

**Tampa Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business**

Minutes

9 Second Month 2014

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a quote:

"Quakers believe that all of life is sacramental. For Friends, all occasions of life and every meal eaten holds the potential of becoming a sacred means of God's grace - if we prepare spiritually to see them as such, that is. Spiritual silence helps us prepare. That's what differentiates Quaker silence from non-Christian spiritual silences. Quaker silence anticipates the real presence of Christ coming in a sacramental way among and within us. In the holy hush, we feed on Christ in our souls."

--J. Brent Bill, (Holy Silence-The Gift of Quaker Spirituality)

Clerks

Jan Dahm meeting clerk.

Cynde Mercer recording clerk.

Attendees

Jan Dahm

Lisa Erasmus

Jill Floerke

Chris Hugues

Cynde Mercer

Karen Putney

Nancy Triscritti

Bill Ward

Kathy Ward

Tom Weekes

Nil Wilkins

Barbara Wolfe

Cecilia Yocum

Business

Minutes of First Month were approved with corrections.

The Treasurer reported that in December contributions were up and expenses were down. In January contributions were down and expenses were up. Expenses continue to outpace contributions.

Committee Reports

First Day School – No report

Hospitality – No report

Library – No report

Ministry and Counsel – See Appendix A for report.

Nominating – No report.

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Peace and Social Concerns – See Appendix A for report.

New Business

The new Quaker Cloud web site is open, but not updated. We have the option of having public, semi-private and public content. Meeting members and attenders who are interested in having access to private and semi-private areas should use the Request Access button on the lower right of the home page.

Milestones

No milestones were brought forth.

Calendar

See TampaFriends.org.

Closing worship

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Appendix A

Ministry and Counsel Committee Report

There is an active food pantry in the kitchen closet by the back door that has resources available for anyone who might find themselves having difficulty making ends meet at various times. Please use as needed. Also feel free to contribute to keeping it full if you can.

We are working toward having some Adult First Day School sessions in the near future. If you have suggestions please share them with anyone on Ministry and Counsel.

Just a reminder that Dustin Lemke is opening for Worship Sharing on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m.. This Tuesday, February 11, will be an exception, no Worship Sharing this week.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee Report

The Peace and Social Concerns committee gathered on February 2, 2014. Discussion included:

Brief report on the SEYM Peace and Social Concerns committee meeting at SEYM Winter Interim Business Meeting.

Planning for the AVP mini-workshop – Cecilia Yocum and Stan will work on planning the upcoming workshop, time, date and details to be announced. The workshop can probably accommodate 20 participants with four facilitators and will open to folks. Stan is working with the group working on the Monsanto campaign. The focus may be on how to be non-violent when vigiling/protesting/witnessing.

Letter writing - Dustin has agreed to facilitate a monthly letter writing to lawmakers and public officials, specifically aimed at seeking to building our constituent-representative relationships. and We will be able to participate in this effort on pot-luck Sundays - the third Sunday of the month. and This will be ongoing under his care for six months.

Meeting for Learning - We have several people who are active with organizations on issues of interest to us and we would like to have them share through a Meeting for Learning. Possible speakers are; Stan on the Monsanto concerns and action, Eileen Zingaro from Clearwater meeting on Florida Impact and Dustin on his work with the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee.