

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

Minutes

13 Ninth Month 2015

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a quote:

Participants are expected to put aside personal desires and allow themselves to be led by the Spirit beyond the self. Although an individual Friend has the designated role of clerk, all share the responsibility for the maintenance of the Spirit-led gathering, for steadfast search for truth, and for the wise use of time.

Usually an individual speaks only once on any one issue because, in a gathered meeting for business, we trust that our expression of light has been heard and is being considered and tested as part of the truth.

--- SEYM Faith and Practice, pp. 116-117

Clerks

Jan Dahm Meeting Clerk.

Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

Attendees

Jan Dahm

Lisa Erazmus

Chris Hugues

Karen Kessel

Cynde Mercer

Karen Putney

Lou Putney

Peter Schmidt

Wayne Schucker

Nancy Triscritti

Nil Wilkins

Barbara Wolfe

Business

Minutes of Fifth Month were approved as submitted..

Treasurer Chris Hugues reported that donations are off the pace we'd like to have by an amount of about \$2500 in the fiscal year, but our expenses have been lower as well. We continue to see some donations to the Building Fund, but are still well below our goal that would let us maintain the current level of mortgage and mortgage payment. Treasurer proposes to move part of the FY 2014-2015 surplus (\$1503.12) to our general reserve fund and to the building fund (\$5631.03). Meeting approves. Meeting accepted the Treasurer's Report.

Committee Reports

First Day School – No report

Hospitality – Karen Putney requested that Friends should continue bringing snacks for after Meeting.

Library – Karen Putney reported that she has added new books on the environment and climate change.

Ministry and Counsel – Nancy Triscritti reported that the next two friendly dinners will be September 26 and October 24. A Meeting for discernment for the use of our new and continuing spaces in a

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manner that supports our Quaker values will be held on First Day, September 27. Later we will have a session to discuss spiritual readiness for our new worship space and the growth we hope it will bring. The committee would like to bring SEYM's Spiritual Formation Program to the meeting.

Naming – Jan Dahm reported that Lou Putney and Nancy Triscritti have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. The Naming Committee is laid down until 2016.

Nominating – No report

Peace and Social Concerns – Karen Putney reported that the position of SEYM Field Secretary for Earthcare has been created and Friends should consider the job description and any concerns about the funding the position, pay and benefits and donations of office space.

Property – Chris Hugues presented a report on the new worship space including finances, furnishings, landscaping and future plans for additions and improvements.

New Business

Barbara Wolfe requested that we consider our participation in Circus McGurkis this year.

Milestones

No milestones were brought forth.

Calendar

See TampaFriends.org.

Closing worship