

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

**Minutes**

12 Second Month 2017

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a reading of the Queries and Advices for the Second Month:

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Queries:

- In decision-making, do we promote a spirit of love, understanding, and patience as we seek unity on an appropriate course of action?
- Are meetings for business seen as positive opportunities for testing and practicing our spiritual life?

Advices:

- As members, attend the business meetings and extend our support to the meeting's affairs so that the burden will not rest upon a few.
- Remember that the foundation of a lasting decision lies in the search for unity—that is, a corporate seeking of the Light in an atmosphere of love, trust, and mutual forbearance.

- Excerpt from *SEYM Faith and Practice*

**Clerks**

Jan Dahm Meeting Clerk.  
Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

**Attendees**

Marjorie Arnoldi  
Deborah Breedon  
Jan Dahm  
Miles Davis

Lisa Erazmus  
Chris Hugues  
Karen Kessel  
Cynde Mercer

Karen Putney  
Nancy Triscritti  
Beverly Ward  
Barbara Wolfe

**Business**

Minutes of First Month were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Chris Hugues reported that we fell a little bit further behind on our income this month. Note that Operating Expenses still includes our overages on the budgeting for Lawn Service, Water, and Insurance. As noted in the last couple of months, this is a little concerning, but we can defer some expenses (furniture, landscaping, etc.) to cover these overages.

Meeting accepted the Treasurer's report from January.

Karen Putney read the 2017 financial responsibilities discernment letter to be sent out to members and attenders with the first reading of the budget. Friends approve.

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**Committee Reports**

First Day School – No report.

Hospitality and Housekeeping – No report.

Library – No report.

Ministry and Counsel – Nancy Triscritti presented the State of the Meeting report for second reading. Friends approve the report.

Naming – No report.

Nominating – No report.

Peace and Social Concerns – Beverly Ward reported that the committee is interested in supporting the Art of Fearlessness Project, organized by the Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts, from May 13-20. The Meeting is being asked to be a local sponsor by supporting displays and helping to promote the event. Friends approve.

Property – No report.

**New Business**

A Friend requested that Meeting policies be posted online.

**Milestones**

None.

**Calendar**

See TampaFriends.org.

Closing worship