



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

“Though the waves and storms be high, yet your faith will keep you, so as to swim above them; for they are but for a time, and the Truth is without time. Therefore keep on the mountain of holiness, ye who are led to it by the Light.”

George Fox

The Third Haven newsletter circulates during the first week of each month to enable readers to review the minutes of the most recent meeting for worship with attention to business.

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Twentieth Day, Tenth Month 2019

Opening Silent Worship Molly Brian, Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:45 a.m. with a brief period of silence



Attending: 24 attended: Gwen Beegle, Molly Brian, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Connie Crow, Doreen Getsinger, Jeanne Halpin, John Hawkinson, Larissa Kitenko, Steven Meixner, Priscilla Morris, Amy Owsley, Cynthia Quast, Carolyn Regan, Bob Regan, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, Candace Shattuck, Brian Shean, Bob Wack, Kevin Walsh, Anny Williams, Winslow Womack

Comments on Tenth Query: Witnessing in the World: Ministry of Outreach (read at Meeting for Worship)

Our recent memorial services (as well as weddings) were ministry of outreach. Attendees commented on the merits of the services and how visitors asked about Quaker practices.

Approval of minutes from Ninth Month business meeting-Approved

Clerk's Desk- *Molly Brian*

Membership requests were received from Jonathan Slocum and Steven Meixner and referred to Pastoral Care Committee.

Recent memorials leave holes in our hearts and on our benches. Friends worked well together in community to create these services and share with the attendees how Quakers touch God. Our silences in the past few weeks at the times of loss and in anticipation of the services felt heavy. This week the Meeting seems to be moving on in its grief and was happy to see Candace present in her usual seat. The sound system was really helpful so all could be heard. We may wish to install such a system in our meeting houses. (Property and Grounds is working on this.) Talbot hospice also offers help with grief. We take turns during our lives comforting each other. We continue to remember these and others we've lost, which is part of the loving people we are.

Treasurer's Report First Quarter 2019/2020 fiscal year- *Cynthia Quast*- Approved

Member contributions were over \$8,500 or 16% of our annual budget. Attender contributions total over \$1,100 or 18% of budget. Total income was over \$11,500 or 17.6% of budget. Expenses were just over \$19,900 or 30% of budget. Net Income year-to-date was minus \$8,392.

On Balance Sheet as of 9/30/19, we had over \$51,900 in operating checking account and about \$68,500 in Invested operating funds at Friends Fiduciary.

Compared to last year, Member contributions are up almost \$5,600 and our total income is up by almost \$4,500. Our expenses are down year-to-date by over \$1,500.

A detailed spreadsheet may be found on our website.

Property and Grounds Annual Report – *Ben Tilghman/Priscilla Morris*- Accepted

In fiscal year 2018-2019 Property and Grounds ended the year with a bit of a surplus. As is the case this year, this most often is the result of limited snowfall, no hurricanes, no profound mechanical failures and so on. While it is tempting to take credit for the budget surplus, P&G in a bit more pragmatic. In fiscal year 2019-2020 we have several projects to complete, all fairly major, and funding will be a bit more restrictive.

In 2019 we completed several small tasks, such as trimming the rhododendron (aggressively) away from the Brick Meeting house in the hope that it would help to reduce the moisture problem on the south east wall (it did not), installed an industrial grade outdoor light on the brick meeting house, and, with profound thanks to Clay, assisted with Little Spices and first day school. We spent a fair amount of time discussing the strategic plan, P&G's role in the implementation, and our relationship to the Long Range Planning (LRP) committee. We came to the conclusion that many of the items on the Long Range Plan such as additional parking and so on really fall within the routine duties of P&G. At this point I feel we have a good understanding of the balance between the role of P&G and the LRP, particularly since I seem to be the clerk of both.

For the coming year we have several significant projects underway already. We are in touch with a craftsman who can rebuild the exterior doors to the Brick Meeting House (thanks to John Hawkinson), and a mason who will rebuild the pillar on Washington Street, inserting the old marble sign with an updated time on it (thanks to Bob Day). Joan Wetmore contracted with a

certified home inspector to do a detailed assessment of Clay's house, and Bill Lane has arranged with a contractor to begin the work needed to correct the deficiencies noted in the inspection, none of which were deemed major. We have arranged for a tree service to do some general pruning around Clay's house and generally clean up the lane to Washington Street. And, of course, we will continue to address the routine tasks needed to maintain the property and grounds, such as repairing windows in the Old Meeting House.

The native planting of our east border next to the apartments is an on going multi-year project started by Rob Wieland, currently tended by Priscilla Morris. In 2019 thanks are due to Dona Source, Stephanie French, Marie Leonard, Owen Bond and Tenny Sener for help with planting, watering, and deer abatement. With letters of support from the Trustees, the Town of Easton's stream restoration grant succeeded and construction work will occur in 2020, most likely in the summer. The town will be adding native plants in the restored stream area.

P&G would like to make special mention of the Peace Pole project. Through Testimonies and Concerns we were asked to arrange to have a Piece Pole installed in honor and memory of Ralph Young. We have located a highly skilled woodworker (Jennifer Kuhn) at the Maritime Museum who has agreed to make the Pole for us, and will begin work in early November. John Hawkinson and Winslow Womack, both of whom have worked with Jennifer will be assisting with the project. P&G will fund the project, but is happy to accept donations for the construction and installation of the pole if Friends are so moved. We anticipate the cost to be in the vicinity of \$1,000.00

The funding source for some of the above projects, aside of the Peace Pole, has yet to be clarified, hence the uncertainty of the 2019-2020 budget. The Trustees have offered to help with the repairs to Clay's house to the extent that they are determined to be capital investment, but so far most of what we are planning appears to be more like routine upkeep and expense. I do not anticipate that we have a problem, however; P&G's working relationship with the Trustees is very good.

Friends are reminded that fall clean up day is December 7.

P&G routinely meets the first Thursday of the month at 4:30 in the Common Room. All Friends are most welcome to attend.

A Friend noted that Ben Tilghman uses his own time and heavy equipment to care for the property, doing task that otherwise would be expenses.

A Friend asked if a gutter could be put above the Brick Meeting House door by the ramp. Historically appropriate Brick Meeting House maintenance, given the 19th century construction, is being considered.

The town of Easton killed invasive vines near the stream and will be grading the stream wider and replanting native species.

First Day School Update-Amy Owsley

Little Spices for caregivers and 2-3 year olds has returned. Emily Wilhelm teaches. Meeting Friday mornings 9:30-11:30, the program covers Quaker testimonies in an outdoor setting. The full budget for the program for 6 weeks is \$700. We receive \$800-900 from attending families (\$90 per session), so the program is revenue positive. Parents sign liability forms and are responsible for their children. November 8th will be a potluck around the Community testimony. This is outreach through the First Day School.

Nominating Committee Report-Connie Crow

Nominating is looking at committees that might need help as well as individuals who are doing a lot more than other people. The plan is to try to even things out. Needs include a liaison to Peace group, and additional help for Pastoral Care and Outreach. A list will be available at the November meeting for business. That draft will be revised and approved in December. Please contact Connie Crow, Nancy Robbins, or Bill Lane about your participation on committees for the coming year.

The meeting closed with silent worship at 1:00 p.m.

D. Rein, Recorder

Announcements

Nominating Committee

During November you will hear from the Nominating Committee.

Please let us know whether you are willing to participate in the activity of the meeting.

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Talbot Hospice

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care month when the work of hospice and palliative care is publicized. Talbot Hospice has offerings that speak to specifics of end-of-life planning and hospice services. Hospices often partner with churches, temples, mosques, and meetings to create opportunities for families to learn about what they can do to help each other and make end-of-life times more manageable and less stressful at a very difficult time. We use the month of November to bring ideas and ways that you might support your community members.

Talbot Hospice <https://talbothospice.org>

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November 3 (Sunday)

Daylight Saving Time Ends 2:00 am

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Quakerism 101

The final two sessions of “Quakerism 101” being taught by members of Worship and Ministry will be held November 3 and 17 at 11:45-1:00 (at the rise of meeting after hospitality). Each session will focus on a topic of interest to new members, attenders and those curious about Quakerism. Books and pamphlets provided. Anyone in meeting who has an interest, please contact Gwen Beegle. gwenpb27@gmail.com

	Introduction to Quakerism	completed
	Faith	completed
	Testimonies	completed
	Witness and Action	completed
History	November 3	
Meeting Community	November 17	

Course outline:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EVTZWaST7-ecFQikABF9V1sc18TlkotErE3V6iXa_II/edit?usp=sharing

November 7 (Thursday)

Light Meditation Group

On November 7 (Thursday), at 7:00 pm in the Common Room, Third Haven members and attenders are invited to a Light Meditation meeting. This is a guided meditation experience, using one of the audio recordings found on the Experiment in Light website (<http://www.experiment-with-light.org.uk/medits.htm>). The meeting will include a guided meditation (about 35 minutes) with some discussion before and after. If you have questions, contact Gwen Beegle gwenpb27@gmail.com

November 10 (Sunday)

Meeting for worship with attention to business

November 14-17 (Thursday to Sunday)

Friends Committee on National Legislation

Annual Meeting and Quaker Public Policy Institute 2019

November 14-17, 2019 in Washington, D.C. All details at:

<https://www.fcni.org/updates/annual-meeting-and-quaker-public-policy-institute-2019-27>

November 28 (Thursday)

Thanksgiving Meals

Thanksgiving meals prep and delivery: Third Haven is part of a larger group of faith communities who are preparing and delivering thanksgiving meals for 160 people in need in our community. As part of Third Haven’s share of the food we still need the following: One 20 lb. turkey, cooked and sliced, two large lasagna-style pans of stuffing and one pan of sweet potatoes and two 9” pies. The food is to be delivered at 8:30 am on Thanksgiving Day to Asbury Methodist Church, left rear entrance, 18 S. Higgins St., Easton. The food needs to be cooked but does not have to be hot so it could be prepared ahead of time and left with someone else who

could deliver it to Asbury on Thanksgiving Day. We also need servers to dish up the food into take out containers and people to deliver the food around Easton. If you would like to sign up to help or have questions please contact Cynthia Quast at quast@goeaston.net or 410-934-4138.

December 7 (Saturday)
Fall Clean Up Date

First Day School



Autumn has finally found First Day School! We began our October lessons with a nature adventure among the newly fallen leaves and chilly fall breezes, with our camp teacher, Kristen Hanlon. We had a boisterous group of 16 children engaged in a contemplative nature walk and project. The following week, Jeanne Halpin led her "Queries and Reflections" with a further investigation of our Quaker Testimony of PEACE - a series which will culminate in the children's participation in Easton's Christmas Parade on their Peace Float! Later in the month, Susan enraptured the children with her storytelling of a Godly Play which began to familiarize the children with Bible stories that inform our faith. The kids were overjoyed to finally roll out the "Desert Box", which acts as our very own square of desert right there in the Brick

Meetinghouse, to tell the story of Abraham and Sarah (called the “Great Family”).

Meanwhile, centered in the area near Annie’s Cottage, First Day School has organized another session of our popular Little SPICES program for little ones (3 and under) and their caregivers. Led by a new teacher (Emily Wilhelm who has been a SPICES participant from the start), this fall’s series last for 6 weeks - each session focused on discussion of one of our Quaker Testimonies. Look for this sweet group of ten children on Friday mornings through November 22.



Wherever you go, Friends gather:



