

Tampa Friends Meeting

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

Minutes

12 Third Month 2006

OPENING SILENCE

QUERY 3 – HARMONY WITHIN THE MEETING COMMUNITY

Are love and unity maintained among us?

When differences arise, do we settle them in a spirit of love and humility?

Am I careful not to hold an idea too firmly, knowing that another may bring me closer to the truth?

Am I patient and considerate towards those I find difficult to understand or like?

Do I demonstrate a forgiving spirit?

Do I have concern and respect for the reputation of others?

When people are hurt, do we take care to hold them up with a tender heart?

RECORDING CLERK

Cynde Mercer recorded minutes of this Meeting for Business.

ATTENDEES

John Arnaldi, Cynde Mercer, Karen Putney, Lou Putney, Amy Souza, Rick Souza, Nancy Triscritti, Bill Ward, Kathy Ward, Nil Wilkins, Barbara Wolfe, Cecilia Yocum.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of 12 Second Month Meeting for Business were read and approved with corrections.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Thomas Blackburn and accepted.

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Tampa Monthly Meeting unites with the Southeastern Yearly Meeting Minute to Friends United Meeting which was approved in Annual Sessions, Third Month, 2005. We have taken seriously the charge to seek way forward in our discernment regarding our continued affiliation with Friends United Meeting. We struggle with the pain and division within our Religious Society concerning the issue of marriage as it is so differently defined among us. We feel called to state clearly our love for our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered brothers and sisters and seek to accompany them in the continuing struggle against oppression and discrimination. We recognize that our commitment to The Religious Society of Friends is one which requires that we not turn away from one another in seeking way forward. Tampa Friends Meeting admits to difficulty in seeking unity on how we might proceed but we are clear that true affiliation requires much more of our Meeting and Southeastern Yearly Meeting than we have committed to so far in this relationship. We call for Friends within our Yearly Meeting who feel so led to help SEYM build a true relationship with FUM. Tampa Meeting will actively support those efforts and is willing to continue affiliation in seeking to try what love will do.

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NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee – Meeting approves the committee’s recommended list of committee members (Appendix A).

Gainesville Monthly Meeting is holding their dedication on the Third First Day this month. Clerk Karen Putney will take greetings from our Meeting.

Yearly Meeting is 12-16 Fourth Month. Registrations must be received by 14 Third Month.

Ministry and Worship – The committee encourages Friends to attend a diversity of events so that they may return and enrich our Meeting. They are planning to host a clerking workshop to teach Quaker process.

Peace and Social Concerns – Friends approve John Arnaldi and Karen Putney representing the Meeting in visits to legislative offices and press conferences in connection with the 15 Third Month visit of Dr. Entisar Ariabi, and encourage them to mention that our Meeting supports the STEP Resolution and speak to the history of Friends opposition to War.

At the 19 Third Month peace rally, John Arnaldi will speak and mention the STEP Resolution as a representative of Tampa Monthly Meeting.

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Tampa Monthly Meeting wishes to co-sponsor the Healthcare in Iraq event on 15 Third Month and also donates \$100 to help defray travel costs of the speakers from Iraq.

CALENDAR

15 Third Month	Healthcare in Iraq: The Impact of War upon Public Health
19 Third Month	Potluck after Meeting for Worship. Bring a dish to share
19 Third Month	Tampa Bay Rally for Peace
26 Third Month	Meeting for Learning
30 Third Month	HOPE Nehemiah Action Assembly
2 Fourth Month	FCNL priorities discernment after rise of Meeting for Worship
9 Fourth Month	Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
12-16 Fourth Month	Yearly Meeting in Leesburg. See SEYM.org for information.
23 Fourth Month	Potluck after Meeting for Worship. Bring a dish to share
1-7 Seventh Month	FGC – <i>Swimming in Living Waters</i> . See fgcquaker.org for information.

CLOSING SILENCE

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APPENDIX A

**Tampa Friends Meeting
2006 Nominating Report**

Clerk	Karen Putney
Assistant Clerk	Nil Wilkins
Recording Clerk	Cynde Mercer
Treasurer	Tom Blackburn
Fum Rep.	Bill Ward
SEYM Rep.	Barbara Wolfe, Cecilia Yocum
HOPE Rep	Kennan Ferguson

Ministry and Worship

M.J. Arnaldi *	2004
Cecilia Yocum	2004
John Arnaldi	2004
Nancy Triscritti	2005
Kathy Ward	2006
Karen Putney – as clerk of Meeting	

Nominating

Barbara Wolfe	2004
Lou Putney	2004
Nancy Triscritti*	2005

Property and Grounds

Bill Ward*
Lou Putney
Cecilia Yocum
Franko Triscritti
Tom Blackburn
Molly Miller
Billy Lee

Library

Barbara Wolfe *
Karen Putney
Sharon Olenski
Francis Drake

First Day School

Nil Wilkens*
Cecilia Yocum *
Amy Souza
Billy Lee
Melissa Van Dyke

Hospitality

Nancy Triscritti
M.J. Arnaldi
Rick Souza
Dustin Lemke
Melissa Van Dyke

Peace and Social Concerns

John Arnaldi *
Steve Kinney
Cecilia Yocum
Bev Ward
Andrea Walsh

* clerk of committee