

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

Minutes

11 First Month 2015

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a quote:

Each spiritual journey is unique. The meeting aims to be a place where our spiritual journeys can thrive. We seek guidance from one another and the meeting in discerning God's will for ourselves and for the meeting. Spiritual listening is an important part of Friends' relationships and includes listening to God, listening to each other, and listening to the spirit behind the words.

---SEYM Faith and Practice (Chapter 7: Membership)

Clerks

Jan Dahm Meeting Clerk.

Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

Attendees

Marjorie Arnaldi

Tom Blackburn

Jan Dahm

Lisa Erazmus

Chris Hugues

Dustin Lemke

Jameson McGrew

Janet McGrew

Cynde Mercer

Karen Putney

Bill Ward

Kathy Ward

Barbara Wolfe

Cecilia Yocum

Business

Minutes of Twelfth Month were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Chris Hugues reported that we are a little behind our income goals at this time, but our spending is below projections. Our fundraising continues for the new worship space.

Committee Reports

First Day School – Karen Putney reported that we are ready for children.

Hospitality – Karen Putney reported that the pantry is full and the AA group using our space during the week is going to help financially with the additional heating costs and have offered to clean the carpet.

Library – Karen Putney reported that we have had donations that have increased the need for a reorganization.

Ministry and Counsel – Dustin Lemke reported that planned activities include a Friendly Dinner on January 24; Quakerism 101 in February; Adult First Day School is planning three-sessions to explore SEYM Faith and Practice at a date TBA. The State of the Meeting Report (Appendix A) was presented for the second reading. Meeting approves the report and it will be sent to SEYM.

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Naming – Meeting Clerk accepted the nominations of Nancy Triscritti and Cecilia Yocum for the Naming Committee.

Nominating – Dustin Lemke presented nominations for the first reading.

Peace and Social Concerns – See Appendix A.

Property – Chris Hugues reported there has been some back and forth with the city over concerns about our tree removal and that is being addressed.

Minute One 2015

Tampa Monthly Meeting thanks the Property and Grounds Committee for all their hard work and persistence in moving the new meetinghouse construction forward.

New Business

None

Milestones

No milestones were brought forth.

Calendar

See TampaFriends.org.

Closing worship

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Appendix A

Peace and Social Concerns Committee

January 4, 2015

Attending: Karen Putney, Cece Yocum, Mercedes Soca, Janet Harris

The committee talked about how our committee saw it's work in the past year and began to think about where we might continue in 2015.

The committee has not discerned a specific leading for a project that the Meeting would undertake but is aware and tries to support the work of the many individuals who are called to a variety of witness in our world. In trying to facilitate this support the committee has had Friends share after worship on what their leading and work entails.

Looking back, in 2014 we heard from:

- SEYM Youth - PNC Bank/ Mountain Top Removal
- Christina Suddath - Florida Impact
- March Against Monsanto - local organizers shared on why and when
- Nil Wilkins - Right Sharing of World Resources
- David Zarembka - Friends Peace Teams, Africa Great Lakes Initiative

Looking to possible speakers for 2015:

- Janet and Mercedes - about their trip to Cuba
- Karen and Cece - Moral Injury and military veterans
- Dustin - Friends General Conference
- Cece - Workshop on Writing Letters to the Editor

The committee recognizes and continues to encourage Tampa Friends commitment to helping Nancy Triscritti provide books for summer reading for the children at her school.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Putney, clerk