

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

**Minutes  
9 Third Month 2008**

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 recording clerk.

ATTENDEES

John Arnaldi  
Francis Drake  
Chris Hugues  
Steve Kinney  
Cynde Mercer

Karen Putney  
Lou Putney  
Nancy Triscritti  
Wanda Turner  
Nil Wilkins

Andrea Walsh  
Barbara Wolfe

*BUSINESS*

Minutes of 10 Second Month were read and approved as presented.

The Treasurer's report was accepted with clarification.

**Minute 1 Third Month 2008**

In seeking to serve members and attenders of our Meeting community, Tampa Monthly Meeting will establish a Friends In Need Fund. This reserve fund will consist of a yearly budgeted contribution from our general fund of \$1000.00 and any additional donations made to support the fund by individual members/attenders of the Meeting. This fund is meant to allow Tampa Monthly Meeting to offer financial support to members and attenders of Tampa Monthly Meeting in times of need. Discernment of what needs may possibly be met and how best to proceed will

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be made by those Friends serving on the committee responsible for Pastoral Care. Requests for aid and disbursements will be handled in a confidential manner and reports to the monthly meeting will reflect this understanding while seeking to keep the Meeting informed. Requests for help from this fund may be made by either the person in need or by one who sees such a need and brings this concern discreetly to the attention of those charged with Pastoral Care. Recognizing our limited resources, disbursements from this fund can take the form of either an outright grant or a loan to be repaid as agreed upon by the committee and the member/attender requiring aid. Friends responsible for the discernment of how best to serve those in need may ask additional members/attenders of Tampa Monthly Meeting, as needed, to serve in seeking clearness on the best course of action. Recognizing that financial needs may arise suddenly and need to be dealt with in a timely manner, Friends who are responsible for disbursement of this fund may move forward in doing so without waiting to bring the matter before the Monthly Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business but, being responsible to report in that Meeting as soon as possible.

It is hoped that the Friends In Need Fund will allow a modest amount of financial aid to be offered to any member/attender in need. We recognize that there are many needs to be met in our Meeting community that can best be addressed through the commitment to care and concern of all for all that friendship and love require.

### **Minute 2 Third Month 2008**

Tampa Monthly Meeting approves funding the Friends in Need Fund in the amount of \$500 from the general fund for the remainder of this fiscal year.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Worship and Ministry – Nancy Triscritti reported on Adult First Day School for the next three First Days; Friendly Dinners are scheduled for 15 Third Month and 12 Fourth month; Meeting retreat is planned for 13-14 Third Month, 2009 at DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center in Ellenton; the committee requested the Meeting discern the need for a Pastoral Care committee; a Quakerism 101 class is planned for fall; First Day School teachers are needed and assistance is always welcome.

### **Minute 3 Third Month 2008**

Tampa Monthly Meeting approves establishing a Pastoral Care committee, members of which to be nominated by the Nominating committee from Meeting members and attenders.

Peace and Social Concerns – John Arnaldi reported that the committee has planned a special Meeting for Worship on 19 Third Month at 7 pm on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the war in Iraq.

Property – Chris Hugues reported that a work day is planned for 15 Third Month from 8 am-2 pm; the

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committee is considering recommending the construction of a yurt for additional space at an approximate cost of \$17,000; need to install a back flow valve on the irrigation system, add one more section of aluminum fence at the cost of \$120 (Meeting approves), build the permanent labyrinth with brick and gravel at a cost of \$500 (Meeting approves) and replace a section of roof over the back restroom at a cost of \$100.

The Meeting will hold a discussion of FCNL legislative priorities for the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress on the fifth First Day, Third Month, instead of Getting to Know You.

Meeting approved ordering 500 business cards at a cost of about \$37.

### **CALENDAR**

See web site.

### **CLOSING SILENCE**