



THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING

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*“In prayer the seeds of concern have a way of appearing.... Seeds, not fruit, are given in prayer, but they are given for planting.” Douglas Steere
Faith and Practice 2018 p. 155*

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business 6th Month, 14th Day, 2026

Opening Silent Worship: Clerk Ben Tilghman opened the meeting at 11:45 a.m. with a moment of reflection.

Attendance: Jim Altman, Susan Claggett, Nell Folmar, Beth Inabinett, Katherine Johnson, Janet Kemp, Larissa Kitenko, Joe Kirkinir, Bill Lane, Marie Leonard, Clinton Pettus, Kathryn Pettus, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Bill Schauer, John Schreiner, Ellen Schecter, Christina Swann, Ben Tilghman, Paige Tilghman, Jim Waddington, Heidi Wetzels, Mary Yancey

Approval of minutes from 5th Month Meeting for Business Approved



Clerk's Desk –Ben Tilghman

Ben Tilghman, Kristen Hawkinson and Bill Schauer are working on bylaws for our Limited Liability Company as required by Shore Bank. The draft will be shared for comments and then consulted with an attorney to fit the laws of the state of Md.

Pastoral Care, New Member Approval-Katherine Johnson Approved

Jim Altman was approved for membership. Welcoming committee: Ben Tilghman, Clinton Pettus, Nancy Robbins



Facilities Use Annual Report Calendar Year 2025-Larissa Kitenko

Accepted

Facilities Use Committee Members: Larissa Kitenko, Clerk

Third Haven Friends Meeting continues to provide a quiet, reflective space for the Meeting's activities, Members' outside activities; and occasionally, the meetings of non-members.

The primary purpose of the buildings is to accommodate the needs of the Meeting. Therefore, all Meeting activities have scheduling priority over any other group when a conflict arises.

Third Haven Meetings are being held in-person, hybrid format, or via Zoom.

Scheduling on the new Google Paper Calendar is syncing with on-line calendar (within a few days); Members are notifying Facilities Committee or leaving messages (kitchen phone) with plans for meeting times, Weddings, or Memorials.

This ensures that each usage has reserved space and/or on-line time.

The current system of categorizing meeting/event types has been working well and should be continued. This is listed on the webpage.

Donations have been forwarded by Facilities Comm/Friendly Presence to our Treasurer along with the event, date.

Recommendations from the Risk Control Consultant from Guidone Insurance to the Trustees (Sept 2022), P & G Comm, and Facilities Comm discussed these Safety Issues that applied to use of our buildings and property.

These recommendations have been included in the agreement document that prospective non-Member users of our property sign, viz., the need for a Certificate of Insurance or a signed Document that holds "Third Haven Harmless".

We make a distinction regarding the need for a COI as follows:

- 1 - organizations using Third Haven buildings to conduct their normal business
- 2- Third Haven Members who are hosting an event that may include Non-members;
- 3- (no need for COI) individuals/organizations that are invited by a Member to learn about Quakerism, its history, its role in this country/our community, and its approach to everyday life as well as the spiritual life.

Facilities Revenue 2025 Calendar Year – \$1736 (yr 2024 was \$7219)

For 2025 - Trial Google Monthly Calendar: seems to be successful and it will be continued. Thank you to the Meeting.

Generally, Common Room usage for meetings in descending order: Wednesdays (busiest), Thursdays, Fridays, Sundays (FDS, Hospitality),

Saturdays (occasional meetings/Memorial/Wedding Services), Mondays (fewer occasional meetings), Tuesdays (few meetings scheduled)

Usage included: Many Planning Committees, Spiritual Journeys, Relating to Differences, Thursday AM Men's Group, FDS Summer Mindfulness Camps, Tree Succession meetings, Ceci Landscapes, THFM Committee Meetings, Moccasins Across America, Bayleigh Chase Residents, A Member's Tombstone Placement & Service, Old Salem Museum Tour, League of Women Voters, and Carriage Shed Sale,

Discussion covered explanation of Certificate of Insurance for liability. The more closely aligned to the business of the Meeting, the less the need of COI. If people are not in an affiliated group, they individually sign waivers holding Third Haven harmless. Further questions may be directed to Ben Tilghman, Bill Lane or Larissa Kitenko

Library-Paige Tilghman Accepted

Susan Claggett, Janet Kemp, John Leon Donoghue, Paige Tilghman

Not available: Ellen Schecter, Lorraine Claggett

The Library Committee met on 05 04 2026 in the Brick Meeting House. We reviewed the current collection of books located in the THFM Library, including the 400 Pendle Hill pamphlet collection, the bibles and hymnals, and many books that have been recently donated. We reviewed the current classification for ordering books and determined that it was out of date. We also noticed that many of the labels on the current books were faded. John-Leon, a professional Librarian volunteered to review the classification and to recommend a new system for documenting the books with new labeling. We reviewed the current process for borrowing books which was active and simple and appears to be working well with several books recently lent out and returned.

Susan Claggett offered to organize the Pendle Hill pamphlets and is looking for five wooden boxes about the size of shoe boxes in which to store the pamphlets so they can be accessed by number order.

We appraised the collection of books in the Common Room and determined many of them were very old, had not been used and were at risk of deteriorating. We agreed that these books needed to be inventory, researched for value, and stored in a more accessible and conducive environment for old books. Janet Kemp and Ellen Schecter have begun to catalog and research the value of the older books. Paige Tilghman and Janet Kemp visited with the Director of the Maryland Room at the Talbot County Free Library to gather information about their criteria and interest in accepting books into their collection where they would be available to a greater number of people. The Maryland Room would only be interested in books about early Maryland Quakers and we agreed to consider this information.

We toured the upstairs of the Brick Meeting House. We determined that the library could provide a sample collection of books that are in the library to the proposed lounge area for members to use and to encourage reading of Quaker thought and material. We recommend the historic and valuable books be placed in glassed book cases in the Clerk's Office, adjacent to the Clerks Desk. This would provide for a safe, secure and controlled environment while also being

accessible to members. Ellen Schecter has offered to search locally for Barrister bookcases that would fit in this space.

The Library Committee will request to be placed on 6th month Business Meeting agenda to determine if the Library Committee can relocate the old and valuable Quaker books to the Clerk’s Office, which is climate controlled on the second floor of the Brick Meeting House. We agreed to meet on Wednesdays and are considering a work day in the future.

Discussion: Re: desk and book case space in the clerk’s office. Paige Tilghman and Mary Yancey will meet prior to planning committee’s next meeting to discuss Brick Meeting House renovated rooms’ use. Pendle Hill Pamphlets are now organized and available for reading.



2026 Art Show and Sale Proposal Marie Leonard Approved

Third Haven 2026 Art Show & Sale was proposed in order to move forward with planning details for a 2026 Show & Sale. In the past, we have been successful at engaging Members, Attenders and others from the Community at this event, with donations benefiting the Meeting. The proposed date is Saturday, Nov 7th from 10am-3pm. No conflict was seen with the proposed date. Marie Leonard and Sheryl Southwick will organize. Volunteers will be needed, so please save the date.

Presentation of the FY2027 Budget-Bill Lane & Finance Committee Approved

Third Haven Friends Meeting Draft 26-27 Proposed Budget

| | 25/26 Budget | Actual 6/9/26 | 26/27 Request |
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| Attender Contributions | \$9,275.00 | \$31,172.52 | \$15,000.00 |
| Camp Tuition | \$1,200.00 | | |
| Interest & Dividends Earned | \$350.00 | \$1,045.02 | \$400.00 |
| Member Contributions | \$59,425.00 | \$89,392.06 | \$70,448.00 |
| Sales & Cash Box | \$450.00 | \$412.00 | \$300.00 |
| Use of Facilities | \$4,000.00 | \$637.00 | \$400.00 |
| Contributions from Trustees | | | |
| Total Income | \$74,700.00 | \$122,658.60 | \$86,548.00 |

EXPENSES

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| Burial Ground | \$200.00 | | \$3,000.00 |
| Camp Expense | \$1,200.00 | | n/a |
| Charitable Contributions | \$3,000.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| Communications | \$3,250.00 | \$2,806.97 | \$5,160.00 |
| First Day School | \$3,050.00 | \$191.27 | \$1,500.00 |

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| General Administration | \$4,250.00 | \$4,924.76 | \$5,000.00 |
| Hospitality | \$250.00 | \$292.45 | \$700.00 |
| Library | | | \$500.00 |
| Pastoral Care | \$300.00 | \$317.65 | \$1,413.00 |
| Philadelphia Yearly Meeting | \$17,500.00 | \$17,500.00 | \$17,500.00 |
| Planning | \$300.00 | | \$250.00 |
| Property & Grounds | \$38,000.00 | \$38,582.31 | \$44,375.00 |
| Quarterly Meeting | \$150.00 | | \$150.00 |
| Scholarships | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Testimonies & Concerns | \$2,000.00 | \$825.00 | \$500.00 |
| Worship & Ministry | \$250.00 | \$248.50 | \$500.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$74,700.00 | \$69,188.91 | \$86,548.00 |

Operating Funds and Charitable Donations-Ben Tilghman, Mary Yancey Withdrawn
Proposal to send \$240 each to the following 5 organizations out of our surplus 2026 operating budget: World Food Program / School meals campaign or other campaign <https://donate.wfpusa.org/page/FUNAAPHMWHQ>, Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers (local) <https://cacckids.org/>, for child care scholarship, Trinity Cathedral Easton Md. <https://www.trinitycathedraleaston.com/> ESL (English as a Second Language) Program, American Friends of Combatants for Peace, <https://www.afcfp.org/ourmovement>, Caritas Ukraine (Working to repatriate and reintegrate Ukrainian children stolen by Russia) <https://www.ewtnnews.com/world/europe/caritas-ukraine-leads-efforts-to-reintegrate-children-taken-by-russia-in-wa><https://www.caritas.org/where-we-work-country/ukraine/>

Preliminary Precedent Question: Would a committee be allowed to come to entire Meeting for changed use of funds left at end of year? Decision: No.

Discussion:

Proposal 1: Committee with unused funds should go to Finance Committee for discussion.

Proposal 2: In July, out of new fiscal year budget, make these proposed donations. Committees should stick to budget as originated.

There was spirit behind this recommendation, a desire to help organizations in need. In nonprofit development world even small sums are meaningful.

Request to make these donations **withdrawn**.



Review of Immigration and Customs Enforcement Readiness Signs- *Mary Yancey*

Proofs were shown for signage in Brick Meeting House, Common Room, Annie's cottage and Old Meeting House, reflecting Philadelphia Yearly Meeting ICE injunction and house of worship and private space designations.

Comments: Will the immigration officials attend to the signs? Maybe the signs should not refer to a particular court case because it applies to anyone. PYM recommends mentioning the injunction which their lawsuit pursued for Third Haven's and others' benefit. Signs will be mounted for a month and comments welcomed.



Southern Quarter Meeting Summary-*Susan Claggett* Accepted

As the SQM Recording Clerk, I was asked by Worship and Ministry to give this report. W and M will welcome comments and questions afterwards.

At the January 2026, a concern was raised about the health of some of the monthly meetings within our quarter as well as a concern about the health and vitality of the quarter itself. After some discussion, a handful of members volunteered to form a SQ working group to discern this issue. Those members were Mike and Allison Richards from Camden, Susan Claggett and Clinton

Pettus from Third Haven, Eva Paxton from Wicomico River and Andrew Bell, Camden and member at large. Bob Denison from Chester River received the minutes but did not participate. This working group met 3x, once a month in Feb, March and April. Since Camden was the host of the next SQM in May, our deliberations centered on supporting their program. However early on other ideas sprung forth such as-

- 1) effective Clerking/finding a Clerk for Southern Quarter
- 2) holding Meetings for Business in Southern Quarter
- 3) space for listening, deepening our understanding
- 4) Quakerism 101 series for entire Quarter
- 5) attending/holding community events
- 6) improving communications between each Meeting
- 7) more welcoming to families
- 8) using PYM resources

At the May Southern Quarter Meeting, Camden held a Meeting for Business with attention to addressing three queries. The queries were written on large writing pads with Eva as recording the spoken comments. The queries were-

I How can Southern Quarter support the Monthly Meetings?

II Do you envision a Southern Quarter Clerk?

III List challenges and Highlights of your Monthly Meeting

A lively Meeting ensued with many thoughts recorded and Clerk Clinton Pettus asking for more discernment time. At the conclusion, Bob Denison, who will be one of the organizers for the Sept SQM in Chester River was enthused about working more closely with the working group

over the summer and beyond. Three new members who asked to join the group were Roy Zatcoff of Lewes, Nathan Shoyer from Camden and Nell Folmar from Third Haven.

It was also decided to have a fellowship gathering possibly at the beach this summer, either July or August. More to come.

This is the schedule for upcoming SQM host Meetings -

Sept 20- Chester River

Jan 17, 2027- Lewes

May 16, 2027- Third Haven

Sept 19, 2027- Wicomico River

New business

Joe Kirkenir presentation on Philadelphia Yearly Meeting covered methods of sustaining all meetings: annual sessions, help strengthen meetings, Friends Experiment virtual conversation circles, aging resources, support ministries, grants, relationships among all levels of meetings, covenant contributions, and frequent communications.

First Day School annual report postponed until September

Closing Silent Worship 1:17 p.m.

D. Rein, Recording Clerk



Condolences to the family of Cathy Marvel Thompson

Cathy Ann Marvel Thompson, age 74, passed away in hospice care June 6, 2026. Cathy grew up in Easton, Md, earned her R.N. at the University of Maryland and entered the United States Army Nurse Corps as a Lieutenant in 1978, advancing later to Lt. Col in the Army Reserves in France where she lived for 17 years. Touched by events on September 11, 2001, Cathy chose to return to the United States, continuing to work as a psychiatric nurse. Cathy and Norval Thompson married in 2005.

Together they traveled the Mediterranean on their sailboat, C.C.

Sunflower. She is remembered for her sweet laugh, stylish dress,

attention to everyone's birthdays, punctuality, and social activities, including membership in Miles River Yacht Club and Third Haven Friends Meeting.

Cathy is survived by her husband, Norval E. Thompson, brothers Keith and Bruce Marvel (Lisa); extended Marvel family and stepchildren: Norval Thompson Jr., Sarah, and Cassidy.

A Quaker Memorial Meeting for Worship was held Saturday, June 27th at Third Haven Friends Meeting with both Nurses Honors and Military Honors. Donations may be made to Third Haven Friends Meeting and Talbot Hospice. A complete obituary may be found at the Third Haven website: https://www.thirdhaven.org/Cathy_Thompson.php

First Day School Moving Up Day June 21st was Moving Up Day for young people at Third Haven. First Day School under the leadership of Paige Tilghman hosted a Moving Up celebration and Pot Luck picnic enjoyed by all. Moving Up were: Molly McCall, who will attend Washington College in the Fall, Cleo Moore who will attend Westtown School, a Quaker, coeducational, college preparatory day and boarding school for students in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade, Conrad Rojas will enter 9th grade at Easton High School, and Finley Ewing going 9th in New Bern, North Caroling. We wish them all joy, growth and success in their endeavors.

Maybe You're a Quaker....

Byberry Monthly Meeting outside of Philadelphia recently completed and extensive renovation and brought their meeting back for nearness to being laid down. *Susan Claggett*

Maybe you're a Quaker if ...

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| <p>You consider yourself a spiritual, rather than a religious person.</p> <p>—</p> <p>You have concerns about war and the death penalty.</p> <p>—</p> <p>You believe in social, political and economic justice for all.</p> | <p>You don't feel the need to rely on clergy or creeds.</p> <p>—</p> <p>You believe in the common humanity and equal treatment of all people.</p> <p>—</p> <p>You believe spirituality is an ongoing process.</p> | <p>You like quiet time to reflect on your life in the world.</p> <p>—</p> <p>You think it is important to live your beliefs, not just talk about them.</p> <p>—</p> <p>You want to put your beliefs into direct action in the world.</p> |
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