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## Third Haven Friends Meeting

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## September 2019 NEWSLETTER

“Life is one. There is an invisible spiritual aspect and a visible material aspect of the same life. This life includes the whole world and all there is in it.” Dan Wilson 1951

### Third Haven Friends Meeting

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business  
Sixteenth Day Sixth Month 2019

**Opening Silent Worship** Molly Brian, Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:40 a.m. with a brief period of silence

**Attending:** 28 attended: Gwen Beegle, Molly Brian, Phil Caroom, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, Doreen Getsinger, Larissa Kitenko, Bill Lane, Marie Leonard, Steven Meixner, Molly Mitchell, Priscilla Morris, Beth Mufson, Amy Owsley, Cynthia Quast, Carolyn Regan, Bob Regan, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, John Schreiner, Brian Sheehan, Jonathan Slocum, Kevin Walsh, Mary Yancey, Ralph Young

**Comments on Sixth Query, Stewardship** (read at Meeting for Worship)

A member commented that we need to find ways to act on the issue of climate change. Another noted George Leakey's talk at Wilmington Meeting noted that polarization in societies may lead to great progress. The movie Tomorrow also hopefully noted steps groups around the world are taking.

**Approval of minutes** from Fifth Month business meeting-Approved with change:  
Correction-moving up day ceremony...Anya from elementary to upper school.

**Baltimore Yearly Meeting's Peace & Social Concerns Committee-** *Phil Caroom and Molly Mitchell*

Quaker Voice of Maryland is organizing Quakers in the state to have an effective voice in statewide policy decisions, similar to the role FCNL plays nationally. See their website at <http://sites.google.com/view/quakervoice/home>.

**Clerks Desk**

**Membership: Henry Lane-** *Tom Corl*-Approved

Adrienne Rudge, Dee Rein and Tom Corl met with Henry Lane for clearness on his application for membership in Third Haven Friends Meeting. Henry Lane and the Clearness Committee discussed his background, life experience and readiness for membership in the Meeting.. The

Committee addressed his family's and his past and present participation in the Meeting, and discussed the mutual responsibilities between the Meeting and a member to the Meeting. The Clearness Committee found him to be ready for membership, committed to his own Spiritual development as a Quaker, and willing to participate in the life and work of the Meeting. The Clearness Committee and Pastoral Care Committee recommend, with enthusiasm, that the Meeting, in meeting for business approve the membership of Henry Lane in Third Haven Friends Meeting.

Welcoming committee is Lorraine Claggett, convener, Marie Leonard, and Beth Mufson.

**Nominating Committee Report from May minutes-** revised below and Approved

“The nominating committee proposed the ad hoc search committee members who are charged to find a long range planner. Searchers are Susan Claggett, Amy Owsley, Larny Claggett, Bob Wack, and Ben Tilghman. They will develop a draft proposal and will announce their meetings as all are invited to attend.

**Treasurer’s Report** – *Cynthia Quast*

As of 5/31/19 we have the following financial results:

Member contributions total just over \$32,800 or 60% of our annual budget. Attender contributions total \$12,000 or 200% of the budget. Total income is almost \$51,500 or 77% of the budget. Expenses are about \$54,000 or 82% of our expense budget. This gives us a net income year-to-date of -\$2,842.

On the Balance Sheet as of 5/31/19, we had almost \$44,600 in our operating checking account and over \$64,000 in our Invested operating funds at Friends Fiduciary.

In comparing this fiscal year to the prior year, Member contributions are down by \$4,300 and total income is down by \$4,800. Ordinary expenses are \$3,000 less than last year giving us a net ordinary income of \$1,880 less than last year at this time.

For the first 2 weeks of June, we received \$3,800 in member contributions and \$2,000 in attender contributions bringing our net income as of 6/15/19 up to a positive \$2,000.

**Budget & Finance:** Budget for FY 2016-17 – *Bill Lane-* Approved

**Third Haven Monthly Meeting of Friends  
2018-2019 Budget and Approved 2019-2020 Budget**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>
	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Member Contributions</b>	55,028	52,835
<b>Attender Contributions</b>	6,000	6,400
<b>Other Contributions</b>	2,780	1,000
<b>Interest &amp; Dividends     Earned</b>	17	40
<b>Sales &amp; Cash Box</b>	750	800
<b>Use of Facilities</b>	1,800	4,500
<b>Total Income</b>	66,375	65,575

**Expense**

<b>Property &amp; Grounds</b>	31,000	31,000
<b>Philadelphia Yearly Mtg</b>	17,500	17,500
<b>Charitable Contributions</b>	3,500	3,500
<b>Communications</b>	1,525	1,525
<b>Conferences &amp; Seminars</b>	600	500
<b>Contingency</b>	1,500	800
<b>First Day School</b>	1,600	2,000
<b>General Administration</b>	800	800
<b>Hospitality</b>	1,000	1,000
<b>Library</b>	150	150
<b>Outreach</b>	1,500	1,500
<b>Pastoral Care</b>	700	500
<b>Quarterly Meeting</b>	0	200
<b>Resale Items Purchased</b>	400	0
<b>Scholarships</b>	2,000	2,000
<b>Testimonies &amp; Concerns</b>	1,200	1,500
<b>Worship &amp; Ministry</b>	1,400	1,100
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>66,375</u>	<u>65,575</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>                    </u></u>	<u><u>                    </u></u>

**First Day School Annual Report – Amy Owsley- Accepted  
2018/2019 First Day School Report to Third Haven Monthly Meeting**

We began this year of First Day School carrying forward the hope that if we built a children’s program that the families would come. With experimentation we have had a beautiful response.

Over the school year, our First Day School lessons included the monthly themes of the following: nature seekers which explored mindfulness and environmental stewardship through the outdoors; Faith & Play storytelling about Quakerism and its values; and Philosophy Club, which introduced kids to clear thinking. Additionally we learned about sign language, weaving, music, art, and guided meditation. We also engaged in social action in learning about Marilla’s Lunches, and collecting children’s books for the Talbot Interfaith Shelter. Lastly and importantly, we continued the treasured Third Haven traditions of our annual Christmas Pageant, Easter Egg Hunt, Moving Up Ceremony, and wreath-making. Altogether we had 14 teachers from the Meeting leading these classes, and many more behind the scenes.

This year we also extended our programming beyond First Day with two weeks of Summer camp for children 4-10 and River’s Edge Forest Play collaboration Tiny SPICES around Quaker testimonies to create an outdoor mindfulness class for children 0 to 3 years old and their

caregivers. Conversation with the local homeschool umbrella, called the Peachblossom Learning Community, explored interest in a small Friends school.

Looking at the First Day School by the numbers, we have served children and families as follows:

- Held 1 open house for First Day School keynoted by PYM's Youth Education Coordinator, Melinda Wenner Bradley, that engaged 6 families.
- Held 41 First Day School lessons, with regular attendance of 8-10 children on Sundays – sometimes more, sometimes less.
- Hosted five 6-week sessions of Tiny SPICES on Friday mornings – serving 23 children and their families.
- Hosted 2 weeklong sessions of mindfulness nature camp, serving two groups of a dozen children each.
- Generated \$2800 in revenue for the Meeting.
- Attracted interest in Third Haven by 25 new families, which we hope will bring us new faces in the fall.

Looking ahead we'd like to deepen our programs, and start to tailor to different age groups and abilities, especially late elementary to middle school and babies. Further, we look forward to hearing the Meeting's ideas through the upcoming master planning process for children's program expansion – especially the consideration of a small school which we feel is a natural next step in the growth of Third Haven's work to inspire the next generation of leaders in the Quaker community.

All of this is only possible because the Meeting makes it happen. Fellow committees have offered invaluable support, including Property and Grounds, Communications, Outreach, Pastoral Care, and Hospitality. In our community we have teachers, mentors, weavers, story tellers and keepers, photographers, helpers, snack and dessert dirt cup makers, builders, cheerleaders, gardeners, idea generators and challengers, philosophers, givers of supplies, carpenters, tool lenders, funders...and, importantly, sweet, well-timed voices of affirmation at just that moment when you're about to break because your child decides that Meeting for Worship is a perfect time to try out tap dancing. Our families are truly and deeply grateful for all you do to support them. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the First Day School Committee on June 16 by:

Amy Owsley, Co-Clerk, First Day School

Members: Susan Claggett, Co-Clerk, Megan D'Arcy, Lisa Kleupfel, Kelly Lane, Dolores Wack

Supporters: Katie Theeke, Marie Leonard

The annual budget reflects and supports the growth of the youth and family programs.

## **New Business**

### **Property and Grounds**

#### **1. Archeological Research Request-Priscilla Morris-Approved**

Dr. Mark Leone from U. Md. has been conducting archeological field schools in Talbot County for many years and is lecturing on archeological digs here. He appreciates the help of Clay Owens. He'd like to scan the old meeting house with new technology. Approved on the condition that no damage or change will occur to the building. Priscilla Morris will serve as a friendly presence or arrange for a presence from Property and Grounds committee.

2. **Scattering Garden**- proposed by Property and Grounds. This can be a current project coordinated between Pastoral Care and Property and Grounds. Referred to committees.
3. **Maintenance**-Property and Grounds does use herbicide for invasive species when critical. The area will be staked off to prevent children going into this area. Note the native planting area, which is developing well.
4. **Head stone material** for the burial grounds needs to be in keeping with the other stones, which are for the most part marble. However, since marble is hard come by, perhaps granite will be acceptable. The committee dealing with burial grounds/scattering garden will consider this.
5. **Peace Pole** has been ordered and will arrive this Summer. Property and Grounds and Testimonies and Concerns committees will coordinate location and installation.

The meeting closed with silent worship at 1:00 p.m.  
D. Rein, Recorder

## Announcements

*To see all Meeting announcements:*  
<http://www.thirdhaven.org/announcements.php>

*Third Haven calendar:*  
<http://www.thirdhaven.org/calendar.php>

## First Day Conversation

We will begin meeting regularly in September. If you have a topic you would like to discuss please let Susan Dickinson know of it: 410-673-2012 [susanpdickinson@gmail.com](mailto:susanpdickinson@gmail.com)

## September 20 (Friday)

### First Day School Open House



Please save the evening of September 20th 5:30-7:30 p.m. for a First Day School Open House, intended to welcome families to (and back to) Third Haven for the upcoming year. We are grateful that PYM's Melinda Wenner Bradley will be joining us again to share her wisdom on children's spirituality. Childcare and abundant playtime for children will be available. Activities will include a complimentary supper, games for the whole family, a tour of Third Haven and ample opportunity to ask questions and share experiences about raising peaceful kids in a busy hectic world. Please RSVP or send questions to Susan Claggett, Children's Religious Education Clerk, [susanclaggett2@gmail.com](mailto:susanclaggett2@gmail.com).

## September 22 (Sunday)

### Quakerism 101

Interested in learning more about Quakers? Third Haven Friends Meeting's version of "Quakerism 101" will be taught by members of Worship and Ministry in 6 sessions to be held on 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/20, 10/27 and 11/3 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. Topics include an introduction to Quakerism, faith, testimonies, the Meeting community, witness and action, and history. Each session will have recommended readings or videos for preparation and provide additional resources for further study. Books and pamphlets provided. Anyone in meeting who has an interest, please contact Gwen Beegle. [gwenpb27@gmail.com](mailto:gwenpb27@gmail.com)

## **October 12 (Saturday)**

### **Memorial Service for Ralph Young**

A memorial service will be held at Third Haven Friends Meeting, 405 South Washington Street, Easton, MD on October 12, at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Third Haven Friends Meeting.

## **Philadelphia Yearly Meeting**

Upcoming events in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. One of these is a census of our community; for each of the four Sundays in November, Friends will be asked to count and report the number of Friends on their benches, in their First Day School classrooms, and in their kitchens. We want a total count of the Friends in our community, regardless of membership.

The Yearly Meeting will also be initiating a series of threshings, held quarterly, to season matters on our hearts. The first one will be held on the Third Sunday in September; the topic and location are to be determined. Stay tuned! The next two will be held on the fourth Sundays in January and May.

## **Third Haven Friends Meeting First Day School**

### **Fall Schedule 2019**

#### **September**

#### **8 Welcome to First Day School**

*Reconnecting with Third Haven friends and taking a nature tour of the Meeting grounds*

#### **15 Queries and Reflections**

*with Jeanne Halpin*

#### **22 Storytelling and Puppetry**

*with Kevin Walsh*

#### **29 Social Action: Weather and Climate (Part 1)**

*with Dona Sorce*

#### **October**

#### **6 Nature Seekers**

*with Kristen Hanlon*

#### **13 Queries and Reflections**

*with Jeanne Halpin*

#### **20 Faith & Play**

*with Susan Claggett*

#### **27 Social Action: Marilla's Lunches**

*Third Haven action on local hunger*

#### **November**

#### **3 Nature Seekers**

*with Cherie Baron and Kristen Hanlon*

#### **10 Queries and Reflections**

*with Jeanne Halpin*

#### **17 Faith & Play**

*with Susan Claggett*

#### **24 Social Action: Weather and Climate (Part 2)**

*with Dona Sorce*

## **December**

### **1 Annual Wreath-making**

*Tradition of the kids making wreaths for the Meeting buildings*

### **8 Spiritual Journey**

*Special session that asks the kids to tell their story of Spirit*

### **15 Christmas Story**

*Quaker telling of the Christmas story*

### **22 Children's Christmas Pageant**

*Another annual Third Haven holiday tradition!*

### **29 First Day School Break**

## **Faith and Play Stories**

These are beautiful stories about the roots of Quakerism and our values, told by teachers trained in a Montessori-inspired manner.

## **Quakers in Nature**

These sessions help kids build their toolbox of mindfulness techniques through immersion in nature.

## **Queries and Reflections**

These sessions tap into the natural wisdom, curiosity and wonder of kids to explore how to think clearly about life's biggest queries – this fall focusing on PEACE.

## **Updates on Young Friend recipients of Third Haven scholarships**

### **Nathan Mullen**

### **Senior**

### **Wesleyan University**

I have had a remarkably busy few months, with the close of my junior year at Wesleyan and my first ever summer in New York City! I spent most of the past semester taking stock of what I have learned in my academic career thus far and applying it to my own personal creative endeavors. I have written short stories, plays, screenplays, and poetry in both Spanish and English with my advisor and literary mentor in the Romance Languages Department. I am in the beginning stages of planning for Masters of Fine Arts auditions, most of the work of which includes a great deal of research, reflection, and decision-making on how I am choosing to present myself as an artist/actor/theater-maker. I closed out the semester having completed two Spanish courses (one in contemporary Latin American cinema, the other in writing short fiction), an acting course on translating the liberal arts experience into the working world, and an American Studies course on the history of American English and its intersections with power and privilege. I served as president of my school's chapter of the Greek literary society, Alpha Delta Phi. I continued my work as a Social and Political Activism Intern at the Student Resource Center with a grounded focus in support for campus labor advocates/organizers. This summer I am living on Long Island with a dear friend from school, commuting into Brooklyn for a production internship at a little theater called The Bushwick Starr, and spending my remaining time collaborating on various theatrical projects and continuing to write and read as much as possible in preparation for the coming school year. Warmly, Nathan

**Juliette Neil                  Junior                  Yale University**

Great to hear from you. Hope you are having a wonderful summer! That address is indeed correct.

I have been in New Haven this summer, enjoying two creative writing classes immensely, and working at the Alumni Association. I am so happy with my decision to take classes this summer, especially because it is inspiring me to take more writing classes during the regular semester. It has been such a joy to be able to focus on something creative for so many months. It is also wonderful to be in New Haven when the weather isn't gray, freezing, or rainy! I have been going on hikes and trips to the beach, cooking and eating outside, and going to the local music and arts festivals when I am not in class or at work. I feel I know so much more about the city now. In the fall, I will be a junior, studying French and English Literature. I don't know yet what classes I will be taking, but I am very excited by the course list. I also will be doing more theater, both with the theater group I am a part of and hopefully in another play as well. I am looking forward to being an upperclassman at Yale, as I feel like I know the ropes but still have a lot to explore. But still a shock that I am halfway through college! Send my best to all of Meeting. In love and light, Juliette

**Laurence Claggett                  Senior                  St. Mary's College**

In school I am approaching my senior year at St. Mary's and thinking about potential SMP (St. Mary's Project) ideas. Last year I developed an earnest interest in sustainable agriculture, and right now my thoughts regarding my SMP are focused on creating an 'edible landscaping' project somewhere on campus. My vision for this landscaping project would be a nice space where students could hangout on benches in the shade of fruit trees such as peaches, apples, or pears. This project, along with further coursework in Biology and Environmental Studies is where I will be focusing my efforts this coming school year.

Thanks for your continued support! Laurence

**Maya Claggett                  Sophomore                  Earlham College**

So, my first year at college was a total success. Earlham proved to be exactly what I wanted out of a college, and I've made a bunch of memories and am so excited to make some more sophomore year. In the fall last year I played field hockey and took my first policy course, which I absolutely loved. I started Quaker Fellows and was amazed by the community of love and support. It also proved to be very spiritually fulfilling. As my days got busier and I had less time to find some inner peace Quaker Fellows became a time I could decompress and ask myself how I was doing. After finishing my first semester of college I had a great winter break where I got to spend time with my friends and relax. During spring semester I started lacrosse, and worked a little more on figuring out what the next four years would look like. What I'm leaning toward is a Politics and Sustainability double major, but I haven't declared yet. I also got to take a trip to DC with my classmates to lobby with FCNL for more humane borders, which was an amazing experience. So my first school year came to a close and I headed home. Right now I'm working as a lifeguard and interning at the Maryland League of Conservation Voters. The internship is perfect because it combines environmental advocacy and education with state policy. Even though summer's been fun, I'm really excited to head back to Earlham. A group of my close friends and I applied to live in a house instead of in a dorm, and it got approved. Also, I'm taking another policy course next semester with one of my favorite professors! I wanted to thank the Third Haven Scholarship Committee again for making all of this more attainable and supporting me along the way. Maya

## **Condolences**

### **Laura Aileen Small**

With great sadness, the family of Laura Aileen Small, shares that she passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on the 15th of July, at age 33.

Daughter of Joseph Small and Leigh Anne Dodge, sister to Hannah Small and Maggie Small-Ferguson, Laura was born in graduate student housing at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. She moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland with her family while still in diapers and lived on the Shore for most of the rest of her life.

Laura lived with great empathy for others and from an early age showed a sensitivity and sensibility toward those who stepped to a different drummer; this strength influenced many of her decisions in life. She determined at an early age that her passion was to work with young children, she especially liked two year olds. Laura touched the lives of many young children and their parents in different early childhood centers in the area as she considered life's options after high school. She graduated with honors from UMES in 2016 and moved to Baltimore to begin as the director of the Early Head Start Preschool at the 33rd St. Weinberg Y. This ended in four months when Laura was diagnosed with a brain stem glioma.

For the last two and a half years Laura learned the lessons of brain surgeries and radiation. With a loving family, including step-mother Carole Small, step-dad Robert Wieland, step-sisters Chloe Wieland and Julie Hines, step-brothers Jeff Wieland and Jon Quimby, a beloved and faithful dog, Silas, and with a little help from her friends, Laura continued planning for life. At the end of her life she was living in Salisbury, Maryland, after completing her first semester of graduate school.

Laura found comfort in the creative process for all of her life, from writing to painting to planning elaborate Halloween costumes for many years with her friend, Tom Pisciotta. She delighted in watching her young niece, Emelia, as she passed through early childhood. Laura loved the Great Out Doors and occasionally worshipped with Third Haven Friends in Easton. She liked to listen to Johnny Cash's version of "I Won't Back Down" for courage and inspiration.

Laura is predeceased by her father, Joe Small, and her step-brother, Matt Wieland. She will be greatly missed.

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### **Ralph Young**

Ralph Young died peacefully on the morning of August 16, 2019 at Shore Memorial Hospital in Easton surrounded by loved ones.

Ralph was born on September 17, 1932 in Pawtucket, RI to parents Ralph E. Young Sr and Kathryn Flanagan Young. He moved to the DC area when he joined the US Navy in 1952. Ralph worked as a Substance Abuse Counselor in Alexandria, VA. for many years. After he retired, he moved with his wife, Mary, to Easton, MD to take advantage of small town life and numerous places to kayak. He became an active member of Third Haven Friends Meeting and involved himself in many aspects of Quaker service. Ralph rarely met a community service project he didn't like. He was twice nominated for the "Talbot You are Beautiful" Award for his volunteer activities. He participated in Talbot Association of Clergy & Laity (TACL), spearheaded the Hunger Coalition, initiated Marilla's Lunches, worked tirelessly for Alternatives to Violence (AVP), PEACE, and the Talbot County Detention Library. Along with Asbury Methodist Church

he coordinated a Thanksgiving dinner for shut-ins that became an annual event. In his "spare" time, he loved kayaking, motorcycling well into his 80s, photography and walks with Sophie, his canine companion. Other people were drawn to join Ralph in all he did.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Mary, of Easton; three sons, Joseph of Crofton; Daniel (Jill) of Lusby and Patrick (Marianne) of Richmond; grandchildren: Eric Young, Laura Young, and Weston Banton (Jessica) and one great grandchild, Jaylen Banton.

Those who knew Ralph will miss him greatly. His good nature, strong sense of justice, and integrity live on in all who met him.

A memorial service will be held at Third Haven Friends Meeting, 405 South Washington Street, Easton, MD on October 12, at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Third Haven Friends Meeting.

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### **Photographer Wanted**

We are sad to have lost Friend Ralph Young who served as our newsletter photographer for many years. Without him, our newsletter lacks the photos which animated it.

Would you be willing to step into the breach and help us? If you enjoy photography, be assured that your efforts will be appreciated by the entire meeting. Please call John Hawkinson 410-822-0589 to discuss the opportunity.

We look forward to hearing from you!