

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

Minutes

12 Third Month 2017

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a quote:

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Discernment assumes there is a divine will which we seek to discover, a will to which we attempt to align our motivations and actions. Not all decisions require deep discernment. There is a continuum of depth of discernment which extends from simple decision-making to a profound submission to the holy will. ...Decisions are based on our own reasoning, emotional reactions, and social consequences. These are all important contributors to the discernment process, but discernment goes beyond these to include a fundamental yearning for union with the Holy Spirit. Without such yearning, we are simply making our own choices. The first, most powerful tool of discernment, then, is the development of a real, sustained relationship with God.

– Sheila Keane, *Prayer: Beginning Again* (PHP 339)

Clerks

Jan Dahm Meeting Clerk.
Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

Attendees

Jan Dahm
Lisa Erazmus
Chris Hugues
Karen Kessel

Cynde Mercer
Karen Putney
Peter Schmidt
Beverly Ward

Nil Wilkins
Barbara Wolfe
Rose Yerrakadu
Roy Yerrakadu

Business

Minutes of Second Month were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Chris Hugues reported that a large donation has brought our income up to where it should be.

Meeting accepted the Treasurer's report.

The 2017-2018 budget was presented for discussion.

Committee Reports

First Day School – No report.

Hospitality and Housekeeping – No report.

Library – No report.

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Ministry and Counsel – Nil Wilkins reported that the next Friendly Dinner is March 26.

Naming – No report.

Nominating – No report.

Peace and Social Concerns – Beverly Ward reported that the meeting may be asked to play a role in a project from a member of Palm Beach UU. Karen Putney reported on the formation of FCNL Advocacy Teams in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties.

Property – Chris Hugues presented a design for a new sign and several plans for a ramp (ADA) between the two buildings.

New Business

None.

Milestones

None.

Calendar

See TampaFriends.org.

Closing worship