

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

Minutes
12 Second Month 2023

Clerks: Nil Wilkins (Meeting Clerk) and Dustin Lemke (Stand-in Recording Clerk)

Attendees:

Meetinghouse attendees: Dustin Lemke, Cynde Mercer, Nil Wilkins, Karen Putney, and Cece Yocum

Online attendees: Vincent Cobb and Miki Epperson

Take Action:

- Spiritual State of the Meeting Report
 - The 2022 Spiritual State of the Meeting Draft Report was presented for a second reading. One friend noted the spiritual focus of the report, and friends accepted the report which will be sent to SEYM.
- Memorial Minute for Caroline Lanker
 - Cece Yocum and Karen Putney will be coordinating the writing of this minute to send to SEYM and possibly Friends Journal. They attended the memorial service in Lake Wales yesterday.
- Outreach Worship Sharing Notes
 - Notes from the recent Outreach Worship Sharing have been sent out to everyone; we will take some time to digest those notes to see what action to take.
- Support for earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria
 - The Clerk shared an online link for Charity Navigator if some felt led to find ways to support the earthquake victims.

Calendar of events:

- February 11 (3 p.m.) -- A memorial service was held for Tampa Friend Caroline Lanker in Lake Wales.
- February 19 -- Potluck will be held at the meetinghouse; online worship each third First Day of the month will not connect to the meetinghouse but those who can meet on Zoom will. We invite anyone who is able to come to the meetinghouse on the third First Day.
- February 26 -- (2 p.m.) Jazz Soup concert featuring Chris Hugues on the back lawn (inside if needed because of weather).

- April 5-9 -- Southeastern Yearly Meeting (SEYM) Yearly Gathering; will be held at a new location (DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center in Parrish, FL) and more information can be found at seymquakers.org.

Reports and Minutes

- Community:
 - Cynder Mercer is still piloting the new Google phone number for Meeting; this month she will ask a small group of folks to call the number for testing purposes.
 - A call was put out to anyone who would like to host a Friendly Dinner for March.
- Ministry and Counsel:
 - MC presented the second reading of the 2022 Spiritual State of the Meeting Report.
 - The SEYM Listening Project was held last week with good participation from Meeting. Notes were taken by the SEYM representatives, and those will be shared with everyone soon. Friends like the idea of considering the Listening Project notes and Outreach Worship Sharing notes for future action.
- Learning:
 - We have no Adult First Day Programming (AFDP) for January or February primarily because we are planning only two events per First Day (e.g., Meeting for Worship at 10:00 and then the SEYM Listening Project at 11:40.) With fewer events scheduled for March, we will plan AFDP for some First Days.
- Nominating:
 - We still have several open positions and will begin work on the 2023-2024 slate very soon; please check with Chris Hugues for information.
- Treasurer's report:
 - Chris Hugues submitted the normal electronic Treasurer's report though he was not able to attend today.
 - We mentioned the need for insurance purposes to keep the meetinghouse fire extinguishers inspected regularly like was done this past month.
 - Friends accepted the report.

Minutes for 8 First Month 2023 were approved.

The meeting ended with closing with worship.