



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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“A small key can open a great door.”

Karen Engelmann

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Minutes for the Tenth Month, 13,2013

1. Call to order: Candace Shattuck, Clerk of Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:30 AM after a brief period of silence.
2. Attending: Mark Beck, Paige Bethke, Posey Boicourt, Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Debbie Danser, Ed Danser, Leigh Ann Dodge, Doreen Getsinger, Robert Gladney, Marsie Hawkinson, Mary Ann Hillier, Larissa Kitenko, Connie Lewis, Sumner Parker, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Brian Shean, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Sally Vermilye, Rob Wieland, Ralph Young, Frank Zeigler, and Joyce Zeigler.
3. Comments on the Tenth Query- Stewardship of the Environment (read at meeting for worship): Posey Boicourt asked Friends to be mindful of the time of year we mow our hedgerows and buffer areas as that can be critical for biodiversity. Along with that remark, she told a story of a boy who had been influenced as a child when he planted bulbs in the fall. She pledged to donate 100 daffodil bulbs to Meeting and help the children plant them. Her donation is greatly appreciated and she will plan to coordinate this with FDS. A Friend remarked that we have on the heat in the BMH today and it felt warm and that perhaps it was not cold enough yet to turn the heat on. He referred us to a recent article in the Fellowship of Reconciliation on fracking. (www.forusa.org- The Land is to be Loved and Respected by Mark Johnson).
4. Minutes from previous Meeting for Business: Minutes for meeting for business Ninth Month were approved.
5. Treasurer's Report for the First Quarter: There are two reports to review, the end of last fiscal year report and the first quarter of this fiscal year report. The first report is dated 7/12/2013 and reviews last fiscal year's Income and Expenses including the Budget vs. Actual YTD, the Balance Sheet and the Prior Year Comparisons. This can be seen in detail below. In summary, during the last fiscal year, we brought in 99.3% of budgeted



income and kept our expenses at 89.5%. Our net income was \$6,050.27. Our member contribution was up to 87.4%. All of these numbers are an improvement over our previous fiscal year. We had \$19,786.18 in our cash account at the end of the year. The Balance Sheet does reflect \$2010.40 in the Carriage Shed Sale account of which \$1500 was disbursed in late July to the Mid-Shore Alternatives to Violence Project. Friends remarked on the factors contributing to the improvements in last year's budget numbers. There was general agreement that this might have come from a more forthright appeal to members by letter and by more open discussions in business meetings regarding stewardship responsibilities. Those gathered felt it could be useful to see if we improved our last year in our percentage of members giving to Meeting. A Friend asked that

we note at the end of last FY the Meeting had more funds than the Scholarship Fund.

The First Quarter reports can be found in entirety below and are dated 10/12/13. We are now one quarter into our new fiscal year and have received 15.51% of our annual budget and spent 21.19%. This is not unusual for this time of year as many contributions come in closer to the end of the year. We have \$14,653.22 in our operating account. The Scholarship Fund account has been updated with our investments from FFF but the Shoffner Investment has not yet been updated. These reports were approved.

6. Carriage Shed Sale Wrap-up and approval of disbursements: The Carriage Shed Sale was a big success in terms of improving community spirit and cooperation and in money made for our chosen donations. There is hope that next year we may be able to get a younger Friend involved in clerking the sale so this legacy will continue for many years. Our only noted glitch was the person who had promised to take our items leftover from the Saturday sale did not take everything and left quite a bit of work for many members to do this weekend before the carpets were cleaned and a memorial service held. All proceeds from the CSS have not yet been counted as there are some outstanding bills to be paid but we at least have \$4500 ready for disbursement to chosen charities. A slate of disbursements was proposed as follows: Scholarship Fund- \$1000, Talbot Partnership- \$1500, Teen Court- \$1000, Bolivian Quaker Scholarship Fund- \$600, Sponsorship of Leigh Anne Dodge to Philadelphia for AVP-\$400. This slate was approved.

7. PYM Interim Meeting Report: The full report follows here. Questions were asked regarding the timing and the size of the Interim Meeting. Dee reported that the meeting ran from about 9am-1pm including breaks and there were about 60 participants there.

“Philadelphia Yearly Meeting
October 12, 2013
Interim Meeting Report

Friends are reminded that all items discussed are available on the PYM website under Interim meeting <http://www.pym.org/interim-meeting/materials/2013-2/october-12-2013/> . Comments may be forwarded to the appropriate clerks as indicated on the documents there that apply to each topic.



The General Secretary's Report covered a variety of topics. 1. He proposed a new way of discerning PYM support for social awareness by using a wider discernment process for a Foundational Minute when presenting a comprehensive statement of concern on a significant matter that has been widely seasoned throughout all meetings in PYM. This would encourage the input of all members before taking action on behalf of the entire yearly meeting. This process might improve the engagement and unity of the yearly meeting community. The task group creating the Foundational Minute would include comprehensive statement of the concern, including history, spiritual foundation of the concern based on Quaker faith and practice, options for addressing the concern and a request for yearly meeting action and support. Drawing monthly meetings into seasoned discernment and commitment to a cause could have the benefit of bringing members together around a shared concern. 2. Also noted by the General Secretary was a \$30,000 unrestricted bequest to PYM which will go 75% to the Unrestricted Bequest Fund and 25% to the Membership Development Fund. 3. Jill Steelman, assistant to the General Secretary has resigned. 4. PYM belongs to the National Council of Churches, which leans toward issues of peace and social justice. Two current priorities are mass incarceration (inequitable laws and violations of human rights) and interreligious relations with a focus on peace.

The Search Committee for a new General Secretary to take the role in July 2014 reported on their progress and time line and received approval for an amended job description.

The Annual Sessions Planning group reported on the success of the 2013 Annual Session and the conclusion that a campus location best serves the meeting and draws wider participation. The 2014 Annual Sessions will take place at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa. July 23-27, 2014 with a theme: Worship is a Door to Love.

PYM Long Range Planning group reported their progress in developing proposed strategic directions:

1. Assist local meetings in fostering dynamic, Spirit-led faith communities that:
 - a. nurture spiritual disciplines and practice
 - b. welcome seekers and encourage diversity
2. Connect Friends through effective communications and technologies
3. Develop and communicate widely clear messages about Quakers and PYM
4. Simplify governance and administration
5. Foster a climate conducive to innovation and change within PYM
6. Plan and hold annual sessions and other PYM-wide gatherings
7. Facilitate effective PYM-wide corporate witness and social action
8. Partner with other Quaker organizations to achieve common goals

The clerk, Jada Jackson, reported meeting with several groups to resolve conflicts and noted a called PYM Leadership Meeting on September 22nd which discussed the right relationship among Friends, including kind treatment in the spirit of Friends of those who donate their time in the spiritual ministry of clerkship.

Several monthly meetings reported vital and growing activities that invigorated their meetings. *Respectfully submitted, Dee Rein, Dawn Atwater, Dona Sorce*"

8. Property and Grounds Annual Report: The full report follows here. After one small correction, included, it was approved.

“ THFM - Property and Grounds Committee Annual Report 2012-2013

Presented October 13, 2013 Third Haven Monthly Business Meeting

Committee Members: Meredith Watters, Clerk, Posey Boicourt, Assist. Clerk, Larny Claggett, Mary Cotton, Lorraine T. Claggett, Ed Danser, Priscilla Morris, Anna Ossler, Clay Owens, Nancy Robbins, Sally Vermilye, Joyce Ziegler

I. Budget - We were under by \$1,500.00 for the fiscal year.

II. Buildings

A. Common Room - We implemented a number of recommendations provided by the Common Room Ad-Hoc Committee. We cleared out and organized the attic, 2 closets, kitchen cabinets (thanks to Hospitality Committee), and the main common room. The carpet got cleaned in the early spring, the building's thermostat got repaired and the air conditioner air handler tuned up.

B. Annie's Cottage has a new workbench and shelves (thanks to Ed Danser)

C. The shed has been purged of unused items and better organized. The felled pine tree planks are still drying, but could be maybe available for use next year.

D. The Brick Meeting House has had the following repairs: one light sconce, one venetian blind, 2 upstairs cracked window panes, and an electric connection to the Common Room building.

E. Other - We have a new/used Electrolux vacuum cleaner (donated), the bi-yearly termite inspection indicates no need to treat any buildings, and all (seven) fire extinguishers for our buildings were either replaced or upgraded.

III. Grounds

A. The very old, large, and very diseased maple outside the Common Room back door was taken down. A high stump was left for the kids to climb and some choice pieces of the trunk and limbs were taken by 2 local wood craftsmen. A smaller maple was also removed behind the Old Meeting House. The THFM Trustees paid for the tree removal work.



B. We had a Spring Clean Up on April 13 and about 22 Third Haven members participated.

C. After research done by a P & G member, the best riding mower to replace the old Steiner was selected. The Third Haven Trustees paid for this.

IV. Caretaker

A. The existing description for the various areas of caretaking

and the employment description was quite vaguely written. It is being rewritten with more clear parameters. This work is in progress and will ultimately serve Third Haven for many years to come.

B. The Committee has prepared an extensive check list of house and grounds keeping responsibilities and items as a reference for the Caretaker.

C. Clay Owens, Caretaker found less expensive health insurance as of July 1, 2013 and will therefore be under the budgeted amount of \$4,800.00 for 2013-14 fiscal year.

V. Access Into the Old Meeting House

A. The Monthly Meeting approved the concept of providing better access for all levels of mobility into the building while respecting the building's historic nature.

B. An application to Maryland Historic Trust for options to improve access was turned down. This, however, provided the ability to have a dialog with them. Their visit to Third Haven in June indicated their strong support "in concept" of accessibility improvements made to the building. Design solution options are being explored by a P & G subcommittee. Eventually these options will be presented to TH Monthly Meeting and Third Haven Trustees and then, finally to Maryland Historic Trust.

VI. Other

A. A Third Haven plate was presented to the Webster for their 25 years of service.

B. Oil to gas conversion for the Brick Meeting House heating system will be completed this Fall.

Property and Grounds Committee actively continues to meet its goal of maintaining Third Haven property while respecting and protecting its rich history.”

9. Testimonies and Concerns Committee: The Talbot Interfaith Shelter has requested use of our Common Room for this upcoming winter season from Feb. 9-24th. We would be partnering with Church of the Brethren for the first week and the second week we will supply the building but the Baptist Church will provide volunteers and meals. The use of our facility was approved. We are directed to use 5% of the funds each year from the Shoffner International Education Fund. This past year, T&C worked with FDS to come up with a list of needs and organizations to give to. The \$694 was divided among Doctors Without Borders, Africare, World Vision and the Heifer Project. This year, T&C would like input regarding appropriate organizations from the entire Meeting. If you have any information regarding appropriate charities, particularly those we can have close contact and connection with, please pass this information to T&C so they can discuss these options at their meetings.

FCNL will be holding their annual convention Nov. 14-17th in DC. T&C would like to organize a trip to this. FCNL has published a worksheet called “Shared Security” that can be used as a study guide for Meeting to understand broader global issues. (Do we know where to find this? Might be worth asking Lorraine.)

10. Scholarship Committee to Meeting for Business Meeting 10/13/13: The full report is given below.

“When the Scholarship Committee was established, one of the side benefits the Meeting gained was that as the children of Third Haven grow up and move on, they will know that their Meeting cared for them at all stages of their lives. They were nurtured in First Day School by a group of dedicated leaders, in some cases well beyond Sunday morning. Then as they moved on into high school and college the meeting continued to encourage their growth in education through scholarship support – letting them know the Meeting still cares for them.

The Scholarship Committee will live within its budget. Awards made will be dependent on the dollars in hand, with preference given to students attending Friends’ Schools. Our primary source of funds are the Meeting and distributions from our endowment at Friends Fiduciary Corp. We will know this approximate distribution early in 2014. We hope the Meeting will continue to encourage and support our young friends in this way in these important years.”



11. Nominating Committee: A draft of the Nominating Committee’s slate for next year will be presented during next meeting for business Eleventh Month with final approval during Twelfth Month meeting for business. The Clerk of the committee, Susan Claggett, reminded Friends that in addition to committee work there is a “skills bank”, an “assorted options” column and need for FDS involvement. If anyone wants to find out more about jobs and skills needed for Meeting, please contact Susan Claggett, Norval Thompson or Rob Weiland.

12. New Business: The Library Committee is requesting more copies of Faith and Practice because we ran out of these recently. The order for more was placed last week. The money for these comes out a “resale Items” budget rather than the budget for the Library Committee.

Meeting for business was adjourned at 12:45PM

Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne

IMPORTANT POINTS:

- Approval of First Quarter Treasurer’s Report
- Approval of disbursements from CSS proceeds
- Approval of Property and Grounds Annual Report
- Approval of use of Common Room for homeless shelter Feb 9-23rd

Third Haven Monthly Meeting

Announcements - includes updated treasurer’s report and summary

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

For a thorough summary of coming events, please review the

Calendar of Third Haven activities <http://www.thirdhaven.org/calendar.php>

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 3

Online directory <http://www.thirdhaven.org/members/dir.php>
Username is 3rdhaven Password friends (all lower case)

We welcome notes, photos, questions and address information at 3rdhaven@gmail.com

Cynthia Quast forwards a **recap of the treasurer's financials** for the 1st quarter of our fiscal year.

July – September, 2013

Member Contributions	=	\$6,885	= 14% of annual budget
Total Income	=	\$9,055	= 15% of annual budget
Total Expenses	=	\$12,375	= 21% of annual budget
Net Income	=	-\$3,320	

Talbot Interfaith Shelter Returns

Third Haven will be host to the Talbot Interfaith Shelter on February 9 - 23. Volunteers will be needed from our meeting for the first week. There is a training session for all volunteers on November 16, 10:00 am to noon, at Christ Church in Easton. Save the date and attend to hear present and future news of the shelter.

Scholarship Student Correspondence

Our Quaker Bolivian scholarship student, Isaac Limbert Poma Murga, writes that he is studying for a degree in culinary arts from the First School of Hospitality and Tourism Bolivia, and is currently practicing at a new restaurant, The Asian Garden, south of LaPaz. He often includes recipes in his letters to us and, because of its resonance with the Eastern Shore of Maryland, I quote one from his last letter, a favorite of his.

Oysters au gratin with parmesan is done in a minute. "First on a hot pan with a little oil, place the oysters.....a teaspoon of butter garlic....*deglasa* with white wine, light the fire then once the alcohol evaporates, remove from pan and place in a bowl, make a cheese sauce (250g cream cheese, 500ml cream, 200g blue cheese all in a pan to let simmer with salt and pepper to taste) add parmesan, 100mg or more, to make a consistent mixture. Place an oyster in the empty oyster shell, add a spoonful of cream cheese sauce dressing and grill until it turns a nice color. Serve with a quarter lemon on a bed of lettuce." Isaac decorates the dish with a candle.

Isaac ends his letter with his recurring plea to hear news from our meeting and "exchange ideas", saying "it would be an honor to get in touch with a member of the Board monthly Third Haven Friends Meeting ". Could we send him our oyster recipes in an exchange along with news of the meeting? Send them by email or slow mail and they will be compiled into a letter to him. Also he includes his Facebook address for contact: www.facebook.com/IsaacLimbert Poma Murga.

Carriage Shed Sale Results

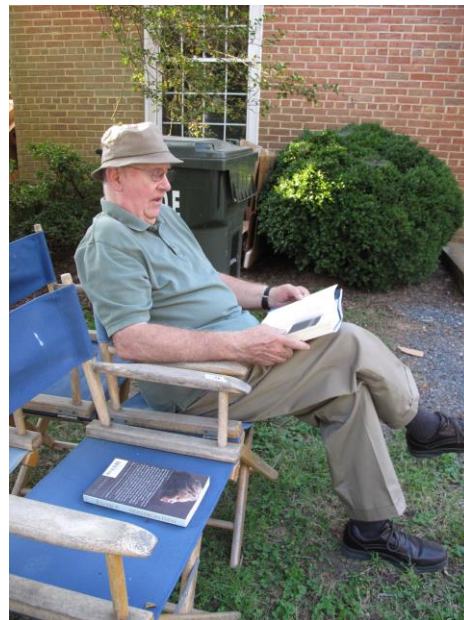
Once again the Carriage Shed Sale was a resounding success. Many people worked long hours sorting, organizing, and pricing an amazing collection of objects. These ranged from Christmas tree lights to aloe plants, to mirrors and paintings and plants, to books new and old, furniture for inside and out, orange juice squeezers, a collection of vintage Tonka trucks and moving vans, a silver service, and Quaker Dogs! It was more than any one person could dream up. Children were able to enjoy horse and buggy rides provided by an Amish lady.

Looks of happy anticipation shown on the faces of shoppers when the restraining rope was released. There are many who return each time because of the "interesting" items we always have.

Special thanks to Paige Bethke, Ben Tilghman, and Janet Kemp.



Eager shoppers head in to sample Paige's wares while Dawn collects the proceeds and Ralph checks out the books.





Congratulations to Jenn and Taten Sheridan on new arrival, baby Iris.



Cathy demonstrates to the Meeting a Godly Play about our Testimonies.

**We'll save a seat for Thee!
Next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business is November 10th.**

