

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

Minutes

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8 Twelfth Month 2024

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with silent worship.

Clerks

Nil Wilkins Meeting Clerk

Cynde Mercer Interim Recording Clerk

Attendees

Jan Dahm (Zoom)

Lisa Erasmus (Zoom)

Dale Hartman

Chris Hugues

Steve Kinney

Dustin Lemke

Cynde Mercer (Zoom)

Karen Putney

Louis Putney

Nil Wilkins

Cecilia Yocum

Action and Witness

The Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Community Service on January 20, 2025, at 5 pm, will tentatively be held at the Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church located at 2101 Lowe St., Tampa 33605. An RSVP is requested to Rev. Isaac Ruffin at 813-531-0551 or isaacruffin7@gmail.com.

Please drop off nonperishable food items in the designated bin in the worship building foyer by December 24 for the December food drive for Feeding Tampa Bay.

Ongoing drive for book donations for Prison Book Program and Jimmie Keel library – for more information contact Nil Wilkins at ngwvet@aol.com.

If there are Friends able to help with cleaning of the meetinghouses, please contact Nil Wilkins at ngwvet@aol.com.

Witness: Book donations for Prison Book Program and local library. New or gently used books may be left in one of the donation bins in our lobby. For more information contact Nil Wilkins.

Dustin Lemke reported that Ministry and Counsel continues to meet and support the spiritual life of meeting. Adult first day program continues. In the works are a Getting to Know You and Friendly Dinners.

Chris Hugues reported that we had some damage to the soffits from Hurricane Milton. Property damage also included some tree damage and debris. The micro-school is in session and fall graduation at an alternative location is planned. Mel Underbakke has asked to use the meetinghouse for a prison outreach program in January. Help with cleaning the meetinghouse and yard work is requested. The cottage was tented and treated for drywood termites.

Chris Hugues reported that Committee of the Whole will meet on December 18 this month due to Christmas holiday.

Dustin Lemke presented the draft 2024 Spiritual State of the Meeting. Meeting approves.

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SEYM has requested that Tampa Meeting take up discernment on financial support of a Friends school in Ft. Myers. The meeting is in favor of the idea of a Quaker school in Florida but feel that the details, including location, need further discernment.

Steve Kinney asked that we consider placing extra copies of Quaker books in "Free Libraries" located in Temple Terrace with our contact info as an outreach project. Meeting approves.

Our next meeting for business will be in March.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Hugues presented the treasurer's report. Expenses exceeded income for second quarter. Income is about \$935 below budget and expenses are about \$5000 over budget for the year to date. Our reserves are intact but our funds available for expenditures are lower than what they should be. Meeting accepts the report.

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Minutes for ninth month 2024 were approved with clarification.

Upcoming Events and Meeting Calendar

Saturday (Seventh Day), December 14, 2024, at 2 pm, Living Mirror Playback Theater and WMNF present "*What's next? The Election is over.*" At WMNF Radio Studios 1210 E. MLK Blvd, Tampa. Free tickets at wmnf.org/events. For more information email parsonbrown.e1@gmail.com or Cece Yocum at ceceyocum@aol.com.

Saturday (Seventh Day), December 14, 2024, at 6 pm, Friendly Dinner hosted by Chris and Linda Hugues. Please contact Chris for more information/if you can attend: mickymuldoon@yahoo.com.

Sunday (First Day), September 15, at 11:30 am, Potluck at the meetinghouse.

Sunday (First Day), December 15, 2024, at 11:30 am, Potluck at the meetinghouse. A reminder that Zoom meeting for worship will not connect to the meetinghouse on this day (and each third First Day every month). Please attend in person at the meetinghouse and stay for potluck afterwards or join those attending on Zoom, at our usual link.

Wednesday (Fourth Day), December 18, at 7 pm, Committee of the Whole, Zoom only. The first part of the meeting will be a time for Friends to have a spiritual check in and then worship/worship share on the SEYM Worship and Ministry Committee query of the week: *TBD*

Meeting ended with closing worship.