

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

Minutes

8 First Month 2017

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a quote:

Although we use silence as the medium through which we become aware of the divine presence...there are many indications...that we do not make a quiet place in our daily lives. We live in an environment polluted by noise...and we are assailed on every side by words, not always spoken out loud, but leaping at us from newspapers and [media]. Many of us are not easily able to stand silence, or to still the incessant chatter within our minds. But the aim in seeking silence is to hear, to attend to the voice of God which normally we are too busy, too disturbed, too bathed in noise to hear. In this sense becoming quiet is a crucial part of that form of exploration of inner space which is called prayer.

- paraphrased excerpt from Christopher Holdsworth

Clerks

Jan Dahm Meeting Clerk.

Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

Attendees

Marjorie Arnoldi

Jan Dahm

Miles Davis

Lisa Erazmus

Karen Kessel

Dustin Lemke

Cynde Mercer

Karen Putney

Nancy Triscritti

Barbara Wolfe

Cecilia Yocum

Business

Minutes of Twelfth Month were approved with addition.

Treasurer Chris Hugues reported (via email) that there were no big surprises in terms of expenses for December. Our tax assessment from the city (not really tax as we are exempt, but a special assessment) was \$290. Our water bill seems to be settling in at around \$100/month, though January will be a better indication of what to expect in the future. We did make up some ground in our donations, as we are now about \$750 behind our budgeted income, versus last month at just over \$1,000 behind. We still need to be aware of our lawn service, another \$360 for December.

Meeting accepted the Treasurer's report from December.

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Committee Reports

First Day School – No report.

Hospitality and Housekeeping – No report.

Library – No report.

Ministry and Counsel – Nancy Triscritti presented the State of the Meeting report for first reading. Two new applications for membership have been received and clearness committees are forming.

Naming – No report.

Nominating – No report.

Peace and Social Concerns – No report.

Property – No report.

New Business

None.

Milestones

None.

Calendar

See TampaFriends.org.

Closing worship