

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

Minutes

13 Twelfth Month 2015

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a quote:

Thus the Friends business meeting is not just the peculiar Quaker form of getting things done; rather it should be seen as an essential part of the spiritual formation and the spiritual growth of every seasoned Friend, for it is that place through which we learn to walk hand in hand with each other and the Spirit out into the world to do the work of committed and obedient disciples. ...If we come to the business meeting with intention of being disciples, we are eagerly teachable and reachable and malleable in the hands of the loving Teacher.

--Bill Taber, *The Mind of Christ*

Clerks

Jan Dahm Meeting Clerk.

Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

Attendees

Jan Dahm

Lisa Erazmus

Chris Hugues

Dustin Lemke

Cynde Mercer

Karen Putney

Louis Putney

Jennifer Kaya Thompson

Nil Wilkins

Barbara Wolfe

Rose Yerra Kadu

Roy Yerra Kadu

Cecilia Yocum

Business

Minutes of Eleventh Month were approved with corrections.

Treasurer Chris Hugues reported that we are still behind on our budgeted income versus what we are receiving in donations by about \$5,000. Meeting accepted the Treasurer's Report.

Committee Reports

First Day School – No report

Hospitality – No report

Library – Karen Putney reported that there are lots of new books available.

Ministry and Counsel – Nil Wilkins presented the Spiritual State of the Meeting report for 2015 for first reading. Spiritual Formation groups are ongoing. Ministry and Counsel would like to recognize the gifts of ministry of Jan Dahm and Lisa Erazmus by moving forward

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with the process to formally record these gifts. The committee has appointed a clearness committee to meet with them.

Naming – Barbara Wolfe and Nil Wilkins volunteered to serve on the 2016 Naming Committee.

Nominating – Dustin Lemke presented the 2016 clerk and committee nominations for the first reading.

Peace and Social Concerns – Karen Putney reported that a request was brought forward that our meeting make a public statement regarding anti-Muslim statements and behaviors that are proliferating right now. Queries and worship sharing will be planned to discern our concerns and experiences. Barbara Wolfe, Rose Yerra Kadu. and Roy Yerra Kadu volunteered to work on a statement.

Property – Chris Hugues reported that the new building is progressing and we should be in by the new year.

New Business

None

Milestones

No milestones were brought forth.

Calendar

See TampaFriends.org.

Closing worship