

Tampa Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship for Business

Minutes

13 Second Month 2005

OPENING SILENCE

QUERY 2 MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS

Are Meetings for Business held in the spirit of Meetings for Worship?

In decision making, do we promote a spirit of love, understanding and patience as we seek unity on an appropriate course of action?

Do I keep my remarks simple and speak only as the Spirit leads?

Am I able to unite in good grace with the Sense of the Meeting when my personal desires tend in another direction?

Do I maintain respect for others, however strongly our opinions may differ?

Are Meetings for Business seen as positive opportunities for testing and practicing our spiritual life?

RECORDING CLERK

Cynde Mercer recorded minutes of this Meeting for Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of 9 First Month Meeting for Business were read and approved with corrections.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Nil Wilkins and accepted.

Property update – The door project is progressing and will come in much under the budget of \$1000. Committee may do some sprucing up of the utility room and install an outdoor water fountain for the children under this project.

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Meeting wishes to express thanks to Maya and Ruby Sage and Karen Putney for maintenance and upkeep of the Meetinghouse. We appreciate your efforts.

NEW BUSINESS

Marriage request – Rick Souza and Amy Arnold have asked the Meeting to take their marriage under our care. Worship and Ministry will form a Clearness Committee. Friends are asked to review the section on Marriage in Faith and Practice in anticipation of their marriage.

Nominating Committee – The committee will bring forth names at the Third Month Meeting for Business and decisions will follow at the Fourth Month Meeting for Business.

SEYM – Tampa Monthly Meeting is responsible for snacks on Thursday night.

Friendly Dinners – The dinners continue and one is scheduled for the same weekend as Yearly Meeting. It is thought that Friends who do not attend Yearly Meeting should have an activity that weekend.

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Donations of stock – Lou Putney and Nil Wilkens will present a suggested policy for accepting donations of stock for the Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 20 Second Month Potluck after Meeting for Worship. Bring a dish to share
- 26 Second Month Friendly Dinner
- 27 Second Month Meeting for Learning: Concern for civil and human rights for Dr. Sami Al-Arian and co-defendants
- 5 Third Month HOPE Workshop: Rethinking Justice 9am – 12noon
St. John Progressive Methodist Baptist Church
2504 E. Chipco Street
- 13 Third Month Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
- 20 Third Month Potluck after Meeting for Worship. Bring a dish to share
- 23-27 Third Month Yearly Meeting in Leesburg. See SEYM.org for information.
- 26 Third Month Friendly Dinner
- 2-9 Seventh Month FGC – *Weaving the Blessed Tapestry* at Virginia Tech

CLOSING SILENCE