

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

**Minutes**

14 Twelfth Month 2014

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a quote:

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... All things came into being through him, and without him nothing came into being. What came into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ...And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory...full of grace and truth. ...From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.*

--- John 1: 1-5,14,16

**Clerks**

Jan Dahm Meeting Clerk.

Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

**Attendees**

Jan Dahm

Jill Floerke

Lisa Erasmus

Dustin Lemke

Cynde Mercer

Karen Putney

Bill Ward

Kathy Ward

Barbara Wolfe

Cecilia Yocum

**Business**

Minutes of Eleventh Month were approved with corrections.

Treasurer Chris Hugues reported that we are covering our operating expenses comfortably for now but our donations are \$2,020 under our budgeted amount at this time. We are at nearly two-thirds of our goal for fundraising for the new worship space.

**Committee Reports**

First Day School – No report

Hospitality – Karen Putney reported that they may need to reschedule cleaning for every week in the new year.

Library – No report

Ministry and Counsel – Dustin Lemke reported that the committee has planned Friendly Dinners and First Day School for the first quarter of 2015. They have also set a date for a planning meeting for Quakerism 101 on January 29. They also presented a plan for a Meeting for Worship on New Year's Eve.

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Nominating – Dustin Lemke reported that the first reading for nominations will be ready next month.

Peace and Social Concerns – Karen Putney reported that she and Lou attended the FCNL meeting recently to speak to our representatives in Washington. Karen has been nominated to be on the FCNL nominating committee. She is also working with a local group to get the public more familiar with the concept of Moral Injury of veterans. Cecilia Yocum is working on a brief handbook on trauma healing for Lynn Newsom to use for Moral Injury counseling. Cecilia also gave a brief report on the action at PNC Bank protesting the bank's financing of mountain top removal coal mining.

Property – Karen Putney reported there are some problems with permitting for the new building and electrical plans need to be resubmitted. The city arborist had some concerns about our tree removal and that is being addressed.

### **New Business**

The Spiritual State of the Meeting Report 2014 report was presented for the first reading.

### **Milestones**

No milestones were brought forth.

### **Calendar**

See TampaFriends.org.

Closing worship