

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

Minutes

11 Eleventh Month 2012

OPENING WORSHIP

QUERY 11 CARE OF THE NATURAL WORLD

Do we live in harmony with nature? Do we live in keeping with the spirit of the unity, sacredness and integrity of all creation?

Do we seek to minimize my consumption of the Earth's resources? Do we encourage equitable and sustainable use of those resources?

Do we walk gently over the earth, seeing that of God in all of Nature?

Do we seek to educate ourselves, our children, our Meeting, and our community about how our lives can be more in harmony with the Earth?

Does the meeting strive to bring all its practices in harmony with the natural world?

CLERKS

Cecilia Yocum meeting clerk.

Cynde Mercer recording clerk.

ATTENDEES

Tom Birney
Jan Dahm
Lisa Erasmus
Cynde Mercer

Karen Putney
Lou Putney
Wayne Schucker
Mercedes Soca

Grace Terry
Nancy Triscritti
Barbara Wolfe
Cecilia Yocum

BUSINESS

Minutes of Tenth Month were approved as submitted.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted. Donations continue to lag behind our budget goals for income.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

First Day School – No report.

Hospitality – No report.

Library – No report.

Ministry and Counsel – No report.

Nominating – No report.

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Outreach – No report.

Peace and Social Concerns – Nancy Triscritti reports that the committee is again offering to collect holiday donations for a less fortunate family. Meeting approves. Barbara Wolfe will handle monetary donations for the project and Nancy will coordinate finding a family and arranging for gift donations. An advocacy/lobbying workshop led by Karen Putney and an Alternatives to Violence workshop for the Meeting are in the plans for sometime in the spring.

Property and Grounds – Lou Putney displayed our property plan and reported that committee member Chris Hugues met with an architect to discuss plans for a new building for worship at the back of the property. The committee is asking the Meeting for permission to engage the architect and engineering team with a contract at a cost of \$5,400. Meeting approves. Six Friends attended a workday in October and much work was accomplished. Karen and Lou Putney worked in the front area on Saturday, November 10 and encourage others to volunteer when they have time.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Meeting held a threshing session to consider the role and responsibilities of SEYM secretary and offer feedback to SEYM. Some concerns raised were:

- Should there be travel reimbursement for the secretary for her/his travels around the state?
- What is the estimate of time required for this position?
- Are designated working hours enough to complete the work?
- Will sufficient volunteers come forward to help with the work?
- Should there be a personnel committee for the secretary?
- There should be some committee (support or clearness) that would support the secretary in her/his work.
- Web site maintenance responsibilities need to be spelled out.
- Should secretary be paid for time spent at interim business meetings or take comp time?
- What are other smaller yearly meetings doing?

Meeting approves sending these concerns to the executive committee.

CALENDAR

See TampaFriends.org.

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