



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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Condolences go to the family of **Ginger Howell**, who died at home of cancer Dec. 25, 2005 at age 54. Virginia Luise Page Howell was a botanist and landscape architect who used her talents as a land use planner, environmental consultant and cultural and historic preservation landscape architect. In addition to her roles as wife and mother, Ginger volunteered in the community of Easton as well as at Third Haven where she was instrumental in creating the first electronic newsletter for the meeting. She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Peter Howell; a daughter, Kate Howell of Easton; her mother; a brother, Reginald Wheeler Page III of Wilton Manors, Fla.; and several cousins, nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be

held at Third Haven Friends Meeting House, at 405 S. Washington St., at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to one of the following charities: The Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601; Maryland Public Television, 11767 Owings Mills Blvd., Owings Mills, MD 21117; or American Friends Service Committee at the following address: AFSC Development, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102.

Third Haven Friends Meeting Minutes of the 12th month 11th, 2005, Meeting for Business

Attending – Paige Bethke, Larny Claggett, Lorraine B Claggett, Tom Corl, Doreen Getsinger, Tanya Harrison, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Bob Kemp, Susan Leibman, Bob Marshall, Nancy Mullen, Sumner Parker, Peggy Paul, Dee Rein, Anne Rouse, Jim Rouse, Candace Shattuck, John Schreiner, Karen Stoker, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Ann Williams, Irene Williams, Winslow Womack, Ralph Young, Frank Zeigler and Joyce Zeigler. The meeting opened with a period of silent worship. Marsie Hawkinson, Clerk of the Meeting, clerked the meeting for business.

12th Query – During the meeting for worship, Bob Marshall read the 12th Query on Simplicity and Integrity. There were no further comments on the Query in the meeting for business.

Minutes of the 11th Month 13th meeting for business – The Meeting APPROVED the minutes of the 11th month 13th meeting for business, as distributed electronically to Friends with e-mail addresses and mailed to others.

Clerk's correspondence and announcements – Clerk Marsie Hawkinson reminded Friends that Third Haven will have regular meetings for worship at 10:00 am on 1st day 12th month 25th and 1st month 1st, though there will be no First Day School on either date. The Meeting will have a special meeting for worship on 12th month 24th at 3:30 pm. The son of Edith and Herbert Taylor donated 2 of Joyce Zeigler's paintings of Third Haven to the Meeting. Marsie sent a note of thanks and noted the contributions of these 2 Friends to Third Haven. The paintings now hang in the common room.

As approved in the last meeting for business, the Clerk sent a letter to the Interfaith Housing Development Corporation. Larny Claggett reported that the Interfaith Housing Development Corporation has asked Third Haven to secure \$25,000 of a loan, with other amounts to be secured by other area churches. This request was referred to the Budget and Finance Committee, which will make a recommendation to the Meeting at the next meeting for business.

Treasurer's report – The Treasurer, Joe Davis, presented the financial reports for Third Haven for 10th and 11th months. The income for 10th month was \$3,820; the expenses \$6,165, for a negative net for 10th month of \$2345. 10th month expenses included adjusting the boiler, replacement of the oil tank and a final payment for painting the brick meetinghouse. The income for 11th month was \$8,232; the expenses \$1,673, for a positive net for 11th month of \$6,559. The total income for the 7th-11th month period was \$20,789; the total expense for the same period was \$21,816 through 5 months; with a negative net of \$1,027 in the fiscal year to date. On the year to date balance sheet, the total current assets are \$59,204 with total current liabilities of \$10,178. The Meeting has \$49,026 net funds available. The Meeting APPROVED the Treasurer's report with thanks to Joe Davis.

Budget and Finance – Sumner Parker and Norval Thompson have reviewed financial records of the Meeting, in the manner of a "Friendly audit", and found nothing amiss. All is in good order. The Treasurer, Joe Davis, is doing an excellent job managing the finances of the Meeting. The Meeting thanked Sumner, Norval and Joe.

As requested at the 11th month meeting for business, Winslow Womack reported that the Budget and Finance recommended that the Meeting lower its financial contribution to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting in fiscal year 2007 (FY07) by \$1,000 to \$13,190 for the "covenant" to be reported to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting in 1st month 2006. There then followed another long discussion of the of the financial condition of the Meeting, various interpretations of "budget shortfalls", the fact that many members and attenders do not financially support the Meeting, what might be done about these matters and which committees have related responsibilities. The Meeting finally AGREED that Third Haven will pledge to pay no less than \$13,190 to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting for the FY07 "covenant" to be reported to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting in 1st month 2006.

Worship and Ministry Committee – Bob Marshall, Clerk of the Worship and Ministry Committee, presented the 2005 Annual Report for the Committee. The Report stated in part, that the Committee focused on 3 activities in 2005: 1) well-attended and thoughtful adult discussions on the peace testimony, simplicity, spiritual journeys, "loving your enemies" and poverty as violence; 2) support for the Library and Outreach Committee, in cooperation with the

Testimonies and Concerns Committee, with educational materials for the Meeting open house on 10th month 1st; and 3) discerning responses to the 2nd Query on the meeting for business. The responses to the 2nd Query were offered as an addendum to the Annual Report, which stated in part – The meeting for worship is at the core of our Religious Society, but the meeting for business should be no less of a worshipful activity. It went on to quote Howard Brinton – “the transaction of church business is as distinctly a religious exercise as is the meeting for worship ... the meeting for worship concerns being while the meeting for business concerns doing.” While the meeting for business is supposed to be spirit-led it can lead to feelings of irritation and frustration. The addendum went on to cite the wise advice from the Elders of Balby, Yorkshire, 1656:

“Dear Friends, keep all of your meetings in the authority, wisdom, and power of Truth and the unity of the blessed Spirit. Let your conduct and conversation be such as become the Gospel of Christ. Exercise yourselves to have a conscience void of offense toward God and toward all people. Be steadfast and faithful in your allegiance and service to your Lord, and the God of peace be with you.”

The meeting for business can be a major source of great spiritual fulfillment for the Meeting community. We should recognize the riches of Third Haven Friends Meeting, and the corresponding stewardship responsibilities. The addendum went on to call for “steadfast adherence to certain core principles in the meeting for business” set forth in the Faith and Practice of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (2002). The Worship and Ministry Committee recommended that the report be sent to the Meeting community.

The Report and responses to the 2nd Query prompted a period of silent reflection on our participation in the meeting for business. With Friends uniting with this report from the Worship and Ministry Committee, the Meeting APPROVED the Annual Report and the addendum on the meeting for business, with thanks to Bob Marshall and the Worship and Ministry Committee. The Annual Report and addendum on the meeting for business will be published in the Newsletter. The Committee will continue to work on the response the 2nd Query and prepare advice for the Meeting on the meeting for business.

Nominations – Mary Cotton, the Clerk of the 2005 Nominating Committee had previously distributed a preliminary Nominating Committee report and asked Friends to make additional suggestions. In Mary’s absence, Meredith Watters presented the Nominating Committee’s proposed officers, clerks and committee members for 2006 to the Meeting for approval. The report gave “particular thanks to our clerk, Marsie Hawkinson for the care, love and tenderness she has given us all during these past four years.” Meredith noted that the Nominating Committee had made a special effort to reach out to the entire Meeting community, particularly newer members and attenders. Friends made a few additional suggestions. With a few additions and corrections, the Meeting APPROVED the Nominating Committee report, with gratitude to Mary Cotton and the Nominating Committee for a job very well done. The full corrected 2006 nominations will be published in the next Newsletter. The 2006 Nominating Committee will be Meredith Watters (Clerk), Joyce Zeigler and Marsie Hawkinson. The Meeting reiterated its great appreciation thanks to Marsie Hawkinson for her patient leadership, in the manner of Friends, of Third Haven for the past 4 years.

Testimonies and Concerns – Lorraine B Claggett, Clerk of the Testimonies and Concerns Committee, spoke of creating a culture of peace in the Meeting community. The Committee will sponsor a speaker from the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) on border issues and a simple meal on 1st month 28th, 2006. Friends are reminded to pray with Langley Hill Friends

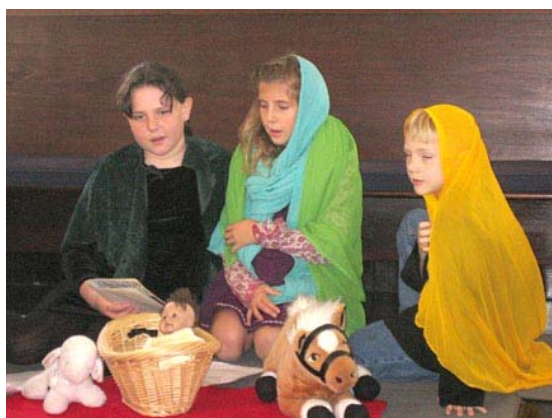
Meeting for the hostages in Iraq. It was noted the proceeds from the carriage shed sale will be given in 3 equal shares (about \$1300 each) to the Apostles Build program, Caroline County Habitat for Humanity and a Meeting family in need.

Trustees – Pinney Claggett, a Third Haven Trustee, explained in some detail the origin of the Trustees, created around World War II, when it was thought that the Meeting might be laid down. The Trustees is a self-perpetuating body, which consists only of members of Third Haven Friends Meeting at this time. The Trustees hold title to the Third Haven property and have responsibility for the maintenance of the Third Haven buildings and grounds. The Trustees meet officially only once a year. The current assets of the Trustees are estimated to be in the range of \$400,000. These funds are mostly invested with Friends Fiduciary Corporation. There followed some discussion of the roles, responsibilities and relationships between the Trustees and the Meeting, especially the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Meeting. In particular, Friends asked how the Buildings and Grounds Committee can determine what the Trustees will pay for and what the Meeting, through the Buildings and Grounds Committee, is expected to pay for. As the discussion was lengthening, a Friend suggested that there be a special meeting to discuss the roles, responsibilities and relationships between the Trustees and the Meeting. The Clerk will arrange for such a meeting.

Other Business – The First Day School will present a children’s program at the rise of meeting for worship on 12th months 18th, a pot luck lunch will follow. Norval Thompson thanked the Meeting for trying new things in communications, like the electronic distribution of the Newsletter. The meeting for business concluded with additional appreciation of Marsie Hawkinson for her excellent service as Clerk of the Meeting for 4 years. Marsie in turn thanked the Meeting for supporting her.

The meeting for business closed with a period of silent worship. The next Third Haven meeting for business will be at the rise of meeting for worship 1st month 8th.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Corl, Recording Clerk, Third Haven Friends Meeting



Children's Christmas Program

12th month 18th found the meeting attending the Christmas program enthusiastically presented by the youngest members under the guidance of the first day school staff. Following the event all adjourned for the ever popular pot luck and fellowship in the Common Room.





Annual Report of the Nominating Committee for Third Haven Friends Meeting

Members of the Nominating Committee formally present their recommendations to members and attenders of Third Haven Friends Meeting for Officers, Clerks and Committees for the coming year, 2006. We wish to thank all members and attenders who have contributed their time so freely and their love and commitment so willingly to ensure that the business of the Meeting is well taken care of. And we wish to give particular thanks to our Clerk, Marsie Hawkinson, for the care, love and tenderness she has given us all during these past four years.

We remind members and attenders that it has become the practice for officers and clerks to serve for two years, renewable for a second term. It is also our practice that members of committees serve for periods of three years, also renewable for a second three years.

Through the work of our committees, our meeting is enriched and we each grow in knowledge and caring of our faith community. We are a small meeting, and we look forward the time and effort spent by members and attenders in service to the meeting that will continue to sustain us all through the coming year.

We have engaged in a lengthy consultation process with members and attenders of the meeting to discern the gifts best suited to our meeting's needs. We have tried to speak with as many of you as possible, but may not have reached all. Please let us know if we have missed you, and you wish to serve.

Thank you.

Mary Cotton, Bob Kemp Sr., Meredith Watters
12th Month 11th, 2005

Report of the Nominating Committee for Third Haven Friends Meeting

Proposed Clerks, Officers and Committees For 2006

Clerk – Monthly Meeting - Anne Rouse

Assistant Clerk – Monthly Meeting - Candace Shattuck

Recording Clerk - Susan Leibman

Assistant Recording Clerk - Nancy Mullen

Recorder - Laurence Claggett, Sr.

Treasurer - Joe Davis

FCNL - Frank Zeigler

Interfaith Housing Development Corp. of The Eastern Shore - Laurence Claggett, Jr.

TACL - Ann Williams, Ralph Young

South Quarterly Meeting Representative - Susan Claggett

Southern Quarter Planning Committee - Susan Claggett

NAACP, Talbot County - Doreen Getsinger

AFSC Mid Atlantic (T&C) - Valerie Mazur

QUNO [Quaker United Nations Office] - Jim Paul

PYM Annual Giving - Laurence Claggett, Jr.

PYM Interim Meeting - Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Norval Thompson, Cathy Thompson

Talbot Partners - Lorraine T. Claggett

Worship & Ministry Committee: Bob Marshall, Clerk. Jim Paul, Cathy Thompson, John Schoffner, Meredith Watters, Tom Corl, Ralph Young, Molly Burgoyne, Robin Davenport, Paige Bethke

Overseers Committee: Clerk, . Doreen Getsinger, Dee Rein, Norval Thompson, Monimia Barker, Betty Jean Wheeler, Ann Williams, Nancy Mullen, Helen Womack, Joyce Zeigler

Testimonies & Concerns Committee: Lorraine B. Claggett, Clerk. Norman Hackland, Ralph Young, Rob Weiland, Valerie Mazur, Karin Stoker, Nancy Mullen, Liddy Garcia-Bunuel, Cindy Browne, Tatiana Harrison

First Day School Committee: Susan Claggett, Clerk. Beth Mufson, Helen Womack, Codie Chaudoin, Lorraine T. Claggett, Christin Dickey, Sally Claggett, Samantha McCall, Candace Shattuck

Library & Outreach Committee: Mary Cotton, Clerk. Tylor Wrightson, Lorraine B. Claggett, Peggy Walbert, Frank Zeigler, Clay Owens, Janice Shreve, Mike Mullen, Robert Gladney

Hospitality Committee: Ann Williams, Cathy Thompson, Co-Clerks. Beth Mufson, Codie Chaudoin, Dan Chaudoin, Lorraine T. Claggett, Marcie & Patrick Molloy, Janice Shreve, Martin Garcia-Bunuel

Property & Grounds Committee: John Schreiner, Clerk. Sally Vermilye, Bob Kemp Sr., Bob Kemp Jr., Laurence Claggett, Jr., Leigh Ann Dodge, Rob Wieland, Peggy Paul, Clay Owens, Craig Smith, John Carr, Joyce Zeigler, Betty Jean Wheeler, Judy Anglada

Budget & Finance Committee: Winslow Womack, Clerk. Joe Davis, Larny Claggett, Bill Lane, Allan Mielke, Sumner Parker, John Watters, John Hawkinson, Irene Williams, Tom Bartlett

Common Room Committee: Peggy Paul, Clerk. Ann Williams, Beth Mufson, Winslow Womack

Communications Committee: John Hawkinson, Clerk. Paige Bethke, Nancy Mullen, Dee Rein, Ralph Young, Jacob Mullen

Nominating Committee: Meredith Watters, Clerk. Joyce Zeigler, Marsie Hawkinson.

GOOD NEWS!!!!

Dorsey Wooters, treasurer of Caroline County Historical Society, just called to say that he had received a check in the amount of \$7,500. from Fairplay Foundation to help complete the restoration of the Neck Meetinghouse. Submitted by *Joyce Zeigler*

Communications

We have been sending both current announcements and the newsletter by means of e-mail. If you have any trouble receiving these communications by e-mail, please let us know, because it is possible with very few modifications to have you reading the information from the meeting. If you can receive e-mail, we would like to send both announcements and the newsletter to you by this means. It turns out that the major portion of the budget of the communications committee pays for printing and postage. There is no question that we will continue to keep those without computers informed of the progress of the meeting, but be sure to let us know if you have an e-mail address. info@thirdhaven.org

Announcements for Third Haven Monthly Meeting week of January 1, 2006

- January 1 (first day) 10am meeting for worship (no first day school)
- January 4 (fourth day) Marilla's Lunches: (the first Wednesday) Third Haven Friends Meeting is responsible for preparing and delivering about 45 lunches to shut-ins selected by Asbury Methodist Church. We meet in the common room at 10 am, prepare the lunches and deliver them. Contact Lorraine B. Claggett (410-822-0669) or Ralph Young (410-819-0050)
- January 4 (fourth day) 4:30pm Budget and Finance Committee meets in common room
- January 4 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship
- January 7 (seventh day) 2pm Memorial service for Ginger Howell.

January 7 (seventh day) 10am Tour of the Friends Committee on National Legislation in Washington DC, by Friends from our Quarter. Cathy Guthrie has agreed to take us on this tour. This will also allow time to tour the American Indian Museum. Car pool plans and more details will be distributed when we know how many people are planning to go from each Meeting. All ages are welcome; children should be accompanied by a parent. Please be sure this is announced at your meeting and a head count gets back to me Dana Kester-McCabe - sqm@friendsmedia.org or 410-352-5827 by December 19th. Contact for Third Haven is Frank Zeigler (410)634-2491.

January 8 (first day) 10am meeting for worship and meeting for business.

January 14 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

January 15 (first day) Southern Quarterly Meeting at Wicomico River Friends Meeting
Program: "Experiment With Light"

January 15 (first day) 10am meeting for worship

January 18 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

January 22 (first day) 10am meeting for worship

January 25 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

January 15 (first day) 10am meeting for worship

January 29 (first day) 10am meeting for worship followed by a presentation by Ruben Chandrasekar about the Border Project, which is an AFSC immigration initiative. There will be a soup-and-sandwich lunch to follow in the common room.

February 1 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

February 8 (fourth day) 4:30pm Budget and Finance Committee meets in common room

Reminders

- Volunteer for the Apostles Build program which will start in January. To sign up for Saturdays January 7, 14, 21 & 28 and February 4,11,18, & 25, the Contact is kencourt@goeaston.net (Ken Court). Our Apostles Build Coalition will work the afternoon shift (12-4) in January and the morning shift (8-12) in February. Lunch and snacks will be served.
- Sign up with a friend to provide Hospitality following meeting for worship.
- Place book donations for the detention center in the chest in the common room.
- A new Third Haven directory will be printed and distributed shortly after the first of the year
- Please send address changes to hawkjm@goeaston.net
- List all scheduled committee meetings or gatherings on the common room calendar.
- Send a contribution payable to: Third Haven Monthly Meeting
Mail to Third Haven Treasurer, PO Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601
- Donate non-perishable food for the Neighborhood Service Center

Overseers have requested that we all review and update our declaration of intentions (see the November newsletter for the form)

"Lawyer wanted to help a fledgling non-profit get off the ground. Talbot 2nd Chance, an organization dedicated to helping the ex-offender return to society, is in need of a pro bono lawyer to help with the incorporation and 501(c)3 processes. Please contact Ralph Young, 410-819-0050. "

INDEX OF EVENTS FOR 2006

Specific details of many forthcoming events may be found at our website <http://www.thirdhaven.org/> please look at this site and click on Complete Text Material which was updated 12/6/05. The following is the index of these events.

GENERAL (undated)

PYM Requests Proposals for Urban Youth Ministry

Putting faith to action: the Peace Tax Fund Bill

Teachers Workshop on Bullying

Join the PYM Library Services Group

Quaker Parenting Project offers Discussion Series

Apply for Quaker Youth Pilgrimage

PYM Reunification Documentary for Sale on DVD

Friends Counseling Service

Is this your year for Pendle Hill?

Elaine Pagels Lecture Now on CD

“Silent Witness” Panels Featured in Abington Art Center 's “Lost Meeting” Exhibit

Retreats for Friends, Winter 2006 (January, February, March)

JANUARY 2006

January 15 (first day) Southern Quarterly Meeting at Wicomico River Friends Meeting

January 28 (seventh day) 9:30am Threshing Session on PYM Budget

FEBRUARY 2006

February 4 (seventh day) 9am Meetinghouse Maintenance Workshop

February 18 (seventh day) Earlham Program on Bible

MARCH 2006

March 3-5 (sixth day) Women’s Retreat

March 31 (sixth day) Conference for Racial Justice and Equality

Quaker Job Openings

1. Be a Volunteer Guide at Arch Street Meeting House
2. PYM Seeks Coordinator of Marketing & Hospitality for Meetinghouse
3. Two Positions Open with Friends Center Capital Campaign
4. FGC Seeks Conference Coordinator
5. Friends Fiduciary Seeks Senior Accountant
6. Pastoral Care Newsletter Seeks Editor