

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

Minutes

9 Twelfth Month 2018

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a reading:

Everything, all beauty and rightness, seems to turn upon a right subordination of the outward to the inward, the transient to the permanent, in our lives and thoughts. Yet this right subordination cannot be achieved in a hurry. If we are to learn to assign to the weightiest matters their true place and predominance, we must allow ourselves, or rather we must steadily resolve to secure for ourselves, quietness enough not only to know our own minds, but to listen to the still small voice of conscience, or of God, speaking in our own hearts.

– Caroline Stephen

Clerks

Jan Dahm Meeting Clerk.

Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

Attendees

Deborah Breedon

Vincent Cobb

Jan Dahm

Lisa Erazmus

Chris Hugues

Dustin Lemke

Cynde Mercer

Louis Putney

Peter Schmidt

Nancy Triscritti

Tricia White

Cecilia Yocum

Business

Minutes of Eleventh Month were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Chris Hugues presented the Treasurer's report. Current year income is lagging behind budget expectations by about \$7,600. Meeting accepted the Treasurer's report.

Committee Reports

Archives – No report.

Communications – No report.

First Day School – No report.

Hospitality and Housekeeping – No report.

Library – No report.

Membership Recorder – No report.

Ministry and Counsel – Lisa Erazmus brought forth the Spiritual State of the Meeting Report for the first reading. Nancy Triscritti reported that Tricia White will share her story during the December Fifth First Day program.

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Naming – No report.

Nominating – Peter Schmidt brought forth committee nominations for second reading. It was suggested that we remove the positions of Fifth First Day Coordinator and Friendly Dinner Coordinator from the nominations slate, as both are under the care of the Ministry and Counsel Committee. Meeting approves. See Appendix A.

Peace and Social Concerns – Cecilia Yocum proposed that Meeting join a boycott of Wendys and endorse the statement from Coalition of Immokalee Workers Fair Food Program. See Appendix B. Meeting approves.

Other concerns were the conflict in Palestine; Amendment 4 'yes' result, help with voter registration in future and immigration issues. The Earthcare Field Secretary is researching Florida indigenous peoples' land in relation to Quaker Meetinghouse locations

Property – Chris Hugues reported that proposals for a new street sign are in the works. Demolition of the existing back porch is planned for this month.

New Business

Discernment of whether Friends will attend and/or Meeting will be listed as co-sponsor of Fourth Annual Community Potluck Picnic (possibly at Lettuce Lake Park; time TBA) on January 1, 2019. Meeting approves.

Milestones

None.

Calendar

See TampaFriends.org.

Closing worship

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Appendix A

2019 Committees and Positions

For committees carrying a three-year commitment, the dates in parenthesis indicate that the individual will serve through that year. Unless otherwise noted, committee members and clerks serve for one year, and may be asked to serve again for additional terms.

Clerk Lisa Erazmus (2021)
Assistant Clerk Nancy Triscritti (2021)
Recording Clerk Cynde Mercer
Treasurer Chris Hugues

Adult First Day Program
Pamela Graber, coordinator
Karen Putney
Nil Wilkins

Archives and Membership Recorder
Nil Wilkins

Communications
Karen Kessel
Dustin Lemke
Zack Mays
Cynde Mercer, clerk
Karen Putney

First Day School
Elizabeth Mitchell, CAPP certified
Cecilia Yocum, CAPP certified

Hospitality and Housekeeping
Deborah Breeden, co-clerk
Vincent Cobb, co-clerk
Pamela Graber
Karen Putney
Nancy Triscritti
Nil Wilkins
Rose Yerrakadu

Keeping in Touch Cards Coordinator
Nil Wilkins

Keeper of the Calendar
Cynde Mercer

Library
Zack Mays
Karen Putney, clerk
Peter Schmidt

Ministry and Counsel
Jan Dahm (2021)
Lisa Erazmus, ex-officio
Chris Hugues (2021)
Dustin Lemke (2019)
Nancy Triscritti, clerk (2020)

Nominating
Peter Schmidt, clerk (2019)
Nil Wilkins (2021)
Rose Yerrakadu (2020)

Peace and Social Concerns
Lori Hein
Ron Keating
Beverly Ward, co-clerk
Tricia White
Rose Yerrakadu
Roy Yerrakadu
Cecilia Yocum, co-clerk

Property and Grounds
Chris Hugues
Karen Putney
Lou Putney
Peter Schmidt, clerk

Web Keeper
Cynde Mercer

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Appendix B

Endorsement of Wendys Boycott

Wendy's has refused to join the Coalition of Immokalee Workers' Fair Food Program (FFP) and do its part to protect the human rights of farmworkers in its supply chain.

The FFP guarantees never-before-seen rights for tens of thousands of farmworkers in fields along the East Coast, including rights to shade and rest breaks from their grueling work, the right to speak up about abuse without fear of retribution, and zero tolerance for sexual assault and modern slavery.

Since 2011, participating buyers have paid Fair Food wages that have provided more than \$20 million in bonuses to farmworkers, constituting the first real pay increase for workers in over 30 years.

Of the five largest fast food companies, Wendy's is the only one not participating in the FFP. Rather, Wendy's has opted to profit from farmworker poverty and abuse while propping up an alternative market outside the FFP with less reputable growers.

Wendy's ran away from their responsibility by switching their tomato purchasing from Florida to Mexico, abandoning the Florida tomato growers who are doing the right thing. When the CIW and consumer allies began to demand that Wendy's stop doing business with the abuse-ridden Mexican agricultural industry, Wendy's again shifted its purchases, this time purchasing from greenhouses in the U.S. and Canada. However, consumers know that greenhouses do not equal better working conditions for farmworkers and that **the best way to end abuse in Wendy's supply chain is to join the Fair Food Program.**

Wendy's latest corporate code of conduct for its suppliers, which took effect in January 2016, is a perfect example of the failed, corporate-controlled approach to social responsibility. From its vague "expectations" for ethical behavior from its suppliers to its toothless approach to consequences for suppliers who fail to meet those expectations, **Wendy's response simply does not measure up to the Fair Food Program.**

In the face of Wendy's failure to do the right thing, we, as [Endorser name or "organizations, people of faith, students, and consumers of conscience"], pledge to boycott Wendy's until the world's third largest hamburger chain commits to protect the human rights of the farmworkers who make their profits possible by joining the Fair Food Program.

Organization Name:

Organization Address:

Organization Contact Person:

Email:

Phone: