



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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MAY 2011 NEWSLETTER

A man needs to love and to hate at the same moment, to laugh and cry with the same eyes, with the same hands to throw stones and to gather them, to make love in war and war in love.

Yehuda Amichai

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 4th month, 15th, 2012

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Clerk Candace Shattuck.
2. Attending: Dawn Atwater, Mark Beck, Gwen Beegle, Paige Bethke, Larny Claggett, Lorraine B. Claggett, Tom Corl, Mary Cotton, Doreen Getsinger, Robert Gladney, Tatiana Harrison, Marsie Hawkinson, Joyce Macijeski, Priscilla Morris, Sumner Parker, Cynthia Quast, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Dee Rein, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Sally Vermilye, Meredith Watters, Rob Wieland, John Winterbottom, Winslow Womack, Frank Zeigler
3. Minutes:
The Minutes for 3rd month 2012 were approved with corrections as follows: The Deficit Committee was laid down. A new Committee was not created. A new Minute, based on a draft put forward by Marsie Hawkinson, will be brought to the April Meeting by Candace Shattuck, who will confer with others as needed. An expression of thanks was offered to Norval Thompson and the Committee for working to bring the matter of PYM's Deficit to Meeting. Query: The 4th Query on Care for the Meeting Community was read and considered. Larny Claggett spoke to the ability for THFM Meeting to provide handicap accessibility to both Meeting Houses as an expression of caring.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT: In the absence of clerk John Hawkinson, who prepared the report, Dee Rein presented this item, a copy of which is attached. The meeting approved the report with thanks and praise for the committee's fine work.

TRUSTEES REPORT: Marsie Hawkinson, Clerk of Trustees, offered a report which included a summary of the history of the Trustees and their stewardship of the Meetinghouses and grounds as well as an update of recent activities. Last year the Trustees paid \$41,000 in expenses and

donated \$1,500 to the Meeting's Scholarship Fund. Several Friends expressed gratitude both for their work and for the opportunity to learn more about this important group. (Report attached)

TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer Rob Wieland reported on Third Haven's financial status through the third quarter of our fiscal year by presenting the income statement and balance sheet as of March 31. Copies of each are attached. In summary, as of that time 68.8% of budgeted income (\$43,608.72) had been received, and 70.1% of budgeted expenditures (\$44,442.89) made. The question was raised how income compares to last year. The answer is that income this year to date is stronger than last year: \$43,608.72 this year vs. \$39,823.49 last year, a 9.5% positive difference. As there is normally a spike in contributions in June and because some budget categories will probably not be spent in their entirety, we are optimistic that we will end our fiscal year June 30 "in the black."

INTERIM MEETING REPORT. Tom Corl reported on PYM's Interim Meeting (IM), which he and Rob Wieland had attended the prior day. Tom and Rob are new representatives to IM. In future, they will receive information from PYM IM by email and will transmit important documents and information to John Hawkinson to include with announcements.

Much of the IM meeting was devoted to the financial condition of PYM and actions taken to address and resolve past deficits, borrowing and unsustainable financing of PYM activities. PYM and its many active constituencies want more financial support than PYM restricted funds and annual income can sustain. The reports covered the Treasurer's report to IM by Ron Ploeg, the draft 2013 fiscal year (FY) budget from the Financial Stewardship Committee (FSC) by Clerk Andrew Anderson, 3-year financial projections, 3-year budgeting, continuous financial monitoring and regular financial reporting to IM. The deficit debt has been repaid. PYM staffing expense will be cut by 32% in FY2013, resulting in 19.0 full time equivalents (FTEs). Staffing expense will be based on conservative estimates and actual income over the next 3 years. IM noted that the key question is not "What will PYM do?" but "What can PYM fund?"

Tom reported that he was very favorably impressed by the conscientious work of these Friends. Tom and Rob think that the recent remedial and corrective actions taken by those responsible for financial planning, management and oversight at PYM and IM, including the General secretary Arthur Larrabee, will produce positive results, balanced budgets and sustainable financing of PYM activities in the years ahead.

Tom and Rob will serve as IM representatives and welcome other Third Haven Friends to share in this responsibility. Friends willing to help are encouraged to contact Tom, Rob or the Nominating Committee. The Meeting thanked Tom and Rob for the report and serving as IM representatives.

PYM DEFICIT MINUTE. Clerk Candace Shattuck presented a proposed minute based on one drafted by Marsie Hawkinson and put forward and discussed at the March business meeting. The sense of that meeting was that we want an expression of deep concern and at the same time recognition of and support for steps being taken. Because of actions taken at Interim Meeting yesterday (April 14), as reported above, it was suggested that this minute be modified slightly to express our feeling of encouragement that progress is being made, and to spell out the steps

which we feel are important. Rather than taking the time to arrive at exact wording during business meeting, those present approved this minute in concept and authorized the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk to proceed with it. The final wording is as follows:

The long-standing affiliation of Third Haven Friends Meeting with Philadelphia Yearly Meeting makes us deeply concerned about the financial deficits that have become increasingly serious and distressing over the last two years. We are encouraged that those responsible for the financial management of our Yearly Meeting continue to work and to make progress in setting our financial house in order and ensuring that deficit spending will not be repeated in the years ahead.

It is vital to the long-term health of our Yearly Meeting that we manage expenses at or below actual income, consistent with our Quaker Faith and Practice, without borrowing from other sources. We support the corrective efforts that have been taken to date to improve Yearly Meeting financial planning and management. We are encouraged that these recent actions, along with the new approach using 3-year financial projections, 3-year budgeting, continuous financial monitoring and regular financial reporting to Interim Meeting will produce positive results, balanced budgets and sustainable financing of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting activities in the years ahead.

We support the recent improvements in our Yearly Meeting financial planning and management, and the conscientious work of so many Yearly Meeting Friends to address and resolve our financial concerns in the manner of Friends.

PROPERTY AND GROUNDS. Clerk Larny Claggett brought three items to the attention of business meeting.

(1) P&G has consulted tree experts concerning three mature trees on the grounds: a dead pine tree on the lane, the large maple located outside the back door of the Common Room and a large maple at the far end of the Old Meeting House. The experts recommended that all three trees be taken down, as all were either dead, diseased or dying. A number of Friends expressed resistance to the idea of taking the trees down unless absolutely necessary. One Friend asked if a plan for replanting had been made. Another asked about the location of the rot and urged that we keep the trees as long as possible. Another Friend reminded the Meeting that 25 years ago there was a large Maple at the front of the Old Meeting House and a large limb fell just missing the building. The Committee was asked to return with a proposal for removing the trees and a time line.

(2) The second item was the possibility of extending the parking lot to include 7-8 additional spaces for a cost of \$4,150. While Friends agreed that the additional spaces are a good idea, there was little interest in proceeding at this time due to the cost and the fact that a healthy tree would have to be removed. Making both meeting houses handicapped-accessible was mentioned as a more important priority.

(3) The third item of business was a request for guidance for providing the caretaker with Health Insurance, as he no longer has such through his former job. The sense of the meeting was that the caretaker should have health insurance; at the same time, concern was expressed as to the Meeting's ability to commit to covering the full cost. Recommendations were to further explore options, including Community Health Care, a high deductible basic plan, and a Health Savings account. One Friend pointed out that Workman's Compensation insurance would cover an on-the-job injury.

Meeting for business was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Paige R. Bethke, Assistant Recording Clerk

IMPORTANT POINTS:

Communications Committee Annual Report approved.

Trustees Report received.

Treasurer’s Report

Interim Meeting reported to be making progress toward more sustainable financial management.

PYM “Deficit Minute” approved.

Property & Grounds brings 3 items for consideration:

1. Possible removal of 3 diseased trees
2. Possible expansion of parking area
3. Possible health insurance for caretaker

Announcements

Meetings for Worship

First Days 10am	Fourth Days 5:30pm
	May 2
May 6	May 9
May 13	May 16



A SPECIAL PLEA FOR THE FOOD PANTRY
Third Haven continues to make a meaningful donation to the Food Pantry each week. Thanks to everyone who remembers to share.

Worship & Ministry
As part of our Spiritual Journeys program, Ralph Young will discuss what it means for him to be a Quaker on May 20 after the rise of meeting in the Common Room.

Southern Quarterly Meeting
May 20 (Sunday) 10:00 am Southern Quarterly

Meeting At Camden (DE) Monthly Meeting

May 20, 11:30-12:30: Library Committee will be meeting to discuss: update on online catalog creation, book purchases, and the location of the pamphlet display. Anyone who's interested in our Meeting library is welcome to attend! Message from Library Committee: Please be sure to include your phone number in the binder when you check out books. This insures that Library Committee has an easy way to contact you if necessary. Frank Zeigler points out that the Library Committee’s ‘book of the month’ is the biography of Elias Hicks.

Ann Williams requests help with driving her to Seaford for hyperbaric treatments for her foot infection. Due to other medications she is unable to drive, but is willing to have the driver use

her car or she will pay for gas. Drivers are needed Monday through Friday, leaving Easton at approximately 8 a.m., driving to Seaford where Ann will undergo a 2 hour treatment, and then returning Ann to Easton. These treatments will commence around April 30th and run for 6-8 weeks. The treatment schedule will be finalized around April 24th. If you can help by driving even one day, please contact Ann at 410-770-3237. She greatly appreciates your interest and support.

Tom Corl writes, "Please post the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Long Range Planning Group listening sessions."

On 4.14.12 at Interim Meeting (IM), the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) Long Range Planning Group announced listening sessions that will seek help and advice to "find the heart of our community life as a yearly meeting. ... to find new ways forward." The announcement listed 7 remaining regional listening sessions:

Woodstown Meeting	Sat 4.21	2 - 5 pm
London Grove Meeting	Sun 4.22	2:30 - 5:30 pm
Plymouth Meeting	Sat 4.28	2 - 5 pm
Lancaster Meeting	Sat 4.28	10 am - 1 pm
Burlington Meeting	Sun 4.29	4 - 7 pm
Central Philadelphia Meeting	Sat 5.5	2 - 5 pm
Buckingham Meeting	Sun 5.20	4 - 7 pm

For more information contact Melanie Douty at Melanie.douty@gmail.com or John Hayden at jbhayden@gmail.com

Lorraine Claggett writes, "Here is a great opportunity for young people who are interested in this work. This is the link for job opportunities for young people with Midshore Riverkeepers - one a year's term with stipend and the other 6 to 10 week volunteer summer jobs. Interested applicants should apply directly through the Chesapeake Bay Trust by following instructions at www.cbtrust.org/chesapeakeconservationcorps They are also encouraged to contact tom@midshoreriverkeeper.org or 443-385-0511. Application deadline is May 14, 2012, with the one-year service term to begin in late August, 2012. April 18 (Wednesday)

Looking in on Lila

Dianne Turpin writes, "I took an afternoon to go and have a look in on Lila. She has been a whole three years in Envoy now and has little of her old self left. Nevertheless, she recognized me as a friend and told me repeatedly how much it meant to her to have me stop in. She no longer knows my name but clearly she was thrilled to see my old familiar face! So it made me wonder if anyone else looks in on her from time to time? If so, good/ If not, I can say it is an easy 15-20 minutes, and she certainly appreciates it. Her conversation is limited and vague, but she enjoys hearing stories about her old life and what we used to do together. She is pleasant." Joe Davis adds a map to Lila and directions: <http://g.co/maps/6gdhy>

Opportunity exists for a Friend to represent Third Haven at Interim Meeting at Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, historic 4th and Arch St., Philadelphia on April 14, 2012. Third Haven needs some volunteers who might provide this service to our meeting on a rotating basis, coordinating among themselves to decide who attends each month. The meeting is one Saturday a month, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sharing a brief report with Third Haven at our Meeting for Business and newsletter would be an added plus. Can you help? Contact Dee Rein, Susan Claggett, Norval Thompson or Mike Pullen (nominating committee) to join the corps of volunteer representatives.

Aiyana Paterson-Zinkand writes, "In preparation for the move, I have now disconnected my home phone. Please advise that phone calls should go to 410-212-4368."

Thanks! Aiyana ampzinkand@gmail.com

A Vigil for Peace is held from 5p.m. to 6p.m. each Thursday on Washington St. in front of the Talbot Court House. You are welcome to come at any time during the hour and to stay only as long as you wish.

Please consider taking the time to "vote" for Elijah as our local hero by going to the following link: www.MobilityAwarenessMonth.com

Click under the local hero tab at the top and insert Palmer and Maryland in the boxes to select Elijah's page. You can read his story, fill in the brief form and submit your vote. Each person can vote once per day for the next twelve days. For the love of Elijah, I'm nominating my son Elijah as my local hero to receive a wheelchair accessible vehicle. In May 2004, at 22 weeks gestation, I was admitted to Johns Hopkins with bulging membranes. I spent 14 days on Trendellenburg bed rest when active labor started on the night of May 28. At 1:40 AM, my son, Elijah, was born at 24 weeks, weighing 1 lb 8 oz. He spent the first 96 days of his life in the NICU. When I had my 24-weeker nearly eight years ago, my life forever changed. My dreams of a "normal" pregnancy and birth were shattered, not to mention my introduction to motherhood being the most traumatic experience I've had to endure. My teeny-tiny baby with see-through skin and fused eyes, was clinging to life in a plastic box only because modern machinery and a team of brilliant doctors and my faith in GOD were there to intervene. The first couple of weeks, all I could do was watch my baby through the plexiglass and cry. I wept countless tears as I mourned the loss he was painfully experiencing. Through no fault of his own, he was thrust into this world forced to endure so much pain and intervention. All I could do was watch and pray. I prayed so hard for this innocent child to have a chance at a "normal" life. I delivered a miracle baby but little did our family know that the days, weeks, months and years ahead were going to be a challenge for us. Due to his micro prematurity Elijah was diagnosed with Spastic/Quadriplegia Cerebral Palsy. When Elijah was three he received his manual wheelchair and ever since then I have been lifting him and his wheelchair in and out of my SUV but as Elijah has gotten older and upgrades to his current wheelchair which has increased the weight is starting to be a strain on me each and every day considering that I have to do this 5 to 6 times a day, by taking him to school, Physical, Occupational, Aquatic, and Hippo therapy each day of the week and to his clinic appointments. Before the next school year starts we are getting him a power chair and we definitely need a means of a wheelchair accessible vehicle to do that. Thank you in advanced and may you all be blessed!

The Palmer Family

Contributions to the meeting can be made by way of the contributions box in the Brick Meetinghouse entranceway. Checks can also be sent to THMM, P.O. Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601. We are now able to receive donations by way of the website

<http://www.thirdhaven.org/donate.php>

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!

The Neighborhood Service Center is in need of volunteers.

Volunteers are needed to:

- Help stock shelves
- Sort and fold clothes and household items
- Answer phones and greet clients
- Sort food
- General clerical typing
- Assist in the youth department
- Assist at the shelter
- Assist during the daily giveaway
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Please contact Molly Burgoyne 410-310-1827 or Marilyn Neal at NSC 410 822 5015

Sign up for PYM Today Online We are delighted to announce PYM Today Online, a new e-publication designed to strengthen communication, connections, relationships and knowledge among everyone in our yearly meeting faith community.

Just complete the sign-up form at <http://www.pym.org/pym-today-online>

See PYM Updates attached

Members and attenders are reminded to check the directory on the meeting website

<http://www.thirdhaven.org/> for updated addresses.

Username is 3rdhaven Password friends

Please send announcements, articles for the newsletter or changes in your address to

3rdhaven@gmail.com

The Trustees of Third Haven Meeting 2012 Annual Report

The Trustees are all members of Third Haven Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends. This body was incorporated in 1948, at which time the Meeting had reached a low point in membership and there was concern that it might be laid down. The Trustees assumed ownership of the buildings and property and have paid for major, non recurring expenses since then.



In the 1980's they built the Common Room. In the 1990's they provided funding and leadership during the complete restoration of the Old Meetinghouse. These major projects completely depleted the Trustee's financial reserves. Maintaining Third Haven is possible because of gifts and bequests to the Trustees. Some of these gifts have come from Friends, some as memorials, and still others are from generous people not connected to our Meeting – people who admire our beautiful and serene grounds. We are grateful to all those who make this possible.

Since 1990 Trustees have supported many projects, such as building repair and renovation, tree pruning and removal, road and parking lot work, and other miscellaneous “upkeep” projects. Other projects are on the horizon, some involving trees, some work on the old building.

In fiscal year of 2011-2012 our expenses came to \$41,000. This included funding structural repair in the Brick Meetinghouse, the refinishing of the floor, a dehumidifier, and

half the cost of the new cushions. It covered the cost of repairs done to the Caretaker's Cottage, and insurance for the property. We also contributed \$1,500. to the meeting's Scholarship Fund, which we have done on a year to year basis.

Martha Hawkinson, president
Allan Mielke, Treasurer
Diana Rein, Secretary
Kenneth Carroll
Laurence Claggett, Jr.
Sumner Parker
Adrienne Rudge

Annual Report of the Communications Committee

Our committee includes Dee Rein, Tatiana Harrison, Cynthia Quast, Molly Burgoyne, Ralph Young and John Hawkinson. We do the following.

Newsletter: sent by e-mail as well as US mail where necessary. Many photos by Ralph, minutes by Molly and feature articles by Cynthia. Assembly by John and fine editorial tuning by Dee. All others are encouraged to send in text, poems or photos.

Website: a major expression of the composition and activities of the meeting. The website is regularly updated with news and information of interest to members, attenders, and seekers. Each committee has the option of submitting content to be included on the website. The more information we have available on the website, the more useful it will be. The website was redesigned in the winter of 2011 to make it easier to use and more visually appealing. A footer with contact information and Meeting affiliations was also added.

Response to messages sent to our e-mail address 3rdhaven@gmail.com
This inbox is reviewed daily so that inquiries may be directed to the appropriate individual or committee.

Response to messages recorded by the telephone. Same level of scrutiny and response as the e-mails.

Weekly Announcements: e-mail message sent out each Sunday or Monday to share information about future events of interest to members and attenders of Third Haven. Please send your announcement (3rdhaven@gmail.com) by Saturday each week, using the standard format, which is, November 3 (Saturday) 9 am, xxx Committee will meet in the common room...

Printed Directory: Most recent publication was one year ago. Since there are frequent additions and changes we recommend that one use the updated directory available on the website <http://www.thirdhaven.org/>

Our goals remain to keep members and attenders of the meeting in contact with one another and informed of future events, provide vital meeting information, and to record the current history of Third Haven. The newsletter is scheduled for publication well in advance of monthly meeting for business. The deadline for submission of articles is set at the 22 of each month.

John A. Hawkinson, Clerk

Easter Egg Hunt

The First Day School celebrated Easter on a beautiful spring morning with an Easter egg hunt. The hunt has been a yearly tradition for many years. Members of Third Haven contributed hard boiled eggs which the children dyed and decorated. The older children hid the eggs throughout the grounds and the younger children then delighted in finding them. Extra decorated eggs were shared with members during the gathering for refreshments in the common room.





**First Day School Peace Workshop
Creating Peace Mandalas**

