George Fox,
Autobiography of George Fox XVIII-Two Years In America*



Greeter Meredith Watters offers a warm welcome to John Hawkinson.

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Meeting for Worship
Sundays 10-11 AM
Wednesdays 5:30 - 6:00 PM
Everyone Welcome