

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

**Minutes**  
12 Eleventh Month 2023

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with silent worship.

**Clerks**

Nil Wilkins Meeting Clerk  
Cynde Mercer Interim Recording Clerk

**Attendees**

Dika Boire	Dustin Lemke	Cecilia Yocum (Zoom)
Chris Hugues	Cynde Mercer	
Steve Kinney	Nil Wilkins	

**Action Items**

Cecilia Yocum will lead our concerns and outreach regarding the Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act of 2018 (S.1158 (RS)).

Meeting approves submission of our response to A Quaker Vision for SEYM to SEYM's Ad Hoc Retirement Community Committee, see Appendix A.

Please watch the following YouTube link: Calling for a Ceasefire – Israel-Palestine briefing by FCNL: <https://youtu.be/MfpZtkPnvM?si=gGWPdCN3Bo9l1RDC>.

Also see the following on nonmilitary alternatives to Israel's war in Gaza by Quaker peace activist George Lakey: [There are nonmilitary alternatives to Israel's war in Gaza | Waging Nonviolence](#)

The "No Weapons" sign has been posted on the property.

There was a discussion about which names to use for days and months and whether to refer to our meeting as a monthly meeting in the banner on our web site. It was suggested that the committee of the whole discern this issue and make recommendations.

**Treasurer's Report**

Chris Hugues presented the treasurer's report. Income met budget levels but expenditures outpaced income due to a double draft for the mortgage in October. Meeting accepts the report.

Treasurer brought forth the suggestion that we move our investments from TD Ameritrade to Friends Fiduciary. Friends approve moving funds, one-half to growth and one-half to income funds.

**Minutes**

Minutes for Tenth month were approved as submitted.

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**Appendix A**

Tampa Friends wish to acknowledge the deep pain and concern behind the proposed SEYM project of a retirement community, K-12 school, and conference center. We, too, are frustrated by the world around us and are looking for significant change. We will be direct: we have no extra money to support this project. We would lovingly go one step further: we feel projects similar to this have been discussed the past few decades in SEYM, and we think it's time has come and gone. We ask that this issue be put to rest while seeking other potential projects that would support Quaker ideals in Florida.