

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

Minutes

10 Fourth Month 2016

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a quote:

The Quaker testimony of community is that each Friend has been drawn into communion with God and led into a meeting community based on that prior relationship with God. We are in community with those in our meeting not because they are like-minded, but because we each belong to God.

The individual who belongs to a secular community has made a personal choice to be a part of that community because it provides certain benefits which (s)he values, and the costs of belonging are less than those benefits. This person may explain to an inquirer that (s)he belongs to this community because these other people know how to care for one another, share ethical values, and/or live according to certain shared standards; in other words, these are very special people! ...A Friend has made a different commitment: (s)he is part of the meeting community because (s)he is living in a covenant relationship with God, and in that relationship, God has placed him/her in this community of other ordinary people who are also in a covenant relationship with God. The community thrives and is nourishing to its members not because its members are special people--on the contrary, they are very ordinary human beings--but because God is active in their lives, helping them rise above their personal standards and ideals to live together in a special way that blesses each other and the larger community in which they live.

– Lloyd Lee Wilson, *Quaker Vision of Gospel Order*

Clerks

Jan Dahm Meeting Clerk.

Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

Attendees

Tom Blackburn

Jan Dahm

Lisa Erazmus

Chris Hugues

Cynde Mercer

Karen Putney

Nancy Triscritti

Beverly Ward

Barbara Wolfe

Rose Yerrakuda

Roy Yerrakuda

Business

Minutes of Third Month were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Chris Hugues reported that we are about \$5,400 behind on our donations, but this deficit is partially offset by reduced spending. Meeting accepted the Treasurer's Report.

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The final cost of the new worship space has not been provided by the contractor, so the amount of our mortgage going forward has not been determined.

The Treasurer presented the proposed 2016-2017 budget for first reading. The proposed budget is \$44,370.50, an increase over the current budget of \$42,615.50.

Committee Reports

First Day School – No report

Hospitality and Housekeeping – No report

Library – No report

Ministry and Counsel – Nancy Triscritti announced a Friendly Dinner on April 23.

Naming – No report

Nominating – No report

Peace and Social Concerns – No report

Property – Chris Hugues reported that the new worship space continues to progress but there are still many items to be completed. Outstanding items include landscaping, driveway, and electrical to the lift station.

New Business

The Meeting approves sending a travel minute with Caroline Lanker as she travels with Friendly Folk Dancers in the midwest.

Milestones

No milestones were brought forth.

Calendar

See TampaFriends.org.

Closing worship