

Third Haven Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
12th Day, Fourth Month, 2026

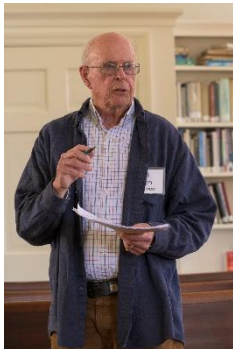
Opening Silent Worship: Clerk Ben Tilghman opened the meeting at 11:41 a.m. with a moment of reflection.

Attendance: Jim Altman, Michael Berry, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, John-Leon Donoghue, Kristen Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Katherine Johnson, Amy Kimball, Bill Lane, Marie Leonard, Clinton Pettus, Kathryn Pettus, Terry Thomas Primer, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Bill Schauer, John Schreiner, Priscilla Sener, Ben Tilghman, Paige Tilghman, Heidi Wetzel, Jonathan Williams, Mary Yancey

Comments on Third Query (Nurturing Our Community: Care for the Meeting)

It's good that we invited newer attenders to Friendly 6 lunches to get to know them.

Approval of minutes for Third Month Business Meeting Approved



Clerk's Desk- *Ben Tilghman*

All clerks received an executive summary of all clerks, including 4 action items, which will be assigned to appropriate committees.

Susan Claggett, Bill Lane, and Ben Tilghman met with Chester River Friends re perpetual care for the Chester River Meeting burial ground. Active membership at Chester River is around 4-5 and not able to continue burial ground care. They hold the deed, which years ago had transferred from Third Haven to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to Chester River. We will draft a memorandum of understanding as a discussion base, for consideration by Third Haven Monthly Meeting.

Sat. May 9 Md. House and Garden pilgrimage will sponsor a box lunch hosted at Third Haven. Volunteers are needed for traffic and as a Friendly presence in Old Meeting House, Brick Meeting House and to talk to visitors. A signup sheet for 2-hour shifts from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. will be provided.

The Shepherdstown Friends minute was sent out attached to announcements. Comments may be sent to Ben Tilghman.

Westtown Friends Meeting has asked about burial availability at Third Haven, a Quaker facility. Comments: Memorial intentions are filed, and wall plaque and grave diagram are in the works. Historical locations will be noted.

Third Haven Bylaws will be created based on some boiler plate from Parker Counts to satisfy legal requirements.

Communications Committee Annual Report 2026 *Dee Rein* Accepted



The communications committee is a task-oriented group. Our goals are to enhance Meeting for Worship experience for those attending on Zoom and to spread information among the Third Haven community and the geographical community.

Hence, we accomplish the following tasks:

Website -Tania “T” Harrison webmaster, Line by Line Web Design, professional web services

We recommend an increase from \$1200to \$1600 a year

Gmail - Dee Rein, Marie Leonard

Directory- Marie Leonard, Tania “T” Harrison on the website

Special graphic design projects and promotional materials- Marie Leonard, Leonardworks Design, professional graphic design services as needed.

Photography-Jim Altman, contributors: Susan Claggett, Marsie Hawkinson, Kristen Hawkinson, and other occasional volunteers from the Meeting

Landline phone answering machine-Kathryn Pettus- a new phone system is in the works

Announcements Monday and Friday, monthly newsletter production- Dee Rein

Newsletter snail mailing and placement in meeting house or Common Room-Kathryn Pettus

Tech support-Zoom for Meetings for Worship, Business and special events-Dee Rein, , Clinton Pettus, Jim Altman and Molly Brian

These efforts help our Meeting members participate and stay connected and informed.



Financial Update-*Kristen Hawkinson/Janet Kemp*

We continue to pay our bills and to receive donations. It is much easier to do the Treasurer's job since our Articles of Incorporation were finalized and we were able to add Kristen and Janet as signers on the bank accounts.

Budget & Finance-2026-27 Budget-*Bill Lane*

We have been communicating with committee clerks as we plan for next year's budget. The Budget and Finance Committee will meet next Saturday to start drafting the budget. Committee budget requests should be sent to thmmtreasurer@gmail.com

ICE Protocol & Guidance-*James Altman*

A document researched and created by Testimonies and Concerns has been circulated via announcements and is attached.

Appreciation was expressed for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's lawsuit resulting in an injunction pending further court action which has enjoined Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Patrol from places of worship, including Third Haven. There are, however, circumstances that might allow their entry. Hence, we must consider the public and private nature of the buildings on the property. Consideration of signage as recommended by PYM is also necessary. T&C recommendations are in the document. Changes might affect the Third Haven website and possible signage on the property. Consideration must be given to the Trustees ownership and obligation to the Maryland Historic Trust easement around the Old Meeting House.

Discussion:

Below designations concerning private or public access for these locations are recommended to Trustees for consideration- Approved

Website and signage on buildings would make this clear.

Caretaker- private residence, not open to public

Annie's cottage- private workshop only by private appointment

Common Room- private, not open to public except when used by other groups.

Joining Third Haven Friends Meeting for hospitality when worshipping with us is private since those people are part of the Third Haven community

OMH open 9a.m.-6 p.m. through the year is public. This is more than required by the Trustees easement with the Maryland Historic Trust.

Closed to public 6 p.m.-9 a.m. or rented for other events with people specially invited is private.

BMH second floor always private

Foyer, mtg. space, open to public during meeting times.

Otherwise not open to public except by appt. or public event.

Grounds are covered by the Philadelphia YM injunction which covers places near places of worship.

However, outside one does not have an expectation of privacy unless the entire property is fenced off and labeled private.

Does this require a deed change by the Trustees or just a statement?

Following Trustees response, the next step is to establish Third Haven policies to deal with attempted entrance by ICE and CBP.

T&C will prepare document for how to handle such a situation based on PYM booklet already prepared and post it close to doors of the buildings, clarifying who will respond, videos, contacts etc.

New Business

Closing Silent Worship 12:40 p.m.

D. Rein, Recording Clerk

Congratulations to Brandt and Kelsey Bethke on the arrival of their son. Grandparents Paige and Ben Tilghman add to their clan.



Peace and Justice Vigil 5:00 - 5:45 in front of the Talbot County Courthouse



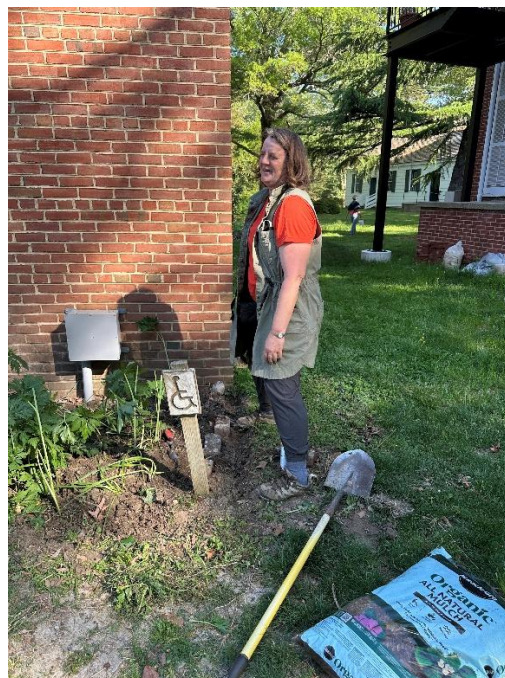
Every Thursday evening a vigil for peace and justice is sponsored by Third Haven Friends Meeting. You are welcome to come at any time during the vigil and stay only as long as you wish. We invite other individuals and congregations to join us but please plan to attend at least once per month if you can. Bring your own sign or we will have some on hand. A good presence offers encouragement to those who don't feel safe advocating for themselves at this time. Since we are the sponsors of this event, let's try to show leadership by showing up! Come and stand for Peace!

"The Spirit of the Old Meeting House" On April 19th Jim Altman shared some feelings and thoughts about the OMH based on his Article in the April Newsletter and invited others to

share their own feelings and thoughts. Having just cleaned the OMH the day before, Jim led the sharing as an auspicious time to appreciate and express our gratitude for the privilege of worshipping there. Other Friends shared as well.



Spring Clean Up Day On Saturday, April 18th from 8 a.m.-noon hard workers pitched in to complete the varied tasks to maintain our treasured property. Can you tell who they are?





May Queries

In keeping with Worship and Ministry's wish to offer queries based on significant occasions each month, here are a few for May with Mother's Day in Mind:

- How do I notice and give thanks for the many forms of mothering - biological, adoptive, chosen, communal - that have shaped my life?
- How does my Meeting support those for whom Mother's Day is painful or complicated?

