

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

**Minutes**

12 Fifth Month 2019

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a reading:

Art thou in darkness? Mind it not, for if thou do, it will fill thee more, but stand still and act not, and wait in patience till light arise out of darkness to lead thee. Art thou wounded in conscience? Feed not there, but abide in the light, which leads to the grace and truth which teaches to deny and put off the weight, and removes the cause, and brings saving health to light... and though thou have made thy grave as deep as the nethermost hell, or were thy afflictions as great as Job's, and thy darkness as the depth of the sea, yet if thou wilt not run to vain helps...but stay upon the Lord till he give thee light by his word (who commands light to shine out of darkness), from thence will he bring thee forth, and his eye shall guide thee, and thou shalt praise his name as I do this day.

*--James Naylor*

**Clerks**

Lisa Erazmus Meeting Clerk.  
Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

**Attendees**

Jan Dahm  
Lisa Erazmus  
Chris Hugues  
Jason Jackson

Karen Kessel  
Cynde Mercer  
Karen Putney  
Peter Schmidt

Nancy Triscritti  
Nil Wilkins

**Business**

Minutes of Fourth Month were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Chris Hugues presented the Treasurer's report. Our donations exceeded our expenditures this past month. Meeting accepts the Treasurer's report.

The Treasurer also presented 2019-2020 draft budget for second reading. Discussion ensued as to how to address the \$12,500 difference between expected donations and proposed expenditures. Meeting nominated Jason Jackson as an interim Finance Committee. Consensus was to approve deficit budget, put aside big projects temporarily and revisit progress in five months. Meeting approves the budget as submitted.

**Committee Reports**

Archives – No report.

Communications – No report.

First Day School – No report.

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Hospitality and Housekeeping – No report.

Library – No report.

Membership Recorder – No report.

Ministry and Counsel – Nancy Triscritti reported that there will be a Friendly Dinner on 25 Fifth Month; there will be no regularly scheduled Ministry and Counsel meetings until Eighth Month; if anyone has ideas on topics for our next retreat/workshop please share your thoughts with Nancy Triscritti or anyone on Ministry and Counsel.

Naming – No report.

Nominating – No report.

Peace and Social Concerns – No report.

Property – No report.

**New Business**

Southeastern Yearly Meeting Executive Committee Meeting will be held on 8 Sixth Month at Tampa Meetinghouse beginning at 9 a.m. We need the Hospitality Committee to organize the procurement of breakfast snacks and a light lunch. As is our custom, Friends may gather after the Executive Committee meeting at a local restaurant for the evening meal

**Milestones**

None.

**Calendar**

25	Fifth Month	Friendly Dinner
8	Sixth Month	SEYM Executive Committee Meeting
21	Sixth Month 7:30	Jazz concert
28	Sixth Month	Friendly Dinner
26	Seventh Month	Friendly Dinner

Closing worship