

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

Minutes

8 Fourth Month 2018

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a reading:

Early Quakers strongly believed that the divine light was within everyone, that all were equal and that every person could know and be transformed by their own, immediate experience of God. From prison reform to equal marriage, conscientious objection to ethical business, Quakers haven't always had the answers but have always tried to live up to the testimonies of peace, equality, simplicity and truth that arise from our faith. We open ourselves further to the challenge of living as faithful, passionate and committed Quakers, welcoming anyone who seeks to join us in our work and worship. Because while Quaker meetings are rooted in stillness, Quakerism is made for turbulent times.

– Jon Martin, Britain Yearly Meeting

Clerks

Jan Dahm Meeting Clerk.

Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

Attendees

Deborah Breeden
Vincent Cobb
Jan Dahm
Lisa Erazmus

Chris Hugues
Karen Kessel
Cynde Mercer
Peter Schmidt

Beverly Ward
Nil Wilkins
Barbara Wolfe
Cecilia Yocum

Business

Minutes of Third Month were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Chris Hugues reported that we have made up some of our shortfall, but income was short of expenses for the month.

Meeting accepted the Treasurer's report.

The 2018-2019 budget was presented for the first reading.

Committee Reports

Communications – Karen Kessel shared the results of the social media survey; the committee requests a bulletin board be posted in the meeting house foyer; the committee recommends live-streaming Spiritual Reflections sessions. Friends approve.

First Day School – No report.

Hospitality and Housekeeping – No report.

Library – No report.

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Ministry and Counsel – Jan Dahm reported for Nancy Triscritti that the next Friendly Dinner is Saturday, 28 April; on our Fifth First Day in April, Friends are encouraged to participate in intervisitation; Adult First Day School during April will have discussions of Friends Journal articles.

Naming – No report.

Nominating – No report.

Peace and Social Concerns – Beverly Ward reported that a March for Science will take place 14 April; Earth Day is 22 April.

Property – Chris Hugues reported that the Buddhists have asked to use our building on 29 April; it is proposed that we form an ad hoc committee to coordinate concerts and publicity.

New Business

The SEYM Executive Committee summer meeting will be held at Tampa Meeting on 9 June. A suggestion was made to continue meetings for business over the summer. We will lay this over for next month.

Milestones

None.

Calendar

See TampaFriends.org.

Closing worship