

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

Minutes

8 Third Month 2020

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a reading:

In the words of Wilmer A. Cooper as quoted in our SEYM Faith and Practice: "Integrity forms the basis for a covenant relationship in which persons exercise a sense of responsibility and accountability toward one another. Individualism, which is preoccupied with doing one's own thing, often with little concern for how it affects other people, dominates much of our behavior in Western society...and it affects the Religious Society of Friends as well. Thus, we need to recover the testimony of integrity, to balance this other attitude (individualism) when applied to wholeness in the corporate life of persons where there is a sense of responsibility and accountability toward one another."

– *SEYM Faith and Practice, p. 48*

Clerks

Lisa Erazmus Meeting Clerk.
Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

Attendees

Marjorie Arnaldi
Cynthia Baklanov
Jan Dahm
Lisa Erazmus
Lauren Van Helden

Chris Hugues
Karen Kessel
Cynde Mercer
Sean Murphree
Karen Putney

Lou Putney
Nancy Triscritti
Nil Wilkins
Cecilia Yocum

Business

Minutes of Second Month were approved with corrections.

Chris Hugues presented the Treasurer's report. We continue to drop behind in donations, and our non-discretionary spending is more than \$3600 above budget. The treasurer presented a proposed 2020-21 budget for discussion. Proposed budgeted income is \$36,645 and expenses is \$43,335.61. The meeting accepts the treasurer's report.

Committee Reports

Archives – No report.

Communications – No report.

First Day School – Lisa Erazmus reported that First Day School is using EarthCare curriculum.

Hospitality and Housekeeping – No report.

Library – No report.

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Membership Recorder – No report.

Ministry and Counsel – Jan Dahm presented the Spiritual State of the Meeting report for first reading. Meeting decided to hold the report for the second reading instead of sending it to SEYM for inclusion in the documents in advance for the spring gathering. Nancy Triscritti reported that our March Friendly dinner is 28 March. The committee recommends moving Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business to 19 April, potluck to 12 April, and holding a meeting for learning on 26 April to learn Quaker process.

Naming – No report.

Nominating – Chris Hugues presented proposed ideas for re-organizing our committee structure and function. The guiding principles include Spirit, Communication, Contribution and Community and Spirituality. The proposed structure is umbrella based. Spiritual Caring is uppermost. Community, Learning, Project and Activism are the branches under Spiritual Caring. Details will be provided through our email blast and the website. For further detail see Appendix A.

Peace and Social Concerns – No report.

Property – Chris Hugues reported that Friends have been working hard on property maintenance both inside and out. Also, an NA member has done some pressure washing gratis. Meeting approves placing the “Love your neighbor” and “War is not the answer” murals on the two walls closest to the street.

New Business

Karen Putney raised concerns about sanitizing our building due to coronavirus outbreak. It is suggested that we begin using disposable cups and utensils and step up our sanitizing protocols. We need to raise our awareness about these new protocols throughout our meeting community.

Milestones

None.

Calendar

See TampaFriends.org

Closing worship

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Appendix A

Nominating Committee

We're Already Doing All Of This – We're Simply Changing Our Perspective!!

- **Spirit** infuses the health and well-being of the community
- **Communication** is the purpose and focus of this structure
- Promote the idea of **contribution**, not burden
- Community is spirituality
 - More Community Building is good!
- Co-Clerk Agreement/Commitment
 - Schedule Meeting each month
 - Send Agenda
 - Present Summary Report in Meeting for Business (send report to clerk for agenda)
 - Send updates to Community Committee – Co-clerk is new norm – promotes accountability – Be cognizant of potential need for Clearness Committees

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