

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

Minutes

8 Third Month 2015

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a quote:

The testimony of integrity can be articulated and practiced by Friends in four distinct ways. The first is truth-telling, or simply not telling lies. ...Second, integrity calls for authenticity, for genuineness, and for veracity in one's personhood. ...Third, integrity calls for obedience, or if you prefer, faithfulness to conscience illumined by the Light Within. Fourth, the root meaning of the word 'integrity' calls for wholeness. ...Integrity forms the basis for a covenant relationship in which persons exercise a sense of responsibility and accountability toward one another.

—Wilmer A. Cooper excerpt from SEYM Faith and Practice

Clerks

Jan Dahm Meeting Clerk.

Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

Attendees

Jan Dahm

Lisa Erazmus

Jill Floerke

Chris Hugues

Cynde Mercer

Karen Putney

Lou Putney

Wayne Schucker

Mercedes Soca

Barbara Wolfe

Cecilia Yocum

Business

Minutes of Second Month were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Chris Hugues reported that our expenses are ahead of budget and our expenses are a little below budget; our total donations for the new worship space are about \$84,000 and our goal is to collect about \$34,000 additional. Meeting accepts the budget reports.

The 2015-2016 proposed budget was presented for discernment. The budgeted donations increase from \$36,500 to \$40,000 rounded.

Committee Reports

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

Hospitality – No report

Library – Karen Putney reported she has subscribed to Friends Journal.

Ministry and Counsel – Lisa Erasmus reported that Adult First Day School will hold a three week study of SEYM Faith and Practice from March 15-29; ideas for Meeting's annual retreat are being discussed.

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Naming – No report

Nominating – No report

Peace and Social Concerns – Cecilia Yocum reported that the committee plans to join the Coalition of Immokolee Workers Parade and Concert for Food in St. Petersburg on March 21.

Property – Chris Hugues reported that we are only waiting for one document before the city will issue a permit and we can begin construction. In order to reduce our impact fees the meeting approves removing the bath and shower from the existing bath.

New Business

None

Milestones

No milestones were brought forth.

Calendar

See TampaFriends.org.

Closing worship