



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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February 2011 NEWSLETTER

"To be avoided at all costs is the solace of opinion without the pain of thought."

William Sloan Coffin

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 1st Month, 9, 2011

1. Call to order: Candace Shattuck, Assistant Clerk, called the meeting for worship with attention to business to order at 11:35am after a brief period of silence remembering the life of Monimia Barker.
2. Attending: Luisa Adelfio, Mark Beck, Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Tom Corl, Doreen Getsinger, Earl Greason, Marsie Hawkinson, Connie Lewis, Joyce Macijeski, Samantha McCall, Beth Mufson, Nancy Mullen, Dee Rein, Candace Shattuck, Rob Wieland, John Winterbottom, Ralph Young, Frank Zeigler, and Joyce Zeigler.
3. Minutes: The minutes for business 12th Month, 2010 were approved.
4. Query: The Query "Meeting for Worship" was read during the worship service. No additional comments were given.
5. Overseer's Annual Report: (see attached). Clerk of Overseers, Dee Rein, read the report. A recommendation to change the name of "Declaration of Intentions" to "Declaration of Memorial Intentions" was made and accepted. A clarification on the service for Maureen Parker was given. After these corrections, the annual report was approved with thanks. The committee also reported on the clearness committee meeting with Mary Coady as she has recently requested membership. The meeting approved accepting Mary as our new member. The Clerk requested that overseers notify Mary that she is a member and a welcoming group will be calling her. The welcoming committee for Mary will consist of Rob Wieland (convener), Beth Mufson and Molly Burgoyne.
6. Treasurer's Report: (see <http://www.thirdhaven.org/>). The first page reviewed was "Income and Expenses Budget vs. Actual-YTD". Please note that total income actually received is about 50% of budgeted. We have received about \$5,000 less this year than last year. Under the expense column, the line item Worship & Ministry has -\$700.00 listed. The negative \$700 is a way of accounting for money associated with the formation of the Spiritual Formation Program which had not been anticipated when the budget was created. The \$2000.00 in expenses for Scholarships represents the monies designated from the THFM annual budget to go into the Scholarship Fund.

The second page reviewed was the “Balance Sheet”. A new category listing the Scholarship Fund Investments represents the recent transfer of monies into Friends Fiduciary Fund. This fund is divided into 2 parts, an operating fund and an investment arm. Sumner Parker is the treasurer of these funds. Rob Wieland clarified what happens to money designated to the Scholarship Fund. They are initially deposited into the Talbot Bank account and then transferred to the Scholarship account when a certain amount has accumulated.

A Friend asked a question regarding our reserves. The Queenstown Bank CD is designated as our reserve fund but no specific reserve amount has been quantified. The Meeting would like the Budget & Finance committee to give us an idea about our reserves; how much we should have and should we be making any different investments with the Queenstown account? One Friend specifically asked the questions if we could invest enough to increase our interest monies and use this money for worthy causes.

The Shoffner donation is currently being held in the ING account. The authority to transfer \$10,000 from the Shoffner donation to the Scholarship Fund was given to the Treasurer as this amount had been approved by Meeting in business 9th month, 2010. After discussion, all agreed that the Treasurer should be allowed discretion in keeping the accounting as simple as possible and therefore the Treasurer’s Report was approved.

7. New Business: Mark Beck read a thank-you note from Mary Coady to the Scholarship Fund committee. Larny Claggett requested assistance to present an item to Quarterly Meeting next First Day. He would like to suggest that the task of the Interfaith Housing Development Corporation be taken under the care of the Quarterly Meeting. The Meeting approved his taking this item up for business at Quarterly Meeting. He will be asking John Schreiner to help him present.

Testimonies & Concerns will be meeting on January 19th to discuss the Shoffner donation. The time for this will be announced and this committee will plan on presenting their discussion next month.

The Clerk reminded us that we would need to designate a new trustee to take the place of Monimia. The process is for the nominating committee to present a list of 3 people suggestions to the Clerk of the Trustees for consideration.

Meeting for business was adjourned at

Respectfully submitted, *Molly Burgoyne*

IMPORTANT POINTS:

- The Overseers Annual Report was given and approved
- The Treasurer’s report for July-Dec 2010 was approved.
- Membership for Mary Coady was approved.
- \$10,000 will be transferred to the Scholarship Fund account from the Shoffner bequest.

Third Haven Monthly Meeting Overseers Annual Report Calendar Year 2010

During the year 2010 the Overseers Committee, attended to pastoral care, keeping in touch with members via a calling tree by dividing the membership directory alphabetically, publishing that in the directory and online, and also responding to answering machine and website messages. Should inclement weather take place it is agreed that the clerk of meeting and communications clerk will e-mail closing information to the meeting and Overseers will contact local computer free members and attenders. Friendly support was offered privately to members and couples experiencing a variety of life challenges. Oversight committees from marriages in years past were reminded to continue their oversight as part of the couple being "under the care of the meeting."

The file of Declarations of Memorial Intentions was maintained by Nancy Mullen and Marsie Hawkinson. Members wishing to complete a declaration of intentions for death may complete the form in the upcoming newsletter.

Under the organization of John Hawkinson with contacts made by the Overseers the directory is continually updated online.

Memorial Meetings for Worship were held for Leonard Baynum, Gary Smith and John Sullivan with Molly Bond and Ann Williams as Friendly Presences for the non-members. Maureen Parker was buried at Third Haven with a small gathering of family and friends.

The clearness process as detailed in Faith and Practice was followed for membership requests and marriages under the care of the meeting. Clearness committees may also be used to resolve issues between members in conflict or for confidential clearness around personal discernment issues.

New member clearness committee volunteers were Mark Beck, Cindy Browne, Nancy Mullen, Adrienne Rudge, Norval Thompson, Candace Shattuck, Meredith Watters, Marsie Hawkinson, John Schreiner, Ann Williams, Molly Bond,

New members Larissa Kitenko, Kyung-Lim Turrell, Molly McCall, Eric Neil, Luisa Adelfio, Neil Mufson, Elizabeth Mufson, Charles Mufson, and Maeve Mufson were welcomed and each family received a 6 month gift subscription of Friends Journal from the meeting. James Turrell transferred to Third Haven Monthly Meeting. Two members, Virginia Coggeshall and Edie Silvers, requested and received transfers to Wicomico River Monthly Meeting and Abington Monthly Meeting respectively.

Two babies new to the families of the Fords and Gladneys were welcomed by the meeting. Care Committees were explained and offered as a support strategy for members who might benefit from organized support from our meeting members and attenders as well as their own friends and relatives.

A New Members and Attenders recognition luncheon was well attended on March 21st. Speakers included Sarah Sayre and Lorraine B. Claggett. Overseers and members provided an abundant repast!

Friendly Eights created six groups for January-June 2010 and were enjoyed by the 47 participants.

A Quaker schools working group formed, consisting of Norval Thompson , Marsie Hawkinson, Molly Bond, Larny Claggett, and Greg Leibman with the intent of familiarizing families with Quaker Schools and financial aid available for them.

Members were contacted intermittently throughout the year in an effort to keep in touch and encourage participation in the aforementioned events.

During the year the committee reviewed a number of topics, including the Overseers Committee role, the meaning of membership, and the role and process of clearness committees. Clearness committees to address personal issue were held for 2 members.

Per Faith and Practice, "A Committee of Overseers is appointed to assume leadership in maintaining a caring community, helping all members to find their right roles as nurturers of others." Overseers goals include providing oversight to the ministry of the life of the meeting and acting as a conduit for clearness, especially in cases of membership, unions (marriage/commitment) or personal discernment. All members and attenders are encouraged to allow Overseers to be of service in times of need. We stand at the ready to help and welcome your ideas for future efforts on behalf of the meeting. We thank all Friends who minister to each other as that is the essence of the Religious Society of Friends.

Respectfully submitted, *Dee Rein, Clerk, Overseers with the helpful contributions of Doreen Getsinger, Asst. Clerk, Molly Bond, Norval Thompson, Betty Jean Wheeler, Ann Williams, Nancy Mullen, Marsie Hawkinson, Bob Marshall, Lorraine T. Claggett, Adrienne Rudge, and Candace Shattuck.*

Third Haven Monthly Meeting Announcements

Meetings for Worship

First Days 10am	Fourth Days 5:30pm
February 6	February 9
February 13	February 16
February 20	February 23

Friendly Eights

Overseers will be organizing groups of eight Third Haven members and attenders for a series of shared dinners to be held over the next few months. There is a sign-up sheet in the common room.....please take this opportunity to join a smaller gathering.

February 27 (Sunday) 5 to 7 pm Third Annual Talbot Empty Bowls community dinner will be served at Immanuel Lutheran Church (Westbound lane of Rt. 50). You will enjoy a dinner of home-cooked soup and be able to take home the handsome bowl in which it is served. Every penny raised will be donated to the local food pantries. Advanced ticket purchase is required. To purchase tickets, mail a check (payable to Mid-Shore/Empty Bowls) for \$20. per person to the

Mid-Shore Community Foundation, 102 E. Dover Street, Easton, MD 21601 Please include your telephone number. Contact information: www.mscf.org or Susan duPont 410-924-3969 (susan.handy.dupont@gmail.com)

March 6 Save this Date for our annual luncheon honoring new members and attenders!

April 13 to 16, 2011 The White Privilege Conference in Bloomington, MN

In 2010, nine Quakers attended the White Privilege Conference and took advantage of a 5% discount on registration. Several of those Quakers believed that the conference was so meaningful to them and could be so worthwhile to other Friends and their meetings, that they began work on bringing at least 60 Quakers to the WPC in 2011. Such a large group that registers through FGC will qualify Friends for the following cost savings:

ITEM REGULAR FEES for FGC GROUP in 2011

- Conference Registration \$315 (in 2010) \$144 if 60 or more Friends
- All-day institutes \$115 (in 2010) \$30 if 20 or more Friends
- Shabbat dinner \$30 non-negotiable
- <http://www.fgcquaker.org/cmr/2011-white-privilege-conference>

To qualify for FGC's group discount, you MUST pre-register with FGC first. Once you pre-register, you will be sent a discount code to be used in the WPC registration. If you register through WPC's website first, you will NOT be eligible for the FGC discount.

The Neighborhood Service Center has an ongoing pantry to help those less fortunate than we with food for their families. Each week Ralph collects non-perishable items which we bring in and takes them to the Center. Please notice the gray tubs at the entrances to the meetinghouse and add something to them. We don't want him to go empty handed! Thank you.

The newsletters and announcements can always be read on the Third Haven Website <http://www.thirdhaven.org/>

Are your names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail listings correct in the Third Haven Directory? Please review your information at the meeting's website: <http://www.thirdhaven.org/> the online directory remains protected: please e-mail taniaharrison@gmail.com or hawkjm@goeaston.net if you need the password. If you have corrections for the Directory, please send them to 3rdhaven@gmail.com

PYM 2011 Session - July 27 - 31 at De Sales University

On Exhibit Through February 20, 2011, Images from the Bible: Academy Art Museum galleries in Easton is featuring an exhibit of Wood Engravings by Fritz Eichenberg, nine prints depicting Old Testament narratives. Eichenberg was born in Cologne, Germany in 1901 into an assimilated Jewish family and moved to New York in 1933 when Hitler came to power. Raised in a non-religious family, Eichenberg had been attracted to Taoism as a child. Following his wife's unexpected death in 1937, he turned briefly to the practice of Zen Buddhist meditation, then joined the Religious Society of Friends in 1940. Eichenberg published two pamphlets through Pendle Hill, Art and Faith (1952) and Artist on the Witness Stand (1984).

Eulogy for Monimia Barker

It was important to my mother that she be remembered for the things she always loved; she loved her family, she loved being a Quaker, and she loved all of that which is most beautiful in life.

She was a child on her family's farm during the worst years of the Great Depression, coming into her adulthood in the last years of World War II. So, with that as a backdrop to her early life, she might easily have become a small, frightened, cynical person . . . glued to her own patch of earth in our family's personal motherland: Ohio. But she was luckier than most. She had been raised in a community that persistently encouraged its children to look for that of God in everyone, no matter what their circumstances might be. This is a great gift for a young person to have had.

Imagine the difference in a life's outcome, between someone who, when interacting with others, is always expecting their worst fears to be confirmed, and then picture someone who is always rustling things around . . . knowing that God is hiding in there somewhere. I'm not saying that Mom was entirely that perfect. I'm saying that your moral compass works best when, like my mom, you begin with it accurately calibrated. Mom's love of being a Quaker had historical roots. She was inspired by George Fox's focus on having a direct line of communication with God, by what that implies for individual responsibility, and by the brave Quaker women who, whenever they felt they were needed, were willing to pay for the next step forward in social equality with their lives. Mom was especially attracted to art that captured the spirit of the best of her childhood. She was well known within the arts and crafts community for the beauty and quality of her many prize-winning rugs and quilts. Close to the end, she gave her dearest collection of stuffed sheep to the local police, so they would have them to help console distraught children caught up in events they couldn't understand. Going into high school, she wanted to play trumpet like Harry James but played her family's violin instead. When I get my time machine, I might bring her back a nice trumpet . . . on behalf of her future family. She loved birds and flowers of all kinds. She remembered her own mom bringing roses into their house from their garden, every day.

She loved that moment you have when you're captured by the beauty of nature. With a small twist of fate, she might have been an inspired photographer, spending hours teasing out little details from the negative and onto the print . . . and from there onto one of her rugs. She wanted her family to be safe from the lingering insanities of the world . . . but would probably appreciate my re-sharing this quote from Margaret Mead with you: Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world . . . indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. I still tend to talk of Mom and Dad in the present tense. I don't feel like they're that far away, even though I can't actually touch them. It's reassuring to be able to think of Mom's passing as an act of completion . . . and, perhaps also, as a journey to a place of contemplation for what might come next. This wonderful place that surrounds us seems like just the haven for our Mom - who gave so much time and energy to everything she loved - to find a well-deserved rest.

I hope that, in some sense of the word "forever", these buildings and this ground, this enclave of simple beauty, will always be here . . . and that we will find our spirits drawn here over and over again. Please accept all of our love, Mom and Dad.

Nick Barker

Third Haven Friends Meeting 2010 Annual Report

2010 was a full year in the life of Third Haven Meeting, as highlighted below.

Our membership continued to grow at a healthy rate. We added ten new members (including three children) nine by application and one by transfer from another monthly meeting. We also lost three members, one to death and two as transfers out to another monthly meeting. Net gain was seven new members, bringing total membership to 149.

First Day School continued to thrive in 2010 with attendance averaging between 10 to 22 young people between the ages of 3 to 16. We structure our curriculum into three age tiers. Godly Play stories are presented to the younger tiers. Earlier in the year the curriculum examined the 12 Queries. This fall we began focusing upon “building bridges”: one-on-one, w/in the Meeting; in our community and then, internationally.

Worship & Ministry offered special programs throughout the year. Several book studies were offered, as well as an extended study session for a Course in Miracles. A series of day-long silent retreats called Inward Bound provided both quiet community and peaceful time to share a small meal and look inward for a five or six hour stretch. We are excited to be bringing PYM’s Spiritual Formation Program to Third Haven starting January 2011. Nineteen people have signed up to take part in this 9-month series of retreats, meetings and small gatherings.

During the year, our Testimonies & Concerns committee helped us to be effective in our outreach, both locally and elsewhere in the world. We contributed \$1,000 to the PIH (Partner’s in Health) Haitian Relief Fund. We continue to offer shelter for the homeless in the Common Room for a couple of weeks during the winter. We support the Neighborhood Service center with regular offerings of non-perishable food. Members regularly step forward to help assemble and distribute “Marilla’s Lunches” weekly to our needy neighbors. Several members serve in supporting a library within our local jail.

Overseers serves as our pastoral arm, keeping a gentle and watchful eye while offering caring gestures to those in need throughout the year. They also attended to several memorial services, and held clearness committees for one marriage, new members and several for specific situations. Overseers once more organized Friendly 8’s, in-home gatherings of groups of eight people; a wonderful chance to socialize informally and a pleasant way to build community.

In terms of physical plant, the Buildings and Grounds are generally in very good shape. New stones are on the lane and parking areas. The Old Meetinghouse is looking good. We continued to care for our trees and plantings. Concerns have been raised about mold and possible rot in the foundation of the brick meetinghouse as well as the appearance of the lobby area. Questions of adequate handicap access are being addressed, including installation of lever-type door-handle in the common room. Spring and fall clean-up days were both well attended events.

Third Haven continued the Quaker Quest process in a deliberate manner. Our focus has been on the in-reach phase rather than outreach. Early in the year the Meeting approved a statement of the essence of our beliefs, including a discourse on the following key points:

1. There is That of God in each person.

2. We worship in silence, that we may hear the voice of God.
3. We live our faith through our Testimonies.
4. We practice our faith in Community.

Under consideration are plans to improve street signage and the warmth/function of the entryway to the brick meetinghouse. We have examined our “system” (or lack of it) for welcoming visitors in our midst and will be focusing upon improving it. Progress is being made in organizing our library of literature for better display and usefulness to new attenders. We are moving forward toward the outreach part of a full Quaker Quest program, public presentations.

A Carriage Shed Sale held in May yielded net proceeds of nearly \$5,000 which we allocated to Meeting, local, and international needs. Hard work, yet gratifying results in this economy...plus it afforded us a neat community building event.

Our Scholarship committee was active this year raising funds, screening beneficiaries, and awarding scholarships. It raised funds of \$36,000 during the year, disbursing \$5,500 amongst six recipients while retaining the balance in a capital fund for future use.

Our year wound up, with thanks to a hard-working Nominations Committee and all who stepped forward to participate, with some new clerks of committees, some minor restructuring, a fresh mix of participants plus a list of willing and able folks in a skills bank of Friendly Offerings. This facilitates participation of Friends who are unable to commit to regular committee work but who wish to lend a hand to the work of the meeting. It also provides a welcome resource for committee clerks on special projects besides offering some newer and busy members a 1st-time opportunity to learn and serve.

With this full and productive year behind us, we can reflect favorably upon the careful and heartfelt participation in our meetings for worship as well as our attention to business. It is evident that our focus has flowed with the energy of the spirit within. We look forward to measured growth and rewarding activity in the year to come.

Respectfully, from----

The Clerks and Members of Third Haven Friends Meeting

Frederick Douglass Presentation On Monday, February 7 member Priscilla Bond Morris will speak at the St. Michaels Branch of the Talbot County Free Library as part of the Brown Bag Lunch program. Her topic will be "Frederick Douglass' Years in the Bayside." Program is free and open to the public. Patrons are invited to bring their own lunch and enjoy coffee and sweets provided by the library.

Southern Quarterly Meeting January 16, 2011

We meet in alphabetical order: Camden, Chester River, THM and Wicomico. May 15, 2011 is at Chester River, October 18, 2011 is at THM and January 15, 2012 is at Wicomico.

Trudy from Chester River is the current Recording Clerk for the next three years and has the Southern Quarter Minutes for the past several years of the January business meetings. Trudy posed the question of getting a new book to keep the minutes in and sending the current one to Swarthmore to be filed/microfilmed. The meeting discussed what the cost of a new book would be and also the cost Swarthmore would charge for microfilming. It was suggested the 4 meetings split the cost of what Swarthmore would charge. Trudy and Dana will look into this.

The minutes from January 2010 were read and approved. The clerks from each meeting gave their annual reports. We need to decide on a new Clerk for Quarterly Meeting. Helen Womack will continue through May 2011. Jennifer Bowman from Camden meeting said she would like to help out with attending some meetings that the Clerk could not attend through the year if her schedule permits. A discussion followed on the cost of attending these meetings and the possibility of each quarter helping her out with gas and possibly overnight accommodations.

The clerks and representatives of each quarter will get together for a meeting at THM on a Sunday before the next Southern Quarter meeting on May 15, 2011 to discuss this issue. Helen Womack will let everyone know a date and time.

Frank Lenik spoke briefly of his work with the United Nations and helping to send landmine detectors overseas. He is willing to come to schools, communities and Quaker meetings to discuss his work.

Connie Lewis

John Martin Trust aids Friends

The John Martin Trust in the care of the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia is used to help elderly persons on fixed income and families or individuals who have expenses beyond their means as those created by illness, accident, or long term care. Application on the behalf of others in financial need are also considered. Grant limits per applicant are \$7500 within each 6 month term. In cases where the person has significant assets or is only temporarily in need the JMT Committee may approve a loan instead of a grant. If you believe a member of Third Haven Monthly Meeting is in need, please contact Overseers who will handle the matter confidentially, filling out application forms, getting them signed by the Clerk of the meeting and submitting them for the individual in need.

Spiritual Formation Program participants set forth on their journey together.



FRIENDLY EIGHTS

Good Times Together

Friendly Eights are groups of eight people, members and attenders, who meet for 4 dinners over the course of as many months. Sign up in the Common Room to join the party! Overseers will be forming the groups at the end of February. The group conveners contact the others and get things going. Usual procedure is the host household/partners (Single individuals may want to team up to host a dinner) provide an entrée, a place to meet (which could be a prior reservation to use the Common Room), and decide on the presence of children. Other members of the group bring dishes. If someone can't make a particular event, invite someone else from the Late Sign Up sheet in the Common Room or from the meeting in general to fill in. This is a great opportunity to enjoy our wonderful Friends!

Office of the Clerk, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting: 11.22.10

Dear Friends,

In our discussion about annual sessions and the low attendance we see, we agreed that as individual members of Interim Meeting, we would ask members of our own Monthly Meetings “What would help or encourage you to attend Yearly Meeting annual sessions this year?”

One of our members queried her Monthly Meeting and found these negative comments: Transportation - Time - Cost - Vacation time - There was a sense of cliquishness, that there were large numbers of long time members and fewer recently convinced Friends. Consequently new people felt a sense of isolation - The age group from 25 to 60 is virtually missing - Another Friend mentioned that he had had quite enough spirituality by the end of the morning and that he would have enjoyed organized afternoon field trips.

On the positive side was the chance to meet our friends. Predictably this was said by a birthright member. Others mentioned that the discussions were of importance to all of us. Also mentioned is that PYM is great for kids. My hope is that you will share this information in our agenda when we continue our conversation and efforts to increase attendance at Yearly Meeting. This concern will be on our agenda in January (January 8, 2011) when we gather in the new year as Interim Meeting. If you would consider another question, please raise with Friends, “What concerns would they value having on our agenda for this summer sessions at DeSales in July?” We will plan to talk about this in January.

With thanks for your service, Thomas Swain, Clerk

First Day School Cookies and Wreaths pictures courtesy of Emma Leibman



