

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

Minutes

13 Ninth Month 2009

OPENING WORSHIP

QUERY 9 – WITNESS

Do our lives reflect Quaker testimonies?

Are we open and responsive to continuing revelation and do I incorporate it in our spiritual life?

Is our Quaker witness characterized by humility and a willingness to learn from others?

Do we recognize that the Spirit works in the world through us?

Does our witness lead us to the condition in which we “walk cheerfully over the earth answering that of God in everyone”?

Do we as a Meeting try to share in the religious life of our wider community, availing ourselves of opportunities for worship and service with other local religious groups?

RECORDING CLERK

Cynde Mercer recording clerk.

ATTENDEES

John Arnaldi
M.J. Arnaldi
Jeanine Coreil
Jill Floerke
Steve Kinney
Dustin Lemke

Cynde Mercer
Shannon Methe
Karen Putney
Lou Putney
Franko Triscritti
Nancy Triscritti

Andrea Walsh
Nil Wilkins
Barbara Wolfe
Cecilia Yocum

BUSINESS

Minutes of 17 Fifth Month were read and approved with correction.

Minutes of 21 Sixth Month were read and approved with correction.

The Treasurer’s report was accepted as presented.

Meeting approved a change to computation of rent for office space \$467.29 rent plus 7% sales tax \$32.71 for total of \$500 beginning in October.

Chris Hugues obtained a new quote for property insurance with Travelers Insurance for a savings of about \$1200 per year. Meeting approves change of insurance.

Nil Wilkins brought forward a request for membership from Dustin Lemke for consideration next month.

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Peace and Social Concerns asked if the meeting wants to participate in Circus McGurkis on Saturday, October 24. Karen Putney wants to have FCNL display; Andrea Walsh will lead the effort. Cynde Mercer will reorder business cards.

The next quarterly meeting is 27 Eleventh month; theme is: Bearing Witness: How do we answer the spirit?

COMMITTEE REPORTS

First Day School – Cecilia Yocum reported that First Day school teachers and assistants are badly needed; committee will meet at 9 a.m. On 27 Ninth Month; will be using the office until weather cools and improves.

Peace and Social Concerns – John and M.J. Arnaldi reported that the committee does want to continue Peace and Popcorn. We have a request from the chair of the My Lai peace project to do a presentation for us in late November or early December on his projects in Vietnam; Meeting approves moving forward; committee would like to see us have more of a presence in our neighborhood ideas include backyard gardening; have Sweetwater Organic Farm do a children's workshop on gardening; quarterly workshops for neighborhood with legal help, and other members talents. Use fliers to advertise to our neighborhood.

Outreach – Steve Kinney reported that they continue to research media outlets; business card ads and announcements.

Property and Grounds – Lou Putney reported that weeding the labyrinth improved the look and asked that others using the labyrinth continue to weed if so inclined.

Ad hoc web site – Cynde Mercer reported that she has begun keeping statistics on site.

Hospitality – Dustin Lemke reported that committee has decided that whoever is left here must close up the meetinghouse instead of having a closer assigned each week.

Ministry and Counsel – Nancy Triscritti announced the next Friendly Dinner on 26 Ninth month.

Other business

Cecilia Yocum requested use of the meetinghouse for Tampa Jam on the third Third day of each month from 8-11pm. Meeting approves.

Cecilia Yocum suggested a writing contest for outreach. Meeting recommends to send to Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

CALENDAR

See TampaFriends.org.

CLOSING WORSHIP