

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

**Minutes**

9 Tenth Month 2016

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a quote:

*Helping people listen to God...exercised a prophetic function. Ministry grew out of Friends emphasis on immediate leading by the Spirit. The communal patterns of worship and discernment...were spiritual disciplines which enabled the listening process. The community was an avenue which mediated God's transforming work and power to Friends. At the same time that the Spirit worked through direct, inward leading, the Spirit worked through community relationships to help Friends become a people whose lives were centered in listening to God.*

– Sandra Cronk  
*Gospel Order--A Quaker Understanding of Faithful Church Community, PHP 297*

**Clerks**

Jan Dahm Meeting Clerk.  
Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

**Attendees**

Marjorie Arnaldi	Karen Kessel	Barbara Wolfe
Jan Dahm	Cynde Mercer	Rose Yerrakuda
Lisa Erazmus	Karen Putney	Roy Yerrakuda
Chris Hugues	Nancy Triscritti	
Dustin Lemke	Beverly Ward	

**Business**

Minutes of Ninth Month were approved with correction.

Treasurer Chris Hugues reported that we are over budget on several items due to the new building: The water bills are high since we're establishing the new landscaping; insurance is about \$1,000 over budget; and lawn service is higher than budgeted. Income is below budget, expenses are above budget.

We need to be faithful and generous with our donations.

Meeting accepted the Treasurer's report from September.

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**Committee Reports**

First Day School – No report.

Hospitality and Housekeeping – No report.

Library – No report.

Ministry and Counsel – Nancy Triscritti reported that Friendly Dinners are scheduled for October 22, November 26, December 10, and January 28; an open house and potluck is scheduled for October 30. A retreat, “Welcome to Meeting for Worship” with Nancy Fennell, is scheduled for November 4 and 5. Friends are invited to lead one or more Adult First Day School sessions. Getting to Know You will be restarted on the fifth first day. Meeting approves supporting a less fortunate family at Christmas.

Karen Kessel suggested the meeting set up an Instagram account. Meeting approves.

Naming – Jan Dahm confirmed that the Naming Committee is laid down for this year.

Nominating – No report.

Peace and Social Concerns – Beverly Ward reported that Scott Brown, “Active Peace: A Mindful Path to a Nonviolent World,” will use our space on October 15 for his Active Peace Book Tour. The committee suggested that our meeting consider signing onto the Standing Rock minute from SEYM. More information will be forthcoming this month.

Property – Chris Hugues announced the building is officially complete. Friends are invited to come to the meetinghouse on Saturday, October 29 to help prepare the property for the open house.

**New Business**

None

**Milestones**

No milestones were brought forth.

**Calendar**

See TampaFriends.org.

Closing worship