

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

Minutes

12 First Month 2020

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a reading:

Friends conduct business together in faith that there is one divine Spirit that is accessible to all; when Friends wait upon and heed the Light of Truth within them, its spirit will lead to unity. This faith is the foundation for every group decision. In practical terms, this means that all such meetings are held in a context of worship and that those present repeatedly and consciously seek divine guidance. Committees conduct business in this same manner. It is important that members of committees attend meeting for worship with a concern for business regularly in order to assure smooth coordination between the committees and the meeting.

– SEYM Faith and Practice, pp 191-192

Clerks

Lisa Erazmus Meeting Clerk.
Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

Attendees

Marjorie Arnaldi
Vincent Cobb
Jan Dahm
Lisa Erazmus
Chris Hugues

Cynde Mercer
Karen Putney
Lou Putney
Peter Schmidt
Nancy Triscritti

Nil Wilkins
Roy Yerrakadu
Cecilia Yocum

Business

Minutes of Twelfth Month were approved with corrections.

Chris Hugues presented the Treasurer's report. We continue to lag behind in donations, and our non-discretionary spending is about \$2500 above budget. Friends approve sending a contribution to SEYM to fund the EarthCare Secretary position. Friends accept the Treasurer's report.

Treasurer is still seeking discernment on whether Meeting should subscribe to TECO's Sun Select program for our electricity needs. While this would cost us a premium, it is a way for us to help the environment. TECO has a dedicated solar farm for those who opt-in to this program. There was no consensus this month.

Committee Reports

Archives – No report.

Communications – Cynde Mercer reported that the committee has: Provided sign messages to Chris Hugues; reactivated email list on MailChimp and sent several bulk emails; updated web site. The committee needs help from the meeting on: Quotes for message

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on sign board; event and news announcements for meeting emails and web site updates; suggestions for enhancements to meeting communications.

First Day School – No report.

Hospitality and Housekeeping – No report.

Library – No report.

Membership Recorder – No report.

Ministry and Counsel – Nancy Triscritti reported that Friendly dinner is 25 First Month. There will be a Meeting to discuss the queries for the Spiritual State of the Meeting Report on 2 Second Month after snacks. The Queries will be distributed prior to the discussion for Friends to spend time sitting with them.

Naming – A Naming Committee was appointed to recommend Friends to fill the vacancies on the Nominating Committee. Nil Wilkins and Karen Putney agreed to serve. After giving their report, the Naming Committee will be laid down.

Minute 1, First Month

Tampa Monthly Meeting approves the actions and discernment of Ministry and Counsel in laying down the existing nominating committee and appointing a Naming Committee for the purpose of forming a new Nominating Committee.

Minute 2, First Month

Tampa Monthly Meeting accepts the Naming Committee's nomination of the following Friends for respective terms on the Nominating Committee:

Chris Hugues - 2022
Marjorie Arnaldi - 2021
Cece Yocum - 2020

Nominating – No report.

Peace and Social Concerns – No report.

Property – No report.

New Business

Karen Putney reported that she and Nil Wilkins are working on an updated member/attender list for SEYM.

Milestones

None.

Calendar

See TampaFriends.org

Closing worship