

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

**Minutes
13 First Month 2008**

OPENING SILENCE

QUERY FIRST MONTH – MEETING FOR WORSHIP

Are our Meetings for Worship held in expectant waiting for Divine guidance, with a living silence in which we feel drawn together in the Light by the presence of God?

Do we respond to the Spirit's prompting to minister, whether in silence, through the spoken word or through action after the Meeting for Worship?

Are we sensitive to one another's needs?

Are the spiritual gifts within the Meeting fostered and encouraged?

Are our Meetings accessible and welcoming to anyone who wishes to attend?

Are our Meetings a source of strength and guidance for daily living?

Is the vocal ministry in your meeting exercised under the leading of the Spirit?

RECORDING CLERK

Cynde Mercer recording clerk.

ATTENDEES

John Arnaldi	Steve Kinney	Nancy Triscritti
Tom Blackburn	Dustin Lemke	Nil Wilkins
Francis Drake	Cynde Mercer	Barbara Wolfe
Jill Floerke	Karen Putney	Cecilia Yocum
Paul Flora	Amy Souza	
Chris Hugues	Rick Souza	

BUSINESS

Minutes of 12 Twelfth Month were read and approved with corrections.

The Treasurer's report was accepted with correction.

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Minute 1 First Month 2008

Tampa Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves reimbursement from our travel fund of airfare costs for Nancy Triscritti to attend the FGC Consultation for Worship and Ministry.

Minute 2 First Month 2008

Tampa Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves reimbursement from our travel fund of travel costs for Amy Souza to travel to Pendle Hill for a child safety course in coordination with SEYM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Worship and Ministry – Nancy Triscritti reported that our Christmas gifts for the needy family were much appreciated. The next Friendly Dinner is 16 Second Month. It has been requested that we post a sign at the door to come in silently and that Friends should be on time and wear nametags.

Peace and Social Concerns – John Arnaldi reported that Cecilia Yocum has received a copy of a pastoral letter from Friends Church of Kenya to government officials that she would like for everyone to read. It was suggested that Tampa Monthly Meeting and SEYM draft a letter in support of their action and send it to Nairobi Yearly Meeting. Barbara Wolfe will also reach out to local Kenyans to see what they need.

Minute 3 First Month 2008

Tampa Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves sending \$500 to Friends United Meeting earmarked for Kenya.

Meeting approved the purchase of a Quaker banner (approximately \$110) to be used for outreach. Cynde Mercer will take care of this and also look into ordering generic business cards for the meeting.

CALENDAR

See web site.

CLOSING SILENCE