

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

Minutes

8 Third Month 2009

OPENING WORSHIP

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

Tucker Bryant
Scott Collins
Francis Drake
Jill Floerke
Chris Hugues

Steve Kinney
Cynde Mercer
Karen Putney
Lou Putney
Franko Triscritti

Wanda Turner
Andrea Walsh
Nil Wilkins
Barbara Wolfe
Cecilia Yocum

BUSINESS

Minutes of 8 Second Month were read and approved with correction.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Karen Putney reported that planning is complete for our first meeting retreat. We have 22 attendees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ministry and Counsel – Cecilia Yocum reported that planning continues for visitation to nearby meetings. Cecilia will be visiting Ft .Myers Meeting on Saturday, April 24, to present on Friends Peace Teams. The next Friendly Dinner is March 28.

Property and Grounds – Chris Hugues reported that they are planning on moving the tool shed to the slab; new thermostat has been purchased and a locking box will be installed over it; temperatures for meeting will be set at 76 degrees during cooling season and 68 degrees during heating season. There will be no workday next week due to retreat.

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Ad hoc web site – Chris Hugues reported that the committee has reviewed web sites and hopes to provide recommendations next month.

Peace and Social Concerns – Nil Wilkins reported on the discussion on our relationship with HOPE (Hillsborough Organization for Progress and Equality) on the first First Day in March. The consensus was that HOPE's practices perhaps do not reflect our Quaker values and that our time and money might be better spent with other, perhaps Quaker, organizations, but that our discernment continues and that we should continue to support HOPE financially for the time being. The committee would like to move Peace and Popcorn to Andrea Walsh's home. John Arnaldi requests that the meeting approve of him representing the meeting during an Amnesty International and Doctors Without Borders event coming up.

CALENDAR
See TampaFriends.org.

CLOSING WORSHIP