

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

Minutes

11 Ninth Month 2016

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a quote:

I give myself this advice: Do not fear truth, let it be ever so contrary to inclination and feeling. Never give up the search after it; and let me take courage, and try from the bottom of my heart to do that which I believe truth dictates, if it lead me to be a Quaker or not...

- Elizabeth Fry

Clerks

Cecilia Yocum Meeting Clerk.

Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

Attendees

Tom Blackburn
Chris Hugues
Dustin Lemke
Karen Kessel

Cynde Mercer
Karen Putney
Nancy Triscritti
Beverly Ward

Barbara Wolfe
Rose Yerrakuda
Roy Yerrakuda
Cecilia Yocum

Business

Minutes of Fifth Month were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Chris Hugues reported that we ended FY 2015-2016 with a \$5,600 surplus, although donations were under budget, expenses were lower.

Meeting approved adding an additional \$5,617.76 to general reserves.

Donations continue to be under budget, while our expenses with the new building are increasing, but total expenses June-August are under budget.

Meeting accepted the Treasurer's reports from June, July and August.

Karen Putney, Chris Hugues and Barbara Wolfe volunteered to look into alternative mortgage funding and explore why the Friends Meetinghouse Fund continues to charge 7 percent interest on mortgage funds.

Committee Reports

First Day School – No report

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Hospitality and Housekeeping – No report.

Library – No report

Ministry and Counsel – Nancy Triscritti reported that the next Friendly Dinner is planned for September 24 and others are scheduled for October 22, November 26, December 10, and January 28; an open house and potluck is scheduled for October 30. Barbara Wolfe, Karen Putney, Chris Hugues, Nancy Triscritti and Cynde Mercer volunteered to coordinate invitations for the open house. A retreat, “Welcome to Meeting for Worship” with Nancy Fennell, is scheduled for November 4 and 5. Adult First Day School will be held October 2 and 9 at 9 a.m.

Naming – Barbara Wolfe reported that the committee nominated Cecilia Yocum as a member of the Nominating Committee.

Nominating – No report

Peace and Social Concerns – Beverly Ward reported that Scott Brown, Active Peace: A Mindful Path to a Nonviolent World, requested the Meeting’s support and rental of our space on October 7 of his Active Peace Book Tour. Meeting approves use of the building, but not sponsorship.

Libraries for Peace: 21 Ninth Month 2016 will mark the observation of International Day of Peace. The committee is asking to add a link on Libraries for Peace to the Monthly Meeting website. Meeting approves.

The committee reviewed minutes from Orlando Monthly Meeting regarding gun violence in Florida and requests that the Tampa Monthly Meeting consider like actions. Meeting approves taking suggested actions.

Property – Chris Hugues presented a list of tasks that need to be done in the buildings and on the property.

New Business

None

Milestones

No milestones were brought forth.

Calendar

See TampaFriends.org.

Closing worship